

The Big Lake Wave

July | August | September 2021



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City Offices will be Closed:

- ⇒ Monday, July 5 - Independence Day
- ⇒ Monday, September 6 - Labor Day



Fresh Produce Every Week at the Market



Summer is in full swing and that means fresh produce every week at the Big Lake Farmers Market! The market is located at Lakeside Park every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. from June to August and 3-6 p.m. in September. Vendors are offering homemade and home-grown products including fresh fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, eggs, meats, syrup, honey, salsa, pickles, jam, baked goods, crafts and more! Debit-credit and SNAP-EBT are accepted as well as the Market Bucks Match Program. Each week features free parking, food trucks, live music, and free kids activities.

Stop by Climb Theatre's booth to learn how your children ages 3-12 can receive a \$2 Power of Produce token to use on fruits and vegetables each week they attend the market. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for weekly updates and reminders. Questions? Contact Recreation and Communication Coordinator, Corrie Scott at 612-297-6331 or cscott@biglakemn.org.

Cloverbud Camp Registration Open

Grow with 4-H and register today for the Cloverbud Camp series! Spend the morning outdoors at Wrights Crossing Park on August 3 and 5 as we explore plant and animal life right in our backyards! Kids who have completed grades K-2 can sign up for one day, or both! Register at z.umn.edu/CloverbudCamp.

2020 City of Big Lake Drinking Water Report

View the City of Big Lake Consumer Confidence Report on the City's website at biglakemn.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/191. If you would like a paper copy of this report, you can contact City Hall at 763-263-2107.

Outstanding Citizen of the Year: Deb Johnson

Congratulations to Deb Johnson, the recipient of the City of Big Lake's first annual Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award! Deb has taken it upon herself to donate countless hours to the Big Lake community. She is an active and vital member of both Big Lake Spud Fest and the Big Lake Lions Club. Deb's dedication to Big Lake is truly an inspiration and call to area residents to get involved and take pride in their community.

Thank you for all that you do, Deb!



Coffee with the Mayor

Enjoy free coffee and conversation with your Mayor Paul Knier about happenings in the City of Big Lake. This series takes place on select Saturdays throughout the year at the Big Lake Coborn's located in the open space near Little Dukes from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Upcoming Dates: July 10 | September 11 | November 13

Chamber Block Party and Golf Scramble



Save the date for the Big Lake Block Party on Saturday, August 21 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at McPete's Sports Bar and Lanes. Admission is \$5 for adults and youth ages 2 and over and includes a variety of fun filled activities!

The 3rd annual Big Lake Chamber Golf Scramble will take place on Thursday, September 9 at Monticello Country Club. Register at biglakechamber.com. All are welcome!

Building Permit Information

When is a Permit Needed?

- Removal of underground fuel storage tanks
- Replace roofing or siding
- Replace windows/exterior doors
- Egress windows
- Finish basement
- Replace/install sheetrock
- Garages
- Building additions/remodels
- New construction
- Gazebo
- Construct/replace porch or deck
- Demolition
- Retaining walls
- Gas connection
- Gas appliance replacement
- Sewer and water connection

No Permit is Needed for the Following:

- Paint
- Wallpaper
- Carpet/linoleum/tile
- Decorative landscaping
- Tree planting (except when in the boulevard)

Questions? Contact the Big Lake Building Department with questions at 763-251-2936 or lrutledge@biglakemn.org.

Revolving Loan Fund Available for Big Lake Businesses

Your Big Lake Economic Development Authority (EDA) is now accepting Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) applications from eligible businesses within the City of Big Lake! RLFs provide businesses with direct loans. As the RLF receives the principal and interest from outstanding loans, the money is made available to another borrower. This recycling of funds makes RLFs particularly valuable in light of the growing scarcity of development funds. RLFs are designed to lessen the high cost and short supply of capital for businesses by providing flexible loan terms that assist in providing financing.

