

Lakefield Police Department Community Update

OCTOBER 2023



L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

BARKING DOG

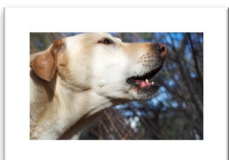
93.07 Nuisances.

(A) Habitual barking. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog which habitually barks or cries. Habitual barking shall be defined as barking for repeated intervals of at least five (5) minutes with less than one (1) minute of interruption. The barking must also be audible off of the owner's or caretaker's premises.

93.08 Seizure of Animals

(B) The officer reasonably believes that the animal meets either the barking dog criteria set out in 93.07 (A); the criteria for cruelty set out in 93.13; or the criteria for an at large animal set out in 93.01(E);

(C) The officer can demonstrate that there has been at least one previous complaint of barking dog; inhumane treatment of the animal; or that the animal was at large at this address on a prior date



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Leaf Burning

In Lakefield every year, nature puts on a captivating display of colors during the autumn season. The transformation of the leaves from a uniform green to stunning shades of gold, yellow, and red is a sight to behold and then they begin to hit the ground.

Rake, rake, make a left pile, repeat! But what should you do with all those leaves?

1. Should I burn them in the backyard? No.
2. Should I rake them into the street? No.
3. Should I take them to City Brush Pile? Yes!

Health and Safety Permits 90.56

(1) Permitted burning or permitted fire for leaf burning shall be limited to the period of September 15 to December 1 (Do so safely and only leaves). Leaves may be brought to the city brush pile. Only city residents may use the brush pile. Property owners outside city limits may not use the brush pile. All rules and regulations for use of the brush pile must be followed.



Roger D. Pohlman

To learn more about Lakefield's ordinances go to



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

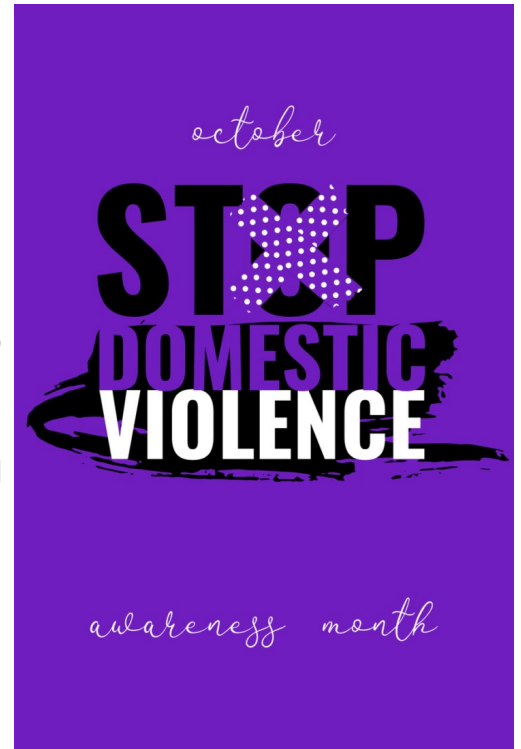
Domestic Violence Defined

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.

24 Hour SAFE Line
800.376.4311



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The Lakefield Police Department will be wearing pink badges to show support for those who are battling or have survived breast cancer and their loved ones.

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. That's one person every 2 minutes in the U.S.



YARD OF THE WEEK - JULY RECIPIENTS

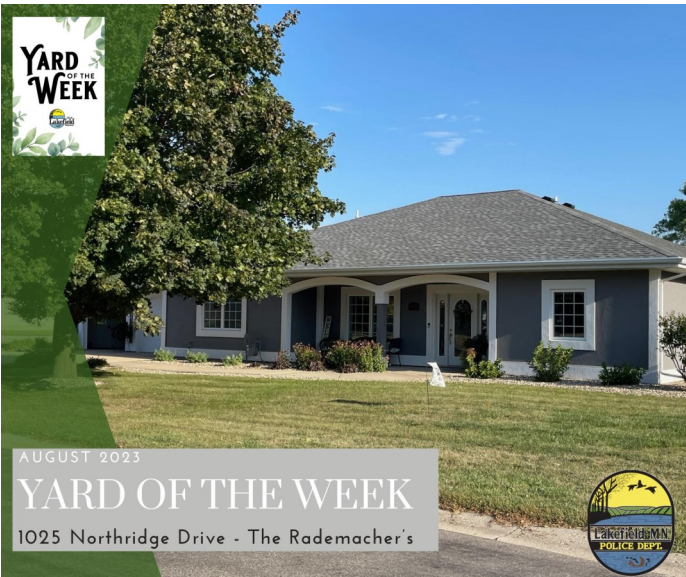
The Lakefield Police Department the *'Keep Lakefield Beautiful'* Program



