



The Big Lake Wave

April/May/June 2015

It's Almost That Time of Year Again...

Welcome Back Big Lake Farmer's Market!



Come and join us at the Big Lake Farmer's Market on opening day, Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015, from 3-7 p.m. at Lakeside Park. Our market is open every Wednesday until September 30th. We have 12 confirmed vendors for the 2015 Season, with more vendor applications pending.

Our vendors are offering fresh and delicious items, such as healthy fruits and vegetables, colorful cut flowers and perennials, herbs, homemade jellies, salsa, breads, pickles, granola, pies and handmade crafts. We will also have a great selection of chicken, beef, and eggs.



Farmer's Market food tastes better, simple as that. But that's not the only reason you should start hitting up your weekly market as much as you can. Whether you care about your health or the health of the planet, there are dozens of reasons to support local farmers. When you buy local foods from your Farmer's Market, you're supporting less-toxic food production and could even save a farm or two, all while getting the best-tasting food you can find!

Access additional information on the Big Lake Farmer's Market at 763-263-2500, from social media, or on the City Website at www.biglakemn.org



2015 Farmer's Market Vendors (As of mid-April)



Bob & Judy's Farm Market
Cat Tail Farm
Dan Hunz Farmz
Diamond City Bread
Grace's Goodies
L.V. Garden

Linda Bergsten
Luanne Fedor/Trish Lahr
Mary Ann Peterson
Our Gang Concessions
Virginia Jensen
Warnke Farm

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Building Permit Information

Deck, Fences and Docks - Permits Required

Decks

- Require approval of a building permit;
- Must be drawn on a survey, aerial photograph, or site plan in the proposed location, to be submitted with the permit;
- Are required to meet the same setbacks as the principal structure on the lot – generally, these setbacks are 5’ or 10’ from the side property line and 30’ from the rear property line;
- May not be built over utility easements; and
- Do not typically count as impervious coverage on a lot.

Fences

- Require approval of an administrative permit;
- Must be drawn on a survey, aerial photograph, or site plan in the proposed location, to be submitted with the permit application;
- Are allowed as far forward as the front building line of your house or attached garage;
- May be built on the property line - make sure you aren’t digging post holes in your neighbor’s yard - although the City reserves the right to require fences to be placed outside of utility or other easements;
- Must face outward, meaning the “good” or non-structural side is what is seen from other properties; and
- May be up to 6’ in height.

Docks

- Do not require a permit;
- Must be set back 10’ from the side property line; and
- Any portion of the dock below the ordinary high water level of the lake is regulated by the County and/or Department of Natural Resources.

Do I Need a Building Permit to Build a Shed?

The answer to this common question is both “YES and NO”....

The type of permit depends on the size of the shed you are looking to add. Buildings 200 square feet or smaller require a ZONING permit. The purpose of a zoning permit is to assist the homeowner in locating where a small garden shed can be placed in the yard. Which zone you are located in will dictate where the building can be set in relation to property lines and the house. A permit application and site plan is required to apply for this smaller shed.

On the other hand...

Buildings larger than 200 square feet require a building permit. State Code requires this size building meet the minimum standards of the code including a “non-combustible floor”. Generally speaking, wood framed floors are not permitted in this size building. When applying for a shed greater than 200 square feet, the applicant must submit a permit application, two complete sets of plans including a section detail drawing, and a site plan showing the location of the proposed shed. These plans would need to also show the elevations of the structure. City code also requires the shed match the existing house.



As with any projects around the house, if you have any questions feel free to contact the Building Official at 763-263-5440.

Big Lake Spud Fest (June 25th - 28th)



**The Carnival
Runs All
4 Days!**

The Big Lake Spud Fest was born here in 1972. The founders of the festival were looking for a means to provide funds for summer youth recreation programs and an event for Big Lake and surrounding areas that promoted a strong sense of community and sharing.

