



# Focus on Lakeville

City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

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## MEETINGS

**Week of November 20, 2017**

**Monday, November 20**  
City Council, 7 p.m.

**Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24**  
City offices closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend. Agendas are available online at [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Open to Business

The Open to Business program helps new and early stage businesses access the technical assistance they need to grow and prosper. Their experienced team provides advice and counseling to clients, helping them achieve their entrepreneurial goals. The program also provides small business loans for emerging entrepreneurs who face challenges in accessing the commercial banking system. Visit their website at [www.opentobusinessmn.org](http://www.opentobusinessmn.org) or call 952-484-3107 for more information.

### Downtown Lakeville Holiday Lighting Ceremony

**Tuesday, November 28 at 6 p.m.**  
**Pioneer Plaza - 20785 Holyoke Avenue**  
Kick off the holiday season at this annual lighting ceremony featuring live music from the Lakeville North Now & Then Singers, refreshments and lights!

### Toys for Tots Campaign

The Lakeville Police Department will be collecting donations of toys to give to the US Marine Reserves Toys for Tots campaign. If you would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy to this year's Toys for Tots drive, the following City facilities will have drop boxes.

- City Hall
- Lakeville Fire Station 4
- Lakeville Police Department
- Central Maintenance Facility

Collection boxes will be out following the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Donations will be collected through Thursday, December 14.

## Attend Upcoming Holiday Shows and Events at the Lakeville Area Arts Center

### Simple Gifts

**Friday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Tickets: \$30 / \$35 door**

Award-winning guitarist Billy McLaughlin is the leader of Simple Gifts, a six-member ensemble that has gained a loyal following for its acoustic, instrumental and vocal renditions of yuletide carols, hymns and seasonal favorites such as *Carol of the Bells*, *Silent Night* and *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*. The ensemble uses its Celtic whistle, piano, acoustic guitar and voices to combine traditional folk music with a variety of modern elements.



### Monroe Crossing

**Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Tickets: \$30 / \$26 balcony**

This holiday season bring your friends and family to the ever-popular traveling Bluegrass & Gospel Holiday Show. Although Monroe Crossing specializes in traditional Bluegrass music, they also put their own spin on selections from other genres such as country, R&B and rock and roll, along with some of their originals.



To purchase tickets to these shows, visit [LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com](http://LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com) or call 952-985-4640.

### Holiday Art Sale & Empty Bowls Fundraiser

**Thursday & Friday, November 30 & December 1 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Saturday, December 2 - noon to 6 p.m.**

There will be lots of great holiday gift ideas for the art lover in your life, at great prices too! Proceeds from the Empty Bowls Fundraiser benefit local food shelves.

## Lakeville Residents Invited to a Presentation on Emerald Ash Borer

**Tuesday, December 5 - 6 to 7 p.m.**  
**Lakeville City Hall Council Chambers**  
**20195 Holyoke Avenue**

Lakeville residents are invited to attend a presentation regarding the recent discovery of emerald ash borer (EAB) within the City limits. Previously, the closest infestation was found in Apple Valley.

Residents will have the opportunity to gather more information about EAB, hear about options to manage it on their property and learn how the community can limit the

spread of the tree-killing insect. Experts from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and Lakeville's City Forester will give the presentation and answer questions from the public.

Emerald ash borer larvae kill ash trees by tunneling under the bark and feeding on the part of the tree that moves nutrients up and down the trunk. Minnesota is highly susceptible to the destruction caused by this invasive insect. The state has approximately one billion ash trees, the most of any state in the nation.

## THRIVE! BUSINESS UPDATES

The City of Lakeville celebrated the **2017 Manufacturers Week** by hosting a workforce development panel discussion and manufacturers appreciation event on October 5. The panel discussed workforce challenges facing Minnesota manufacturers and the creative solutions being implemented at a business, city and state level. Following the panel, approximately 100 people attended the manufacturers appreciation reception held to thank Lakeville's manufacturing sector for the economic contributions they make to our community.

On November 6, the City Council approved a plan submitted by **Target Corporation** for a "refresh" of the Lakeville Target Store at 18275 Kenrick Avenue. The plans include installing simulated wood panels on areas on the front of the store and the west side facing I-35. Target will also be installing all-new exterior signage on the building and refreshing the interior of the store consistent with their plans for updating approximately 350 stores in 2018. The total cost of the proposed improvements to the Lakeville Target is \$4.5 million

The City experienced a continued flurry of ribbon cutting activity recently. New businesses held celebrations, including **Lakeview Bank** on October 10, **Align Chiropractic** on October 12 and **Invigorate Chiropractic** on October 19.

New housing developments were also dedicated during the past month, including **Keystone Crossing** on October 16 and **Argonne Hills** on October 24. Both projects were developed by the Dakota County Community Development Agency.



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