

*Lakewood's Annual*  
**Memorial Day**  
Celebration



**LAKWOOD**  
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# Memorial Day at Lakewood

Memorial Day is about coming together to honor and remember our fallen soldiers, and for many it serves as a day to reflect on everyone who is loved and missed. For over 25 years we have gathered as families, neighbors and friends, joining together in rain or shine, in-person and over video to celebrate this day of remembrance and reflection.

Bringing people together is what makes Lakewood so special. As you walk around the grounds today, we hope you will take special note of the beauty that is found when people gather to honor lives and mourn loved ones.

Along with today's Memorial Day ceremony, we invite you to explore our architectural treasures, uncover family history with the Minnesota Genealogical Society, write a postcard to a veteran, enjoy some refreshments and connect with others.

Thank you for choosing to spend the day with us. We hope today's ceremony and activities inspire you to honor, remember and reflect together today—and every day.



# Finding Your Way Around Today

## USE THE MAP IN THIS PROGRAM

Locate today's activities and some of Lakewood's key features and monuments of interest using the map on the following page.



[CLICK HERE FOR A DIGITAL MAP](#)

## EXIT AT THE 40TH STREET GATE

When you're ready to leave today, use the map in this program to find the 40th Street exit, which may be less congested than the front gates at 36th and Hennepin.

## HELP FINDING GRAVES

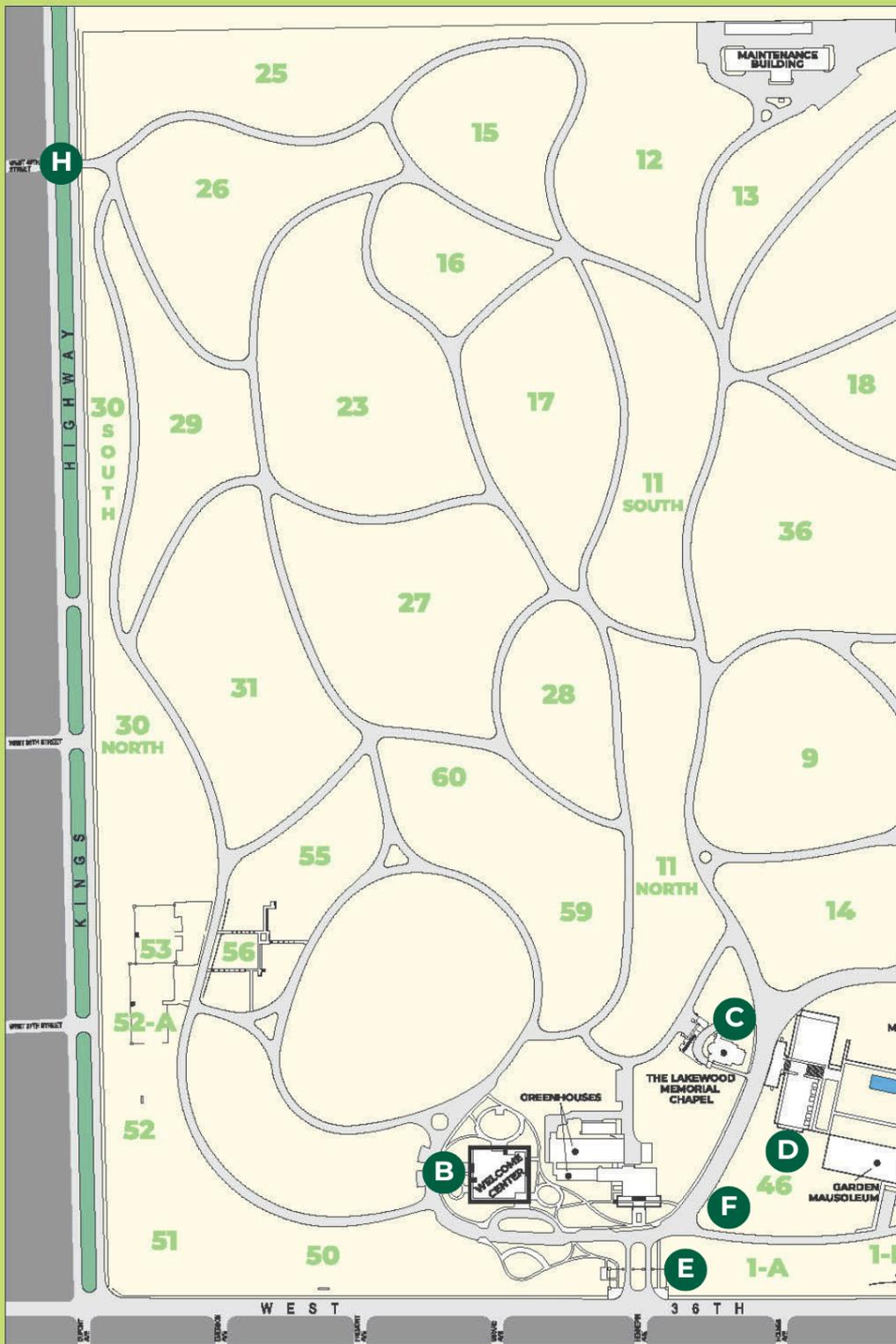
Locate graves and monuments using the Grave Search feature on our website. Visit [lakewoodcemetery.org/burial-search](http://lakewoodcemetery.org/burial-search).