Some events planned for this year are:

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 – Spud Pub Crawl

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 – FAMILY NIGHT with a Spud Derby and Spud Talent Contest

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 – Pork Dinner by the Big Lake Knights of Columbus, Softball Tournament, Face Painting by the Big Lake Ambassadors, Bingo, Beer, Live music by GOOD FOR GARY and last but not least FIREWORKS by Northern Lighter Pyrotechnics at dusk

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 – Softball Tournament, Spud Run Motorcycle Ride, PARADE, Bingo, Beer, Big Lake Ambassador Coronation, and Live music by OUTSIDE RECESS!

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 – Softball Tournaments, 8K Lakes Run & 1 Mile Fun Run, Potato Pancake Breakfast by the Big Lake Lions Club, Smitty's Amateur Fiddlers Contest, Bingo, Beer, and the Kid Power Pedal Pull

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH THIS COMMUNITY EVENT? VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

To get more information, to volunteer or to register for any of these events go to www.biglakespudfest.com or join the facebook group Big Lake Spud Fest.

Miscellaneous Information

City Offices Closed to Observe Holidays



Monday, May 25th
Memorial Day

Friday, July 3, 2015
Independence Day

Movie in the Park Friday, June 12th



Lakeside Park
Movie Begins at Dusk!

FREE * FREE * FREE

Music in the Park Thursdays all Summer!



Big Lake Police Department

Junk and Blight

As we move into the summer months, the Big Lake Police Department will be implementing a new program aimed at targeting junk and blight in our neighborhoods. The Big Lake City Council has laid a very clear vision for these issues to be addressed in a more formalized manner. Over the past 5 years, dealing with these types of violations had fallen to the wayside with staff reductions during the recessionary period we experienced. This year, a new program will be implemented that will flow in the following manner. The City of Big Lake has been divided into 11 sections, every section is assigned to an Officer to be their dedicated “neighborhood” for addressing these issues in. Every Officer from the Chief down has an area assigned to them, so this is truly a department wide program. We currently have an intern within the department who has driven every street in the City, looking for, photographing, and documenting problem areas. From this point, the area of concern will be assigned to the responsible Officer, who will serve a 15 day notice on the property owner and work with them to address the violation. Some problems are very minor, others very extensive to correct. It is the goal of the department to work with property owners to correct outlined problems, versus moving to formal court action.

Typical problems which the department will be addressing for correction include:

- **Vehicles and trailers parked on lawns and other non-approved parking pads.** City Ordinance requires vehicles and trailers be parked on concrete, asphalt, block, or other approved parking spaces only.
- **Inoperable, unregistered, or junk automobiles.** Vehicles kept outdoors must be driven at least every 30 days, display current MN registration, and be in operable condition.



- Campers, boats, snowmobile and other trailers, parked on non-approved parking pads, beside homes, or in backyards.
- Accumulation of debris, including but not limited to, junk, construction, vehicle parts, and machinery.



- **Vacant lots:** Vacant lots used for storage of above listed items, with or without permission from the owner, for camper/boat/trailer storage, overflow vehicle parking, and storage of other items are a violation. All uses of vacant lots must adhere to City Ordinance.

Violations listed above are encompassed by City Ordinance, and fall as a misdemeanor level offense. If Officers are unable to effectively work with property owners/responsible parties, their last option will be to issue a summons to appear in court for a hearing. All communities work to address these types of violations. Failing to do leads to a continued degradation of our neighborhoods, and a reduced quality of life for affected residents. Please take a few minutes to look at your property to see if any of the issues outlined above are present. Additionally items found in violation may be abated as a nuisance, and removed from the property at the property owner's expense. If you have any questions, please contact the Big Lake Police Department.

Police Chief Joel Scharf
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Big Lake Fire Department

Fire Chief Message

The Big Lake Fire Department would like to highlight Fire Prevention recommendations during the spring and summer months:

Outdoor Maintenance

This is the time of year for spring cleanup and outdoor maintenance on your house or out buildings. We want to remind you if this involves the need to use an extension ladder, always look for over-head obstructions...especially over-head power lines. This may be the last thing you do if you are to make contact with over head wires.

