

Lakefield Police Department Community Update

FEBRUARY 2023



L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

PREVENT MAIL THEFT

If you use a mailbox to mail out bill payments, please take the following steps to prevent theft:

- Place mail in the mailbox as close to pick-up time as possible.
- Use a permanent marker of ink to write check out. This prevents the altering of your checks.
- Frequently check your bank account to ensure your checks were cleared by the vendor that you wrote them out to.
- Promptly pickup your mail.
- If you are expecting a check, credit card or other valuables and it has not arrived contact the sender immediately.
- Do not send cash through the mail.
- Arrange for a vacation hold on your mail.
- If you moved, make arrangements with your Post Office as you do not want the new tenant opening your mail.
- Using a blue mail collection box or depositing your mail at the Post Office will provide an additional level of protection.

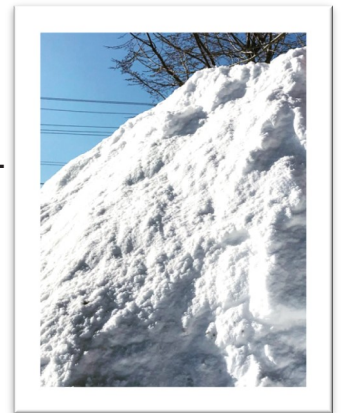
CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The multiple snowstorms over the last few months have created small mounds of snow piles at every corner.

When you pull into an intersection, stop prior to the sign or stop line, if your vision is obstructed, creep forward slowly and be prepared to stop immediately if another car has the right of way or is traveling to fast. Remember, drive defensively!

Also use extra caution at bus stops, mail boxes, and in parking lots.

I know everyone will be happy to see the snow melt, but given the amount of snow that we have received, patience is necessary to stay safe!



Roger D. Pohlman



LAKEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE



**TOTAL CALLS
1,073**



Call Type	ANNUAL TOTAL
CFS	0
911 HANG UP	7
911-MISDIAL	4
ACC-ANIMAL	1
ACC-HR	3
ACC-INJ	4
ACC-NO INJ	16
ALARM	21
ANIMAL-BITE	3
ANIMAL CALL	48
ASSAULT SEX	2
ASSIST AGENCY	27
ASSIST CO/CITY DEPT	4
ASSIST PUB	10
ATL	1
BACKGROUND	10
BARK DOG	1
BURGLARY	2
CEP REPORT	21



Call Type	ANNUAL TOTAL
CITIZEN COMP	21
CIVIL PROCESS	1
CIVIL DISPUTE	21
DAM PROPERTY	13
DEATH INVESTIGATION	1
DEBRIS IN ROADWAY	4
DIRECTED PATROL	204
DISABLED VEH	1
DISORDER CONDUCT	1
DISTURBANCE	3
DOG AT LARGE	3
DOM ASLT	1
DOM VERBAL	3
DRIV COMPL	9
DRUG COMPLAINTS	2
DUPLICATE CALL	1
DWI	1
FIRE GRASS	1
FIRE MISC	4

Call Type	ANNUAL TOTAL
FIRE MISC	4
FIRE STR	1
FIRE WORKS	7
FLOOD	1
FOLLOW-UP	51
FRAUD	7
FUNERAL ESCORT	14
GAS DRIVE OFF	5
GAS LEAK	2
HARASS	11
INFORMATION EXCHANGE	7
INFORMATION	24
JUVENILE REL	11
JUVENILE RUNAWAY	2
MEDICAL AMBULANCE	29
MISS ANIMAL	2
MISSING PERSON	1
MOTR ASST	8
NOISE COMPL	7
NSF	1
OFFICER MISC	2
OPF HRO VIOL	2
OPEN DR	3
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	41
PARK VIOLATION	27

Call Type	ANNUAL TOTAL
PRESENTATION SCHOOL	4
PROB CHECK	1
PROP FOUND	10
PROP LOST	2
PUBLIC ASSIT	72
RECOV STOLEN PROP	1
REPO	1
SCAM COMPUTER / PHONE	6
SEARCH WARR	1
STOP ARM VIOL	2
STOP SIGN VIOLATION	1
SUICIDE THREAT	4
SUSP ACTIVITY	19
SUSP PERSON	12
SUSP VEH	10
TEST	2
THEFT	17
THEFT VEH	1
TRAFFIC STOP	112

Call Type	ANNUAL TOTAL
TRANS ADULT	2
TRANS AMB	1
TRANSIENT	1
TRANS JUV	1
TRANS PRIS	1
TRESPASS	1
VACATION WATCH	1
VACATION HOME	2
VERBAL	1
WARRANT	8
WELFARE	27



WE LOVE OUR PETS, SO LET'S WORK TOGETHER



Lakefield
City Ordinance 93.02

We love our pets, so let's work together to care for them.

