



The Big Lake Wave

July/August/September 2018

2018 Election Information

Election Dates:

- ⇒ State Primary Election: Tuesday, August 14, 2018
 - ⇒ State Government Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
- Poles open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 pm.



City of Big Lake Filing Period for Council Seats

City of Big Lake voters will elect two (2) City Council Members at the November 6th General Election.

Filing Opens on—Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Filing closes on—Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be available from the Big Lake City Clerk's Office starting Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

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 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 under each office.

Big Lake City Council 2018

Mayor	Council Member	Council Member	Council Member	Council Member
Raeanne Danielowski	Dick Backlund	Seth Hansen	Duane Langsdorf	Mike Wallen
763-263-3801	763-260-0371	763-262-6282	763-263-7867	763-286-3842
rdanielowski@biglakemn.org	dbacklund@biglakemn.org	shansen@biglakemn.org	dlangsdorf@biglakemn.org	mwallen@biglakemn.org

Election Information (cont.)

Voting Locations for City of Big Lake Residents (see map to the right)

Precinct 1— Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake St North.

Residents who live on the north side of Hwy 10, east of Lakeshore Drive and south of Hiawatha Avenue will vote at Big Lake City Hall (located at the intersection of Hwy 10 and 25).

Precinct 2— Big Lake Public Works Building, 18041—198th Avenue.

Residents who live on the south side of Hwy 10 will vote at the Big Lake Public Works Building (located by the water tower site along Hwy 10).

Precinct 3— Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street South.

Residents who live west of Lakeshore Drive and north of Hiawatha Ave will vote at Saron Lutheran Church.

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 pm, Tuesday, July 24th.
- The last day to pre-register to vote for the State General Election is: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 16th.

⇒ 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 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.

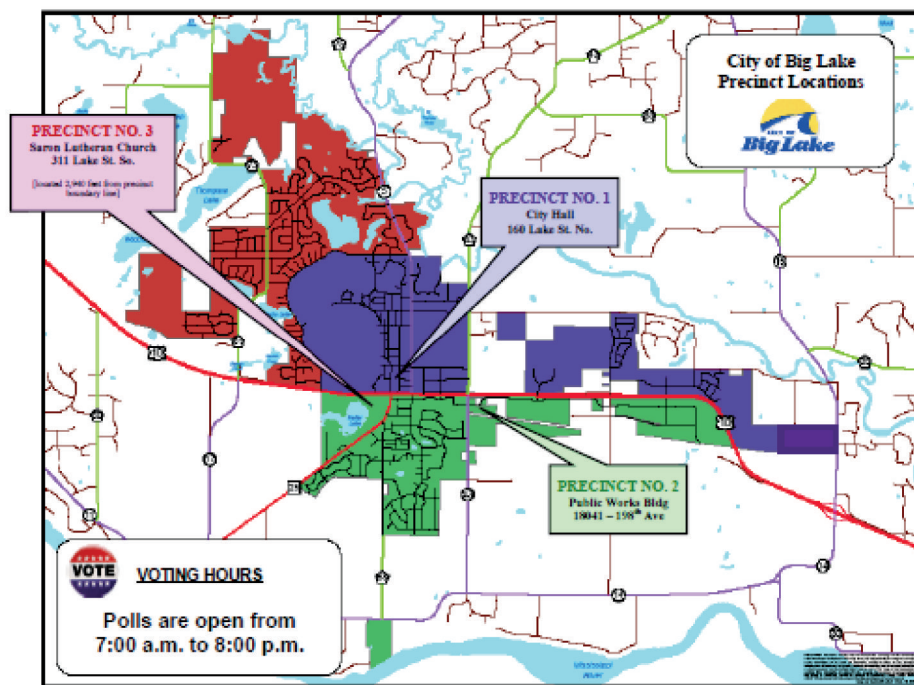
Dates Absentee Ballots Become Available: Absentee ballots are available 46 days before an election. In 2018, ballots will be ready starting June 29th for the Primary Election; and September 21st for the General Election.

