



Weekly Update

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JUSTIN MILLER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” – Winston Churchill

LIQUOR OPERATIONS

- Sales for all stores combined thru mid-August are up nearly \$50,000, or 8.2% from this same time last year.
- Lakeville Liquors will be hosting the Minnesota Wine Experience on Thursday, August 22nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Lakeville Arts Center. We have about 15 wineries and cideries that will be in attendance. This event is free with RSVP to Wine and Premier Club Members, or tickets may be purchase on the Lakeville Liquors website for just \$15.00.
- The Galaxie monument sign is scheduled to be installed in the near future. The base is scheduled for installation on September 30th and the signage will be installed on September 4th.
- Staff is busy selecting products and pricing for the upcoming Premium Wine, Spirits and Craft Beer Sale that starts September 30th.
- This is the week for visitors. On Wednesday, Frankie Williams (the owner of Toad Hollow) was in the store to visit and discuss changes occurring in California. On Thursday, the Chief Editor for Beverage Dynamics, along with his staff, visited the Galaxie Liquor Store.

COMMUNICATIONS

- *Sun Thisweek*: This will be our last weekly edition for the summer. ISD 194 will start next week (August 23) and we will share the page with them, going bi-weekly throughout the school year. Our highlights include: the Lakeville Art Festival, September 21-22, as well as ways to rent space within City facilities, such as the Heritage Center, Arts Center and various Parks & Rec facilities and shelters.
- A new landing page has been created to enhance [facility rentals](#). It is featured on the home page carousel as well. We have added 360-degree tours of Heritage Center and Art Center spaces. In a couple of weeks, we will add more 360 views from various seats in the Arts Center theater area. This will allow visitors to see the view from their general seating area before purchasing tickets.
- Marketing plans are underway for the new fall Lakeville beer. Stay tuned!

- A new Art Festival commercial was made for the Arts Center’s Hubbard media buy.
- We have new City folders that can be used for important meetings, etc. Check with Communications, if you would like to check them out.
- There is a new Environmental Resources Initiatives [page](#) on the external website. By clicking on each category on the left, or on the pictures, you can see details about the various projects and events, as well as data sheets for more detail.
- Media productions
 - Weekly [Focus](#) on Lakeville
 - Forestry: [Do you have an ash tree?](#)
 - Lakeville Area Arts Center: [Front Row Access](#) August

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING/UTILITIES/TRANSPORTATION

Infrastructure Projects

- **2019 Miscellaneous Roadway Repairs and Overlays**
 - Next week the contractor will complete the bituminous paving of Highview Avenue north of Heritage Drive.
- **2019 Street Reconstruction**
 - www.lakevillemn.gov/884/2019-Street-Reconstruction-Project
 - Phase 1
 - The restoration subcontractor will be back onsite Thursday 8/15 to finish boulevard restoration Phase 2.
 - Phase 2
 - The general contractor will be installing CL 2 shouldering material Monday 8/12.
 - The restoration subcontractor will be back onsite Thursday 8/15 to finish boulevard restoration.
 - Phase 3
 - The general contractor will be installing CL 2 shouldering material Monday 8/12.
 - The restoration subcontractor will be back onsite Thursday 8/15 to finish boulevard restoration.
 - Phase 4
 - The restoration subcontractor will be back onsite Thursday 8/15 to finish boulevard restoration Phase 2.
 - Phase 5
 - Grading crews are working to prepare the subgrade to for the remaining base paving on 164th St and 166th St.