Grilling Precautions

We recommend a minimum of 10 feet clearance between any gas or charcoal grill, and your house or deck railing when in use. Please do not place the coals in a cardboard box or in a plastic garbage cart. They should only be placed in a steel container with a cover and disposed of when completely cooled.



Bonfire Recommendations

Please be responsible if having a recreational fire. We recommend not to exceed 36 inches in diameter, and 24 inches in height. Keep track of children...burns are very painful and scars never go away. Have a water hose on hand to extinguish hot embers when finished. Remember...you can be held responsible if the fire gets out of hand and causes damage to your property, or to a neighbors property.



Structure Fire Warning

Citizens are urged to use care when disposing of used cigarette products. Three of our most recent house fires were caused by people disposing of these types of products into outdoor flower planters that contained organic potting soil. These containers were all located on wooden decks. All three fires caused severe damage to the dwellings.

On behalf of the Big Lake Fire Department, thank you for your continuing support and have a safe summer.

Fire Chief Paul Nemes
763-263-3456
biglakefire@biglakefd.org



**Big Lake Fire
Relief Association's
Annual Dance!
SAT., AUG. 1st**

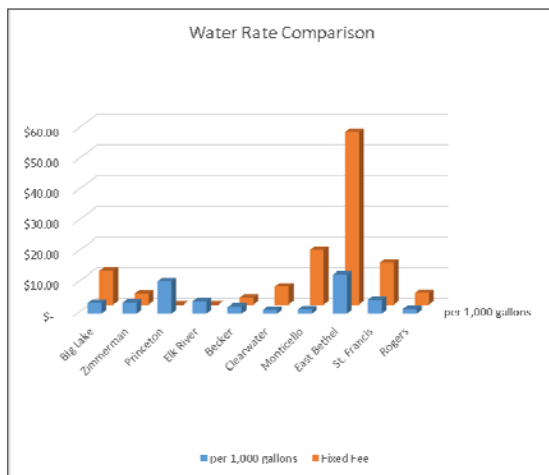
Finance Department

Water and Sewer Rates and Services

One thing that is for certain, water and sewer bills in the City of Big Lake have risen over the past few years. With that fact, often times there is little understanding amongst our residents and businesses why this has occurred. To begin with, here is an overview of the facilities in the City of Big Lake. These facilities are often unnoticed, but play such a crucial part of our everyday lives.

- Our **Municipal Water Treatment Facility** was constructed in 2006 at a cost of \$8 million dollars. This plant currently treats all of the water utilized in the City by our residents and businesses. An average of 4.8 million gallons of water per day with a maximum capacity for 5.7 million gallons is treated for use.
- Our **Waste Water Treatment Facility** was constructed in 2011 at a cost of \$15.5 million dollars, this facility treats all sewage generated within our community. Of significant challenge to all communities, are treatment standards for wastewater set by The State of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Our prior plant was in a position to not meet these standards if not replaced. Every year, all aspects of water treatment set by MPCA become more stringent; these costs fall directly on the City of Big Lake as an unfunded mandate, and is in turn reflected in utility billing.

Both of these facilities were constructed to meet MPCA Standards and with the future needs of the community in mind, foremost residential and growth. Over the past couple of years, the bond payments on the debt for these facilities have come due. That creates substantial costs, which are paid from water and sewer fund revenues, thus reflected in the rates our residents and businesses see on their bills.

