



The Big Lake Wave

July/August/September 2016



When is Election Day?



Tuesday, August 9, 2016

State Primary Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

State General Election

Polls open at 7:00am and close at
8:00pm.

City of Big Lake Filing Period For Mayor/Council Seats

City of Big Lake voters will elect one (1) Mayor and two (2) City Council Members at the November 8th General Election.

Filing Opens on—TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

Filing Closes on—TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Affidavits of Candidacy will be available from the Big Lake City Clerk's Office starting
Tuesday, August 2nd

STATE PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

When voting at the Primary Election – The State, Legislative, and Federal Offices are arranged in partisan format. On the partisan formal ballot, a voter must vote for candidates of only one political party. Voting outside of a political party will result in a spoiled ballot. None of the votes cast on a spoiled ballot are counted. Voters must adhere to the instructions advising the number of candidates that votes can be cast for under each office. County and Judicial Offices are non-partisan positions on this ballot.

When voting at the General Election – Voters have the option to vote for any Office(s) and are not restricted to one political party. Voters must adhere to the instructions advising the number of candidates that votes can be cast for under each office.

Big Lake City Council 2016

Mayor

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Council Member

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Council Member

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Election (continued)

VOTING LOCATIONS FOR CITY OF BIG LAKE RESIDENTS

Precinct 1—BIG LAKE CITY HALL, 160 Lake Street North.

- ◇ All residents who live on the north side of Hwy 10, east of Lakeshore Drive and south of Hiawatha Ave.

Precinct 2—BIG LAKE PUBLIC WORKS BLDG, 18041 - 198th Ave.

- ◇ All residents who live on the south side Hwy 10.

Precinct 3—SARON LUTHERAN CHURCH, 311 Lake Street South

- ◇ Residents who live west of Lakeshore Drive and north of Hiawatha Ave.

Registering To Vote

- ⇒ You can now register to vote **ONLINE**. To register online, you must:
- Be eligible to register and vote in MN.
 - Provide an email address.
 - Provide your identification number (MN issued driver's license, MN Identification card, or provide the last 4 digits of your SSN).
 - <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us>
- ⇒ **Paper** Voter Registration Application forms can be filled out and mailed or delivered to the Sherburne County Auditor's Office located at 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, MN 55330.
- The last day to pre-register to vote for the State Primary Election is: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday July 19th.
 - The last day to pre-register to vote for the State General Election is: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18th.
- ⇒ New Registrations can also be processed on Election Day at all polling locations.

ABSENTEE VOTING

You can vote early by using an absentee ballot, instead of voting in person at the polling place on Election Day. You can vote absentee by mail, in person, or by having a person you know pick up and deliver your ballot for you. Any voter may vote absentee. Absentee ballots are available at the Sherburne County Auditor's Office. The Auditor's Office will be open extra hours for voting by absentee ballot. Please call 763-765-4351 for information on dates and times.

Dates Absentee Ballots Become Available

In 2016, ballots will be ready starting :

1. Primary Election—Friday June 24th
2. General Election— Friday Sept. 23rd

Military and Overseas Absentee Voting

Voters in the military and citizens living outside the U.S. use a different process to vote absentee. Access information from the MN Secretary of States Website at:

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=889>

Track Your Absentee Ballot

You can track the process of your absentee ballot with the absentee lookup tool at mnvotes.org. If you there is a problem with your ballot, election officials will send a replacement.

Dog Vaccination Clinic

DOG VACCINATION CLINIC City/Township of Big Lake

The 11TH Annual Big Lake Dog Vaccination Clinic will be held **Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Lions Community Park, 21960 County Road 5 (garage). Barrington Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Elk River, will provide vaccination services at this event.

All dogs must be on a leash. Only healthy dogs will be vaccinated. A Dog License is required to be eligible for the discounted vaccinations. The \$10.00 license fee is valid for the lifetime of the dog. City and Big Lake Township residents will be able to purchase a dog license on site the day of the event.

- CASH PAYMENT REQUIRED.
NO CHECKS, DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Vaccination prices for the *2015 clinic:
One year Rabies (\$10) Canine DHPP (\$16) Canine Lymes (\$29)

*PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE FOR THE 2016 CLINIC



Discounted prices are only good at the
Vaccination Clinic on the day of the event.