In Grave Search, type a name. Click on "See Details" below the name, then click "Directions" for a dynamic route in Google Maps, or "Map" for a PDF map of the section.

You can also use the map in this program to locate our Welcome Center. Lakewood team members there can help you find graves, provide printed maps and answer any other questions you may have.

## RESTROOMS

Use the map in this program to locate outdoor restrooms. Indoor restrooms are available in all buildings.





## MAP KEY

- A** Ceremony, 10:30 a.m.
- B** Welcome Center
  - Refreshments*
  - MN Genealogical Society*
  - Postcards to Veterans*
  - Ribbons for Living Memory Tree*
  - General Information*
- C** Chapel
  - MN Community Sing (1 PM)*
- D** Living Memory Tree
  - Ribbons available in Welcome Center*
- E** Floral Bouquets (for sale)
- F** Floral Bouquet Holders
- G** Como-Harriet Streetcar Gate
- H** 40th & Dupont Exit
-  Outdoor Restrooms
  - Restrooms are also available in any of our buildings*

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RICHFIELD ROAD / EAST BDE MAKA SKA PARKWAY

BDE MAKA SKA



# What's New at Lakewood

## WATERSIDE

Along the south shore of our lake you'll find our new Waterside Pier, Memorial Monument and Terrace. This new space offers a tranquil setting for scattering ceremonies, memorialization, and contemplation, and provides new opportunities to connect memorialization experiences to nature.

- Host a peaceful and reflective ceremony for up to 25 people on the **Waterside Terrace**.
- Hold an intimate lakeside scattering on the **Waterside Pier**.
- Memorialize loved ones with a name on the new **Waterside Memorial Monument**.

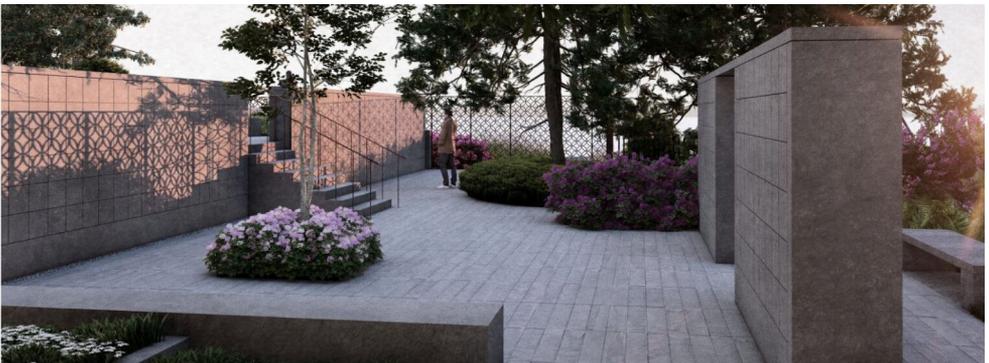


To learn more, visit [lakewoodcemetery.org/scattering](https://lakewoodcemetery.org/scattering).

## LAKEVIEW

Coming in fall 2025, Lakeview is a stunning new space overlooking Bde Maka Ska on the northwest corner of Lakewood. This beautiful new space will offer a variety of unique memorialization options with a one-of-a-kind view of the water.

To learn more, visit [lakewoodcemetery.org/places/lakeview](https://lakewoodcemetery.org/places/lakeview)



# The Lakewood Heritage Foundation



Since 1871, Lakewood has been recognized as one of the most beautiful cemeteries in America. The Lakewood Heritage Foundation was created to sustain this local treasure by supporting educational programming, and the preservation and restoration of Lakewood's landscape, art, architecture and public spaces—for the benefit of all.