Military and Overseas Absentee Voting: Voters in the military and citizens living outside the United States use a different process to vote absentee. Access information from the MN Secretary of States Website at: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-from-military-or-abroad/>.

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

Election Precinct Map

CITY OF BIG LAKE RESIDENTS Locate Your Polling Place!



Municipal Liquor Store

Holiday Hours:

- ⇒ Wednesday, July 4th 9 am - 4 pm
- ⇒ Monday, September 3rd 9 am - 4 pm (Labor Day)

Updates:

- ◇ At the April Food Drive, Lake Liquors collected a total of 420 pounds of food for the Big Lake Food Shelf.
- ◇ Lake Liquors is a proud sponsor of Music in the Park, Spudfest, and many other summer activities and fundraisers. All profits from the store are poured back into the Big Lake community. Thank you for your support.
- ◇ When planning your summer events, be sure to order your kegs and large quantities of liquor a week in advance.
- ◇ We are planning to install new shelving in the store at the end of June. We apologize in advance as we are moving things around to provide a better selection and shopping experience for our customers. Please ask staff if you can't find something or have a new item request.
- ◇ Please remember our weekly discount days: (Not valid on sale or discontinued items)
 - * Mondays—10% discount for seniors 62 or older
 - * Tuesdays— 10% discount of wines
 - * Wednesdays— 10% discount on cordials
 - * We also offer a 10% or more discount on case buys of wine or spirits.



10%
off!

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

Big Lake Police Department

Night to Unite –August 7th, 2018

Night to Unite is a national event utilized to symbolize a community's resolve to fight crime together. The strongest tool we have as a police department, is working in partnership with our residents to combat crime, and report suspicious activity. Many of our citizens tips, result in significant arrests and cases being solved. With this effort, the night is used to bring the community together to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships.



For the past 5 years, the Big Lake Police Department has coordinated a community wide picnic event at Lakeside Park to mark Night to Unite. With this event, we have fielded consistent requests to visit block club parties being hosted in neighborhoods to celebrate this night. Because all our resources have been in the park, we have been unable to attend local block club parties to any significant degree. This year we are going to make a change moving away from the one large celebration and returning to the original layout of Night to Unite, the block club parties. For those who have made this request yearly, I want you to know your concerns were heard.

This year, we are asking neighborhoods to come together for this night. Take the lead, plan an event for your neighborhood, and bring your neighbors together for this awesome night. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbor and your Big Lake Police Department, allowing us to build partnerships which work hand in hand. Our entire department will be in for this event, we will be attending all block club parties that come together.

Captain Sam Olson will be coordinating Night to Unite for our department. If you are going to hold a block club party, please contact him and let him know the location, times, and what we can do to assist you with this event; solson@biglakepolice.com, 763-251-2986. Our citizens are our eyes and ears to what's taking place in Big Lake regarding criminal and suspicious activity. Please take the opportunity to bring your neighbors together to take this to the next level.

BLPD Phone Number: 763-251-2996



Chief of Police: Joel D. Scharf
jscharf@biglakepolice.com

Public Works Department



The City of Big Lake Public Works Department has found a diamond wedding ring in the sanitary sewer system and is looking for its owner.

The ring was found during a routine sewer line cleaning. The ring could have entered the sewer system by a few different avenues; washing down a floor drain, shower, bathtub, swimming pool, sink, washing machine, or toilet system. The location in town where the ring was found indicates it came from a residential neighborhood.

If you have any information or have lost such a ring, please call Public Works Director Mike Goebel at 763-286-8010. **Please be prepared to describe the ring in detail.**

Big Lake Fire Department

Recreational Fires and Cooking Grills

Summer season is upon us now and a common activity is to have a “bon-fire” or recreational fire in your back yard with friends and family. Keep in mind, the fire cannot be larger than three (3) feet in width and three (3) feet high. Have water to extinguish and **only natural wood can be burned.** Please make sure your fire is out cold and place any coals/ash in a steel container with water. Do not place it in a plastic garbage can. Residents who live in multi-family dwellings/apartment buildings that have a deck, you are not allowed to use a propane or charcoal grill or wire screened fire pits.



