

Lakefield Police Department Community Update

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L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

YARD OF THE WEEK BEGINS IN **MAY**

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Nominations are encouraged and can be made by emailing pdchief@lakefieldmn.com.

For additional information go to page 4.



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

TO: ALL RESIDENTS OF LAKEFIELD, MN

REMINDER: With warm weather arriving public nuisance calls to the Lakefield Police Department will increase!

Let's work together to keep Lakefield a great community to live in by following our local ordinances. www.lakefieldmn.com/ordinances

- Burning permits are required in the City limits. Leaves may only be burned from Sept 15 to Dec 1. Recreational fires require permits from Jan 1—Dec 31. **NO burning of garbage.** Fires must be 25 feet from structures unless permission is received.
- Remove accumulations of equipment, furniture, appliances, automobile bodies, that could harbor rodents.
- Do not deposit garbage or refuse in public right of ways.
- Quiet hours are hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. on weekends. **NO FIREWORKS.**
- Vehicles that no longer work should be properly stored or disposed of.
- Clean up after your pets and ensure dogs and cats are properly controlled, vaccinated and licensed with the City of Lakefield.

Chapter 90 covers public nuisances ordinances. Continued on pages 2 and 3 to learn more.



Reminder, do not cross the solid double yellow lines on Mainstreet.



Roger D. Pohlman



Public Nuisance continued:

Pet waste contains bacteria and parasites that infect people and pets, including food poisoning, tapeworm, and hookworm. These diseases can be hazardous for children, the elderly, and people with compromised immune systems. In addition, pet waste can attract pests like flies, roaches, and rats, which also carry diseases.

Please be reminded that pet owners who fail to abide by the ordinance will be fined. In addition, with repeated violations, the pet can be deemed a public nuisance, in which case the Lakefield Police Department can remove the pet from the premises.

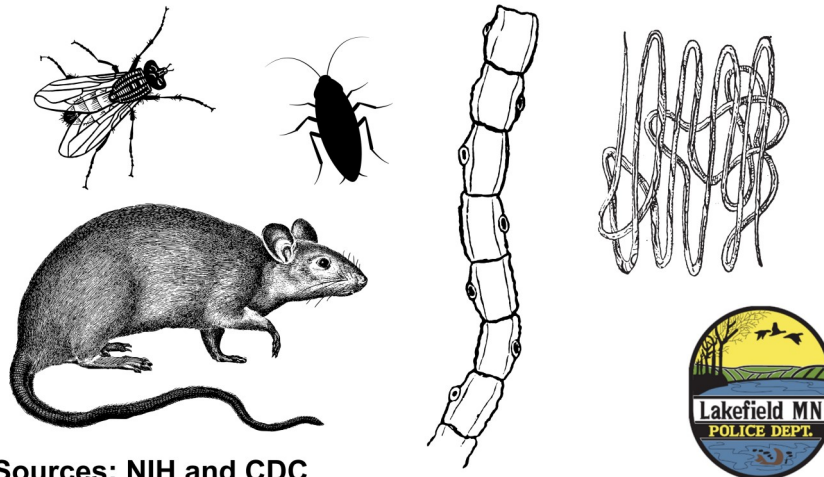
The Lakefield Police Department wants to work with all members of our community, to ensure everyone can enjoy the quality of life that Lakefield is known for. If you have questions or would like more information, feel free to contact us at 507-662-5353. www.lakefieldmn.com/ordinances

DON'T POO-LUTE!

- **PET WASTE** contains bacteria that may make people and pets sick. If not pickup up immediately, it may wash down storm drains and contaminate our waterways when left on the ground.
- **PET WASTE** is raw sewage.
- **PET WASTE** attracts pests, spreads disease, and pollutes our waterways (wells, streams, rivers, and lakes).

Did you know a typical 40-pound dog makes about 274 pounds of dog poop each year?

Always wash your hands after handling pet waste.



Sources: NIH and CDC

PETS CONTINUED

93.02 DOGS AND CATS.

(A) Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for the dog or cat of any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat, to run at large. A person, who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat which runs at large shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. Dogs or cats on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or accompanied by and under the control and direction of a responsible person, so as to be effectively restrained by command as by leash, shall be permitted in streets or on public land unless the city has posted an area with signs reading "Dogs or Cats Prohibited."

(B) License required. (1) All dogs over the age of six months kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the city, shall be licensed and registered with the city. Dog licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk or appointed staff upon payment of the license fee as established by the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges adopted pursuant to 30.11 of this code, as that ordinance may be amended from time to time. The owner shall state, at the time application is made for the license and upon forms provided, his or her name and address and the name, breed, color, and sex of each dog owned or kept by him or her. No license shall be granted for a dog that has not been vaccinated against distemper and rabies, as evidenced by a certificate by a veterinarian qualified to practice in the state in which the dog is vaccinated.

