



# City of Big Lake Summer 2022 Newsletter



## 2022 City of Big Lake Election Update

### 2022 Election Dates:

- ⇒ State Primary Election: Tuesday, August 9, 2022
  - ⇒ State General Election: Tuesday, November 8, 2022
- Polls Open at 7:00 a.m. and Close at 8:00 p.m.



### City of Big Lake Filing Period for City Council Seats

City of Big Lake Voters will elect the following at the November 8, 2022 General Election:

- ⇒ Two (2) City Council Members (4-yr. terms)
- Filings Open on – Tuesday, August 2, 2022  
 Filings Close on – Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Affidavits of Candidacy and Candidate information packets will be available from the Big Lake City Clerk’s Office starting Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

### State Primary and 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.

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**City Offices Closed**  
 ⇒ Monday, September 5  
 Labor Day

## 2022 Election Information (cont.)

### Voting Locations for City of Big Lake Residents (see map below)

⇒ **Precinct 1:** Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake Street North

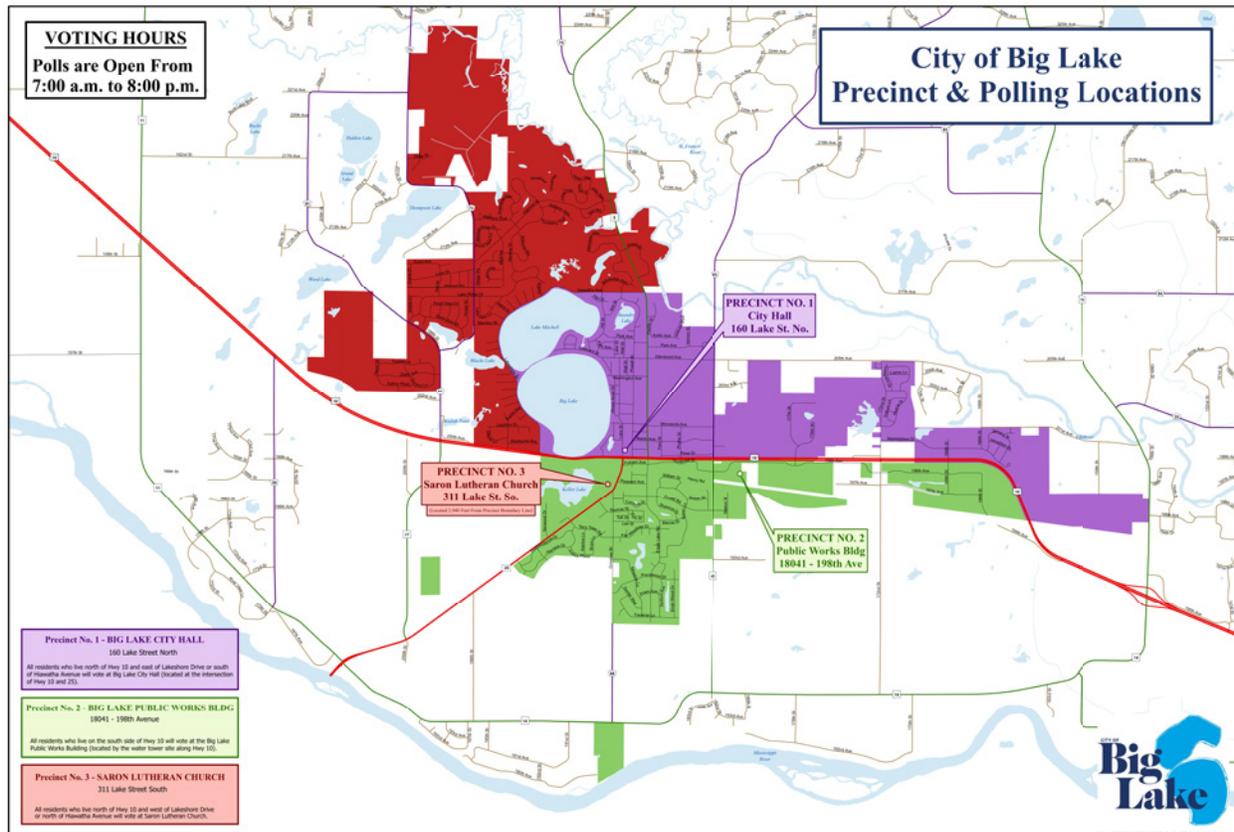
All residents who live on the north side of Hwy 10, east of Lakeshore Drive and south of Hiawatha Avenue vote at Big Lake City Hall (located at the intersection of Hwy 10 and 25).

⇒ **Precinct 2:** Big Lake Public Works Building, 18041 198th Avenue.

All residents who live on the south side of Highway 10 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 Avenue vote at Saron Lutheran Church.



### Registering to Vote

⇒ **Online:** 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:** 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 19.
- The last day to pre-register to vote for the State General Election is: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18.

