



Focus on Lakeville

City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

Positioned to Thrive

MEETINGS

Week of December 11, 2017

Monday, December 11

Joint City Council, Planning Commission and Economic Development Commission Work Session, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13

Finance Committee, 7 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend. Agendas are available online at lakevillemn.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opportunities

Theatre Technician (part-time)

Work at the Lakeville Area Arts Center on lights and sound for theatre groups, concerts, rentals, lectures, etc. including coordinating technical needs and running programs, if needed. A strong technical background in theatrical lighting and sound is required. \$18.65 per hour.

Utilities Superintendent (full-time)

Provide administrative and management support for the Utilities Division. Complete annual short- and long-range planning. Plan and prepare the annual budget for Utilities. Supervise, monitor and evaluate ongoing programs including care of water distribution system, meter reading, meter removal and repair, hydrant maintenance, water testing, sewer cleaning and televising, and more. AA degree in public works or related field or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must possess Class B CDL driver's license, Class A Water license and Class SB Wastewater Collections license. \$81,329-\$97,592 annually.

For more information and to apply online, visit lakevillemn.gov.

Recycle Your Holiday Lights

Don't throw your old holiday lights in the trash - recycle them! In Lakeville, drop-off locations include City Hall and all three Lakeville Liquor stores. Items accepted include holiday lights, electric cords, telephone cords and appliance cords. Items not accepted include cord adapters, battery packs, plastic rope lights and CFL lights.

2017 in Review: Solid Foundation, Continued Investments

Many projects took place in Lakeville in 2017, both large and small. A few accomplishments stand out as we close out the year and focus on 2018. As the City of Lakeville grows, we continue to make improvements and additions to our services and to the community. Key partnerships, careful planning and active participation by businesses, commissions, the City Council, foundations and residents have helped make many of these achievements possible.

Improvements Around the City

A downtown streetscape project on Holyoke Avenue, from Heritage Drive to Country Road 70, started this summer after the Pan-O-Prog festivities. The project consisted of road improvements, curb and gutter replacement, streetlight replacement and streetscape improvements in the business district. A few remaining items will be completed in the spring of 2018.

The City of Lakeville and Dakota County completed construction on County Road 50 (Kenwood Trail) from Dodd Boulevard to Jaguar Avenue. Roadway improvements include reconstruction and widening of County Road 50 to a four-lane divided highway, storm sewer, trails and local street connections. Construction to 185th Street will be completed in 2018.

As a part of the City's improvement projects, nine miles of neighborhood streets were reconstructed in 2017.

Lakeville's Environmental Resource Team, Forestry Department, as well as County and State partners, completed several projects to improve water quality, contain invasive species and improve natural areas across the City.



205th Street Channel Stabilization Project

A Community for All

Lakeville City Council passed a resolution to join the GreenStep Cities program. The program, designed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and its partners, assists cities in achieving sustainability and quality of life goals. The goals include building and lighting, land use, transportation, environmental management, and economic and community development.

The City also partnered with DARTS to provide the Lakeville LOOP Circulator Bus service to Lakeville seniors. The LOOP provides reliable, continuous transportation service and accessibility from senior housing locations to Lakeville amenities like retail, groceries, senior center and the local library.



DARTS LOOP Circulator Bus in Lakeville

New housing developments included both senior and workforce residential projects. Keystone Crossing and Argonne Hills are projects developed by Dakota County Community Development Agency. Lakeville also expanded additional housing with the new Lakeville Pointe Apartments, a way for younger families and workforce members to grow, save money and eventually be homeowners in the community.

Community Engagement and Recreation

Lakeville received exceptional feedback and participation from residents who provided input into the future of Lakeville. In 2017, neighborhood meetings and surveys provided insight into the City's 20-year Comprehensive Plan, as well as a master plan for Antlers Park improvements.

The Heritage Center, home of the Active Adults, Yellow Ribbon and Historical Society, celebrated their fifth anniversary. The Lakeville Heritage Center was created

through a unique public and private partnership to repurpose a vacant 17,000-square-foot building from its original use as a police station into a community facility offering recreation and resources for seniors, support for military veterans and their families, as well as a place to honor our history.

The City of Lakeville and the Lakeville Cycling Association worked closely together to construct a mountain bike trail on the west side of Lake Marion. The trail is approximately five miles in length and features trail segments for beginning, intermediate and advanced bicyclists.

Safety Throughout the Community

Lakeville made the 2017 nationwide list of "Safest Cities in the U.S." and was ranked number one in Minnesota. The study conducted by SafeHome.Org used a variety of data resources in combination with the FBI's report on crimes and crime trends.



Lakeville enjoyed almost 100 neighborhood block parties during National Night Out. This event is an annual community-building campaign that promotes public safety and community partnerships, as well as neighborhood camaraderie to make our community safer.

As an active participant in the Dakota County Medication Disposal program, more than 1,164 pounds of unused medication has been collected and safely disposed.

Continued training and preparedness is a key element of the Lakeville Fire Department and its mission to protect the citizens and property in Lakeville. The City's paid on-call firefighters completed 7,800 hours of training. They also completed more than 1,200 hours of fire prevention education in the community.