Contact Information:

City Hall Township Hall
763-263-2107 763-263-8111

Big Lake Police Department



Night to Unite-Police Community Picnic

August 2nd, 2016 the Big Lake Police Department will host our 4th Annual Big Lake Police Department Community Picnic at Lakeside Park. August 2nd is also the National Night to Unite event, which brings members of the community together to build relationships and unite against crime. The fun begins at 6:30pm, with a range of activities taking place to include;

- BLPD Police Officers and Reserve Officers on hand to visit and ask questions of, plus take a tour of our newest squad cars.
- Mark Hedstrom SpinningSound Entertainment will be providing music and entertainment.
- Air inflated bounce tent, slides, and other activities for the kids.
- Adults can take a tour on our simulated impaired driver course using a golf cart and “drunk goggles.”
- Meet members of the Big Lake Fire Department and CentraCare Emergency Medical Services, and take a tour of their vehicles and equipment.
- Register to win a variety of prizes generously provided by our local businesses and other sponsors.
- And most importantly, eat on us and enjoy a beautiful evening at Lakeside Park with your community neighbors. Food will be prepared by members of the Big Lake City Council and The Legacy Foundation.



This is an awesome opportunity for us to connect with our community, and you in turn to interact with us. Please plan to attend this awesome event. As always I welcome discussion and feedback about how we are doing in the community, or just the opportunity to visit with our citizens.

Chief of Police: Joel D. Scharf - jscharf@biglakemn.org

Miscellaneous

City Offices Closed in
Observance of these
holidays:

Monday, July 4
Independence Day

Monday, September 5
Labor Day

For Music in the Park **Free Parking**

DATE:	BAND
June 2nd, 2016	Rockin' Hollywoods
June 9th, 2016	Diamond Back
June 16th, 2016	Lady Luck
June, 23rd 2016	Drop Tailgate
June 30th, 2016	Shane Martin
July 7th, 2016	Platinum FM
July 14th, 2016	Outside Recess
July 21st, 2016	Band 51
July 28th, 2016	Brooke Lynn
August 4th, 2016	Bob and the Beach Combers
August 11th, 2016	2 Mile Final
August 18th, 2016	Georgia Clay
August 25th, 2016	Brat Pack Radio



BIG LAKE BLOCK PARTY

September 10th, 11 a.m.—4 p.m.
McPete's Sports Bar and Lanes
590 Humboldt Dr., Big Lake.
\$5 per person at the door.

For more information, check out our
Facebook page: Big Lake Chamber of
Commerce or go to
www.biglakechamber.com



Farmers Market

Code Enforcement



The Big Lake Farmer's Market is every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at Lakeside Park through September 28th. The market's vendors are providing various crafts and food items such as salsas, pickles, jellies, lemonades, fruits, vegetables, honey, and much more. There will also be

live, local, acoustic musicians performing each Wednesday at the market.

Parking is free and so is the entertainment! Come on out and support your local farmers and artists while making memories with your family/friends that will last a lifetime!

We are currently recruiting new vendors for the market. If you have a hobby that you want to share with your community and are interested in becoming a vendor, contact Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org or 763-251-2984.

Music:

- July 6 - MoeDeLL
- July 13 - Beau Lastavich
- July 20 - TBA
- July 27 - Sunny VanBrocklin
- August 3 - Eddie Danger (Kid's Day)
- August 10 - Four Legg Fish
- August 17 - Rich and the Resistors
- August 24 - Sunny VanBrocklin
- August 31 - Billy McLaughlin
- September 7 - MoeDeLL

See Click Fix

Report an issue on
SeeClickFix



The City of Big Lake has kicked off a new complaint program called SeeClickFix. SeeClickFix is a communications platform for citizens to report non-emergency issues and for the city to track, manage, and reply--ultimately creating a stronger community through transparency, collaboration, and cooperation.

There are 4 ways you can report an issue using this platform:

- City of Big Lake Facebook Page
- City of Big Lake Website – Code Enforcement Tab
- Download the mobile app on Apple iTunes Store or Android Google Play Store
- Call in to City Hall at 763-251-2971 – Trisha: Code Enforcement Contact

Complaint forms will continue to be available online and at City Hall.