All pet owners are required to:

- Obtain licenses for your pets from the City Clerk's Office;
- Properly house the animals in your home or on your property;
- Properly leash the animals and ensure that they are under the supervision of a responsible individual when they are not on the owner's property;
- Pets are not allowed to run at large;
- Ensure that the feces of the animals are disposed of properly;
- Four or more pets are considered a kennel, and a special license is required.

L.P.D. - 507-662-5353
City Hall - 507-662-6744



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>



Water



THE GOAL: Have enough water on-hand for your family to last 3 days (72 hours). This should be about 3 gallons per person.

Whether you live in the country or the city, your water supply relies on electricity to run the system. During a power outage you may find yourself without a way to get water. Your water supply can also become unsafe to drink. Both private wells and city water systems can be contaminated in a disaster.

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

- Purchase and store a 72-hour supply of commercially bottled water (or more – up to two weeks).**

A three-day supply for one person is 3 gallons of water (one gallon per person per day). Also include an extra one gallon for a medium size pet. That one gallon should last three days, but plan for more or less if your pet is very large or very small.

1 day, 1 person = 1 gallon (or 128 ounces) = 7-20 ounce bottles = 4 liters

3 days, 1 person = 3 gallons (or 384 ounces) = 21-20 ounce bottles = 12 liters

During an emergency, you should drink at least two quarts (one half gallon) of water a day. Drink 3-4 quarts a day if you are in a hot climate, pregnant, sick, or a child. Some of the water in your emergency water supply will be used for cooking or washing.

If you buy commercially bottled water, it should be replaced once a year. Store your water in a cool, dark place to keep it tasting fresher longer.

If supplies run low, never ration water. Drink the amount you need today and look for more tomorrow.

Bottle a 72-hour supply of water at home.

If you get your water from a private well, disinfect your tap water before bottling. Place six drops of bleach for each gallon of water, shake well, then let sit for 30 minutes. If you get your water from a municipal water system, there is no need to disinfect tap water before bottling.

Replace your water supply every six months if you bottle your own water. Always sanitize bottles before refilling them. Store your water in a cool, dark place.

SANITIZE BOTTLES BEFORE FILLING:

1. Wash containers with dishwashing soap and rinse with water
2. Sanitize by washing a solution of 1 teaspoon of liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart of water on all interior surfaces of the container.
3. Let air dry for at least one minute

Use clear plastic bottles with tight sealing caps. Milk jugs don't make good water storage containers, they don't seal well, and water stored in them can sometimes develop a plastic taste. Only use bottles that originally had beverages in them (large plastic soft drink bottles work well). See the previous page to find out how much water you should have for your family in an emergency.

Learn how to provide a safe supply of drinking water for your household in a disaster.

WATER HEATER—DO NOT USE IF THE TANK OR FIXTURES HAVE BEEN SUBMERGED IN FLOODWATER!

1. Turn off the gas or electricity to water heater (turn off electricity at the fuse or breaker box, turn off gas by locating the valve supplying the hot water heater and turning the valve handle so that it crosses—is not lined up with—the gas line).
2. Turn off the water intake valve (should be located near the water heater).
3. Open the drain at the bottom of the tank.
4. Turn on a hot water faucet (water will drain from the tank, not the faucet). Discard the first few gallons if they contain rust or sediment. Do not turn the gas or electricity back on until the tank is refilled.

PIPES

1. Turn off main water valve where the water comes into the house (usually near the water meter if you have city water).
2. Let air into the pipes by turning on the highest faucet in your house.
3. Get water from the lowest faucet in your house (never get water from faucets that have been submerged in floodwater).

ICE

If you have freezer space, consider freezing part of your water supply. This has the added advantage of keeping food in the freezer cold longer during a power outage.



YARD OF THE WEEK STARTING IN SPRING OF 2023

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

Ready, get set, and buy your bulbs!

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 and social media accounts.

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.





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