Your Big Lake EDA will consider uses which demonstrate the achievement of one or more of the following objectives:

- ⇒ Enhance the City's economic base
- ⇒ Encourage private (re)development
- ⇒ Encourage site improvements and (re)development of commercial and industrial areas

Eligible uses of the RLF include:

- ⇒ Land and building acquisition
- ⇒ Property improvements
- ⇒ New building construction
- ⇒ Building renovation and modernization
- ⇒ Machinery, equipment, and fixtures (remaining effective life must be equal to or exceed life of the loan)
- ⇒ Information technology



Applications will be accepted for loan amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Visit biglakemn.org to see if your business qualifies and apply today. Questions? Reach out to Community Development Director, Hanna Klimmek at hklimmek@biglakemn.org or 763-251-2979.

Property Maintenance

As summer goes into full swing, please keep the Long Grass and Weeds Ordinance in mind to preserve the community's appearance and mitigate possible reports. Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and logs/brush can be disposed of at the City's Compost site. Access cards for the compost facility can be obtained at City Hall during regular business hours.



Zoning Permits

With warmer weather, many residents are looking to make improvements to their homes, and some of these projects require permits through the City. Keep in mind that zoning permits are required for the following home improvement projects:

- ⇒ Fences
- ⇒ Accessory structures 200 square feet or less (i.e. sheds, chicken coops, greenhouses)
- ⇒ Driveway expansion and replacement
- ⇒ Parking pads
- ⇒ Swimming pools and spas

Zoning permit applications can be found on the City's website at biglakemn.org/221/Zoning-Applications-Information. Questions? Contact City Planner, Lucinda Meyers at lmeyers@biglakemn.org or 763-251-2977.

Municipal Liquor Store

Check out the Lake Liquors Facebook page for updates on new items, events, and specials. The beer cooler has been reset to expand the flavored malt beverages, seltzers, and premixed cocktails categories in order to keep your favorite beverages cold and ready to go this summer. There will be some other changes made to the store layout to increase the area for growing categories such as bourbons. Customer requests are always welcomed!

Discount Days:

- ⇒ Monday: Senior Discount (age 62+) - 10% off regular priced items
- ⇒ Tuesdays: Wine Day - 10% off regular priced wines



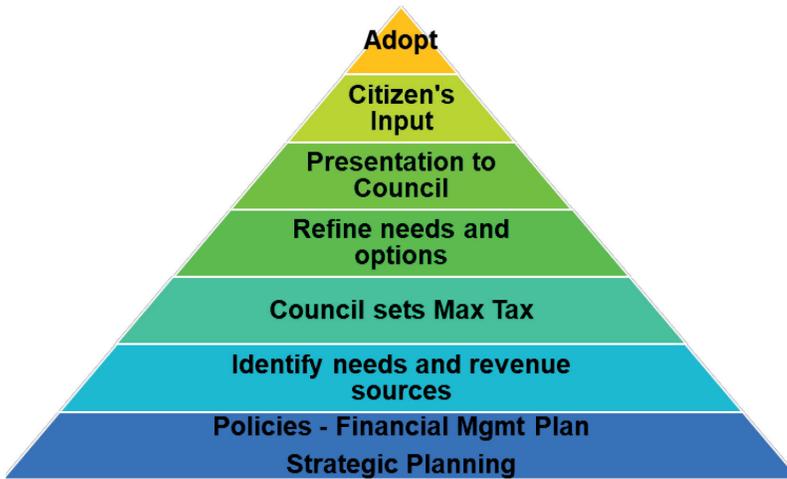
Regular Store Hours:

- ⇒ Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours:

- ⇒ Sunday, July 4: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Monday, September 6: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thoughts from your 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 2022 and beyond; we're preparing preliminary budgets, examining the City's Capital Improvement Plan, reviewing the City's Long-Term Financial Plan and thinking about investment opportunities. If you are 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 would 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 will take some time to join in the conversation and get involved. See you there!