The SeeClickFix application will provide a user friendly option for Big Lake residents to report an issue. When reporting an issue, you must create a log in username and password. **The complaints will be anonymous as long as you choose the option, 'report anonymously'.**

If you have any questions regarding SeeClickFix, feel free to call Trisha at City of Big Lake 763-251-2971 or email tindahl@biglakemn.org.

Business Spotlight

Live Stream

Paragon Store Fixtures, Inc.

Paragon Store Fixtures is a manufacturer of handcrafted fixtures for retail locations. They create and enhance the brand of the store experience with custom fixtures that help their customers stand out among the crowd. Environments Paragon has enhanced include: flagship stores, high-end boutiques, salons & spas, office buildings, restaurants, hotels and casinos. Paragon, proud to be a Made in the U.S.A. manufacturing company was established in Big Lake in 1995 and will be celebrating 21 years of business this October.

As a proud member of the Big Lake business community, Paragon believes in giving back. They not only donate materials to local churches and libraries but also run a sustainability program which reduces waste and energy consumption at every level of the company.

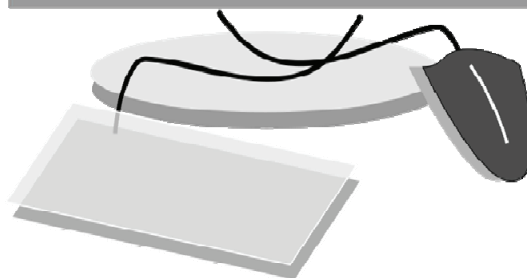
Employees of Paragon have longevity within the company, which proves that employees are given incentive to stay. Paragon is always looking for and welcoming new talented team members.



NEW

Live Stream Viewing is now available on the City Website for all City Council Meetings! Citizens are now able to watch LIVE Council Meetings as they are happening.

Visit the City Website at www.biglakemn.org and click on the "Big Lake Channel 180" tab on the Home page.



Big Lake Fire Department

With summer in full swing and outdoor activities being enjoyed by all, our Fire Department would like to offer two important safety topics to discuss with family members and friends.

Outside Flammables

This is prime time for outdoor cooking whether this is using a gas (propane) or charcoal grill. Please keep in mind some of the risks associated with both. Maintain a minimum of 10 feet from combustibles, house siding, Deck railings, and Patio furniture. If using a charcoal grill, deposit used coals into a metal container and add water make sure the coals are out cold before placing into your plastic garbage cart these burn very easily and have started many structures on fire. Never put used coals in a cardboard box or paper bag and place in your garage. Never grill indoors as the combustion creates large amounts of carbon monoxide and can be fatal. Please do not use flower pots or flower planters for an ash tray as these may contain peat moss which can easily start on fire when conditions are right with the risk of fire spreading to combustibles and or a building structure.



Fire Chief Paul Nemes

763-263-3456

Swimming

Water activates are all around us. This can be a pool at home or on a natural body of water. Please don't over estimate your swimming ability and don't leave young children unattended around water.

Updates:

The Fire Department will be seeking people for paid on-call fire fighter positions as the department loses members to retirement. Look for hiring ads later this summer.

The men and women of the Big Lake Fire Department want you to have a safe and enjoyable summer and we want to thank the community for their continued support.

Public Works Department

DON'T FLUSH IT DOWN THE DRAIN

There are two main items that cause issues with the Big Lake Wastewater System when flushed down a toilet: Disposable Wipes and Grease.

Disposable Wipes:

As the disposable wipe market has grown, the challenges associated with them at the wastewater system have increased. Disposable wipes used in changing diapers, personal hygiene and house cleaning cause major problems when flushed down the toilet. Because they don't break down the way toilet paper does, these wipes clog pumps and screens, homeowner's and municipal sewer pipes, also cause shutdowns and puts stress on the City's wastewater collection and wastewater treatment equipment. The stress due to disposable wipes

cause the City to spend time and money on premature equipment repairs and replacement. While these products are called "flushable" or "disposable", they are far too thick and fibrous to break down and/or pass through the wastewater system. If you are going to use these products, just throw them into the trash.



