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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.

Antlers Park Groundbreaking Ceremony Held May 1

The Antlers Park Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on May 1 at the park. In attendance was the Mayor and City Council, city staff, design and construction team members, representatives from Lakeville Brewing Company and neighbors to the park.



Funding for the reconstruction and improvement of the park was approved by Lakeville voters in 2021 as part of a Park Bond Referendum. The project will include an enclosed park building that includes a meeting room, catering kitchen and restroom facilities, three open air shelters, a new accessible playground, Lake Marion Greenway trailhead, expanded parking areas and more.

With the modernization of the park, staff and city consultants have worked diligently to ensure that historical elements of the park have been included in the design details and pay homage to the park's rich history. While the park and beach will be closed this year and reopened in the spring of 2024, we are excited for the next chapter of Antlers Park, which will provide a fantastic user experience for residents and visitors to Lakeville.

Lakeville Development Updates

During the May 1 meeting, the City Council approved:

- A conditional use permit for [Relive Health Elite Wellness](#), a wellness and fitness gym, to be located at 9583 217th Street.
- Approved [Airlake 70 First Addition](#) final plat, which proposes the construction of a 276,480-square-foot cold storage warehouse facility to be located east of Cedar Avenue and south of future 215th Street (County Road 70).
- A contract with Polco/National Research Center to conduct a [business survey](#). The survey results will be used to update the City's Strategic Plan for Economic Development.

In other development news, building permits were issued in April to:

- Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center to remodel the tenant space at 17761 Juniper Path

- Wendy's to remodel the building located at 17610 Kenrick Avenue
- Allina Surgery Center and Allina Specialty Clinic for tenant build-outs at 18465 Orchard Trail in the Lakeville Specialty Center

During the April 17 meeting, the City Council approved [Lakeville Soccer Club conditional use permit](#) to locate the club's indoor soccer training facility and administrative offices at 221044 Heron Way and an extension of the [KTJ First Addition](#) final plat, which proposes construction of a 360,000-square-foot industrial building to be located east of Cedar Avenue and south of the future 215th Street extension.

SkillBridge Program Connects Service Members with Employers

The U.S. Department of Defense [SkillBridge](#) program is an opportunity for service members to gain valuable civilian work experience through specific industry training, apprenticeships or internships during the last 180 days of service. SkillBridge connects service members with industry partners in real-world job experiences. Service members participating in SkillBridge receive their military compensation and benefits, and industry partners provide the training and work experience.



To learn more about becoming an industry partner, attend the [New Partner Application Process Information Session](#) on May 3, 2023.

Commercial Energy Rebate Program Available

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Building Permits Report

The City has issued building permits with a total valuation of \$87,118,070 through April. This compares to a total valuation of \$92,822,796 for building permits issued through April of 2022.

The City issued permits for 111 single-family homes through April with a total valuation of \$32,008,000. This compares to 160 single-family home permits through April of 2022 with a total valuation of \$45,580,000.

The City has also issued 36 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$7,423,000 through April, compared to 101 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$21,018,000 during the same period in 2022.

Lakeville is currently ranked #2 in year-to-date Twin Cities residential building permits, according to Housing First Minnesota.

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