



# City of Big Lake Spring 2023 Newsletter



## Big Lake Farmers Market: Support Local!

Summer is right around the corner, and so is the outdoor season for the Big Lake Farmers Market! The market is located at scenic Lakeside Park every Wednesday from June to September and features vendors offering homemade and homegrown products including fresh fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, flowers, eggs, pork, beef, chicken, 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!

The Power of Produce Program is returning again this season! Stop by the information booth to learn how your children ages 2-12 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](mailto:cscott@biglakemn.org).



Wednesdays | June-August | 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Wednesdays | September | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Lakeside Park | 101 Lakeshore Drive

## 2022 City of Big Lake Drinking Water Report

View the City of Big Lake Consumer Confidence Report on the City's website at [biglakemn.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=40](http://biglakemn.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=40). If you would like a paper copy of this report, you can contact City Hall at 763-263-2107.

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### City Offices Closed

- ⇒ Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day
- ⇒ Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day

# Big Lake Police Department: Reserve Program Coming Back!



Since becoming the Chief of Police for the City of Big Lake, one of my main focuses was to look at bringing back the Police Reserve Officer Program. I find this program instrumental in involving our community members who want to learn about their local police department and as a noble way for residents to give back to their own community. The Big Lake community is very supportive and invested with their Public Safety Services and because of these reasons, we have decided to bring back the Reserve Officer Program!

The Big Lake Police Department has collected nearly a dozen applications so far and has begun the selection

process of conducting interviews. I firmly believe that we will be handed a phenomenal group of individuals who want to give back to their beautiful community. The Reserves will learn all aspects of being a Police Reserve Officer and will be afforded firsthand knowledge and skill sets of a Police Officer. They will spend time on ride-alongs within their community, give back through volunteer opportunities during city events such as Spud Fest, Night to Unite, and assist the police department on traffic stops and training of all aspects.

If the Police Reserve Officer Program is something that interests you, please pick up an application at the front lobby of the Big Lake Police Department or visit the City's website at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org) to learn more about the program. Come join our Team! We would be happy to meet and speak with you about this opportunity to support the Big Lake community.

*John Kaczmarek - Chief of Police*



## Music in the Park

Help us celebrate 11 years of music in 2023 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).

- June 1: Rockin' Hollywoods
- June 8: Sawyer's Dream
- June 15: Maiden Dixie
- June 22: Spud Fest at BLHS
- June 29: Mick Sterling - Huey Lewis
- July 6: Shane Martin Band
- July 13: Thrillbillies
- July 20: Uncle Chunk
- July 27: Lady Luck
- August 3: Cate Fierro - Heart
- August 10: Humboldt Station



## Meet Community Development Director: Therese Haffner



Therese was hired as the Community Development Director for Big Lake in October of 2022. In this position she oversees the planning, building, and communication divisions for the City. The department reviews and issues permits for both new residential neighborhoods and commercial developments. One of Therese's primary roles is serving as the Executive Director of the Big Lake Economic Development Authority (EDA). This role involves working with current and new businesses, developers, realtors and the Big Lake EDA. For example, if a Big Lake business has plans to expand and/or has technology needs, Therese will work with the business to guide that process and be a resource which can include connecting them with the Small Business Administration, grant and loan opportunities through the MN Department of Employment, and Economic Development and the Big Lake EDA Revolving Loan Fund. She also works with businesses and developers who are considering locating in Big Lake.

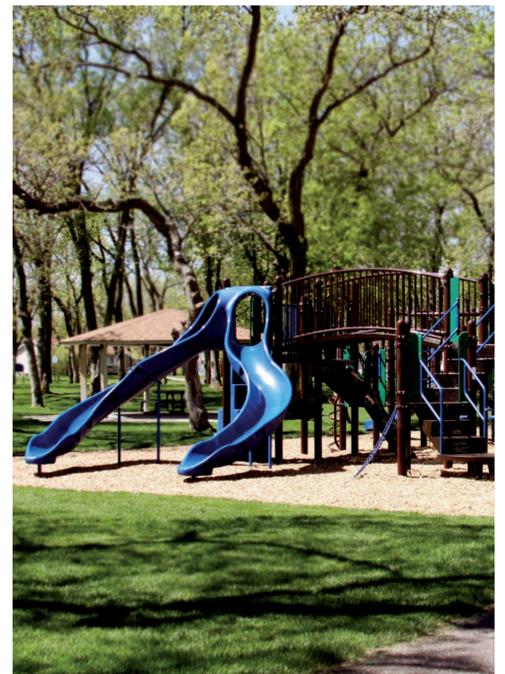
Therese's favorite part of her position is when a development project comes to fruition whether it is an expansion of a current business or a new development. In her experience, some projects happen fairly quickly, while others take longer or may not even happen. When Therese isn't at work you can generally find her outdoors! Some of her favorite times are when she is hiking and boating, but she also enjoys exercising, reading, being in nature, and spending time with her family. Therese would like the community to know that she is here, along with all city staff, to help residents and businesses. She wants the public to know that staff wants residents and businesses to reach out whenever they have questions. You can reach Therese at 763-463-9638 or via email at [thaffner@biglakemn.org](mailto:thaffner@biglakemn.org).