Grease:

When grease washes down the sink it sticks to the insides of the pipes that connect your home or business to the City sewer. It also coats the insides of the City's sewer pipes. Eventually, the grease can build up until it completely blocks sewer pipes. Grease will also build up in tanks and equipment at the wastewater treatment plant. Combined, these create difficult and expensive maintenance problems for both the City and private property owners. Blocked sewer pipes can cause raw sewage to back up into your home or business. Garbage disposals don't keep grease out of sewer pipes. Products that claim to dissolve grease may dislodge a blockage, but will only cause problems further on down the line when the grease hardens again.

Grease and disposable wipes are a big problem for the wastewater system. But there are other things that should never enter the sewer system because they can also block pipes, cause mechanical problems at pump stations or treatment plants, and pollute the environment.

Basically, the only thing you should ever flush down a toilet is human waste (urine and feces) and toilet paper.

Great River Regional Library

July, August, & September events at the library:

The 2016 Summer Reading Program “Read for the Win!” is from June 13 to August 13 for ages 0 to 12

July 1-31: Library Scavenger Hunt (for little ones to age 6)

July 1-31: Quest for the Gold (for ages 6-12)

July 1-31: Mystery of the Missing Torch (for teens)

Monday, July 11, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Minute-to-Win-it Olympics (for ages 10-16)

Wednesday, July 13, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.: Recycled Robots (for ages 5-12)

Monday, July 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Kids Travel Journal (for ages 6-11)

Thursday, August 4 & 18, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.: Make-N-Take Thursdays (for ages 3 to 8)

Monday, August 8, 3:30 -5:00 p.m.: Game Afternoon for Teens (for ages 10-16)

Monday, August 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Kids Canvas Book Bag (for ages 6-11)

Monday, August 15, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.: 1000 BB4K Graduation Night

Thursday, August 4 & 18, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.: Make-N-Take Thursdays (for ages 3 to 8)

Fridays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:30 – 11:00 p.m.: Friday Storytime (for ages 0-5)

Monday, September 26, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Author Talk/Writing Workshop with Judy Baer

Join Derek Anderson, author and illustrator of *Ten Pigs: An Epic Bath Adventure*, for a one-of-a-kind show! A Legacy-funded program! Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Families with youngsters.

Some of our programs require preregistration, so please call us at 763-263-6445 or sign up at www.griver.org/events.

Upcoming: “Teen Read Week” in October!



Municipal Liquor Store

Updates:

- During the month of May, Lake Liquors installed new vinyl flooring. Ray’s Carpet of Big Lake installed the luxury vinyl tile. Every bottle on the shelving was dusted so future clean up will be much easier and quicker.
- **Lake Liquors will be open July 4th 9 am - 4 pm**
- Lake Liquors is a proud sponsor of Music in the Park and Spudfest.
- Please check out our new web page at www.lakeliqorsmn.com
- When planning your summer events, be sure to order your kegs and large quantities of liquor a week in advance.



- Like us on Facebook to receive information about our “Happy Hour” tasting every Friday night.
- Please remember our weekly discount days.
 - Mondays—10% discount to senior citizens 62 or older.
 - Tuesdays—10% discount on wines
 - Wednesdays—10% discount on cordials
 - We also offer 10% discount on case buys of liquor and wine.



If you have any questions, please contact Jan or Lisa at the liquor store at 763-263-3673 or by emailing Jan at jmuehlbaur@biglakemn.org or Lisa at lmiller@biglakemn.org

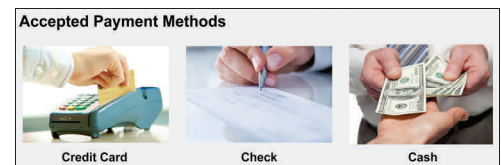
Water and Sewer Payments

LAWN IRRIGATION

- Please keep in mind, that if you have been watering your lawn this summer, your water bill will reflect the increase in water usage.
- If you would like to estimate how much your bill may increase by watering your lawn, check your water meter before an irrigation cycle, and again after the cycle. This will provide an estimate of gallons of usage.
- Each 1,000 gallons cost \$3.89.



CITY OF BIG LAKE NOW ACCEPTS PAYMENTS ONLINE



We are excited to announce that residents can now make eCheck payments through our Web Store on the City of Big Lake Website! Residents can make payments online from any computer, laptop, tablet, phone, etc., any time of the day.

