

# Lakeville

## Parks & Recreation

**Arts Center**



**Park Maintenance**



**Recreation**



**Heritage Center**

**2014**  
**Annual Report**

## Mission Statement

“The Lakeville Parks & Recreation Department will strive to administer safe, proficient means of managing park areas and provide diverse recreation opportunities in order to enhance the quality of life for Lakeville residents.”

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## Leadership & Advising

### Mayor and City Council

Matt Little ..... Mayor  
Doug Anderson..... Council Member  
Bart Davis..... Council Member  
Colleen LaBeau..... Council Member  
Kerrin Swecker..... Council Member  
  
Steve Mielke ..... City Administrator (Jan.—July)  
Allyn Kuennen ..... City Administrator (July—Dec.)  
Justin Miller..... City Administrator

### Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee

The committee met 15 times during 2014, reviewed numerous plats and planning actions and provided recommendations to the City Council. The members also review parks, recreation and natural resources-related issues and policies throughout the year.

Scott Kelly..... Chair  
Jeanne Peterson ..... Vice Chair  
Lori Bovitz, Tom Goodwin, Judy Hayes, Howard Lovelace,  
Bob Swan

### Lakeville Area Arts Center Advisory Board

The Lakeville Area Arts Center Advisory Board met four times in 2013 and worked closely with the Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center. The Board and Friends provide support and assistance for both visual and performing arts activities.

Kristina Murto ..... Chair  
Michelle Gensinger ..... Vice Chair  
Julie Speiker..... Secretary  
Beth Adams, Robert Erickson, Jeanne Hutter, Lyn Krejci,  
Susan Landberg, Tim Murphy

## Staff

### Administration

Brett Altergott ..... Parks & Recreation Director  
Tamara Wallace..... Administrative Assistant

### Lakeville Area Arts Center

Tom Barnard ..... Arts Center Manager (Jan.— Oct.)  
Joe Masiarchin ..... Arts Center Manager  
Karla Hartmann ..... Arts Center Administrative Assistant  
JoAnne Andres..... Pottery Studio Coordinator  
Jeanne Skaff ..... Facility Attendant  
Santos Galvan ..... Facility Attendant  
12 art instructors

### Park Maintenance

John Hennen..... Park Maintenance & Operations Manager  
Mark Kruse ..... Parks Supervisor  
Jan LeVasseur ..... Park Maintenance Administrative Assistant  
Tony Smith..... Park Maintenance II  
John Weimelt..... Park Maintenance II  
John Schad ..... Park Maintenance II  
Tony Novak..... Parks Lead Maintenance II  
Joe Bronk..... Park Maintenance II  
Tom Weiss..... Park Maintenance II  
Mark Tschann ..... Park Maintenance II  
Joe Schmoll ..... Assistant to Parks Lead Maintenance II  
Allen Friedges..... Park Maintenance II  
Mark Roschen ..... Park Maintenance II  
26 summer seasonal maintenance employees

### Recreation

Patty Dexter..... Recreation Supervisor  
Dan Brettschneider..... Recreation Program Supervisor  
Jane Ottum ..... Recreation Administrative Assistant  
50 seasonal recreation employees and 10 contractual staff

### Lakeville Area Active Adults

Patty Ruedy ..... Recreation Program Coordinator  
Rosemary Mikkelson ..... Active Adults Administrative Assistant  
Al Clayton..... Facility Attendant  
Dan Tangen..... Facility Attendant



**City of Lakeville**  
*Positioned to Thrive*

March 16, 2015

Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and citizens of Lakeville:

The 2014 Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report highlights many of our accomplishments during the past year. These programs, events and projects are the result of remarkable support from the citizens of Lakeville along with strong partnerships with other governmental agencies, non-profits and local businesses. The Kenrick Ave. Trail (Lake Marion loop) was completed in the spring, a universal playground was designed and installed at King Park, the Arts Center received an operational support grant from the State Arts Board and after another successful year of fundraising the loan for Heritage Center was paid off in December by a significant donation from the Lakeville Area Active Adults.

The year will also be remembered for the changing of the guard at the Lakeville Area Arts Center. After 10 years as the Arts Center Manager Tom Barnard announced his retirement. During his time with the City Tom oversaw the growth of the Arts Center from a startup with limited programs and performances to highly successful arts and culture destination within the southern metro.

The City of Lakeville has a dedicated and extraordinary team of professionals that even through the changes and challenges of 2014 continued to provide Lakeville with exceptional programs and services. We will continue to work hard to provide a first rate parks system that is clean and safe. In addition, we are committed to providing diverse recreation opportunities that will enhance the quality of life for our residents.

In closing, I would like to thank the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee and the City Council for their continued support of the department.

Best regards,

Brett Altergott  
Parks & Recreation Director

# Administration

The Parks & Recreation Department would like to sincerely thank the local businesses, organizations and individuals for their donations that supported park improvements and Arts Center, Recreation and Heritage Center programs and special events. In 2014, the department received a total of \$107,135 in donations. The Lakeville Rotary gave \$22,000 towards the King Park Playground. The Lakeville Soccer Club donated \$1,300 towards the additional irrigation heads at Steve Michaud Park. The Lakeville Baseball Association donated \$10,000 towards improvements at King & Quigley Fields. Various local businesses and organizations donated \$11,048 to support Recreation and Heritage Center programs such as the Family Fun Fest, various Pan-O-Prog events and Haunted Forest and the Lakeville Rotary provided \$2,500 to staff the Puppet Wagon. Annual fundraisers and anonymous donations raised \$73,000 for the Heritage Center construction, including a final payment from the Lakeville Active Adults in the amount of \$23,956 that paid off the Heritage Center construction loan! Annually, the Lakeville Parks Department receives grants for snowmobile and cross-country ski trail maintenance and grooming from the Minnesota DNR. In 2014, we received \$17,701 for snowmobile trails and \$5,309 for cross-country ski trails.

Recognizing the importance of community involvement is a high priority for the Parks & Recreation Department, which adds significantly to the quality of life for the residents of Lakeville. Department staff would also like to express their gratitude to local businesses, organizations and individuals for their gifts of time that supported many departmental programs and special events in 2014 and improved Lakeville's park system in some manner. In 2014, over 1,000 volunteers donated their time to City programs and special events such as Winter Ritter-Fest, Adopt-A-Park, Art Festival, Senior programs, Heritage Center events, trail grooming and much more.



## Long Time Art Center Manager Retires

After 10 years with the City of Lakeville, Arts Center Manager Tom Barnard announced his retirement in October. Tom came to Lakeville in 2004 after serving as a teacher and community education director in Stewartville for 35 years. He became the manager of the Lakeville Area Arts Center shortly after it opened and took it to a level very few had envisioned.