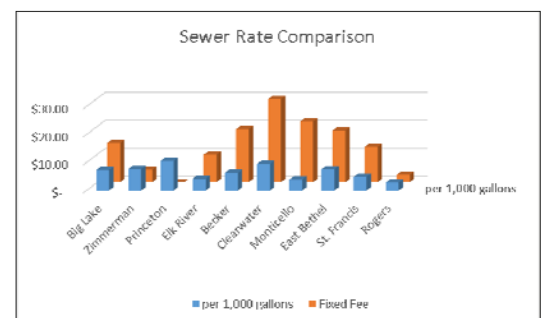


Big Lake sits in a unique position. While we are making payments on a significant amount of debt for our facilities, we have new and compliant facilities in place, that have the capacity to take us well into the future. Several communities surrounding us are currently struggling with projects we have already completed, as they struggle to meet MPCA Standards and accommodate growth. The City of Big Lake is in a position to offer ample water, and wastewater treatment capacity to prospective industries, and continued residential growth.

To put in perspective what we often take for granted, here is an analogy from a recent Big Lake Resident's water bill: *This household has 3 family members, with average water usage needs. Their total water bill for a recent month was \$49.98, for 11,600 gallons of water which equates to; 4.3 cents for 10 gallons use, .43 cents per 100 gallons used, \$4.30 per 1,000 gallons used, or \$49.98 for the 11,600 gallons utilized. Now, if you went to a local convenience store to purchase bottled water for use it would cost you about; \$13.70 for 10 gallons, \$137.00 per 100 gallons, \$1,370.00 per 1,000 gallons, or \$15,892.00 for that same 11,600 gallons our family utilized.*

While increases in water and sewer rates generate valid scrutiny from all, including your elected officials, they are necessary to fund these operations, meet state mandates, and pay the debt associated with these two facilities. The City of Big Lake has undertaken a water and sewer rate study that evaluates how rates are distributed to residents and businesses. This rate study will be presented to council later this year, and anticipated to be implemented in 2016 with a desire to ensure costs are distributed equitably to all users.

Charts included with this article illustrate our water and sewer rates in comparison to several other communities in our region. There are several factors that can affect rates for both sewer and water. Some communities use a fee structure with no, or a reduced base charge with higher per gallon charges, while others do the opposite or fall somewhere in the middle. As always, if you have questions about City of Big Lake Sewer and Water Rates, please contact a staff person from City Hall to assist you at 763-263-2107.



Finance Director Deb Wegeleben

Water and Sewer Payments

Water and Sewer Payment Options

- Payments may be made by check, cash or credit/debit card in person at Big Lake City Hall.
- Mail a check to Big Lake City Hall at 160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN 55309.
- Drop your check off at our drop box located on the Lake Street side of our north parking lot.
- Make a credit/debit card payment on our website at: www.biglakemn.org – Click on the “Visa/Mastercard” logo, then choose the “Utility Payments” tab. Please **do not** use the Accounts Receivable tab to make water payments.
- Set up a bill-pay account with your bank. Please use 160 Lake Street North as the mailing address and the 13-digit account number that is located in the lower left corner of your postcard statement. Please **do not** use your old 9-digit account number. It is no longer valid.
- Use our “AutoPay” system. Your payment will be automatically deducted from your checking account on the 10th of every month. You will be required to fill out an AutoPay Authorization form and provide us with a voided check.



Municipal Liquor Store

Lake Center Liquors Activities

- Lake Liquors will be hosing a Wine and Craft Beer Tasting for the Sea Devil's Swim Team. The event will be held on Friday, April 24th at the Friendly Buffalo Event Center.
- Just a reminder...plan in advance for your spring and summer celebrations. Any kegs that you may want should be ordered a week in advance.
- Lake Side Park passes are available at the liquor store. This means you can purchase your pass after city hall business hours and on Saturdays.
- Congratulations to Lake Liquors who was named “BEST LIQUOR STORE” for 2015 in the Monticello Times Readers Choice Awards!



- Watch for details again this summer for the Michelob Golden Light “Celebrate Your Lake” contest. Voting is done via Facebook.



- We will continue to schedule tasting events. “Like” us on Facebook to receive our tasting schedules.