Fire Chief Ken Halverson
763-263-3456

Update

The Big Lake Fire Department has had a busy 2nd quarter. There has been a lot of personal injury accidents involving cars vs. motorcycles. We would like to remind our community to look out for motorcycles.

Upcoming events include:

- ◇ The Annual BLFD Relief Association Dance will be held on Saturday, August 18th 8:00 pm to 12:00 am. The Shane Martin band will be playing. There will be food and beverages available for purchase and several prizes to be raffled off. Must be at least 21 years old to attend.
- ◇ The Annual Fire Prevention Open House will be held on Sunday, October 7th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Big Lake Fire Hall. We are very pleased to announce that retired firefighter, Pete Ahrens, has graciously agreed to grow pumpkins to be given away as done in previous years. There will also be demonstrations and exhibits during the open house. All are welcome!

Miscellaneous

City Offices Closed in
Observance of these
holidays:

Wednesday, July 4
Independence Day

Monday, September 3
Labor Day

Music in the Park
****Free Parking****

Date	Band
06-07-18	Rockin' Hollywoods
06-14-18	Thrillbillies
06-21-18	The Plott Hounds
06-28-18	Monroe Crossing
07-05-18	2 Mile Final
07-12-18	Bob & the Beachcombers
07-19-18	CherryGun
07-26-18	Shane Martin
08-02-18	The Castaway's
08-09-18	Outside Recess
08-16-18	Lady Luck
08-23-18	The Band That Fell To Earth



BIG LAKE BLOCK PARTY

August 18th, 1 pm–5 pm
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



Building Department

Are you thinking of doing some work to your home or property? Make sure to call the Building Department at 763-251-2971 or visit your City website www.biglakemn.org to see if the work you are doing needs a permit. Below are lists of some work that require permits:

- Roofing
- Siding
- Windows
- Doors
- Fireplace
- Furnace
- Air Conditioner
- Water Heater
- Water Softener
- HVAC or Plumbing remodel
- Basement Finish
- Addition/Porch
- Demolition
- Garage
- New Construction
- Sheds (any size and material)
- Excavation/Filling
- Deck
- Parking Pads
- Driveway
- Fence
- Pools/Hot Tubs (exceeding 18 inches in depth)
- Patios
- Temporary Structures
- Land Alterations
- Lawn Irrigation

Code Enforcement



It's Summer! That means there are plenty of baseball games, trips to the lake, and lawn care to do. It's easy to loose track of your lawn during these busy months, but don't be a pro'grass'tinator! Make sure your lawn stays in compliance with the City's Long Grass and Weed Ordinance before a neighbor complains.

510.02 A Nuisance. Any weeds or grass growing upon any lot or parcel of land, including the lands between the curb line of the street or alley and the property line of private properties to a height greater than one foot, or which are about to go to seed, are hereby declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the health, safety and good order of the City; excluding storm sewer holding ponds, storm sewer drainage areas, surface water drainage areas, wet lands, shoreline vegetation, nature preserve and other unplatted property.

Business Spotlight

BP Athletics



Located in the Big Lake Industrial Park, you will find BP Athletics. BP Athletics is Big Lake's very own sporting goods retailer! They are the largest Baseball/Softball specialty store in Minnesota. BP Athletics is partnered with Big Lake Youth Baseball and supports local families by offering a discount on purchases. In addition to baseball and Softball equipment, apparel, footwear, and accessories, they also carry Rollerblades, mouth guards, sports medicine products, and more.

BP Athletics is family-owned and was established in 2009. Most of their business is serviced via e-commerce through their website at www.bpathletics.com. Customers can also stop by at the BP Athletics headquarters located at 19916 Industrial Drive, Big Lake, MN 55309 to check out all of the merchandise displayed in their store.