- Phase 6
 - The restoration subcontractor will be back onsite Thursday 8/15 to finish boulevard restoration.
- Phase 7
 - Crews will be onsite paving driveway patches on Wednesday 8/14
 - The restoration subcontractor will be back onsite Thursday 8/15 to finish boulevard restoration
- Phase 8
 - The general contractor will contract the Metropolitan Council of Environmental Services for the manhole owner supplied poly adjustment rings.
 - Curb and gutter crews will get started on Tuesday 8/20.
- Phase 9
 - Utility crews will be finishing storm sewer improvements on Tuesday 8/13.
 - Reclaiming of the phase is scheduled for Wednesday 8/14 to 8/15
- Phase 10
 - Utility crews will be working on the re-bolting of the water main starting Thursday 8/15.
- **202nd Street (CR 50) Reconstruction**
 - www.co.dakota.mn.us/CR50Lakeville
 - This week the contractor continued roadway grading, field grading and storm sewer installation in Aronson Park. County Road 50 remains closed to traffic between Highview Avenue and Cedar Avenue to complete the Phase 2 improvements.
- **Hamburg Avenue Improvements**
 - lakevillemn.gov/878/Hamburg-Avenue-Improvement-Project
 - Storm sewer installation and trail grading along Hamburg Avenue continued and will be completed early next week. Residents are encouraged to drive slowly on the aggregate surface and respect the contractors working on the improvements. Next week the contractor will complete concrete curb installation. Paving the first layer of asphalt is scheduled to be completed the week of August 26th.
- **Dodd Boulevard and Flagstaff Avenue Roundabout**
 - lakevillemn.gov/DoddFlagstaff
 - Final grading, landscaping, and installation of irrigation systems was completed this week. Wear course paving is currently scheduled for Tuesday, August 20.
 - City staff and Police continue to monitor traffic conditions in the surrounding neighborhoods and modify traffic control measures as needed.

- **Highview Avenue Closure**

- Highview Avenue is closed between 190th Street and Dodd Boulevard to complete trunk watermain and turn lane improvements to serve the adjacent Avonlea residential development. Highview Avenue is anticipated to re-open to traffic on Friday August 23rd. Please follow the posted detour route along 190th Street and Dodd Boulevard.

- **Future Projects.** These projects are programmed for future construction in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and are currently in the design phase. Information is found at the project websites.

- **County Road 70 Reconstruction**

- www.highway70expansionproject.com

- **Dodd Boulevard and 179th Street Improvements**

- www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/PlannedConstruction/CR9-179thSt

Street, Fleet and Utilities Maintenance

- Streets continues to asphalt patch roads throughout the City.
- Streets is making repairs to storm sewer pipe and catch basins where failures have appeared.
- Streets is ditch mowing boulevards and rural ditches throughout the City.
- Fleet is continuing to perform annual DOT maintenance on commercial vehicles for the month of August.
- Fleet is working with the contractor performing replacements and upgrades to the fuel system at the CMF.
- Utilities staff have completed 728 water meter replacements in 2019.
- Utilities staff have completed 822 Gopher State One Call locate requests in August.
- The average water use for August is 11.68 million gallons per day. The peak day usage was 14.41 million gallons on 8-4-19.
- We had two instrumentation failures this week in the water system. The PLC at the Dakota Heights Tower/Well 6 failed and was replaced. Well 16 had a flowmeter board failure. A new board is ordered, and the well will be out of service until the new one is installed.

Environmental Resources/Forestry

- The last group of 2,500 postcards were mailed to residents who live in neighborhoods where the last section of boulevard ash trees will be treated for the season; it also promotes the City’s bulk treatment program.
- Forestry continues to receive homeowner-generated inspection requests for ash and oak issues on private property and tree pruning/safety issues adjacent to City outlots and conservation areas.
- Forestry provided tree care and planting species/landscaping recommendations for current park and engineering projects
- Forestry started preparing specifications for fall tree planting RFP.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Administration and Maintenance

- Staff worked with a contractor to reconstruct Aronson Park softball field 2. The project involved regrading the field to improve drainage and installation of sod.
- The majority of our seasonal staff ended their season this week. The few remaining will complete their season early next week. Our six-month mowers will continue through October.
- Contractor began the construction of the King Park Mini Golf Course. Soil corrections and retaining wall installation were the focus this week. The project is expected to be completed in mid-November.
- STS crews were here this week working with both Park Maintenance and Environmental Engineering Department on projects. In Park Maintenance their focus was spreading woodchips at the Kenwood Trail Disc Golf Course. With Environmental Engineering they completed vegetation management and creek stabilization projects.
- Valley Lake beach was closed for the season due to blue/green algae.