Consumer Confidence Report

2014 City of Big Lake Drinking Water Report

The City of Big Lake is mandated (required) to send out by US Postal Service, a detailed Drinking Water Report annually. Previously, the City was required to publish the report in the local newspaper. Once the City's population exceeded 10,000 residents, the requirement changed to sending the report out by mail. The report is being included in this edition of the City Newsletter which is mailed to all City residents and businesses. In the future, this information will be sent out annually in the 2nd Quarter edition of the newsletter.

City of Big Lake

PWSID: 1710002

2014 Drinking Water Report

The City of Big Lake is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2014. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

Source of Water

The City of Big Lake provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: six wells ranging from 178 to 230 feet deep, that draw water from the Mt.Simon-Fond Du Lac, Mt. Simon, Mt.Simon-Red Clastics, and Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifers.

The Minnesota Department of Health has made a determination as to how vulnerable our systems' source(s) of water may be to future contamination incidents. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa.

Call Big Lake Public Works Department 763-263-2268 if you have questions about the City of Big Lake drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2014. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

Key to abbreviations:

MCLG—Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MCL—Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MRDL—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

Consumer Confidence Report, (Continued)

MRDLG—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

AL—Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile Level—This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

pCi/l—PicoCuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

ppm—Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

ppb—Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

N/A—Not Applicable (does not apply).

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2014)	Average/Result*	
Alpha Emitters (pCi/l) (04/16/2013)	0	15.4	N/A	4.9	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (ppm) (04/06/2011)	2	2	N/A	.07	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1-1.2	1.13	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	0	60	4.4-5.3	5.3	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10.4	10.4	3.6-5.8	5.8	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
THM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	0	80	12.9-15.4	15.4	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 parts per million is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	****	*****	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.1-.7	.63	Water additive used to control microbes.

****Highest and Lowest Monthly Average.

*****Highest Quarterly Average.

Consumer Confidence Report, (Continued)

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm) (07/25/2013)	1.3	1.3	.37	0 out of 20	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb) (07/25/2013)	0	15	1	0 out of 20	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Big Lake is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.

Monitoring for unregulated contaminants as required by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rules (40 CFR 141.40) was conducted in 2014. Results of the unregulated contaminant monitoring are available upon request from Cindy Swanson, Minnesota Department of Health, at 651-201-4656.

Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Big Lake Clean Up Day Form (Cutout and Bring to Clean Up Day)

Annual Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

TOWN OF BIG LAKE, ORROCK TOWNSHIP, & CITY OF BIG LAKE ONLY (Bring Proof of Residency)

Location of Collection Center: 20150 166th St., Big Lake Township Maintenance Bldg.

COMPLETE FORM & CHECK BEFORE REACHING GATE

You can pay for your items with Cash OR Check

Make Checks Payable to "Town of Big Lake"

Please Circle Where You Live

BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP ORROCK TOWNSHIP CITY OF BIG LAKE

ADDRESS:

NOTE: First TWO FREE - of \$4 car or truck tire

CAR & TRUCK TIRES ☐ X \$4.00 Each = \$ _____
SEMI TRUCK TIRES (20") ☐ X \$6.00 Each = \$ _____
TRACTOR TIRES ☐ X \$7.00 Each = \$ _____

DEHUMIDIFIERS, DISH WASHERS, DRYERS, FREEZERS, FURNACES,
HUMIDIFIERS, MICROWAVES, RANGES/STOVES, REFRIGERATORS,
WASHERS, WATER HEATERS, WATER SOFTENERS.

Quantity of Appliances _____ X \$10.00 Each = \$ _____ Total

AIR CONDITIONERS _____ X \$15.00 Each = \$ _____

AMMONIA GAS REFRIG. & A/C. _____ X \$25.00 Each = \$ _____

TELEVISIONS, STEREOS, COPY MACHINE, ALL-IN-ONE MACHINE,
FAX, VCR, DVD, _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____
COMPUTER CPU/TOWER, _____ Quantity _____ Each _____ Total
COMPUTER MONITOR, _____ of Electronics
COMPUTER PRINTER _____

NOTE: First ONE FREE - Stuffed Furniture item.