Tom demonstrated diligence and dedication towards growing the Arts Center programs and performances to meet the demands of this vibrant and growing community. The enthusiasm and professionalism he came to work with each day was second to none and was on display to the public during the many events held at the Arts Center. Tom was a recognizable face within the City.

Thank you Tom for your outstanding service to the City of Lakeville and the greater Lakeville community.

## LAAC Receives Grant

The Lakeville Area Arts Center was the recipient of a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support Grant in the amount of \$42,000 for FY 2015. This grant is multiyear funded and uses a four-year grant cycle where the grantee must

The grant provides general operating support to high quality, established arts organizations that produce, present, or

exhibit works of art; to nonprofit organizations that provide a broad range of services to artists; and to community arts schools and conservatories that make arts learning available to Minnesotans of all ages and abilities.

This program recognizes that organizations with an established record of programmatic service and administrative stability should have access to funds to support their

organizational goals and objectives, rather than specific projects.

Operating Support funding enables qualifying organizations to maintain their ongoing programs, services, and facilities without special emphasis on new initiatives as justification for funding.

In late 2014, a grant subcommittee was formed to review the grant and designate which new initiatives should be funded in FY 2015.

# Community Connections

Parks & Recreation staff works closely with many community and civic groups throughout the year on projects that benefit the City and the residents of Lakeville and beyond:

Apple Valley, Farmington, Lakeville and Rosemount athletic associations  
 Bluebird Recovery Program  
 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts  
 Dakota County  
 Downtown Lakeville Business Assoc.  
 Friends of the Lkvl. Area Arts Center  
 Hostelling International-MN  
 Lakeville Area Historical Society  
 Lakeville Arenas  
 Lakeville Community Education

Lakeville Chamber of Commerce  
 Lakeville Convention & Visitors Bureau  
 Lakeville Friends of the Environment  
 Lakeville Knights of Columbus  
 Lakeville Lions  
 Lakeville Rotary  
 Lakeville school clubs  
 Lakeville veterans  
 Lakeville Yellow Ribbon  
 Local food shelves  
 MN Department of Natural Resources

MN Pole Benders Association  
 MN Recreation & Park Assoc. (MRPA)  
 Pan-O-Prog Board  
 School Districts 191, 192, 194 & 196  
 Senior Center Board  
 Sno Trackers Snowmobile Club  
 South Forty Archers  
 South Metro Storm Swim Club  
 South of the River Recreators (S.O.R.R.)  
 Three Rivers Park District



## North Creek Greenway Design Begins!

In May of 2014, the City Council approved a contract with WSB and Associates to complete a design for an approximately 1 mile segment of trail from 173rd Street south to the Farmington boarder. This 1 mile segment of trail will be part of the much larger North Creek Greenway. The North Creek Greenway will travel through Eagan, Apple Valley, Lakeville, Farmington and Empire Township. The greenway will interconnect important regional destinations including Lebanon Hills Regional Park, the Minnesota Zoo and the new Whitetail Woods Regional Park.

This project received a \$899,000 federal grant and is scheduled to be constructed in 2016.



Wetlands along Vermillion River



New regional park in Empire Township



Empire Fields Park in Empire Township

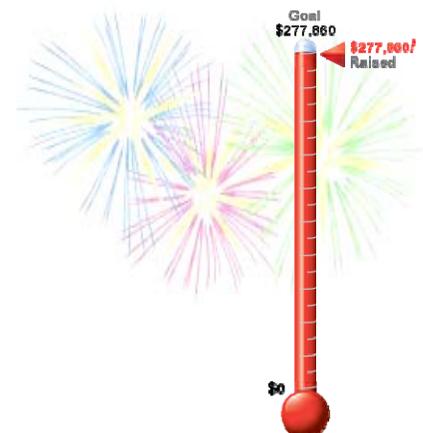
## HERITAGE CENTER *Senior, Veteran, and History Center*

The Heritage Center completed its second full year of operation in 2014. Over \$73,000 was raised through donations and fundraising events, satisfying the \$277,860 loan from the City! Thank you to all who donated their time and money!

### Key Fundraising Events:

- Summer Splash
- Golf Classic
- Online Auction
- Waffle Breakfasts
- Bazaar

The Heritage Center provides the Lakeville Area Active Adults, Yellow Ribbon Veterans and the Historical Society the space needed to meet growing demands for the programs and services they offer. The facility is rented to private parties and businesses for special events and meetings.



# Lakeville Area Arts Center



**Mission Statement:** The Lakeville Area Arts Center promotes cultural enrichment and artistic experiences for the community by providing an environment that fosters creative expression and offers a myriad of artistic and educational opportunities.

The Lakeville Area Arts Center celebrated its 13<sup>th</sup> year of providing diverse and exciting cultural arts programs, concerts, exhibits and special events for the residents of the Lakeville area. The facility has hosted over 456,739 visitors since opening. In addition to cultural events on stage and in the studio, the Arts Center has gained popularity as a venue for Pan-O-Prog events, the Lakeville Art Festival, community fundraisers such as the Taste of Lakeville, conferences, community functions, as well as family gatherings such as weddings or retirement parties.

## Accomplishments

- Raised \$1,500 for local food shelves from the Empty Bowls fundraiser during the Christmas holiday as part of the annual art sale
- Hosted a total of 456,739 visitors since opening
- A total of 120 classes were offered, which included classes for preschool through adult. Art classes were offered in pottery, painting (oil, acrylic, watercolor), jewelry, drawing, and mixed-media
- 14 stage productions and concerts were sponsored in part by state and regional grants or by local businesses
- The new website, [www.LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com](http://www.LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com) received 56,815 page views and 11,335 visitors.
- 10,985 reserved seat theater tickets were sold using our online ticket purchasing service

## By the Numbers

Arts Center program revenue .....	\$182,871.21
Arts Center visitors in 2014 .....	43,437
Arts Center visitors in 13 years.....	456,739
Facility rental revenue .....	\$39,432.58
Facility bookings.....	397
Art Festival attendance.....	10,000
Art Festival artists .....	80
On stage performances.....	102
Theater attendees .....	10,985
Classes offered.....	120
Class participants.....	1,074
Board volunteers .....	20
Board volunteer hours.....	234
Usher volunteers for theater events .....	60
Usher volunteer hours .....	216
Art Festival volunteers .....	100
Art Festival volunteer hours.....	1,848



A Christmas Carol



Wine & Designs Painting Workshop

# Lakeville Arts Festival

Sponsored by the **Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center**, the annual Lakeville Art Festival was held on September 20 and 21 in historic downtown Lakeville on the grounds of the Lakeville Area Arts Center to celebrate art in our community. The festival features artist demonstrations, literary art, community art projects and a food and entertainment court.

The Art Festival drew approximately 10,000 guests to the downtown area in addition to providing community exposure through regional media coverage.

