

Lakefield Police Department Community Update

OCTOBER 2022



L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

HALLOWEEN

SAFETY TIPS

From the Minnesota Safety Council

Leading injury risks for children at Halloween time are pedestrian injuries, falls and burns. Help ensure that your little ghosts and goblins return safely from trick-or-treating with the following tips.

Reminders for children:

- Walk, don't run, while trick-or-treating.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths, when available.
- Stop at all corners.
- Cross streets only at intersections and crosswalks.
- Look left-right-left again before crossing. Don't cross if a car is coming.
- Never run into the street from between parked cars. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

For more tips go to www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/

Vehicle Operators keep an eye out for children on Halloween Night!

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Pink Badges & Pink Ribbon Magnets

The Police Department is showing their support for breast cancer awareness month by donning pink badges and placing pink ribbon magnets on the squads this month.

We want to help bring awareness, support and honor to those in the community who are or were affected by breast cancer.

The pink badges and magnets will be worn/displayed through October 31st.



Thursday, October 20th to take a unified stand against domestic violence in our community.

24 Hour SAFE Line 800.376.4311
Youth Text Line 218.666.8336

October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Lakefield Police Department is asking every resident to **WEAR PURPLE** on



Roger D. Pohlman



Domestic Violence

The Southwest Crisis Center 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. www.mnswcc.org/education

Domestic Violence Defined

Also known as intimate partner violence, battering, or family violence, occurs when one person in the intimate relationship tries to take control over the other by using destructive behaviors that may include physical assaults, sexual abuse, financial control, stalking, emotional or psychological abuse.

The violence may occur constantly or only sporadically.

Anyone can be a victim. Victims can be of any age, sex, race, culture, religion, education, employment or marital status. Children in homes where there is domestic violence are more likely to be abused and/or neglected. Most children in these homes know about the violence. Even if a child is not physically harmed, they may have emotional and behavior difficulties. Website www.mnswcc.org - Phone number 507.800.1260

Southwest Crisis Center is also tying purple ribbons along Main Street in Lakefield to bring about awareness of domestic violence during the month of October.

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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

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>



First Aid



THE GOAL: Be prepared to give first aid while waiting for an ambulance.

An emergency can happen at any time and any place. Many public places have a first aid kit, oxygen, or an AED (automated external defibrillator) to treat people. These items can only save lives if someone knows how to use them. Actions you take in the first few minutes after an injury or other medical incident may save someone's life.

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

Know what to do while waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

Call 911 instead of trying to take an injured or ill person to the hospital yourself. It seems like waiting for an ambulance will make it take longer to get help, but ambulance crews can start providing care as soon as they arrive. They can get the patient to hospital quickly, legally, and more safely.

1. Stay on the line with 911 and follow emergency instructions.
2. Stay calm and try to keep the patient calm.
3. Don't move a patient who was injured in an automobile accident or fall, or who was found unconscious.
4. If the patient is cold, cover them with a blanket.
5. Don't give an injured person anything to eat or drink (unless instructed by the 911 dispatcher).
6. Have someone watch for the ambulance and show the crew how to get to the patient. (This is especially important in an apartment or office building, or if your address is hard to see from the street).



CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM

In 2021, the Minnesota Legislature created the catalytic converter theft prevention pilot program (Minn. Stat. 325E.21 subd.2b). The Lakefield Police Department is a participating agency in this program.

If you own one of the top 15 most targeted vehicles or if your catalytic converter has been (or attempted to have been) stolen, you can get a free catalytic converter marking label from a participating law enforcement agency (Lakefield Police Department is a participating agency), business, or community organization. * Please note police departments provide but do not install labels.



CATALYTIC CONVERTER

Top 15 vehicles targeted for catalytic converter theft are:

1. Chevrolet Express
2. Ford Econoline
3. Ford F250
4. Honda Accord
5. Honda CRV
6. Honda Element
7. Honda Odyssey
8. Hyundai Santa Fe
9. Hyundai Tucson
10. Kia Sportage
11. Mitsubishi Eclipse
12. Mitsubishi Lancer
13. Mitsubishi Outlander
14. Toyota Prius
15. Toyota Tundra

If you would like a catalytic converter marking kit, contact the Lakefield Police Department, 507-662-5353 or via email at pdchief@lakefieldmn.com.