2022 Financial Planning and Budget Calendar

Meeting Dates	Discussion Topics
June	Financial Management Plan review provided to departments
July	Meeting with departments regarding needs and Council work sessions
August	Council work sessions to review preliminary budgets continue
September	Council adopts Maximum Tax Levy
October-November	Council work sessions on the budgets to find additional savings or services continue
November	Public Input Meeting regarding final levy and budgets for upcoming year
December	Council adopts final tax levies and budgets

Meet Your Chief Building Inspector Lenny Rutledge



Lenny started working as the Chief Building Inspector for the City of Big Lake last year and says he's met a lot of great people in the community! He describes a Building inspector as being in the safety business much like Police and Fire personnel. His job includes ensuring that there are safe, well lit and identified exit paths in the event of a fire or other emergency situations. Lenny wants you to know it's okay not to be an expert remodeler. He encourages residents to have fun with their projects and ask questions as his goal is to help you create quality finished products. His favorite part of being a Building Inspector is helping homeowners. Lenny-

has remodeled three of his own homes and has 23 years of experience in the field, but still finds himself asking questions and learning new ways of doing things every day.

In his free time, Lenny enjoys hunting, fishing, downhill skiing, and hiking. Lenny wants you to know that the City of Big Lake has a friendly, outstanding staff that can help you through the permitting and construction process, and that we are here to be a resource for you to use. Next time you see Lenny, be sure to give him a wave!

Big Lake Great River Regional Library



The Summer Reading Program is back this year at the Big Lake Library! This season's theme is Reading Colors Your World and it is available for ages 0-17 through August 7, 2021. Sign up at the library or use the Beanstack app to track your reading for a chance to win prizes. For more information on the Summer Reading Program and other events at the library, visit griver.org.

Summer Photo Contest

Big Lake Residents are invited to submit pictures that highlight their favorite events in Big Lake for the 2021 Summer Photo Contest!

Submission of a photo will release the photo to the City of Big Lake. The photo may be used on the City website, Facebook, and other marketing materials. All photos can be submitted to Corrie Scott, at cscott@biglakemn.org by September 3, 2021.



Movie in the Park



Friday, Sept. 10, 2021

Featuring: Shrek

Drive-in style

First come first served

Parking 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Movie at Dusk: 9 p.m.

Concessions Onsite:

Fresh squeezed lemonade and sno cones

Thank you to our sponsors: Sherburne Wright

Cable Commission, Big Lake Spud Fest, and Knights of Columbus.

If inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled to September 17, 2021. Keep an eye out on the City's website and Facebook for updates.

Big Lake Night to Unite: August 3, 2021



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 to work in partnership with our residents to prevent crime and report suspicious activity. Many of the tips we receive from citizens 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.

Night to Unite gives our citizens an opportunity to come together with their neighbors to form a block party. Block parties can be as small as neighbors visiting in someone's driveway, or as large as blocking off a street so there is more room for neighbors to congregate. Some ideas for block parties include:



- ⇒ Having a BBQ
- ⇒ Providing games for kids and adults
- ⇒ Inviting the police and fire departments
- ⇒ Talking about crime and crime prevention within your neighborhood
- ⇒ Getting to know your neighbors

On August 3rd, 2021 we are asking neighborhoods in Big Lake to come together for this night. Take the lead, plan an event for your neighborhood, and bring your neighbors together for this special night. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors, your Big Lake Police Department, and build partnerships.

Tina Peterson will be coordinating Night to Unite for Big Lake. If you are going to host a block party, please contact her and let her know the location, time, and what we can do to assist you with this event; tpeterson@biglakepolice.com, 763-251-2991. 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.

As always, I welcome discussion and feedback about how we are doing in the community, or just the opportunity to visit with our citizens. Please feel free to stop by our office, call me at 763-251-2994, or email at; mhayen@biglakepolice.com. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on August 3rd!!