A special thank you for the generous donations from local businesses who sponsor the festival, Shelly Carney, Art Festival Director and for the many volunteers who help to make this event happen.

To learn more about the Lakeville Art Festival, go to [www.lakevilleartfestival.org](http://www.lakevilleartfestival.org).



Community art project — Replication of Georgia O’Keeffe’s Oriental Poppies on a park bench



Art Festival attendees



Kid’s art tent



Artist demos

# Youth Art Month Exhibit

In honor of youth art month, **The Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center**, sponsors an annual Youth Art Month Exhibit. Hosted by the Friends is an opening reception for the students and their families. Over 500 people attended this reception in 2014.



YAME Opening Reception Stage Entertainment

# Classes & Activities

Our art classes continue to be popular for all age groups. Residents appreciate the welcoming nature of our instructors and the opportunity to be a part of the community through their artistic talents.

This year the adult art students continued the tradition of culminating the art year with an annual Holiday Art Sale. The sale not only benefits the students who have remained loyal to our classes, but also the instructors, who together generate income from their art sales.

Also as part of this sale, the Lakeville Area Arts Center pottery studio sponsored an "empty bowls" fundraiser. Our potters donate their time to produce approximately 150 soup bowls which are available at a suggested donation of \$10 each. All proceeds go to local food shelves to help feed the hungry. This year they raised \$1,500.00.

## Adult Class Offerings

- Oil & Acrylic Painting
- Watercolor
- Drawing
- Pottery
- Wine & Designs: Art Night Out

## Youth Class Offerings

- Parent-child Art
- Homeschool Art
- Preschool Art
- Pottery
- Painting & Drawing
- Summer Art Camps



Summer Art Camps: Acrylic Painting, Mixed Media Beachwear and Painted Birdhouse



Wine & Designs

# Professional and Community Theater

Expressions Community Theater, Children's Castle Theater, The Play's the Thing Productions, and Prairie Fire Theatre presented 51 performances of 8 different plays and musicals.

The Prairie Fire Theatre camps played to an average of 223 attendees for each show. This children's theater camp involved 213 participants. Local children's theater companies played to a total audience count of 6,475 people.

<i>Tarzan</i> (Children's Castle) .....	Jan. 7-9 & 24-26
<i>Footloose</i> (The Play's the Thing) .....	March 21-23 & 28-30
<i>Dixie Swim Club</i> (Expressions).....	April 4-6 & 11-13
<i>Tom Sawyer</i> (Prairie Fire) .....	June 20-21
<i>Jungle Book</i> (Children's Castle) .....	June 27-29
<i>Wizard of Oz</i> (Prairie Fire) .....	July 18-19
<i>Insane With Power</i> (Expressions).....	Aug. 1-3 & 7-9
<i>Cinderella</i> (Prairie Fire) .....	Aug. 15-16
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i> (Children's Castle Theater) .....	Oct. 16-18 & 24 -25
<i>Moon Over Buffalo</i> (Expressions) .....	Nov. 14-16 & 21-23
<i>A Christmas Carol</i> (The Play's the Thing) .....	Dec. 12-14, 19-21 & 26-28



CCT- *Jungle Book*



Expressions - *Dixie Swim Club*



CCT- *Little Shop of Horrors*



TPTT - *A Christmas Carol*

# Performances

Some highlights from the year:

- 2014 Coffee Concert Series was sponsored by Kingsley Shores
- Simple Gifts with Billy McLaughlin sold out the theater on December 7th
- In December there were 12 holiday stage performances for over 2,200 audience members
- Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos sold out the theater on March 8

Minnesota Opera Coffee Concert .....	Jan. 12
Neil Diamond Tribute by Philip Bauer .....	Feb. 1
An Evening of Art and Dance .....	Feb. 7
Chestnut Brass Coffee Concert .....	Feb. 9
The Legacy of Floyd Cramer .....	Feb. 15
Sirens of the 60's .....	Feb. 22
Lehto & Wright .....	March 7
Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos.....	March 14
Christina Baker Kline, <i>Orphan Train</i> ; One Book, One Lakeville .....	April 26
The Bakken Trio Coffee Concert .....	April 27
Love Potion #10, The White Side Walls .....	May 9
The Vecchione/Erdahl Duo, & Maria Jette, Soprano, Coffee Concert .....	May 18
Tippecanoe and Tyler Too .....	Sept. 12-14
In the Company of Legends.....	Sept. 27 & 28
Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos.....	Oct 3
Dennis Warner & the D's .....	Nov. 1
Monroe Crossing .....	Dec. 6
Simple Gifts with Billy McLaughlin .....	Dec. 7



Wilhelmina Smith



Legacy of Floyd Cramer



Tarzan



Coffee Concert Bakken Trio



In the Company of Legends

# Art Gallery Exhibits

Evening of Art & Dance.....	Feb. 18-March 3
Youth Art Exhibit.....	March 10-24
Senior High School Art Show .....	May 1-23
Lyn Hunter, Mixed Media.....	Sept. 20-21
Sue Kemnitz.....	Sept. 20-21
Olesya Anderson.....	Oct. 1-Nov. 30
Contemporary Quilts.....	Dec.1-31



Sue Kemnitz Exhibit



Minnesota Contemporary Quilters Exhibit



Lyn Hunter Exhibit

# Park Maintenance

A number of significant park construction projects were completed in 2014. First, the installation of a universal playground was constructed by contractor, staff and volunteers at King Park near the Miracle Field. This universally accessible playground is a play environment specifically created to be accessible to all children, including those with disabilities. A significant \$50,000 donation was received from the South Metro Miracle League for the project. The parking lot at King Park was also paved in 2014. Second, the reclamation of approximately 1.2 miles of trail along the south side of 165th Street and a overlay of approximately 1.5 miles of trail along Highview Avenue occurred in late summer. Third, infield reconstruction occurred at King Park fields #6&8 and field #2 at Quigley-Sime as a joint project with Lakeville Baseball Association (LBA). Fourth, a contractor installed an in-ground irrigation system on the grounds and planting beds at the Veteran’s Memorial site, and a contractor and staff worked together to reconstruct a retaining wall at Antlers Park Beach. And finally, staff regraded a drainage swale by the parking lot and behind homes at Foxborough Park to improve drainage and address water issues on site.

The Park Maintenance Department provided high quality, safe and well-maintained parks, trails, playgrounds, skating and athletic facilities catering to all ages, youth through adults. Also, staff delivered excellent service to residents in an efficient manner when responding to their concerns. Over 105 miles of bituminous trails were maintained by either snow plowing or boulevard mowing or both. A professional turf management program was closely monitored and included timely applications of fertilizer and herbicide, as well as renovation and repairs to worn athletic turf and other areas. The department also completed numerous facility upgrades and general improvement projects, and provided daily maintenance to Antlers, Orchard Lake and Valley Lake beaches throughout the summer. The 2014 vandalism summary indicated there were 27 occurrences (up from 24 in 2013). Repair costs totaled \$9,350 including labor, a 26% decrease from 2013 (\$12,614).