(2) It shall be the duty of each owner of a dog subject to his section to pay to the City Clerk or appointed staff the license fee established in the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges adopted pursuant to 30.11, as it may be amended from time to time.

(3) Upon payment of the license fee as established by the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges adopted pursuant to 30.11 of this code, as that ordinance may be amended from time to time, the Clerk shall issue to the owner a license certificate and metallic tag for each dog licensed. The tag shall have stamped on it the year for which it is issued and the number corresponding with the number on the certificate. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed, and shall see that the collar and tag are constantly worn. In case a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate shall be issued by the City Clerk once proof of a license is verified. A charge shall be made for each duplicate tag in an amount established in the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges adopted pursuant to 30.11, as it may be amended from time to time. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refunds shall be made on any dog license fee or tag because of death of a dog or the owner's leaving the city before the expiration of the licensed period.

(4) The licensing provisions of this division (B) shall not apply to dogs whose owners are nonresidents temporarily within the city, nor to dogs brought into the city for the purpose of participating in any dog show. If the animal owned is a service animal which is capable of being properly identified as from a recognized school for seeing eye, hearing ear, service or guide animals, and the owner is a blind or deaf person, or a person with physical or sensory disabilities, then no license shall be required.

(C) Cats. Cats shall be included as controlled by this division insofar as running-at-large, pickup, impounding, boarding, licensing and proof of anti-rabies vaccine is concerned. All other provisions of this section shall also apply to cats unless otherwise provided.

(D) Vaccination. (1) All dogs and cats kept harbored, maintained, or transported within the city shall be vaccinated at least once every three years by a licensed veterinarian for;

(a) Rabies – with a live modified vaccine; and (b) Distemper.

(2) A certificate of vaccination must be kept on which is stated the date of vaccination, owner's name and address, the animal's name (if applicable), sex, description and weight, the type of vaccine, and the veterinarian's signature. Upon demand made by the City Clerk, the Animal Control Officer or a police officer, the owner shall present for examination the required certificate(s) of vaccination for the animal(s). In cases where certificates are not presented, the owner or keeper of the animal(s) shall have seven days in which to present the certificate(s) to the City Clerk or officer. Failure to do so shall be Penalty, see 93.99

Learn more by going to <https://www.lakefieldmn.com/ordinances>



GOLF CART & ATVS

CHAPTER 72



- All golf carts and ATVs must apply for permit.
- No person shall operate a motorized golf cart on streets or alleys without a valid driver's license from this state or another and without obtaining a permit as provided herein.
- Hours for use are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Motorized golf carts are permitted to operate only on city streets, not state or federal highways, except to cross at designated intersections.

Go to www.lakefiledmn.com to learn more, or call 507-662-5457 if you have questions.



Don't forget your slow moving sign.



YARD OF THE WEEK STARTING IN SPRING OF 2023

The Lakefield Police Department Launches *'Keep Lakefield Beautiful'* Program

Get Ready, Get Set, and Beautify!

We are excited to announce the Keep Lakefield Beautiful Program, the 'Yard of the Week' program, recognizing residents who strive to beautifully maintain their lawns and add to the overall appeal of the Lakefield community.

Keep Lakefield Beautiful is established to promote goodwill and reward lawn care in the community. The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate average and above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large.

For the months of **May 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023**, the Lakefield Police Department will choose a lawn that best typifies the qualities of uniqueness, beauty, appeal, and consistency with the guidelines. In addition, the Committee will select one residential yard every Monday. The winner will be provided with a decorative flag to display, indicating their yard as a **"Yard of the Week"** winner. Also, a photo of the yard will be shared on the city's website, social media accounts and submitted to the Lakefield Standard.

Yard of the Week Guidelines

All residential properties within the city limits are automatically eligible. Award winners are selected based on the recommended judging criteria listed below.

- Key criteria include manicured yard, beautification, originality, and creativity.
- The upkeep of the yard can reflect the residents' efforts or that of a professional landscaper groundskeeper.
- An award duration term lasts a single calendar week and runs from Monday to Sunday.
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in a 12-month calendar period. At least 12 months must lapse between awards for the same yard.
- While an individual's home is being recognized as a **"Yard of the Week,"** they are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.



JUDGING CRITERIA:

The Lakefield Police Department will judge solely on the total exterior appearance of their property. Therefore, general upkeep of the yard and property is paramount. Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness, and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed, and shaped foliage, edged and defined lawns, borders & flower beds and a visually appealing facade. Each yard will be chosen from the nominations given to the Lakefield Police Department or an officer's choice. Nominations are encouraged and can be made by emailing pdchief@lakefieldmn.com.

