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Lakeville, Minnesota - Positioned to Thrive

The Thrive! Business Newsletter is intended to provide timely information on new and expanding businesses, information on community business events and monthly development statistics for the City of Lakeville.

To learn more about economic development projects, visit LakevilleMN.gov/developmentmap.

New Community Development Director Joins City of Lakeville

Tina Goodroad, a 24-year veteran and recent city administrator and development director of Dayton, MN, has joined the City of Lakeville. She fills the role opened by the retirement of 20-year City of Lakeville veteran Dave Olson.



Her industry knowledge and success in urban development is proven by her years in both the private and public sector, including the areas of city planning and zoning, comprehensive planning development, budget and long-term capital improvement planning, as well as economic development planning and administration of land use development.

In her new role, she will have the opportunity to shape the future of Lakeville's growing community by leading the implementation of a wide variety of business and economic development projects. Goodroad will proactively encourage economic development with existing and potential business; implement strategic initiatives to attract new business developments; as well as design new programs to encourage the location of new businesses and expansion of businesses within the city.

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Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers opened in Lakeville on June 1. The restaurant is located at 18477 Kenrick Avenue in a 3,700-square-foot building with a two-lane drive-thru. Raising Cane's has indoor seating for 74 and 42 outdoor patio seats.



The City Council recently approved **Bubble Barn Car Wash**'s conditional use permit to allow the business to locate at 17453 Dodd Boulevard, which is east of Cedar Avenue and north of Dodd Boulevard (across the street from Christian Brothers Automotive).

Lakeville Links was recently issued a building permit for a tenant finish at 17930 Juniper Path, Suite C1. Lakeville Links is

an indoor golf simulator business that plans to serve food and beverages with a seating capacity of approximately 50 people.

Let's Paint! held a ribbon cutting on April 22 at 17701 Kenwood Trail. The business is an art studio that provides public paint classes, private paint parties and sells home painting kits.

Tires Plus hosted a ribbon cutting on April 29 to celebrate its new location in Heritage Commons. The auto repair shop can be found at 20170 Iberia Avenue.

Sonnet Montessori held a ribbon cutting on May 9 to celebrate its new owners, Jessica Johnsen and Kylie Schrader. The business is located at 19955 Idealic Avenue and provides instruction in Montessori philosophy, health and safety, and early childhood development.



Upcoming Lakeville Developments

During the May 16 regular meeting, the City Council approved several development projects including:

- A new three-story, 100,000-square-foot medical office building at 18465 Orchard Trail in Timbercrest (west of the Buffalo Wild Wings multi-tenant building on 185th Street). Allina is anticipated to occupy part of the building.
- A preliminary plat application and plans for KTJ First Addition, Oppidan's proposed 400,000-square-foot spec office warehouse in the southeast quadrant of Cedar Avenue and 215th Street (CSAH 70).
- Airlake Development's preliminary plat application for a 276,000-square-foot cold storage warehouse located east of Cedar Avenue and south of 215th Street (CSAH 70).

For more information on these projects, visit lakevillemn.gov (PDF).

Advanced Wireless Communications Receives Employer of Excellence Award

On May 25, the Dakota-Scott County Workforce Board hosted its annual Employers of Excellence Awards breakfast at the Link Event Center in Prior Lake. Lakeville's own Advanced Wireless Communications was named an Employer of the Year. Congratulations to Ken Coons and the team at AWC!



Small Business Grant Opportunity

The Comcast RISE Investment Fund will be accepting grant applications from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties) from June 1-14, 2022. 500 grants totaling \$5 million will be distributed to 100 small businesses in the identified area and

each business will receive a \$10,000 monetary grant. The application period is June 1-14, 2022.



Grant Eligibility Requirements:

- Established business operations for three or more years
- 25 or less full-time and part-time employees
- At least 51% owned and operated by someone who identifies as person of color, including Black, Indigenous, Hispanic and Asian American owners, or a woman

Grants will be announced at the end of July 2022 and awarded in August 2022. Visit comcastrise.com for more information.

Congratulations on Your Retirement, Dave!

After 20+ years as Community & Economic Development Director for the City of Lakeville and 40 years working in municipal government, Dave Olson retired on June 6.

During his tenure with the City, Lakeville had nearly \$1 billion in commercial and industrial development and a record building permit valuation total of \$442 million in 2020. He was also named Economic Developer of the Year in 2021 by the Economic Development Association of Minnesota.



Best wishes as you enjoy retirement, Dave!

Building Permits Report

The City has issued building permits with a total valuation of \$125,390,471 through May. This compares to a total valuation of \$153,380,161 for building permits issued through May of 2021.

The City issued permits for 193 single-family homes through May with a total valuation of \$55,009,000. This compares to 235 single-family home permits through May of 2021 with a total valuation of \$74,581,000.



The City has also issued 130 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$27,179,000 through May, compared to 62 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$13,293,000 during the same period in 2021.

Lakeville has issued the highest number of residential permits year-to-date in the Twin Cities followed by Woodbury, Blaine, Cottage Grove and Otsego.

[Visit lakevillemn.gov for more information on year-to-date building permit totals \(PDF\).](https://lakevillemn.gov)

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