King Park playground construction



King Park playground

## By the Numbers

Park properties .....	58
Designated conservation areas .....	20
Acres of park property .....	1,776.25
Miles of bituminous bike & pedestrian trails .....	103
Miles of natural surface trails .....	14.50
Acres of turf maintained.....	430
Baseball fields/grass infields .....	13
Basketball courts—full-court/half-court.....	3/18
Beaches .....	3
Boat launches.....	2
Buildings with restrooms .....	11
Fishing piers .....	4
Football fields .....	17
Grills .....	87
Horseshoe courts.....	2
Lacrosse fields.....	10
Parking lots—gravel/paved .....	9/35
Picnic shelters .....	22
Picnic tables.....	Approx. 340
Playgrounds.....	41
Rinks—hockey (6 are paved) total/active.....	11/9
Rinks—pleasure skating total/active .....	9/7
Soccer fields.....	48
Softball fields/skinned infields (25 are school) .....	60
Tennis courts .....	8
Trash barrels.....	Approx. 350
Volleyball courts.....	9
Volunteers for tree sale/volunteer hours.....	5/20
Adopt-A-Park volunteers (38 parks)/vol. hours .....	190/760

Other major facilities maintained: Central Maintenance Facility, Lakeville Area Arts Center, Heritage Center, Kenwood Trails Disc Golf Course and Ed Mako ELC

# Accomplishments: Park Projects/Improvements

## Athletic Facilities

- Infield reconstruction at King Park fields #6 & #8; and field #2 at Quigley-Sime
- King Park universal playground installation, trail construction and parking lot paving

## Trail Reconstruction/Overlay/Sealcoating

- Reclaimed section of trail on south side of 165th Street (Ipava Avenue to Kenrick) and overlaid trail on east side of Highview Avenue (175th Street to CSAH 46)
- 22 miles of trails were swept, crack-filled and fog sealed

## Miscellaneous Park Improvements

- Contractor installed in-ground irrigation system on grounds and planting beds at Veteran's Memorial site
- Contractor and staff reconstructed retaining wall at Antlers Park Beach
- Re-graded drainage swales by parking lot and behind homes at Foxborough Park to improve drainage and address standing water issues on site



Infield reconstruction at King Park field #6 and 8



King Park Field Bleachers



Tree installation at King Park



Laying out the fields



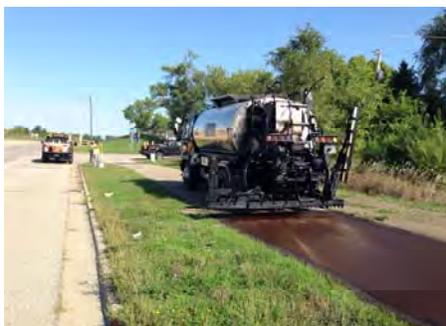
Herbicide application



Antlers Park retaining wall



Parking lot paving at King Park



Trail sealcoating and crack filling



Installed in-ground irrigation at Vets Memorial

# Accomplishments: Maintenance

## Athletic Fields

- Laid out, scalped and striped approximately 152 (84 summer, 68 fall) Lacrosse, soccer, baseball, softball and football fields
- Ballfield maintenance at King, Quigley-Sime, Aronson and Foxborough Parks
- Maintained nine irrigation systems throughout system
- Striped approximately 84 fields weekly during summer and 68 in fall season
- Laid out, striped and prepared hundreds of fields for dozens of tournaments throughout the year
- Installed Ag-lime and crowned/graded infield at Aronson Park fields #1-4
- Seeded worn areas on soccer fields at Foxborough, Rolling Oaks and Quigley-Sime Parks
- Installed base anchors/home plate at King and Quigley-Sime Park renovated infields

## Beaches

- Applied copper sulfate to three beach swim areas (prevents “swimmer’s itch”)
- Installed in spring and removed in fall “Swim Area” and “No Wake” buoys
- Tested water at all three beaches for coliform bacteria
- Dragged beaches on regular basis throughout summer months

## General

- Constructed wood and steel-frame picnic tables (20)
- Washed and painted 90 garbage barrels
- Weekly inspections at LOA and Veterans Memorial
- Activated all park buildings in spring
- Performed playground inspections and completed repairs
- Hauled excess black dirt from Cedar Avenue project for future use
- Contractor fog-sealed seven park parking lots
- Winterized irrigation systems, buildings and drinking fountains for season
- Installed holiday lights Downtown for lighting ceremony
- Contractor installed irrigation system at Aronson Park Veteran’s Memorial
- Repaired frozen and broken water lines at Parkview/ Steve Michaud buildings
- Removed carpeting and concrete floor section at Parkview building for contractor floor repair
- Installed new water softener at Ritter Farm Park ELC and water heater at Parkview
- Assembled and installed benches in new dugouts on fields #1-4 at Aronson Park
- Sodded sidewalk edges and cleaned up debris at Pioneer and Market Plazas



Baseball/ softball dragging



Playground repairs



District 1 tree trimming



Field Striping



Bio-barrier trail installation



Winterized irrigation systems

- Removed and salvaged hockey rink boards at Bunker Hill Park
- Replaced counter top in Michaud Park Men's Restroom
- Installed concrete and backfilled old window wells at Arts Center
- Removed/replaced maintenance gates at King Park fields #2&6 with concrete
- Installed donated flagpole at Miracle Field in King Park
- Installed memorial tree and bench at Ritter Farm Park and a memorial tree at King Park
- Repaired items in Quigley-Sime Park concession room per MDH inspection
- Replaced Shelter #2 table-top at Ritter Farm Park

**Landscaping/Forestry**

- Trimmed 1,015 trees and removed 113 in parks and along trails
- Took delivery and trimmed 200 trees for annual Tree & Shrub Sale
- Contractor and staff installed 52 trees throughout system
- Pruned shrubs and maintained planter beds in system
- Applied pre-emergent herbicide to ID signs and other landscape beds

**Rink Maintenance**

- Painted asphalt hockey rink floors white
- Repaired/painted rink fencing and hockey boards in

- preparation for skating season
- Completed night-shift operation to build ice at eight sites (16 sheets of ice)
- Painted red and blue lines and edged ice-ridge on rinks along boards
- Rebuilt goals for hockey season
- Took delivery of Greenridge and Highview Parks portable warming houses, setup and disconnected at finish of season
- Installed rubber flooring at Parkview and Prairie Lake Park buildings