Matt Hayen - Acting Chief of Police

Music in the Park

Live Music at Lakeside Park
Select Thursdays
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- ⇒ Free Parking
- ⇒ Food Trucks

July 2021 Music Schedule:

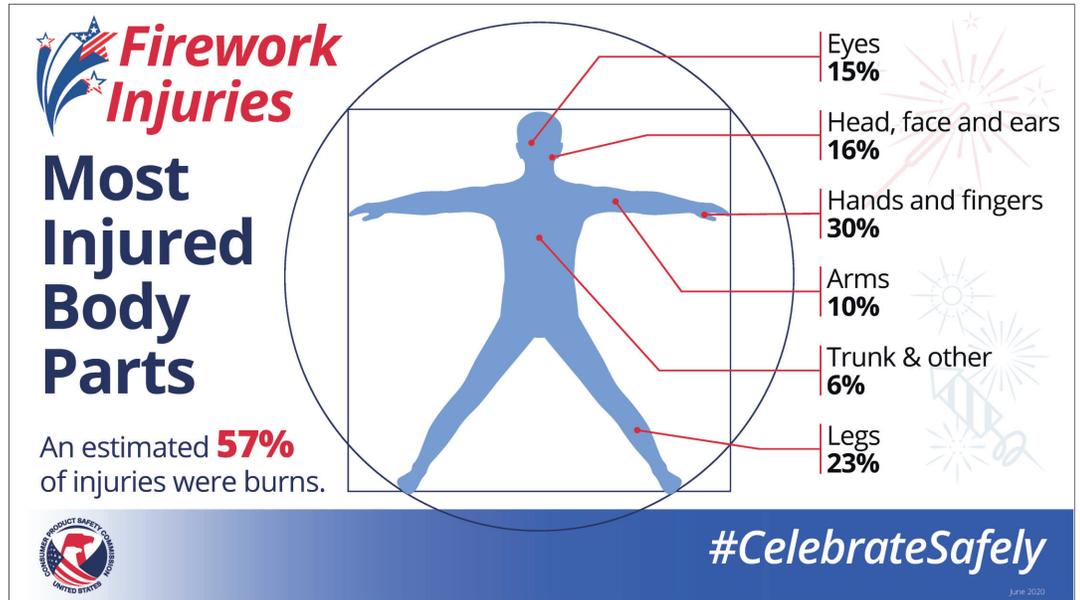
- ⇒ July 1: Band 51
- ⇒ July 8: Shane Martin

Keep an eye out for an
extended schedule in 2022!



Big Lake Fire Department: Fire Prevention Reminders

Now that COVID restrictions have ended and town celebrations and community activities are returning to normal, it is a great time to remind everyone about fireworks and fireworks safety. Remember, fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. You can help us prevent fireworks-related injuries and deaths by following these safety tips when using fireworks:



- ⇒ Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ⇒ Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- ⇒ Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- ⇒ Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- ⇒ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ⇒ Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- ⇒ Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ⇒ Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- ⇒ Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- ⇒ After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- ⇒ Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.



Please remember to celebrate safely and enjoy your summer!

Seth Hansen - Fire Chief

Dog Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, September 25, 2021 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Lions Park | 21960 County Rd. 5, Big Lake

All dogs must be on a leash. Only healthy dogs will be vaccinated. Dog licenses are required for Township residents and can be purchased for \$20 at the event. Cash payment required. Checks and card payments will not be accepted. Prices: One year Rabies: \$10, Canine DHPP: \$16, Canine Lymes \$30

Thank you to Barrington Oaks Veterinary Hospital! Questions? Contact Big Lake Township at 763-263-8111.



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Notify Me

Looking for updates on events, meetings, jobs, or emergency alerts? Sign up for text or email alerts at: biglakemn.org/list.aspx.

Contact the City

Phone: 763-263-2107

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

View Meetings

Live on Channel 180 | On-demand video link at city website

City Council: July 14, 28 | August 11, 25 | September 8, 22

(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

Planning Commission: July 7, 21 | August 4, 18 | September 1

(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

BLEDA: July 12 | August 9 | September 13

(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

Parks Advisory Committee: July 26 | August 23 | September 27

(6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers)

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