

Lakefield Police Department Community Update

July 2023



L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

No Fireworks in the City of Lakefield

Ordinance 130.16

Learn more:
www.lakefieldmn.com/ordinances

Minnesota Statutes 624.20 Subdivision 1. (a) As used in sections 624.20 to 624.25, the term "fireworks" means any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, and includes blank cartridges, toy cannons, and toy canes in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel them, firecrackers, torpedoes, sky-rockets, Roman candles, day go bombs, sparklers other than those specified in paragraph (c), or other fireworks of like construction, and any fireworks containing any explosive or inflammable compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance and commonly used as fireworks.

Learn more:
<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Pages/Fireworks-Information.aspx>

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Fireworks in the City Limits, Noise, and Curfew

As residents of Lakefield prepare to celebrate Independence Day, I want to remind everyone that the City of Lakefield has an ordinance against the discharge of fireworks inside the city limits. Every year the topic is debated, with residents agreeing and disagreeing with the city ordinance 130.16 and state statute 624.20.

The Lakefield Police Department's job is to enforce the law that the Council and elected officers have issued through the citizens they represent. **Therefore, a citation or warning may be issued if the Lakefield Police Department receives a complaint.**

The Lakefield Police Department asks you, before you light the fuse, to stop and consider your sleeping neighbor, a Veteran recovering from trauma, or fearful pets.

Lakefield also has a **noise ordinance** beginning at 10:00 pm

Curfew for minors 16 and 17 starts at 10:30 pm Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday & Saturday. For ages 15 and under, curfew begins at 9:30 pm.



Happy
247th
Birthday
America!



Roger D. Pohlman



Fireworks continued:

EXAMPLES OF FIREWORKS THAT ARE NOW LEGAL TO SELL, POSSESS AND USE BY THE PUBLIC ON OR AFTER APRIL 30, 2002 AS PERMITTED BY MINNESOTA STATUTE 624.20 (C):	EXAMPLES OF FIREWORKS THAT CONTINUE TO BE ILLEGAL TO SELL POSSESS AND USE, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTE 624.20
<p>Wire or wood sparklers of not more than 100 grams of mixture per item</p> <p>Other sparkling items which are nonexplosive and nonaerial and contain 75 grams or less of chemical mixture per tube or a total of 500 grams or less for multiple tubes and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cylindrical fountain</u> Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks or smoke and sometimes a whistling effect is produced. • <u>Cone Fountain</u> The effect is the same as that of a cylindrical fountain. When more than 1 cone is mounted on a common base, total pyrotechnic composition may not exceed 500 grams • <u>Illuminating Torch</u> • <u>Wheel</u> - Pyrotechnic device intended to be attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect • <u>Ground Spinner</u> - Small device venting out an orifice usually on the side of the tube. Similar in operation to a wheel but intended to be placed flat on the ground and ignited. The rapidly spinning device produces a shower of sparks and color. • <u>Flitter Sparkler</u> - Narrow paper tube attached to a stick or wire that produces color and sparks upon ignition. The paper at one end of the tube is ignited to make the device function. • <u>Flash/Strobe</u> - Emit a bright light <p>Novelty items such as snakes and glow worms, smoke devices, or trick noisemakers which include paper streamers, party poppers, string poppers, snappers, and drop pops, each consisting of not more than twenty-five hundredths grains of explosive mixture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Any fireworks that are explosive</u> • <u>Any fireworks that are aerial</u> • Firecrackers (any size) • Ladyfingers • Sky rockets • Bottle rockets • Missile type rockets • Helicopters, aerial spinners, planes, UFOs • Roman Candles • Mines or shells (heavy cardboard or paper tube(s) attached to a base – upon ignition stars, balls or reports are propelled into the air) • Chasers • Parachutes • 1.3G Display (special or class B) Fireworks • Aerial shells • Theatrical pyrotechnics (see Minn. Stat. 624.20 to 624.25) <p>Basically, any fireworks listed above are still not legal for public sale, possession or use, except with a permit and by a certified operator according to Minnesota Statute 624.20. (i.e. these fireworks are still not legal unless a permit has been issued by the local jurisdiction and they are used by a state certified operator)</p>





Did you know?

More than 30 percent of fireworks injuries are from sparklers.

There is an average of 75 hospital visits each year in Minnesota due to fireworks injuries.

Nearly 45 percent of fireworks injuries each year happen to children.

Fireworks that explode or shoot into the air are illegal in Minnesota.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

- Only use Minnesota-legal fireworks like sparklers, fountains, ground spinners and snappers.
- Point fireworks away from people and animals.
- Use fireworks in an open area away from trees and houses.
- Extinguish and dispose of spent fireworks in a bucket of water. Do not try to relight a dud.
- Always use caution around fireworks and make sure children are supervised.