**Signs**

- Repainted Park ID signs
- Installed and replaced numerous signs in system

**Trails**

- Applied Round-up on vegetation in cracks on trail system
- Swept over 22 miles of trails for trail sealcoating project
- Completed off-street trail maintenance
- Completed mowing operations with boom mower along trails for overgrowth and willow mitigation
- Completed snow removal operations on trail system

**Turf-related Maintenance**

- Applied fertilizer and herbicide to all athletic decks
- Over seeded multiple areas throughout system



Hockey rink repairs



Shrub trimming



Parkview floor replacement



Miracle Field flap pole installation



Trail maintenance



Weed control in planting beds

# Special Events

Park Maintenance staff prepared for and assisted with the following special events in 2014:

- Arbor Day Observance & Community Tree & Shrub Sale
- Downtown Holiday Lighting Ceremony
- Downtown Lakeville Business Association special events
- Farmers' Market (Wednesdays and Saturdays)
- Fishing contests (summer and winter)
- Fourth of July celebration
- Haunted Forest
- Heritage Center community auction
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
- Lake Marion Triathlon
- Lakeville Art Festival
- Memorial Day ceremony
- Miscellaneous runs/walks and fundraisers in the parks
- Pan-O-Prog events
- PDGA Amateur Disc Golf World Championship
- Prepared for over 50 youth athletic tournaments and camps, including several youth district/state tournaments
- Relay for Life special event
- Safety Camp
- Heritage Center special events and fundraisers
- Taste of Lakeville
- Watershed Cleanup Day

The City hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Tree & Shrub Sale in conjunction with Arbor Day on April 26. Trees and shrubs could be pre-purchased at a discount and picked up at the CMF. In total, 267 trees and shrubs were sold.

# Sentence to Service

Each year the Parks Department contracts with Dakota County, which administers the Sentence to Service Program, whereby the county provides work crews of non-dangerous criminal offenders the opportunity to perform unskilled labor. In 2014, the work crews worked 51 days accounting for 2,320.5 hours of labor and tended to various park projects including:

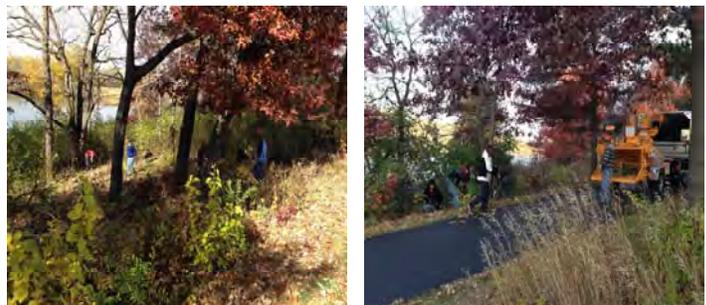
- Buckthorn removal at various parks
- Spread wood chips on haunted trail at Steve Michaud Park
- Scraped paint off hockey rink boards
- Laid sod at two baseball fields
- Spread mulch at Kenwood Trail Disc Golf Course
- Removed dead fish from Lake Marion
- Removed rock from flower beds at City Hall
- Removed understory in front of benches at Ritter Farm Park
- Widened walking trail at Ritter Farm Park
- Cut Willows away from path at Valley Lake
- Completed rain garden maintenance



Bench clearing at Ritter Farm Park

# Tree Trust

The Parks Department contracted with the Tree Trust organization, which provides area youth a useful work experience, which will assist them in obtaining future employment. In 2014, the group was in Lakeville for nine weeks completing the construction of a staircase and short retaining wall and installation of a bench at Kenwood Trail Disc Golf Course.



Buckthorn removal at East Community Park

# Parks Volunteers

Volunteers from various organizations assisted with projects throughout the park system. St. John's Lutheran Church Summer Stretch group removed weeds from a large landscaped berm in Valley Lake Park.

## Adopt-A-Park

Adopt-A-Park is a public service program for volunteers to pick up litter, identify safety hazards and communicate other issues associated with the park they have adopted and are keeping clean.

Thirty-eight parks and conservation areas are currently adopted by individuals or groups. In 2014, volunteers donated approximately 760 hours of their time to the program.

## Eagle Scout Projects

King Park—Constructed bleacher pads with Class V and timbers (Field #1)

Orchard Lake Beach—Stained gazebo and paint-stained and re-shingled information kiosk.



Eagle Scouts Project with King Park bleachers



# Forestry

The Lakeville Park Forestry Program had a number of accomplishments in 2014. Several planting projects, tree trimming, removals and other inter-departmental projects were coordinated and carried out. Responsibilities also included reforestation, park system-wide tree care and the following:

- Planted 52 trees (20 by contractor), pruned 1,015 trees mainly in District 3 along with the removal of 113 dead trees
- Maintained municipal tree nursery at Central Maintenance Facility
- Conducted annual Arbor Day Observance and Tree & Shrub Sale
- Worked jointly with other City departments on tree care issues
- Continued to participate in "equipment share" (i.e. tree spade) program with neighboring communities

- Continued to plant, prune, mulch and water trees along with other forestry tasks
- Staff attended tree care seminars, including tree inspector re-certification

## Tree City USA Community

The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the US Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes cities and towns across America that meet the standards of the Tree City USA program by effectively managing their public tree resources and encouraging the implementation of community tree management. At least half the trees in Lakeville are on public property. 2014 marked the 22<sup>nd</sup> year Lakeville has applied for re-certification and received this designation.

# Vandalism



Spray-painting at Foxborough Park



Portable restroom set on fire at Highview Heights



Men's restroom vandalized at Valley Lake Park

Antlers Park	09-21-14: Toilet paper dispenser removed and destroyed from wall .....	\$202
Foxborough Park	03-11-14: Spray-painted items on windows and sides of the building.....	\$309
Foxborough Park	07-15-14: Exterior windows broken, door-knob busted and fire extinguisher dispensed .....	\$1,551
Greenway	08-20-14: Railing broken off of boardwalk.....	\$423
Highview Heights	07-09-14: Portable restroom set on fire and destroyed .....	\$748
McGuire WH	02-14-14: North entry door frame broken from person(s) kicking door open.....	\$534
North Creek MHP	07-07-14: Trail on north side—fencing broken, graffiti on two signs, boulder moved .....	\$353
Oak Shores Park	04-09-14: Graffiti painted on two signs and backer board.....	\$287
Parkview	07-28-14: Window completely broken out.....	\$327
Valley Lake Park	06-07-14: Men's Restroom—motion light sensor hanging from the ceiling by a wire .....	\$584
Monetary value from above mentioned 10 vandal-related incidents (including labor costs) .....		\$7,333
Monetary value from 17 additional vandal-related incidents (under \$300) .....		\$2,017
<b>TOTAL .....</b>		<b>\$9,350</b>

