



# Focus on Lakeville

City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

## MEETINGS

**Week of July 16, 2018**

**Monday, July 16**

City Council, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 18**

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, July 19**

Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend. Agendas are available online at [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fire Department Belgian Waffle Breakfast**  
**Saturday, July 4 from 7 to 11 a.m.**

**Fire Station #1 - 20190 Holyoke Avenue**  
**\$8 adults / \$6 kids 6-12 / free 5 and under**  
 All you can eat Belgian waffles, breakfast sausage, coffee and juice. This event is hosted by the Lakeville Fire Relief Association and is their only formal fundraiser.

**Brew Battle Social**

**Saturday, July 14 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Lakeville Area Arts Center grounds**  
**Tickets: \$25 advance, \$30 at the gate, \$10 designated driver**

Enjoy samples of more than 80 beers from 30 brewers. Sponsored by Lakeville Lions and Lakeville Liquors. Go to [e-clubhouse.org/sites/lakevillemn](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/lakevillemn) for more information and to purchase tickets online, or buy tickets at any Lakeville Liquors location.

**Youth Shore Fishing Contest - FREE**

**Saturday, July 21 from 9 to 11 a.m.**

**Casperson Park - 19720 Juno Trail**  
 Prizes awarded to ages 13 and under for various fish categories. Bring your own fishing equipment and bait. Register the day of the contest.

**Lights and Sirens Glow Run**

**Saturday, August 4 - \$25 per person**

**7-8 p.m. packet pickup**

**7:30 p.m. dance party and vendors**

**9 p.m. run begins**

**Fire Station #4 - 9465 185th Street West**

Register for this family-friendly 5K non-timed run and 1.25 mile run/walk that welcomes runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. All proceeds benefit the Lakeville Public Safety Foundation, which supports the Lakeville Police and Fire Departments. Register online at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com) by July 15 to receive a t-shirt and swag bag.

## Do You Have Japanese Beetles on Your Trees or Shrubs?

If you had problems last summer with Japanese beetles on your property, the odds are very good they will be pests again this year. In fact, some people are already seeing them in high numbers. So what should you do?

Japanese beetles will not kill a tree unless the tree is extremely stressed and already dying. Healthy trees can tolerate leaf feeding by these insects. If you have edibles or ornamentals like grape or roses, the beetle damage will be more destructive and you may opt to treat these plants. Whether or not you decide to treat, always provide deep watering to affected trees and shrubs during times of drought to help buffer the stress of leaf damage.



Here are some tips for dealing with Japanese beetles:

- If you find Japanese beetles on a healthy established tree, there is no need to treat it.
- For smaller Japanese beetle populations on young trees or plants, consider physical removal (hand picking into a bucket of soapy water).
- If you can't tolerate the way your trees or shrubs look, you could use an insecticidal spray, but keep in mind it only remains on the tree for about two weeks and may need to be reapplied, and you will also kill beneficial insects and/or pollinators that visit flowers. To protect bees, apply insecticides during the late evening after bees are no longer active. Another treatment option is a systemic insecticide which will make the leaves and other plant parts (except rose petals) toxic to all insects (including pollinators) for a season.
- The grub is the immature stage of the beetle, which can cause large dead spots in your lawn. If you have grub damage in your lawn, you could apply a granular insecticide now through early September to keep Japanese beetles from emerging next summer. Keep in mind the beetle often flies to other areas to look for preferred food sources, so even if you have leaf feeding, it doesn't mean they are laying eggs and hatching out as grubs in your yard.
- Although they will make you feel like you are making progress, research has indicated the pheromone traps/bags are not a good solution, since they just attract more beetles to your yard.
- Japanese beetles are only active for six to eight weeks, so leaf feeding typically ends around early August.

For links to other resources for dealing with Japanese beetles, visit [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov) and read the the City News item.

## THRIVE! BUSINESS UPDATES

The **U.S. Census Bureau** has updated Lakeville's population estimate from 61,938 in July 2016 to 63,748 in July 2017. This equates to a population change of 13.8% in the City since 2010. Additional updated information includes median household income at \$98,864, median home value at \$246,000, median age at 35.2 and number of businesses at 1,146.

The Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce has recently launched the [lakevilleworks.org](http://lakevilleworks.org) website, a community job posting board for Lakeville businesses looking to hire anyone from students to senior citizens. The free job posting service is available to Chamber members and non-members (non-members through 2018). With currently nearly 160 jobs listed, all businesses are encouraged to post their available jobs using the "Post A Job" link at the top of the website.

The Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board invites employers to participate in the **2018 Employers of Excellence Awards program**, which will recognize employers in the two-county area that are best at finding and retaining employees—two challenges employers face amid low unemployment. All employers are encouraged to participate. Go to [personnel-dynamics.net/survey.asp](http://personnel-dynamics.net/survey.asp) by July 31.

## Candidate Filing for Mayor and City Council Opens July 31

Candidates for Lakeville Mayor and Council Member who want their names on the ballot must file between July 31 and August 14, 2018. Candidates must be eligible to vote, 21 years of age upon assuming office and a resident of Lakeville for 30 days before the general election on November 6, 2018.

A candidate for City office must file an affidavit of candidacy with the City Clerk. Affidavits must be signed, notarized and delivered in person to the City Clerk during the filing period. A \$5 filing fee must be paid.

For additional information on candidate filing, contact the City Clerk's office at 952-985-4404.