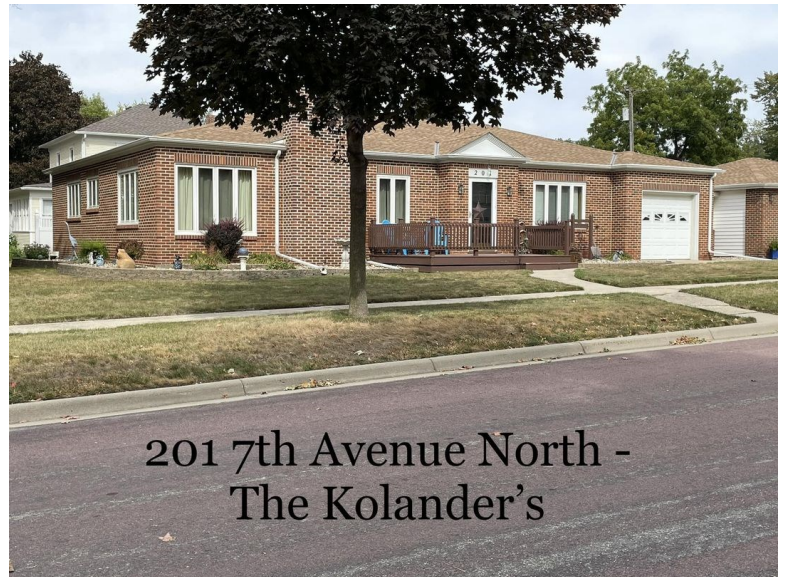
The Place's



The Glaser's



The Rademacher's



The Kolander's



YARD OF THE WEEK STARTING IN SPRING OF 2023

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

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 for the indicating their winning yard. Also, a photo of the yard will be shared on the city's website and social media accounts.

Yard of the Month 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. Nomination 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!



SCAM

Social Security Administration Impostor Scam

By Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General

Social Security Administration imposters contact prospective victims by telephone and falsely claim that the victim's Social Security number has been suspended because of suspicious activity, or because it has been involved in a crime. They ask to confirm the victim's Social Security number, or they may say they need to withdraw money from the victim's bank and to store it on gift cards or in other unusual ways for "safekeeping." Victims may be told their accounts will be seized or frozen if they fail to act quickly.

Perpetrators often use robocalls to reach victims. Victims may be told to "press 1" to speak to a government "support representative" for help reactivating their Social Security number. They also use caller ID spoofing to make it look like the Social Security Administration is calling. With such trickery, perpetrators convince victims to give up their Social Security numbers and other personal information. Social Security Administration imposters operating from abroad often use U.S.-based [money mules](#) to receive victim payments and transmit proceeds to perpetrators.

How to Avoid a Scam

Protect yourself, friends, and family — If you receive a suspicious call, text, email, social media message, or letter from someone claiming to be from Social Security:

Remain calm. If you receive a communication that causes a strong emotional response, take a deep breath. Talk to someone you trust.

Hang up or ignore the message. Do not click on links or attachments.

Protect your money. Scammers will insist that you pay with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash. Scammers use these forms of payment because they are hard to trace.

Protect your personal information. Be cautious of any contact claiming to be from a government agency or law enforcement telling you about a problem you don't recognize, even if the caller has some of your personal information.

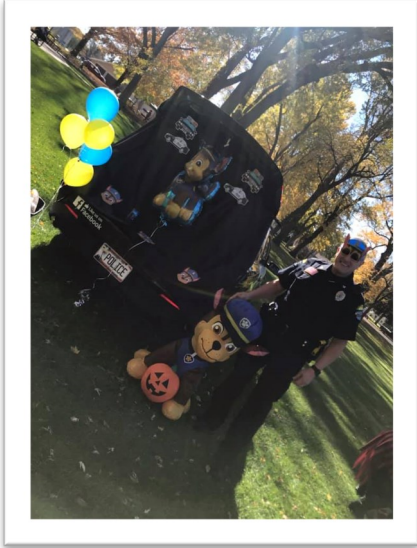
Spread the word to protect your community from scammers.

Report the scam to the Office of the Inspector General at oig.ssa.gov/report or call the Lakefield Police Department at 507-662-5353.



UPCOMING EVENTS & EVENTS

The Lakefield Police Department is excited to announce our participation with Trunk or Treat. We will be distributing gun locks and offering a Trick or Treat bag with an activity book. We look forward to seeing you there!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Time: TBA

Place: North City Park



Partnering with the DVHHS Stigma Free campaign at Oktoberfest was a great experience.

We truly appreciate your visit and for taking home FREE gun locks. Did you know using a gun lock is a simple but effective way to prevent accidents and tragedies? By securing your firearm, you keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Thank you for being a responsible gun owner and helping promote gun safety in our 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](https://account.civicplus.com/identity/CivicPlusLogin?signin=ac78cf6f75410930bd08679f85f92e22)