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SUMMERFEST 2023 RECAPPED



Thank you to everyone that participated in the Lakefield Police Department Paw Patrol Stone search, all four stones were safely returned to the Lakefield Police Department and our investigators won a goody bag filled with items to help sharpen their investigative skills and abilities! We hope everyone had a great time searching and had an awesome Lakefield MN Summerfest. Our Super Sleuths are: Isabella Larsen, Kinslee & Dextyn Anderson, Zoey Grabill, and James Schmidt.



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MINNESOTA TOWARD ZERO DEATHS

TZD Seat Belt Persuader

Background

Wearing a seat belt is the best defense if someone is ever involved in a crash. According to the 2021 Observational Seat Belt Survey, Minnesota has a 92.4 percent seat belt rate for front seat occupants, but more people can be buckling up.

Unbelted motorists contributed to the recent significant rise in traffic fatalities in Minnesota. The 110 unbelted deaths in 2021 is the highest number since 2014.

Purpose

The Seat Belt Persuader (SBP) can greatly impact how participants value the importance of wearing a seat belt. The rider experiences a vehicle rollover but at a much slower rate. Riders will realize the seat belt's restraint value and gain a new respect for its protection. This includes whether you are a driver or a passenger in the vehicle.



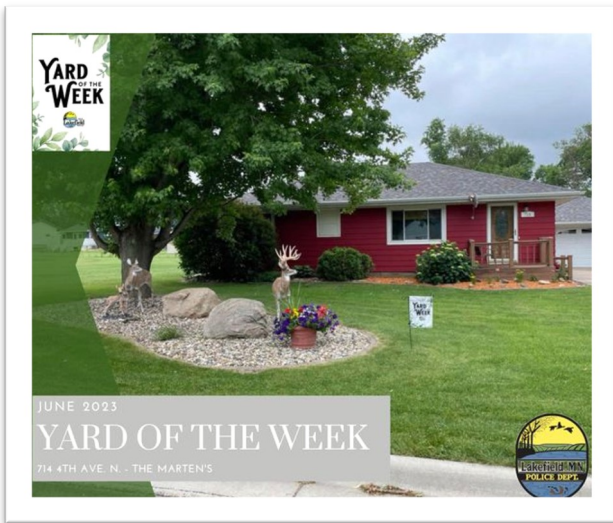
Left to right is Deputy Behr, Trooper Samdal, Officer Stender, and Chief Pohlman.



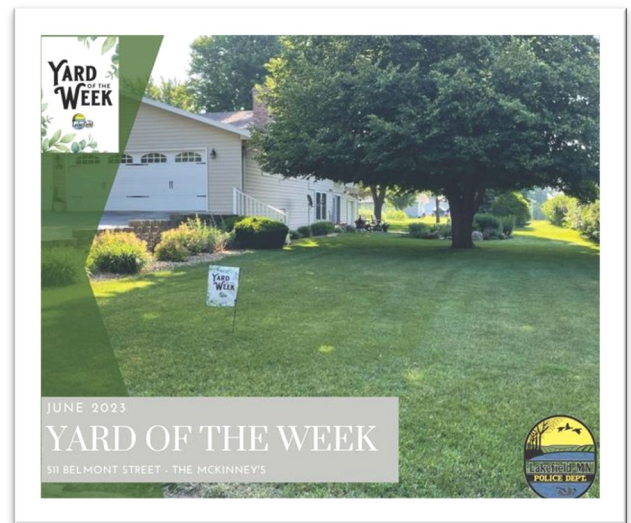
YARD OF THE WEEK— JUNE 2023 WINNERS

The Yard of the Week award has been granted by the Lakefield Police Department to the following four home. We appreciate their contribution to making our community a more beautiful place to live.

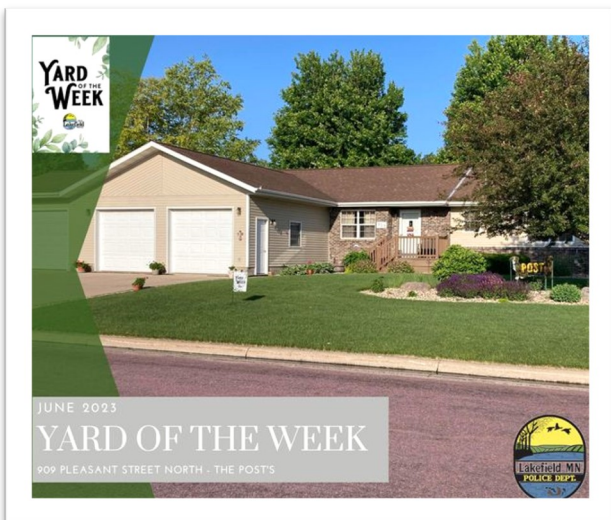
Nomination(s) can be made by emailing pdchief@lakefieldmn.com.