Additional forms of payment include any credit or debit card issued by Discover, VISA and MasterCard.

Payment will be processed on a secure site, powered by Payment Service Network (PSN). Visit www.biglakemn.org to learn more about our new online payment processor.



1-877-885-7968

Finance Department



While the summer months can be a relaxing and leisurely time for many, the summer season is when the City's Finance Department really kicks into high gear. As we move into July, our staff starts looking forward to 2017 and beyond; we're preparing preliminary budgets, examining the City's Capital Improvement Plan, and thinking about investment opportunities. If you're not familiar with the City's annual budget planning process, we encourage you to reach out to staff and attend our budget workshops during the summer and fall months. We want to hear your opinions about service levels and spending choices, and we'd like the opportunity to respond to your concerns. The City's website will be updated throughout the summer with information regarding upcoming budget workshops. We hope you'll take some time to join in the conversation and get involved. See you there!





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Big Lake, MN 55309

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Events

Transportation



MOVIE IN THE PARK
Friday, August 26th
Movie starts at
Dusk (approx. 8 p.m.)
**LOCATION:
LAKESIDE PARK**
(Movie will be cancelled if inclement weather)

CAST:
Rob Schneider, Heather Graham, Bill Nighy, Colin Mounsey, Gabriel Iglesia, and Zachary Gordon.
Lions Gate Films; Rated PG; 86 minutes; 2016

CITY OF Big Lake

A Big Lake Community Event Jointly Partnered by:
**The City of Big Lake –and–
The Sherburne Wright Cable Commission**

Things to Bring...
Blankets • Chairs • Warm Clothes • Items to pass the time (balls, Frisbees, etc.) • Your Appetite (concessions will be for sale).

This movie is brought to you by the financial support of the following sponsors:
**Big Lake American Legion
Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary
Big Lake Knights of Columbus
Big Lake Spud Fest**

FREE

FEATURING...

NORM NORTH

**Watch your City Government Channels at:
Cable: Channel 10
Weather: Channel 11**

A Special THANK-YOU to the Sherburne Wright Cable Commission for providing the movie screen and equipment at no charge!

Dial-a-Ride Bus Service Now available for all Big Lake Residents

- Tri-CAP dial-a-ride transit service is available to any city resident at the same low price. Rides are available from 9:30 AM to 2:15 PM, Monday-Friday. You can set up your ride by calling 320-251-1612. Tri-CAP asks that residents call to set up their ride at least one day in advance to guarantee their ride but they understand that situations arise and they work hard to accommodate same-day requests whenever possible. Special pricing is available for parents travelling with small children. Up to two children age 5 and under can ride for free and up to four children (of any age) can ride for half price when riding with parents. The Tri-CAP bus is also a good way to move a large group for a special outing, maybe a birthday lunch with Frisbee golf at River Oaks Park?
- In addition to the dial-a-ride service, Tri-CAP provides a limited amount of special excursion trips with a pick-up location in Big Lake. Big Lake Residents can enjoy lunch outings to Monticello on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month and lunch outings to Elk River on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Tri-CAP also schedules a mall shopping event on the 3rd Thursday of the month that brings Elk River and Big Lake residents to the Crossroads Center in Saint Cloud. Tickets for the special excursion trips are just \$3.00 (each way) per person.
- For more information or to set up your ride, contact Tri-CAP at 320-251-1612. More information can also be found online at www.tricap.org.

Tri-CAP INC.
TRI-COUNTY ACTION PROGRAM
Helping People. Changing Lives.

- Don't have a car at the moment?
- Have a medical appointment?
- Have a teenager moping around and don't have time to drive them?

LOOK NO FURTHER!

For just \$1.25 (one-way), Tri-CAP can get you from Point A to Point B anywhere in the city.

Tri-CAP dial-a-ride is a "door-to-door" service, meaning they pick you up right at your doorstep and drop you off right at your destination.

Hours

Monday – Friday
9:30 AM – 2:15 PM

Big Lake City Hall

Address: 160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN 55309

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Web: www.biglakemn.org

Facebook: City of Big Lake, Minnesota