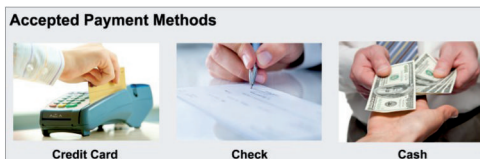
Water and Sewer Payments

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.
- Each 1,000 gallons cost \$4.09 up to 6,500 gallons and \$5.11 over 6,500 gallons.
- We do not meter your sewer. Sewer usage is based on the average amount of water you use during the months of November through April.



CITY OF BIG LAKE ACCEPTS PAYMENTS ONLINE



Residents can 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 online payment processor.



Pay by phone
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 2019 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!



Dated Material

Postmaster: Time Sensitive Mail

Events

Do you have broken or damaged items lying around the house? Instead of throwing it away, fix it!



**Big Lake
Fix-It
Clinic**



Do you have a broken sewing machine, drill, or phone? Does your jacket need mending? Let our knowledgeable volunteers help you fix it! Free guided assistance is available! First come, first served. All ages welcome! Please bring any tools or supplies that might be helpful. No oversized items. Items must be small enough to carry. This is a family friendly event and open only to Big Lake residents.

**Thursday, July 12th, 2018
3:00 – 6:00pm**
City of Big Lake Community Room, next to City Hall
160 Lake Street North

Examples of what to bring: Toaster, small stereo, jewelry, radio, sewing machine, lamp, toys, curtain/linens, blender, small furniture, fan, printer, coffee maker, etc.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you have skills in electronics repair, computer repair, sewing, wood working, or general tinkering? We need volunteers to help others repair items. Call or email Katie Stelzner at 763-307-6040 kstelzner@biglakemn.org for more information.



FREE FREE
FEATURING...
Movie in the Park
Friday, August 24th
Lakeside Park
Activities from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Movie starts at Dusk (Approx 8:15pm)
Food by Rocket Concessions
In the event of inclement weather, activities will be canceled.

All Children dressed in their favorite Disney Costume will receive a free ice cream treat!

Local Food truck onsite!
ROCKET CONCESSIONS

DOO WOPPE BOONCE HOUSE!
Big Lake Ambassadors
Page Painting

Tommy Guyer's Petting Zoo:
Bunnies, Chicks, Ducks, Rabbits, Goats, Pigs, and More!

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

Thank you to our Sponsors:
Big Lake Knights of Columbus
Big Lake Spud Fest
Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary
Climb Theatre
Kwik Trip of Big Lake

A Special thank you to Sherburne Wright Cable Commission for providing the movie equipment at no charge! Watch your City Government Channel Channel 180.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR!
City of Big Lake, MN



Citizens and Business Leaders are invited to join Mayor Raeanne Danielowski for coffee and casual conversation to exchange information and discover ways to work together to improve Big Lake and enhance the quality of life for all who live and work here.

Bi-Monthly, Mayor Danielowski will serve as your host for Coffee with the Mayor events.

- ENJOY SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS
- RECEIVE CITY UPDATES
- DISCUSS ISSUES/CONCERNS
- ASK QUESTIONS
- OFFER COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
- All while enjoying a fresh cup of coffee and a snack!

Please take the time to come out and help Big Lake become the best that it can be! There is no charge to attend these events. All are welcome!

HELD THE 2nd SATURDAY IN THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at:
Coborn's Deli
711 Rose Drive, Big Lake, MN

DOG VACCINATION CLINIC
City/Township of Big Lake

The 13TH Annual Big Lake Dog Vaccination Clinic will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 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 two (2) years. City and Big Lake Township residents will be able to purchase a dog license on site the day of the event.

Vaccination prices for the 2018 clinic:
One year Rabies (\$10) Canine DHPP (\$16)
Canine Lyme's (\$30)



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

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




Do you want to learn how to protect your community and the environment?

- June 27th – What is Sustainability?
- July 11th – Sustainability in the Home
- August 1st – Caring for the Community

Sign Up: 763-262-2523 or ce@biglakeschools.org
Classes are held at Independence Elementary Community Education Room

Big Lake City Hall

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

Phone: 763-263-2107

Web: www.biglakemn.org

Facebook: City of Big Lake, Minnesota