Recreation and Heritage Center

- Fall brochures will be in mailboxes this Saturday, August 17. You may also [view the brochure online](#) as well.
- We hosted Safety Camp along with the help of Police, Fire and various other organizations around the community. 3rd and 4th graders in the area learned about pet safety, water safety, 911 dispatch, self-defense, bike and fire safety and more in this two day camp.
- Active Adults enjoyed a trip to tour historic churches of Minneapolis.
- We received some beautiful vegetables at the Heritage Center this week from community members who are sharing their gardens' harvest. Our Active Adults love the fresh vegetables!

Arts Center

- Classes this week included a week-long art sampler camp, angel fish dish set, Birch Forest paint night, plein air oil painting at Ritter Farm Park and two adult pottery classes.
- The theater space finished out last week with the final performance of “The Nerd,” followed by move-in for the production of “Disney’s Frozen Jr.” In addition, Prairie Fire Theater rehearsed all week long with 85 kids in the production of “Robin Hood.”
- Due to the busy summer season, another ton of clay and 200 canvases were ordered this week to get us through the fall season.
- Art festival sponsorships are wrapping up this week. The response from the community has been tremendous and is looking to be another record year of donations.

Upcoming Events:

2019/2020 Playbill: [Download \(PDF\) your copy today!](#)

Reminders:

- Meetings of the Council:

* August 19, 2019	Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
* August 26, 2019	Work Session	6:00 pm
* September 3, 2019	Regular Meeting	7:00 pm

Informational Attachments:

- Fire Department Weekly Report
- “Counterpoint on Minnesota’s Urban-Rural Divide” – Star Tribune/Mayor’s letter



Lakeville Fire Department Update
Monday, August 5 – Sunday, August 11
25 Calls for Service



FIRES
0



VEHICLE ACCIDENT
2



MEDICAL
12



HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS
2



FIRE ALARMS
3



GOOD INTENT
6



FIRE PREVENTION
3



INSPECTIONS
32



SERVICE CALLS
0

We visited 50+ neighborhood parties on Tuesday, August 6 for National Night Out

OPINION EXCHANGE

Counterpoint on Minnesota's urban rural-divide: A way forward

An initiative by the Regional Council of Mayors starts with the premise that we do have a shared destiny.

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Opinion editor's note: This article was signed by multiple Minnesota mayors. They are listed below.

Prof. Lawrence Jacobs of the University of Minnesota recently wrote a [commentary](http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-s-urban-rural-divide-is-no-lie/513267582/) (<http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-s-urban-rural-divide-is-no-lie/513267582/>) for the Star Tribune on the challenges of the urban rural divide in Minnesota (Opinion Exchange, July 28).

In 2017, the Regional Council of Mayors launched Minnesota Mayors Together (MMT) out of a concern that what divides us is affecting our ability to reach our full potential as a state. Jacobs' last statement in his article is reflective of the work of MMT since its formation two years ago: "We need to find a language of fellowship, to build alliances and welcome creative policy that will anchor Minnesota's future in our shared destiny: greater opportunities and fairness in the days to come."

Since the MMT initiative began, we've sought to build trusted relationships by fostering conversation and collaboration across Minnesota. In Bemidji, Duluth, Owatonna, Willmar and Edina, more than two dozen mayors from across the state have met to discuss local economic issues, share community successes and failures, and consider ways to work together in a positive fashion. We have, through those meetings, experienced what Jacobs characterized as "promising opportunities to realize a shared destiny," building relationships with leaders from other communities and finding language and policies that embrace people across our differences.

Our next Minnesota Mayors Together meeting is in late October in Fergus Falls. In our joint determination to assist in creating a more prosperous Minnesota, our next steps include amplifying a contagious model that continues to catalyze conversations and leads to shared actions, all of which, we believe, will help shape Minnesota's future and create greater opportunities for our residents, regardless of geography.

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Minnesota Mayors Together aims to bridge the divide between rural and urban communities.