# Park Facilities/Properties

Central Maintenance Facility.....	37.00 acres
Lakeville Area Arts Center .....	2.44 acres
Heritage Center.....	3.24 acres
Kenwood Trails Disc Golf Course .....	21.75 acres
<b>Parks .....</b>	<b>1,105.64 acres</b>
<b>Conservation Areas .....</b>	<b>468.03 acres</b>
<b>Greenways.....</b>	<b>138.15 acres</b>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1,776.25 acres</b>
<b>Paved trails.....</b>	<b>105.00 miles</b>
<b>Nature/grass trails .....</b>	<b>10.28 miles</b>

## Parks Acres

1. Antlers Park.....	12.00
2. Aronson Park.....	70.00
3. Bassett Park .....	0.75
4. Bracketts Crossing Park .....	1.00
5. Bunker Hill Park.....	10.00
6. Casperson Park & Boat Launch .....	40.00
7. Cedar Highlands Park.....	8.90
8. Chadwick Park .....	9.00
9. Cherryview Park.....	12.50
10. Dakota Heights Park.....	12.00
11. Dodd Marsh Park .....	27.37
12. Dodd Pointe Park.....	2.50
13. Dodd Trail Park.....	11.30
14. East Community Park.....	70.00
15. Fairfield Park.....	4.00
16. Fieldstone Park.....	14.00
17. Foxborough Park.....	27.00
18. Greenridge Park .....	10.00
19. Greenway Park.....	2.00
20. Highview Heights Park .....	10.00
21. Hypointe Crossing Park.....	2.00
22. I-35 Fishing Dock .....	0.25
23. Independence Park.....	6.00
24. James Jensen Park.....	3.50
25. Jaycee Park .....	3.50
26. Juno Trailway Trailhead.....	1.00
27. Kenmore Park.....	0.25
28. Kenreel Park.....	0.25
29. Kensington Park.....	10.00
30. King Park.....	50.00
31. Lakeridge Park.....	12.00
32. Lone Oak Park.....	0.50
33. Lynwood Heights Park.....	3.40
34. Marion Fields Park.....	5.15
35. Market Plaza .....	0.50
36. McGuire Soccer Park.....	8.00
37. Meadows Park .....	17.00
38. Oak Shores Park .....	23.00
39. Oaks of Lake Villa Park .....	9.82
40. Orchard Lake Beach .....	0.50
41. Orchard Lake Park .....	3.20
42. Parkview Park.....	11.00
43. Pioneer Plaza.....	0.50
44. Prairie Lake Park.....	9.67
45. Quail Meadows Park.....	10.00

46. Quigley Sime Park.....27.00

47. Ritter Farm Park.....	340.00
48. Rolling Oaks Park .....	12.00
49. Sleepy Hollow Park.....	4.00
50. Spyglass Park.....	4.20
51. Steve Michaud Park (FKA North Park).....	42.00
52. Stoneborough Park.....	7.18
53. Terrace Park .....	1.00
54. Valley Lake Park.....	42.00
55. Village Creek Park .....	23.02
56. Wayside Park .....	1.50
57. West Lake Marion Park.....	39.34
58. Wild Meadows Park.....	17.08

**TOTAL PARKS ACRES .....** **1,105.64**  
**(ACTIVE ACRES .....** **429.90)**

## Conservation Areas Acres

1. Cherryview Conservation Area.....	8.00
2. Dakota Heights Conservation Area.....	1.00
3. Daniels Conservation Area.....	6.39
4. Foxborough Conservation Area.....	56.00
5. Goose Lake Conservation Area.....	4.00
6. Great Oak Shores Conservation Area .....	26.68
7. Kachina Court Conservation Area.....	18.91
8. Knollwood Circle Conservation Area.....	1.44
9. Lone Tree Point Conservation Area .....	4.43
10. Meadows Conservation Area .....	10.00
11. Orchard Lake Conservation Area .....	32.70
12. Orchard Trail Conservation Area.....	26.68
13. Quail Meadows Conservation Area.....	14.04
14. Raven Lake Conservation Area .....	3.40
15. Rolling Oaks Conservation Area.....	3.00
16. Soberg Waterfowl Production Area.....	113.90
17. Spring Hill Conservation Area.....	3.13
18. Steve Michaud Park Conservation Area.....	98.00
19. Woodbury Conservation Area .....	26.00
20. Zweber Woods Conservation Area .....	10.33

**TOTAL CONSERVATION AREA ACRES.....** **468.03**

## Greenways Acres

1. Ipava Greenway .....	27.73
2. Lake Place Greenway .....	9.30
3. Mallard Shores Greenway.....	1.00
4. North Creek Greenway .....	9.39
5. Quail Meadows Greenway .....	8.60
6. Shady Oak Grove Greenway.....	1.38
7. South Creek Greenway.....	80.75

**TOTAL GREENWAYS ACRES.....** **138.15**

## Nature/Grass Trails Miles

1. Aronson (bridge to Hamburg) .....	0.18
2. Cherryview Conservation .....	0.25
3. Goose Lake/Stonebriar.....	0.40
4. Kabout Cove to Kanabec Trail .....	0.20
5. Raven Lake.....	0.18
6. Ritter Farm .....	8.60
7. Zweber Woods .....	0.47

**TOTAL MILES .....** **10.28**

# Recreation

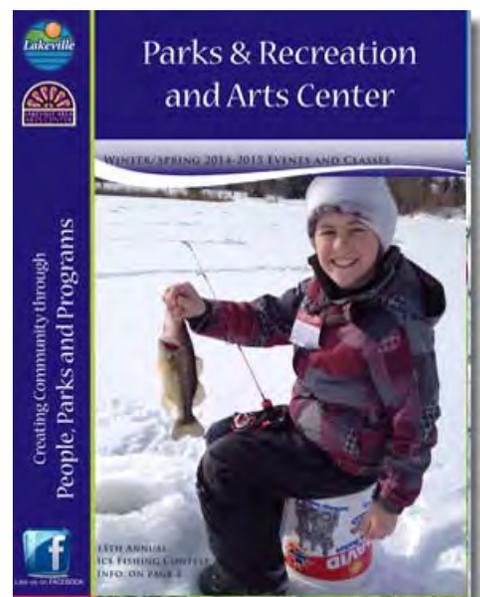
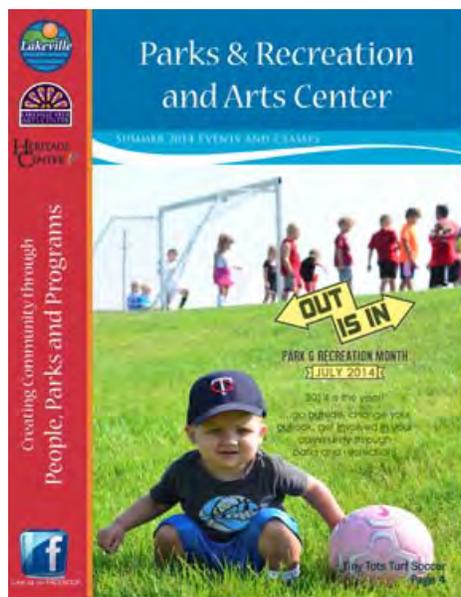
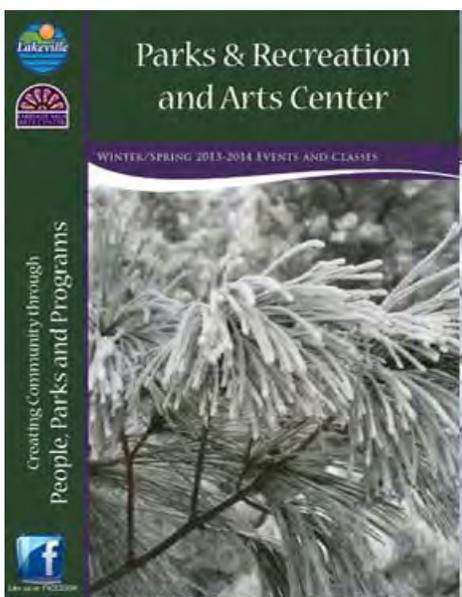
The Recreation Department continues to strive to meet the needs of the community—a combination which includes creative, innovative programming and managing a fiscally responsible budget. We feel the residents deserve nothing but the best and we strive to carry out the department’s motto, “Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs.”