LAWN: Grass should be healthy with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and trimmed around foundations and fences. Debris shall be picked up and removed. A unified, simple, balanced landscape design is preferred.

LANDSCAPE & FLOWER BEDS: Beds shall be weeded and edged, flowers must be deadheaded and dead plants removed, trees and shrubs pruned, and natural areas clean. Beautification efforts should include new plants, flowers, trees, shrubs, etc.

WALKWAYS & DRIVEWAYS: Walkways and driveways shall be clean (including trash containers or yard products removed from view). The area in front of the curb must be free from debris and dirt. The appearance after dusk includes accent, safety, and visible interior lighting, if applicable.

AESTHETICS: The overall look of landscaping (formal versus informal, use of color and textures, garden art) is essential. The front entryway should be inviting, with original and creative touches to show personality (hanging baskets, pots, yard art, bird feeders, etc.)

The Lakefield Police Department is dedicated to improving our community's quality of life and appearance. We encourage residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood. In turn, we look to celebrate those who do a superior job in keeping their yards in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community.

Nomination(s) can be made by emailing pdchief@lakefieldmn.com.

Ready, Set, buy your bulbs!



Food



THE GOAL: Have an emergency food supply that will meet the needs of your household for three days without outside help.

An emergency food supply doesn't have to sit on a shelf, ready for disaster to strike (although it can). It can be part of the food you use every day. The key to a good food storage plan is to buy ahead of time. Replace items before they run out. Buy items when they are on sale. A large duffel bag or plastic tub with a lid makes a great storage place for an emergency food supply. Make sure your family, including pets, will have what they need when disaster strikes.

▶▶ CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

Buy a three-day emergency food supply for your household.

Put aside a three-day supply of food for disasters. You probably have a better idea than anyone else how much food you and your family members would need for three days. Follow the BUS rule to help you. BUS stands for balance, usability, and shelf-life.

1. BALANCE

You may already buy food that provides a balanced diet for your family. A balanced diet includes a variety of foods from each of the basic food groups. This is especially important for people with certain health conditions. Also include high energy foods (such as nuts and protein bars) and comfort foods (such as graham crackers or chocolate).

2. USABILITY

Choose items that don't need to be cooled, heated, or need a lot of water. Examples include canned or dried meat, dry cereal, and canned vegetables. Make sure you have a manual can opener if you plan to use canned goods.

3. SHELF LIFE

Look at the expiration date listed on the food item. Use and replace foods before the expiration date.

Take steps to make sure food in your refrigerator and freezer will stay safe.

During an extended power outage, temperatures in your fridge and freezer will begin to rise, even if the doors stay closed. As the temperature rises, harmful bacteria may begin to grow on your food.

If the temperature in your fridge stays above 41 degrees Fahrenheit for more than four hours, perishable food items (milk, lunch meat, mayonnaise based salads, poultry items, leftovers, etc.) may be unsafe to eat.

If the temperature in your freezer stays above 41 degrees Fahrenheit for more than one to two days, food may be unsafe to eat. Food that still contains ice crystals should be safe. Always check the color and odor of food, particularly meat when it is thawed. If it is questionable throw it out (make sure it is discarded where animals can't get to it).

TAKE STEPS NOW TO MAKE SURE YOUR PERISHABLE FOOD REMAINS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE:

- Install a thermometer in your fridge and freezer.
- If you anticipate a power outage, such as a winter storm, reduce the temperature of your fridge and freezer. The colder your food is the more time it takes to thaw.
- Keep containers of ice in your freezer to keep the temperature down.

WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT:

- Cover the fridge or freezer in newspapers and blankets. Keep vents clear in case the freezer starts operating again.
- Avoid opening the door to the fridge or freezer.
- Use dry ice, if available. Identify a source for dry ice in advance and remember that if the power outage is widespread, there may be a lot of competition for this resource.

If you don't know the temperature of your fridge or if the fridge was off for more than four hours, the food should be discarded. Eating perishable food that has not been kept cold can cause food poisoning, even if it is refrozen or cooked. When in doubt, throw it out!

Make sure you can meet any special dietary needs in your household.

Some people are on special diets for health reasons. There can be serious effects if the right food is not available during a disaster. If you use special equipment, like a blender, food scale, or feeding tubes, make sure you take those with you. Think about keeping extra equipment at a friend or relative's home in case you have to evacuate.