## **PRESERVING OUR NATURAL LANDSCAPE**

After losing hundreds of ash trees to the emerald ash borer beetle, the Heritage Foundation and its donors have supported replanting Lakewood's tree canopy.

## **INSPIRING CREATIVITY WITH A NEW ARTIST RESIDENCY**

The Artist in Residence program engages local artists to create and share new original artwork with our families, visitors and community. The resident artists will create art drawn from their own experiences of the cemetery, using their creative practices to highlight new perspectives on Lakewood.

## **SUPPORTING A GROWING VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Thanks to the Foundation, the Welcome Team and Tour Guide program continue to grow with over 75 volunteers.

To learn more or make a donation to the Lakewood Heritage Foundation, visit [lakewoodcemetery.org/about/heritage-foundation](https://lakewoodcemetery.org/about/heritage-foundation)

# About Today's Ceremony

Lakewood extends our thanks to all ceremony guests and participants for joining us on this day of commemoration.

## **KARLA HULT, SPEAKER**

Karla Hult is an award-winning journalist for KARE 11, host of the “Hello Alzheimer’s” podcast, and founder of So Many Goodbyes — an organization that informs, inspires and affirms everyone touched by dementia, while also educating the greater community about this crisis.

## **KATE RADDATZ, VOCALIST**

Kate Raddatz has sung for the Minnesota Twins, Wild and Gophers, as well as at New York City’s Carnegie Hall. Kate is also the Vice President of Media Relations at McClung PR and a former Emmy Award-winning TV reporter with over 13 years of journalism experience—including nearly a decade at WCCO-TV.

## **MARY VIDAS, CELEBRANT**

An ordained celebrant, life tribute professional and interfaith chaplain, Mary is known for her quality of care, community engagement and compassionate service.

## **SHERWIN LINTON, PERFORMER**

Along with his 20 nationally charted records, multiple CMA and ACM nominations, his 2023 double CD set “Sunday Drives with Mom and Dad” was recognized with a Grammy nomination for Best Folk Album.

## **MINNESOTA FREEDOM BAND**

The Minnesota Freedom Band is a Twin Cities based, non-profit gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied concert, jazz and marching band. The band is committed to presenting quality performances, providing opportunities for its members to improve musicianship, and building relationships with each other and the community.

# Memorial Ceremony

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Chris Makowske, President of Lakewood Cemetery

Prelude .....	Minnesota Freedom Band
Welcome.....	Chris Makowske
Posting of the Colors .....	Color Guard
"To the Colors".....	Minnesota Freedom Band
Pledge of Allegiance .....	Audience
National Anthem .....	Kate Raddatz
Opening Invocation.....	Celebrant Mary Vidas
"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" .....	Kate Raddatz
General Logan's Orders .....	Ryan Hume
Address .....	Karla Hult
"Ragged Old Flag".....	Sherwin Linton
Closing Blessing.....	Celebrant Mary Vidas
Taps .....	Takako Seimiya Senn, <i>trumpeter</i>
Retiring of the Colors .....	Color Guard
"Retreat".....	Minnesota Freedom Band
Postlude .....	Minnesota Freedom Band

COLOR GUARD, FIRST MINNESOTA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

## AFTER THE CEREMONY

We hope you'll stay for our free activities. However, if you plan to leave immediately after the ceremony, please help us alleviate traffic congestion at the front gates by using the 40th Street gate to exit the cemetery. See the enclosed map for directions.

# Welcome Center Activities

See the map on pages 4–5 of this program for locations.



## **B** LAKEWOOD WELCOME CENTER

Visit us at the Lakewood Welcome Center. Team members are available to answer questions and assist with burial searches. All Welcome Center activities are from 11:30 AM - 3 PM.

### **Refreshments**

Enjoy free cookies and coffee courtesy of Lakewood in our Welcome Center. While you're there, explore this beautiful space and the surrounding gardens.

### **Postcards to Veterans**

Design and write a message of encouragement, thanks and support to a local veteran. These postcards will be delivered to a local veterans organization following the event.

### **Genealogical Research Support**

Get professional research tips and support from the Minnesota Genealogical Society volunteers.

### **Talk with a Lakewood Team Member**

Visit the Welcome Center on Memorial Day if you have questions about a marker or are interested in learning more about options at Lakewood.

# Memorial Chapel Activities

See the map on pages 4–5 of this program for locations.



## **C** LAKEWOOD CHAPEL

Explore the beauty of Lakewood's historic Memorial Chapel, on the National Register of Historic Places. Pick up a self-guided tour brochure to learn more about the architects, craftsmen and the symbolism behind the Byzantine mosaic interior, one of the best examples of this art form in the United States. The chapel will be open until 4 PM.