## Accomplishments

- Creating Community Through People**  
 We collaborated with multiple organizations throughout the year including youth sports organizations, the school district, businesses, and residents including families, youth and seniors.
- Creating Community Through Parks**  
 The Recreation Department continued to accommodate the requests of scheduling park facilities: 552 facility reservations occurred at Antlers, Casperson, East Community, Ritter Farm and Valley Lake Parks. There were 25,692 bookings of fields and rink facilities during 2014.
- Creating Community Through Programs**  
 Department staff successfully coordinated the offering of over 400 programs/classes including several annual special events. We continued several traditional recreational programs throughout the year and professionally managed 50 seasonal staff who worked as program leaders, puppeteers and warming house attendants.

## By the Numbers

Recreation Department revenue.....	\$358,221
Registered recreation program participants.....	8,654
Of the 8,131 participants, registered online .....	33.6%
Brochure ads .....	32
Program participant highlights	
Discount tickets and MOA wristbands sold.....	430
Golf participants .....	162
Learn to Skate participants .....	532
Special event participants .....	5,231
Tennis program participants .....	160
Youth activities participants.....	1,024
Adult league teams.....	194
Adult league team participants.....	3,500
Puppet Wagon attendance.....	2,708
Seasonal staff .....	50
Volunteers for 13 events .....	270
Volunteer hours .....	850



# Special Events

Highlighted below are some of the special events, organized by department staff, that continue to be very popular and well-attended. Some may be old-time favorites, a first-time offering, or an event that has been offered for many years, but given a facelift.

## Event # of Participants

Easter Egg Scramble .....	101
Fishing contests (2) .....	375
Family Fun Fest.....	1,300
Haunted Forest.....	2,500
POP 4th of July fireworks ....	thousands
Pan-O-Prog Run.....	313

Pan-O-Prog Youth Play Day.....	1,000
Parent/Child Dance (SORR).....	250
Safety Camp.....	74
Santa letters & calls.....	96
Santa's Secret Store.....	500
Who Done It Hike .....	150



Passport to Paris—Daddy/ Daughter Dance



Easter Egg Scramble & Breakfast



Puppet Wagon



Ice Fishing Contest



Safety Camp



Tiny Tots Turf Soccer



Free Family Fitness



Horse Camp



Santa's Secret Store

# Facility Usage & Sports

There are a total of 141 different sport fields/rinks managed by the department. Staff processed 399 park and 11,066 field/rink reservations which generated \$32,266 in revenue (includes \$3,530 in field/rink light fees). Staff also assisted with, and prepared athletic facilities for 52 tournaments, camps and clinics. We estimate just over 12,000 youth participated in various athletic activities hosted at Lakeville park facilities. Additionally, staff continued to work closely with all three school districts, utilizing and scheduling outdoor athletic facilities to meet the needs of the community.

Lakeville is very fortunate to have such an active volunteer group of youth sports associations. In addition, the City also works closely with associations in Apple Valley, Farmington and Rosemount in scheduling field use within Lakeville's boundaries.

The following associations work closely with staff in the scheduling of all athletic fields in the City (both in the parks and the schools):

- Lakeville Baseball Association
- Lakeville Fastpitch Softball Association
- Lakeville Football Association
- Lakeville Hockey Association (outdoor ice)
- Lakeville Lacrosse Association
- Lakeville Soccer Club

## Outdoor Ice Rinks

In addition to Park Maintenance staff building and maintaining the ice, it takes 40+ attendants to staff the warming houses and provide a safe environment for the skaters. The 2013-2014 outdoor skating season was a very warm season. Seven warming houses were open an average of 55 days, and 21,587 skaters visited the rinks during this time. Average daily attendance ranged from 35 to 67 skaters, depending on location. Staff continues to work with the hockey associations from Lakeville, Apple Valley, Farmington and Rosemount in scheduling outdoor ice.

## By the Numbers

Park rental revenue .....	\$32,266
Field/rink light fee .....	\$3,530
Bookings for fields, rinks, etc. ....	11,066
Bookings for shelters at Antlers, Casperson, East Community, Ritter Farm and Valley Lake Parks.....	399
Park and school facilities scheduled for youth sports .....	36
Softball, baseball, soccer, lacrosse and football fields scheduled for field users.....	141
Tournaments, camps and clinics hosted at City of Lakeville facilities .....	52
Number of kids/ revenue in youth organized athletic programs (admin fee \$5):baseball, softball, soccer, football, and lacrosse .....	6,638, \$33,190
Skaters using Lakeville outdoor ice rinks .....	21,587



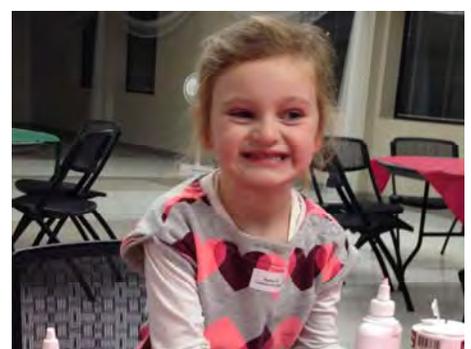
Programs at Ritter Farm Park — Dog Sled Rides, Winter Ritter-Fest, and SORR GPS Family Race



Haunted Forest



Mother/Son Lego Event



Cookies with Mrs. Claus

# Lakeville Area Active Adults

**Mission Statement:** The Lakeville Area Active Adults will strive to meet the recreational, social and educational needs of members age 50 and older in an enjoyable, inclusive and courteous environment.