LIGHTS ON PROGRAM

Lakefield Police Department is now a partner with Lights On, A Program of Microgrants! We have received our vouchers and if a Community Member has a Headlight, Brake Light, Tail Light or Turn Signal out, stop by the Lakefield Police Department to request a voucher, or an officer may stop you for a light outage and issue you a voucher. Public Safety of our community is our top priority!

Take care, stay aware! #LPD Lights On



UPCOMING EVENTS

Trunk or Treat! Come check out the Lakefield Police Department's Paw Patrol-themed trunk this year.

Saturday, October 29th | 2 to 4 pm | North City Park | Ages 0—5th grade



Stop at the Police Department's trunk first so Chase, who is on the case, can give you a treat bag on the double to help collect all the treats you will receive at the spook-tacular event.

The Lakefield Police Department's goal is to cultivate positive relationships with the community, educate children about Halloween safety, encourage youth to consider a career in law enforcement, and to build partnerships with other community organizations serving the youth.



Lakefield Police Department's

Grinchmas Selfie Station

Dudley's Garage | November 26, 2022 | 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(Bring your own camera.)

This booth is FREE and is for the young and the young at heart. Just like the people of Who-ville, your kindness can make all the difference. Plan to visit the Lakefield Police Department's Grinchmas photo booth to contribute to making our communities even kinder by helping to grow the Grinch's heart with your smile.

Grinch Booth Highlights:

- Choose from a variety of props and frames to make your holiday photo special.
- Law enforcement officials will also be available to answer all your questions about community policing, and emergency management.
- Meet and take a selfie with the Grinch and Cincy Lou.
- Enter the KINDNESS contest: Enter or nominate an act of KINDNESS story/poem/drawing.

Do you have an act of kindness you would like to share? The L.P.D. invite youth between the ages of 5 to 12 years old to submit or nominate 'An Act of Kindness' story, poem or a drawing.

How to submit:

- Email to pdchief@lakefieldmn.com,
- Mail to Lakefield Police Department (L.P.D.) at 301 Main St., PO Box 900, Lakefield, MN. 56150.
- Hand deliver to 301 Main St. Lakefield, MN. 56150.

Nominations are open to ALL individuals who live in Jackson County Minnesota.

Your submission must include:

- Your first and last name.
- An email address (if you have one).
- Mailing address.
- Phone number.
- Your act of kindness can be expressed in a story, poem, or drawing format.



The person with the most inspiring story/poem/drawing will receive a prize from the Lakefield Police Department. *The award consists of a \$20 gift card to Walmart, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" book autographed by the Lakefield Police Department officers, and a Grinch tote bag.*

All submissions must be received by Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 3 p.m. The winner will be announced at December's (December 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.) City Council meeting. The L.P.D. hope is your story/poem/drawing will inspire others to lock up their inner GRINCH and promote kindness throughout the year!



PAW PATROL BIRTHDAY PARTY

Birthdays are a time to celebrate, and the Lakefield Police Department (L.P.D.) wanted to add to the fun. At Summerfest, the L.P.D. hosted a drawing for a Paw Patrol-themed 'Birthday Party in Bag'. This year's winner was Ayden R. The Lakefield Police Department surprised Ayden and his guests with cupcakes and a squad car tour. If you would like to win a 'Birthday Party in a Bag,' visit the L.P.D. table at Summerfest and simply fill out a registration form. This year's winner was announced live on June 14th www.facebook.com/lakefieldpolice

The 'BIRTHDAY PARTY IN A BAG' contained:

- 8 paper plates
- 8 paper cups
- 8 cupcakes (your flavor choice from Z'bakery)
- Candles
- It's My Birthday pin
- 8 paper napkins
- 1 paper tablecloth
- 8 Mini Play Packs
- 8 Paw Print Rubber Bracelets
- 1 Police Department visit during the party.
- A special birthday gift.

Note: ****Must have a Lakefield address to be eligible to win and be between the ages of 4 to 8 years old.**