⇒ New Registrations can also be processed on Election Day at all polling locations.

## 2022 Election Information (cont.)

**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 applications and 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 2022, ballots will be ready starting June 24 for the Primary Election and September 23 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: [sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-from-military-or-abroad/](https://sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-from-military-or-abroad/).

**Track Your Absentee Ballot:** You can track the progress of your absentee ballot with the absentee ballot lookup tool at [mnavotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx](https://mnavotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx). If there is a problem with your ballot, election officials will send a replacement.

## Big Lake Fire Department: Recreational Fires



Summer is here and the Big Lake Fire Department knows that residents will be in full swing with outdoor activities. As your Fire Chief, I would like to offer two important safety topics to consider and discuss with family members and friends.

**Outside Flammables:** Summer is prime time for outdoor cooking. Whether you are using a gas or charcoal grill, please keep in mind the risks associated with both. Be sure to 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 to make sure the coals are completely out before placing into your garbage. Never put used coals in a cardboard box or paper bag and place in your garage. Also, never grill indoors as the combustion creates large amounts of carbon monoxide and can be fatal. Lastly, please do not use flower pots or planters for an ash tray as these may contain peat moss which can easily start on fire and spread to a building structure.

**Water Safety:** Water-focused activities are easy to find in Minnesota; especially the opportunity to take a swim. This can be in a pool at home or a natural body of water. Please don't over estimate your swimming ability and be sure not to leave young children unattended around water.

**General Updates:** The Fire Department will be seeking people for paid on-call fire fighter positions as the department loses members to retirement. Keep an eye out for hiring ads late this summer or early fall. The Big Lake Fire Department wants you to have a safe and enjoyable summer and we want to thank the community for their continued support. Feel free to reach out with questions or concerns at 763-263-3456 or [blfdmn1@gmail.com](mailto:blfdmn1@gmail.com).



*Seth Hansen - Fire Chief*

## ATV and Golf Cart Use on City Streets



Did you know that ATVs, UTVs, mini trucks, and golf carts can be operated on Big Lake City streets with a valid City of Big Lake Registration? You can register your vehicles at the Big Lake Police Department during office hours or online at [biglakemn.org/543/Recreational-Vehicle-Registration](http://biglakemn.org/543/Recreational-Vehicle-Registration).

### All-Terrain Vehicles May Be Operated:

- ⇒ On City Streets with a valid City of Big Lake Registration displayed on the rear of the vehicle.
- ⇒ On a roadway into a City of Big Lake Park, and the parking lot.
- ⇒ On private property for the purpose of plowing, maintenance, or other service work.
- ⇒ Class 2 may be operated on the shoulder of a County Roadway (Sherburne County Code).

### All-Terrain Vehicles May Not Be Operated:

- ⇒ On Highway 10 (Jefferson Boulevard), or Highway 25 (Lake Street South), but may cross these roadways directly. (Minnesota Statute)
- ⇒ For “joyriding,” may be operated to a residence, business, or designated trail.
- ⇒ On a sidewalk, bike trail, walking trail, park lands, private property without permission, school property.

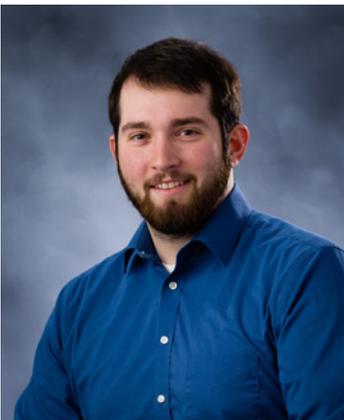
### Golf Carts May Be Operated:

- ⇒ On City Streets without Registration.
- ⇒ As close to the right side of the roadway as possible.

Keep in mind that your vehicle must meet Minnesota Statute with regards to lighting, license, seat-belt use, and helmet use. Questions can be directed to Office Tyler Hecht at [thecht@biglakepolice.com](mailto:thecht@biglakepolice.com).

*Sam Olson - Acting Chief of Police*

## Meet Planning Technician Will Bucheger



Will started working for the City of Big Lake in the spring of 2022. His position as the City’s Planning Technician revolves around administrating zoning permits, investigating code violations and creating minutes for Planning Commission meetings. Zoning permits are needed for City residents who are installing or updating fences, sheds, parking pads, patio slabs, or pools. Will’s favorite part of his position is the interactions he has with residents and their potential projects. He enjoys hearing from residents regarding what they would like to do with their homes and then seeing how he can help them make it a reality.

Outside of City Hall, Will enjoys being an avid outdoorsman and you can often find him fishing, hunting, camping, and enjoying Minnesota’s natural beauty. Will wants residents to know that within his time in Big Lake he is astonished to see how beautiful and impressive the community truly is. He is excited to help make Big Lake a better place and he invites you to contact him with any zoning questions you might have.