In January, the membership of the “Lakeville Senior Citizens” at the Lakeville Senior Center officially changed to the “Lakeville Area Active Adults” at the Heritage Center to better reflect the members and location, as there are multiple tenants at the Heritage Center. Total membership in 2014 was 1,023 and 228 new members joined. It was a very successful year and the final amount to pay off the Heritage Center renovation loan from the City was presented to the City Council in December.

## Accomplishments

- Over \$73,000 was raised in 2014, achieving the total fundraising goal of \$277,860! Fundraisers included Pahl’s Market plant sale, Pan-O-Prog bazaar and bake sale, Summer Splash, golf tournament, two waffle breakfasts and bake sales, online auction and Metro Dining Card sales
- New programs in 2014 included Healthways Flex™ Fitness Classes (level 1 and 2), Pilates, Grandkids in the Kitchen, Scrapbooking, Machine Sewing Group, Jewelry-making, Lefse-making and a Holiday Open House
- Facility rentals and revenue increased in 2014, with many positive comments about the facility and staff
- Lakeville Senior Resource Coalition, of which we are a member, helped to organize a free informational seminar on long-term care in the spring and a free fall concert, both of which were very successful and well-attended
- Lifeline Screening held a screening event at the Heritage Center and had their best attendance ever, so they decided to move their other screenings to this location because of the great space available in the Heritage Room
- The Heritage Room is the new voting location for Precinct 1 (formerly located at the Art Center)
- A new Holiday Open House was organized by the advisory committee and it was very successful with 100 attending
- 15 trips were able to go because of new offerings and partnerships with other communities

## By the Numbers

Total membership .....	1,023
New members in 2014 .....	228
Lakeville resident members .....	84%/856
Non-resident members .....	16%/167
Female members .....	61%/624
Male members .....	39%/399
384 Lakeville single residents @ \$18/each .....	\$6,899
236 Lakeville couples @ \$34/each .....	\$8,024
119 Non-Lakeville singles @ \$30/each .....	\$3,570
24 Non-Lakeville couples @ \$60/each .....	\$1,440
Total raised in membership fees (Jan-Dec).....	\$19,933
Punch cards sold: 240-\$10/85-\$20 .....	\$2,400/\$1,700
Punch cards total sales (Jan-Dec).....	\$4,100
Facility rentals/bookings.....	241/1,974
Facility rental revenue.....	\$30,540
Average number of programs offered monthly .....	165
Annual member participation in all programs .....	9,782
Newsletter distribution.....	938
Newsletters mailed/emailed .....	680/258
New programs offered.....	9
Spring/Fall Waffle Breakfast attendance .....	651/518
Classic Voices & Red Hat Chorus performances .....	51
Lakeville Area Active Adult volunteers.....	206
Reception desk volunteer hours (Jan-Dec).....	1,988
<small>(Reception desk volunteers greet members, punch cards, work 4-hr. shifts)</small>	
Bread driver volunteer hours (Jan-Dec) .....	496



Outdoor and indoor exercise groups (Health Angels biking and yoga)

# Heritage Center Usage

## Weekly

- Line dance and tap dance classes
- Healthways Flex™ Fitness exercise classes
- Yoga classes/Zumba/Pilates
- Creative writing
- Computer support
- Chorus groups
- Card groups and table games

## Monthly

- Blood pressure checks
- Health insurance counseling
- Knitting and tatting
- Hearing screening

- Book club
- Photography classes/Scrapbooking
- Legal advice
- Foot care
- Singles and diners clubs
- Chair massages/nutrition education

## Annual

- AARP tax assistance (Feb.-April)
- Waffle Breakfast & Bake Sale (2)
- Lifeline Screening (2)
- Flu shot clinic (2)
- MN Night to Unite & K-9 Demo
- Pan-O-Prog Baby Crawl
- Pan-O-Prog Bazaar & Bake Sale

## Other

- Technology classes
- Large fundraisers (9)
- Lasagna dinners (2)
- Volunteer recognition luncheon
- Holiday open house
- Driver safety classes—2 per month
- Recreation programs
- Daytime, evening and weekend corporate and private rentals
- Yellow Ribbon veterans programs and special events
- Historical Society programs and special events



iPad class



TaylorMarie's fashion show & shopping event



A member and her daughter enjoy lunch



Lifeline Screening



Crafty! Scrapbooking, machine sewing and jewelry-making



Night to Unite & K-9 demo



Grandkids in the kitchen



Lefse-making



Men's golf league meeting



AARP tax assistance



Motorcycle group



Waffle breakfast fundraiser



Holiday open house

## Community Collaboration

The Lakeville Area Active Adults collaborate with the following organizations and businesses:

- Apple Valley Villa
- Choice Connections
- Community Cares Charity
- Cub Foods
- Dad's Belgian Waffles
- Dakota County
- DARTS
- Downtown Lakeville Business Assn.
- Family Fresh Market
- Fountains at Hosanna!
- Happy Feet
- HealthSource Chiropractic
- Hearing Aid Doctor
- Highview Hills
- Kingsley Shores
- Knights of Columbus
- Kwik Trip
- Lakeville Area Arts Center
- Lakeville Area Historical Society
- Lakeville Community Education
- Lakeville Fire Department
- Lakeville Knights of Columbus
- Lakeville Lions
- Lakeville Liquors
- Lakeville Heritage Library
- Lakeville Police Department
- Lakeville VFW
- Lakeville Yellow Ribbon
- Mainstreet Coffee Cafe
- Medicine Lake Tours
- Metro Dining Club
- Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
- MN Department of Health
- MN Highway Safety & Research Center
- MN Visiting Nurses Assn.
- Northmark Medical
- Pan-O-Prog Committee
- Premier World Discovery Tours
- Rascal's Catering
- Senior Coordinators in other cities
- St. John's Lutheran Church
- The Open Door Food Pantry
- Thrivent Financial
- Walgreens

## Community Service

The Red Hat Chorus and the Classic Voices Chorus performed a total of 51 times throughout the year at a variety of local residential and care facilities spreading joy and fun!



## Donations

Day-old bread donations received from:

- Lakeville Cub Foods—two stores
- Lakeville Starbucks—two stores
- Lakeville SuperTarget
- Lakeville Caribou Coffee

Food donations received from Community Cares Charity (through Oct.)

## Volunteers

The Lakeville Area Active Adults has over 200 volunteers throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities include: Advisory committee, bread drivers, telephone committee, reception desk, special event workers, library and program leaders/instructors.



Annual volunteer luncheon



**Parks & Recreation Department**  
*Enriching Life, Inspiring Community*