BOX SPRING, MATTRESS, LARGE CHAIR, RECLINER, SOFA

Quantity of furniture _____ X \$3.00 Each = \$ _____ Total
CARPET, CARPET PAD (limited amount) _____ NO CHARGE

BATTERIES _____ NO CHARGE
SCRAP IRON & OIL FILTERS _____ NO CHARGE
PROPANE GAS CYLINDERS _____ NO CHARGE
SMALL ENGINES _____ X \$5.00 Each = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED

-ENGINES Must be completely drained of oil & gas with all drain plugs pulled
and fill caps removed.

-SNOWMOBILES must have seats, tracks, hoods removed before entering the gate.

-TIRES must be removed from all lawn mowers, bikes, trailers, motorcycles, etc.

ALL TIRES MUST BE OFF RIMS

LOAD your vehicle so oil filters can be removed first, followed by auto batteries,
tires, general waste then scrap metal. Appliances and Electronics are last.

PLAN TO UNLOAD YOUR OWN ITEMS - VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE
TO ASSIST YOU.

THESE ARE THE GATE PRICES-NO OTHER PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED
PRICES APPLY.

NO OVERSIZED ITEMS ALLOWED - I.E. SLIDE IN CAMPERS, BOATS, TRAILERS, TRUCK TOPPERS.

MATERIALS NOT ELIGIBLE OR ACCEPTED

Cardboard or other curbside recyclables.
Household (9v, AA, AAA, C or D) batteries OR Appliance(phone) batteries.
Engines containing fuel and/or oil.
Commercial Construction or Demolition Materials.
Household Garbage.
Pressurized Tanks.
Oil, Oil Containers or Chemical Drums.
Fluorescent Light Bulbs.
Commercial Business Equipment.
Weed & Bug Killers.
Oil Based Paints, Stains or Solvents.
Liquid Latex Paint in Containers.

---NO COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS --- RESIDENTS ONLY---

---QUESTIONS: CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK AT 763-263-8111---



160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage
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Permit #32324
Twin Cities, MN

Dated Material

Postmaster: Time Sensitive Mail

Big Lake Clean Up Day - Saturday, May 2nd

Big Lake Community Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 2, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location of Collection Center: ¼ mile north of
US Highway 10. 20150 – 166th Street, Big Lake
Township Maintenance Building



Volunteers Needed - Please call...
Big Lake Township: 763-263-8111 -or-
Big Lake City Hall: 763-263-2107

The Clean Up Day form located on the backside of this
page, can be picked up at City Hall, and can be
downloaded from the City website.

**Please Join in the Effort to Help
Keep OUR Community Clean!**

COMMUNITY GARDEN!

Do you long to be planting and weeding and harvesting this
summer...but don't have space to put a garden in? **HERE'S
YOUR CHANCE!**

The City of Big Lake has begun accepting applications from
City residents interested in leasing a garden plot. The plots
will be 10' x 20' and will be located near the public works
building next to the water tower along County Road 43. Plots
will be leased on a first come, first serve basis, and will be
leased at a reasonable \$25.00 annual fee to help cover the
cost of water and other garden expenses.

Applications can be picked up and/or submitted to Big Lake
City Hall at 160 Lake Street North. Forms can also be
accessed from the City website (www.biglakemn.org).

Contact Public Works Director
Mike Goebel at **763-263-2268**
with any questions relating to the
Community Garden.



19th ANNUAL SENIOR DAY OUT EVENT **Sherburne County Seniors and Law Enforcement Together**

Wednesday, May 13th

8:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.)

Friendly Buffalo: 16722—198th Avenue NW, Big Lake.

Cost: \$7.00 per person. Pre-Registration Required by May 6th.

763-635-4500 (Elk River Activity Center)

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