### **Community Sing in Chapel | 1-2 PM**

Join Minnesota Community Sings in the chapel for a community sing featuring songs about love, remembrance and reflection.

## **D** LIVING MEMORY TREE

Across from the chapel, you can find our Living Memory Tree.

Write a name or memory of someone you love and miss and tie it to tree in this creative and special community memorialization activity. Take a moment to reflect or read through names and memories that others have tied to the tree.

Biodegradable ribbons available in the Welcome Center.

# Today's Activities

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## E FLORAL BOUQUETS

Fresh floral bouquets for loved ones' graves are available for purchase at the tent near the front gates.

## F FLOWER HOLDERS & FLAGS

Flower holders and a limited number of small flags are available along the main road near the front gates, free of charge.

## G HISTORIC STREETCAR RIDES

Catch the [Como-Harriet Streetcar](#) on the western side of the cemetery near Bde Maka Ska. Enjoy a scenic ride to Lake Harriet and back along this historic transit line.

*Rides are \$3 per person round trip. Children under 3 ride for free. The streetcar runs from 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM today and leaves approximately every 15 minutes.*



# Self-Guided Veterans Tour



On this special day, as we come together to honor and remember our fallen soldiers, we want to share a tribute to the heroic men and women who served our country. In their honor, we've created a digital tour via Storymaps, highlighting a few of the stories of Lakewood's veterans, and several men and women who played a unique role in supporting American soldiers.

Access the tour here: [Veterans at Lakewood](#)



## Focus on the Seasons *Photo Contest*

Your Lakewood photos could star in our annual Focus on the Seasons calendar. Submit your high-resolution, horizontal photos to our seasonal contest. Eight semi-finalists will be chosen and Lakewood families and friends can vote for their favorite.

The top three vote getters from each season will be featured in the Lakewood calendar with photographer name credit. Winners also receive two tickets to a Lakewood event.

To learn more, visit [lakewoodcemetery.org/focus-on-the-seasons](http://lakewoodcemetery.org/focus-on-the-seasons)

# Featured Events

For over 150 years, Lakewood has served as a community gathering place. We continue this proud tradition by offering meaningful opportunities to explore grief and remembrance, and gather together with community here at Lakewood.



## LANTERN LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Friday, September 19 & Saturday, September 20

Admission is free | Lanterns are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door  
Gather with family, friends and community near Lakewood's private lake. The evening begins with time to decorate lanterns in memory of loved ones. Then, in a powerful display of community memorialization, we read names aloud as we set the illuminated lanterns afloat at sunset.

Visit [lakewoodcemetery.org/event/lantern-lighting-celebration/](https://lakewoodcemetery.org/event/lantern-lighting-celebration/) for details and links to register.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



### TOURS

Join us at Lakewood for a guided tour of the grounds. Walking tours and trolley tours are available throughout the year.



### MUSIC IN THE CHAPEL

Lakewood's Music in the Chapel series showcases an eclectic range of performers who appeal to diverse musical tastes, with an emphasis on local artists.

*Sign up for our e-newsletter or follow @lakewood on social media to be the first to know when tickets go on sale for popular events.*

# New Artist in Residence Program

Throughout its rich history, Lakewood has been a place of comfort, solace, and beauty that is shared with our families and the community, providing inspiration for many artistic ideas. As both an active cemetery and a cultural landscape, Lakewood is committed to providing new ways to honor, remember, and memorialize through a variety of mediums. Join us throughout the year for a variety of events, workshops, exhibitions and more - inspired by the beauty of Lakewood.



This year, Lakewood is honored to welcome four local artists to participate in this new program. The 2025 - 2026 artists are:



Andrew  
Grum Carr



Sarah M.  
Greer



R.J. Kern



Diana Eicher

The Artist in Residence program is sponsored by the Lakewood Heritage Foundation. Read more about the Heritage Foundation on page 7.

Learn more about the program and upcoming artist events at [lakewoodcemetery.org/air](https://lakewoodcemetery.org/air)

## THANK YOU FOR VISITING

We hope you enjoy your day and will visit Lakewood again soon!

## STAY IN TOUCH AND LEARN MORE

Join our growing community! Learn more about upcoming events and opportunities. Find us here:

- **Facebook** and **Instagram**: @lakewoodcemetery
- **Website**: lakewoodcemetery.org
- **Newsletter**: lakewoodcemetery.org/newsletter

Please note: Photographs will be taken at this event. By attending, you may be photographed and these photos may be used for promotional purposes.



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