Talk to your healthcare provider or a nutritionist about nonperishable menu options that can be used if you can't get to a grocery store, or that can be prepared at an emergency shelter. Keep a description of your medical condition and the diet in your emergency kit.

SOUTHWEST CRISIS CENTER www.swcc.org (print & save)

The Southwest Crisis Center exists to support individuals impacted by sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking.

The SWCC provides direct services to primary and secondary survivors and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, sexual harassment, stalking, and child abuse. We are the initial contact for victims in crisis through our 24-hour safe line as well as through referrals from law enforcement, medical personnel, court administration, and other agencies such as churches, health and human service groups, and mental health centers; many victims also “walk-in.”

There is no age limitations on services. We also have a youth program which is designed to provide services, outreach, and education to youth, families, schools, and communities.

We serve residents of **Jackson, Cottonwood, Nobles, Rock, and Pipestone counties** who are or have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, sexual harassment, stalking, and child abuse.

Our primary purpose is to serve any and all victims who seek our services (unless a conflict of interest is present) but we also serve victims who have immigrant and refugee status (English and non-English speaking). We will give information and/or referrals if individuals do not meet our criteria for services.

24 HOUR SAFE LINE

1.800.376.4311

YOUTH TEXT LINE

218.666.8336



IRS SCAMS

IRS imposter scams occur when someone contacts you pretending to work for the IRS. The imposter may contact you by phone, email, postal mail, or even a text message.

There are two common types of scams:

Tax collection - You receive a phone call or letter, claiming that you owe taxes. They will demand that you pay the amount immediately, usually with a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may even threaten to arrest you if you don't pay.

Verification - You receive an email or text message that requires you to verify your personal information. The message often includes a hyperlink phrase which reads "click here." Or, you may see a button that links you to a fraudulent form or website.

How to report IRS imposter scams

Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) if you think that an IRS imposter has contacted you. Report IRS imposter scams online or by calling TIGTA at 1-800-366-4484. Forward email messages that claim to be from the IRS to phishing@irs.gov.

How to avoid IRS Scams

- Don't give in to demands to pay money immediately. Be especially suspicious of demands to wire money or pay with a prepaid debit card.
- Don't trust the name or phone number on a caller ID display that shows "IRS." Scammers often change the name that shows on caller ID using a technique called spoofing.

- Don't click on any links in email or text messages to verify your information.

IMPORTANT

Ask the caller to provide their name, badge number, and callback number. Then call TIGTA at 1-800-366-4484 to find out if the caller is an IRS employee with a legitimate reason to contact you. If you confirm that the caller is from the IRS, call them back. Otherwise, report the scam call to TIGTA.





EMERGENCY PLAN

WATER
MEDICATION
COMMUNICATION
FOOD
PETS
A FAMILY PLAN
A BUSINESS PLAN



LET'S MAKE LAKEFIELD DISASTER RESILIENT

EMERGENCY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Do 1 Thing is a twelve-month preparedness program that focuses on a different area of emergency preparedness each month.

Do 1 Thing is designed to help people take small steps toward personally preparing for emergencies or disasters.

What residents can do:

Download a 12 month plan

<https://www.do1thing.com/individuals/> and [download a 12 month plan.](#)

What businesses can do:

Download a 12 month plan <https://www.do1thing.com/business/>

Subscribe to Jackson County Emergency Alerts

<https://account.civicplus.com/identity/CivicPlusLogin?signin=ac78cf6f75410930bd08679f85f92e22>

Clip & Save Phone Numbers

For all emergencies
dial **911**

Lakefield Police Dept.
1-507-662-5353

**Jackson County
Dispatch Services**
507-847-4420

**Human Trafficking
Hotline**
1-888-373-7888

Lakefield City Hall
507-662-5457

Suicide & Crisis Line
988

**Domestic Assault
Victims (SW Crisis Ctr.)**
800-376-4311

**MN SW Crisis Center
24 hour SAFE Line**
800-376-4311

**MN SW Crisis Center
Youth Text Line**
218-666-8336

MN Elder Justice Center
651-440-9312

**Violence Free
Minnesota**
1-800-333-SAFE

**Minnesota Coalition
Against Sexual Assault**
800-964-8847

**The Council for
Prevention of Domestic
Violence**
712-362-4612

**Des Moines Valley Health
and Human
Services**
1-800-662-5207

Jackson Cnty. Court
507-800-7003

Jackson Medical Cntr.
507-847-2420





There is no such thing as the poop magician.

ONLY YOU can make the poop disappear.

DO YOUR POO DUTY!



AT HOME

Keep your yard clean.
Pick up pet waste every day.

ON WALKS

Carry disposable bags to pick it up. Never throw poop into the stormdrain.