## Dog Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, September 17, 2022 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Lions Park | 21960 County Rd. 5, Big Lake

All dogs must be on a short 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 are expected to be similar to 2021: One-year Rabies: \$10, DHPP: \$16, Lymes \$30

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

## Outstanding Citizen of the Year: Ketti Green

Congratulations to Ketti Green, the recipient of the City of Big Lake’s second annual Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award! Ketti has spent countless hours giving back to the Big Lake community. She is an active member of Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, the Big Lake Community Education Committee, and the Minnesota Jaycees. Ketti’s commitment 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, Ketti!



## Attention Big Lake Business Community: RLF Program

A Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) provides businesses with direct loans. As the RLF receives the principal and interest from outstanding loans, the money is made available to another borrower. RLF’s are designed to lessen the high cost and short supply of capital for businesses by providing flexible loan terms that assist in providing financing. Questions? Contact Hanna Klimmek at [hklimmek@biglakemn.org](mailto:hklimmek@biglakemn.org) or 763-251-2979 for more information!

### Summer Photo Contest

Calling all photographers; amateur or professional! The City of Big Lake is inviting you to submit photos that highlight your favorite events this summer in Big Lake for the 2022 Summer Photo Contest!

Submission of a photo will release the photo to the City of Big Lake. They may be used on the City website, Facebook page, and any other marketing material. Photos can be submitted to [cscott@biglakemn.org](mailto:cscott@biglakemn.org) by September 2, 2022.



### Movie in the Park September



**Friday, Sept. 16, 2022**  
**Featuring: Finding Nemo**  
 Drive-in style  
 First come first served  
 Parking 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Movie at Dusk: 7:30 p.m.  
 Concessions Onsite:  
 Smokin’ J’s BBQ, Mister Lemonade, Grampa Steve’s Kettlecorn, and the Big Lake Ambassadors selling glow sticks.

Thank you to our sponsors: Sherburne Wright Cable Commission, and Big Lake Spud Fest.

\*\* If Inclement weather, movie will be rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 23, 2022. View updates on Facebook.

## 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 2023 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!

## 2023 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

## Updates to Water Use Restrictions

The Big Lake City Council has enacted new water use restrictions effective June 2022. These changes were implemented due to concerns of high water usage, issues with water pressure, and water supply for firefighting. Effective immediately all City residents are required to follow the odd/even lawn watering schedule outlined below:

- ⇒ Properties with odd numbered addresses are able to water lawns only on odd numbered days of the month.
- ⇒ Properties with even numbered addresses are able to water lawns only on even numbered days of the month.
- ⇒ New lawns installed in the current year are exempt from these water restrictions.

The Big Lake City Council will be reviewing these water restrictions in March 2023 to determine if the restrictions should be adjusted. If you have questions or concerns contact Dan Childs at [dchilds@biglakemn.org](mailto:dchilds@biglakemn.org) or 763-251-8010. Thank you for your understanding.

## Municipal Liquor Store

The staff at Lake Liquors would like to wish everyone a Happy Independence Day! The warm weather, beautiful lakes, and people out and about makes this a fun time of year, but it also means the store is keeping busy. Staff and distributors are doing their best to keep the store stocked with classic favorites and new options. Many categories such as Seltzers, Flavored Malt Beverages, and Ready-to-Drink Cocktails have grown in the last few years and many of them are kept cold and ready to go. Don't forget about our online ordering for a quick pick-up or curbside delivery!

Check out the Lake Liquors Facebook page for upcoming events, tastings, specials, and new products. Also remember that when you are enjoying the playground at Powell Park, the customers of Lake Liquors can be thanked as the entire cost for the equipment came from the Liquor Fund supported by sales at Lake Liquors. Thank you to our customers for helping to make those projects possible!

### 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:

- ⇒ Monday, September 5th: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Music in the Park

Help us celebrate 10 years of music in 2022 at beautiful Lakeside Park!

Select Thursdays

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- ⇒ Live Music
- ⇒ Free Parking
- ⇒ Food Trucks

Find updates on the City's Facebook page or at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org).

- July 7: Shane Martin Band
- July 14: Lady Luck
- July 21: Maiden Dixie
- July 28: Band 51
- August 4: Humboldt Station
- August 11: Cate Fierro - Amy



## 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 Ember Coffee Company from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

450 Jefferson Blvd, Big Lake, MN 55309

### Upcoming Dates:

September 10 | November 12





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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](http://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 13, 27 | August 10, 24 | September 14, 28  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

**Planning Commission:** July 6, 20 | August 17 | September 7  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

**BLEDA:** July 11 | August 8 | September 12  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

**Parks Advisory Committee:** July 25 | August 22 | September 26  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

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## Big Lake Farmers Market

LAKESIDE PARK

WEDNESDAYS | JUNE-AUGUST | 3:00-7:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS | SEPTEMBER | 3:00-6:00 PM