

# Lakefield Police Department Community Update

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# L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

## E-NEWS

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Stay updated with the latest news from the Lakefield Police Department by subscribing to our brand new electronic newsletter.

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## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Join us at a community gathering where your voice matters! Your valuable input is needed on three important topics - police body cameras, public nuisance and the 'Yard of the Week' program. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference in our community! Thursday, November 16, 2023, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Lakefield Library.

### YARD OF THE WEEK

What did you like best about the 'Yard of the Week' program?

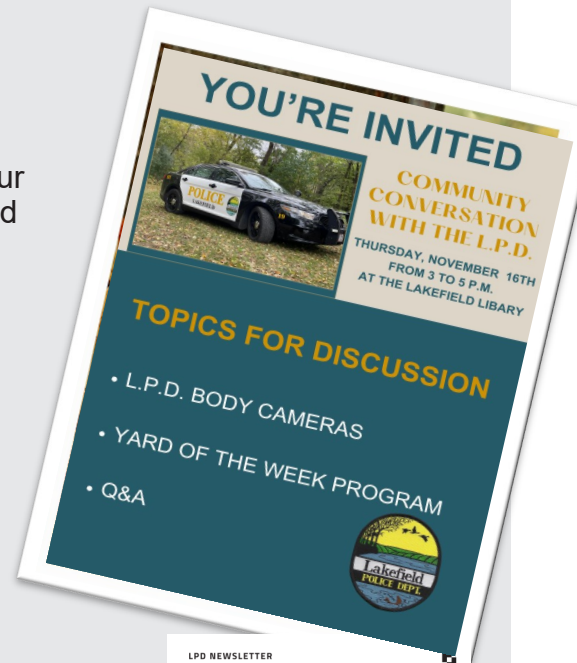
How could we make the 'Yard of the Week' program better?

Should we continue with the program?

It is suggested that the City of Lakefield should feature a different flower each year. For instance, geranium could be chosen for 2024, and impatiens for 2025 and so on.

### POLICE BODY CAMERAS

Police body cameras have become increasingly popular in recent years. It's important to consider both the benefits and drawbacks of using them. At this listening session with the public, let's discuss the advantages of increased transparency and accountability, as well as the potential drawbacks of privacy concerns and the cost of implementation. We will also present a draft policy for body cameras to gather your input and comments. What are the advantages and drawbacks of using police body cameras? This is a listening session with the public, to get your comments on the draft policy and any concerns regarding body worn camera's.



Roger D. Pohlman



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## DO NOT BLOW OR RAKE YOUR LEAVES INTO THE STREET

Do not rake or blow your leaves into the street. Fall is a beautiful season in Lakefield, but did you know that raking or blowing leaves from your lawn into the streets can be harmful and **result in a fine**? The buildup of leaves and yard waste can obstruct storm drains and cause flooding, which is not only dangerous for our water quality but also results in unnecessary work and expenses for taxpayers. To avoid these issues, we need everyone's help. Keep our storm sewers clear, residents can drop off leaves and branches at the City Compost/brush pile, or better yet, why not munch the leaves on your lawn? It's simple, efficient, and provides a natural fertilizer for your yard. Let's work together to keep Lakefield clean and safe this fall.



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## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

On Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 AM turn your clocks back one hour, or do it prior to going to bed, Saturday evening.



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## PORCH PIRATE SEASON

Porch pirate - a term that strikes fear into the hearts of homeowners across the country. These are the individuals who brazenly steal packages from people's homes. But why do they do it? The answer is simple: it's an easy score. Most of these thefts are crimes of opportunity, where the thief takes advantage of a situation when no one is looking. But that's not all. These pirates are hoping to strike gold by finding valuable merchandise inside the package. They have their sights set on small packages that could contain expensive items like phones, video game systems, sound systems, and computers - things that can be quickly resold for a profit. And then there are those who simply can't resist the thrill of stealing. Whether it's the adrenaline rush or the sense of power and control that comes with it, they can't help themselves. So beware, and take steps to protect your packages from these thieves.



### How to stop a porch pirates: 5 Suggestions

1. Buy a "porch pirate bag" to secure your delivered packages. These durable bags come with a combination lock that can be used to attach the bag to a fixed object on your porch. Just ask the delivery person to place the package inside the bag and lock it.
2. Require a signature on all packages delivered.
3. Install a security camera.
4. My favorite. Working together with your neighbors, you can ensure a safer neighborhood by keeping an eye out for suspicious activity and looking after each other's deliveries.
5. Ship your package to the store and then go pick it up.

# YARD OF THE WEEK - OCTOBER RECIPIENTS

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



**HENDRICKSON'S**



**AMENDT'S**



**GENTRY'S**



**SCHUMANN'S**



**QUIRING'S**



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# BEWARE, IT'S A SCAM! By Federal Trade Commission

Scammers send fake text messages to trick you into giving them your personal information — things like your password, account number, or Social Security number. If they get that information, they could gain access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Or they could sell your information to other scammers.

- Scammers often try to get you to click on links in text messages by promising you something. Scammers might
- promise free prizes, gift cards, or coupons — but they're not real
- offer you a low or no interest credit card — but there's no deal and probably no card
- promise to help you pay off your student loans — but they won't
- Scammers also send fake messages that say they have information about your account or a transaction. Scammers might
- say they've noticed some suspicious activity on your account — but they haven't
- claim there's a problem with your payment information — but there isn't
- send you a fake invoice and tell you to contact them if you didn't authorize the purchase — but it's a scam
- send you a package delivery notification — but it's fake

The messages might ask you to give some personal information — like how much money you make, how much you owe, or your bank account, credit card, or Social Security number — to claim your gift or pursue the offer.

## What To Do About Spam Text Messages

If you get a text message you weren't expecting and it asks you to give some personal or financial information, don't click on any links. Legitimate companies won't ask for information about your account by text.

If you think the message might be real, contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real. Not the information in the text message.

There are many ways to filter unwanted text messages or stop them before they reach you:

## How To Report Spam Text Messages

If you get an unwanted text message, there are three ways to report it:

Copy the message and forward it to 7726 (SPAM). Report it on the messaging app you use. Report it to the FTC at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>



## 24 HOUR SAFE LINE



Our mission is to end domestic and sexual violence and exploitation for all people. We seek to empower and support survivors' safety, healing, rights, and autonomy while working to transform institutions and public policy by acknowledging the need for social change.

**24 HOUR SAFE LINE 1-800-376-4311**



# EVENT

We are thrilled to announce that the "Trunk and Treat" event was a tremendous success! Over 400 treat bags were handed out, each containing a Halloween safety educational book and a glow-in-the-dark bracelet. But what made this event special was its opportunity to connect with our community. Seeing children proudly wearing police department uniforms always fills me with hope for the future. These young ones possess the qualities that make great police officers. Thank you to everyone who made this event such a memorable and meaningful experience!





# EMERGENCY PLAN

WATER  
MEDICATION  
COMMUNICATION  
FOOD  
PETS  
A FAMILY PLAN  
A BUSINESS PLAN



LET'S MAKE LAKEFIELD DISASTER RESILIENT

## 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**  
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

## 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>