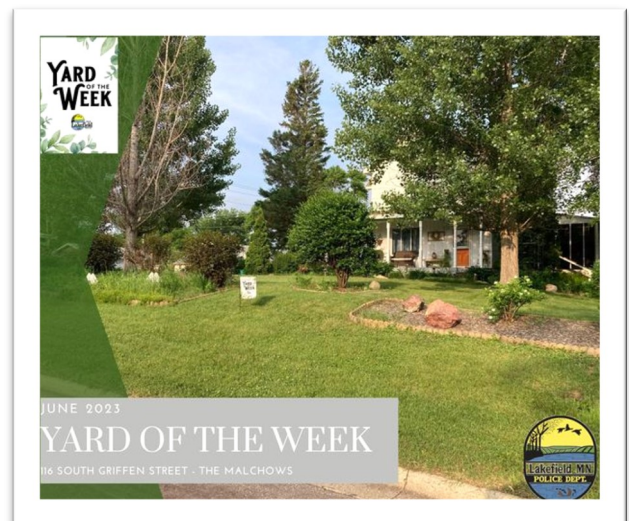
714 4TH AVE NORTH—THE MARTEN'S



511 BELMONT STREET—THE MCKINNEY'S



909 PLEASANT STREET NORTH—THE POST'S



116 SOUTH GRIFFEN STREET—MALCHOW'S

YARD OF THE WEEK STARTING THIS MONTH

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!





KKOJ (97.7 FM or 1190 AM) and DVHSS Mental Health Podcasts

Mental Health Matters <https://www.kkoj.com/news/podcasts/mental-health-matters-episode-1/>

Grief <https://www.kkoj.com/news/podcasts/episode-2-of-mental-health-matters-grief/>

Anxiety <https://www.kkoj.com/news/podcasts/mental-health-matters-episode-3-anxiety/>

Depression <https://www.kkoj.com/news/podcasts/episode-4-mental-health-matters/>

Bipolar Disorder <https://www.dvhhs.org/index.asp?SEC=51987944-BA04-4426-BDB8-E3FA3181FFF8>

Sustaining Your Child's Mental Health Through Summer

<https://www.kkoj.com/news/podcasts/episode-7-sustaining-your-kids-mental-health-through-the-summer-months/?fbclid=IwAR1xjvF8O6K7t-E54EmWoVFWXCx2mOUPwuC0bsNXaL6-y7VpVVThDd6Pavk>

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



SCAM OF THE MONTH

Reloadable Card Scams

For years, scam artists conned people into sending them money via money wiring services like Western Union and MoneyGram. Increasingly, however, scam artists are asking people to forward them money using reloadable cards. These cards are sold at stores and have a serial number that is used to transfer funds from the card. You can designate how much money to load onto the card at any given time and can use the card to make payments to companies or transfer funds to another card. If you provide the card's serial number to a scam artist, however, the scam artist can drain all of the money from the card. Read our flyer entitled [Prepaid Debit and Credit Card Scams](https://www.ag.state.mn.us/consumer/Publications/PrePaidDebitCardScams.asp) <https://www.ag.state.mn.us/consumer/Publications/PrePaidDebitCardScams.asp> for more information and tips on how to protect yourself from this type of fraud.

Have you spotted this scam? Report it at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov).

If you think someone has gotten access to your accounts or personal information, visit [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) There, you'll find steps to take to see if your identity has been misused, and how to report and recover from identity theft.

Learn more at [Consumer Advice | Federal Trade Commission \(ftc.gov\)](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov) www.consumer.ftc.gov

Minnesota Attorney General's Office
www.ag.state.mn.us/consumer



HELP IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY

At the Lakefield Police Department, our top priority is providing you with exceptional service. So what is the best way to receive assistance from the Lakefield Police Department?

In an emergency, please dial **911** immediately, and the Jackson County Dispatch Office will dispatch the L.P.D and other law enforcement agencies / first responders promptly.

If you have any questions about the prescription drop box, need a copy of a police report, or have other non-emergency law enforcement inquiries, please call **507-662-5353**. If an officer is unavailable to take your call, kindly leave a message, and we will get back to you within 24 hours. Please note that the L.P.D phone number is not monitored 24/7, so if you require immediate assistance, please contact the Jackson County Dispatch number at **507-847-4420** or dial 911; assistance will be promptly dispatched to you.

The Lakefield Police Department and Jackson County Dispatch Office is in constant communication, working closely together around the clock every day of the year so do not hesitate to call **507-847-4420** to receive immediate assistance regarding a non-urgent Lakefield Law Enforcement issue.

Remember to stay calm, speak clearly, and answer the dispatchers questions.

Stay on the line; with the dispatcher and they will send help while still talking to you.





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