## ECFE in the Park Returns in Summer 2023!



Join the Big Lake Early Childhood and Family Education Program for their annual ECFE in the Park series! This free event series takes place at various parks around the Big Lake Community on select Wednesdays from 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m. It is geared toward children ages 0-5 and their siblings. Register your family at [biglakece.com](http://biglakece.com)!

- ⇒ June 7: Liberty Elementary School
- ⇒ June 21: Sanford Select Acres Park
- ⇒ July 12: Hudson Woods Park
- ⇒ July 26: Wrights Crossing Park
- ⇒ August 9: Highline Park
- ⇒ August 23: Lakeside Park



## Lake Liquors Update



After a slow start to the year industry-wide, Lake Liquors has bounced back to remain at the same sales level of 2021. We see this as a positive with the struggling economy, financial uncertainty that many are facing, and a move back to normal trends in a post-pandemic world.

The Powell Park Project was completed last fall with resources from the Liquor Fund used to purchase all new playground equipment. This was possible because of support from customers like you! Lake Liquors would like to thank its many loyal customers, and we hope to continue supporting public projects in years to come.

We continue to expand our non-alcoholic selection. There has been growth in the low and no alcohol market. Non-alcoholic Spirits, Beer, and Cocktails can be found in cooler door 32. Wines with no alcohol are located in front of the registers. Having trouble finding what you need? Feel free to ask our sales staff for assistance!

### 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.

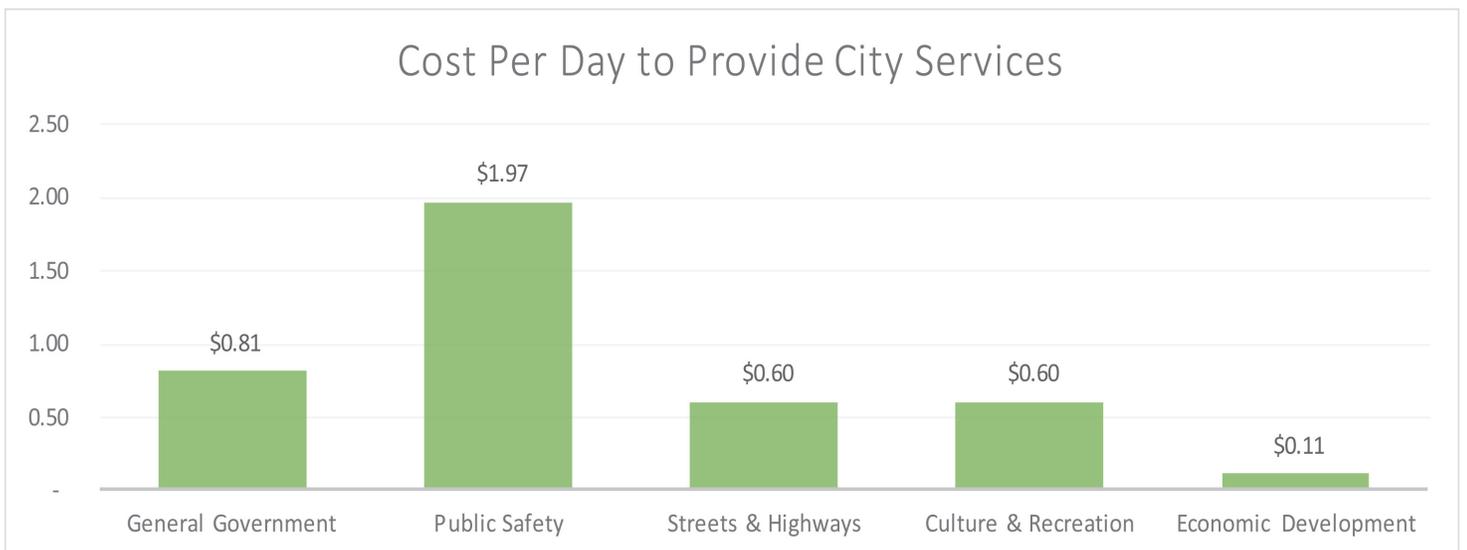


### Holiday Hours:

- ⇒ Sunday, April 9: Closed
- ⇒ Monday, May 29: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Thoughts from Your Finance Department

Have you ever wondered about the costs of your City's services? For a mere \$4.20 per day, residents and businesses are provided with award winning public service by the Building, Police and Fire Departments as well as parks, trails and street maintenance provided by the Public Works Department, and a multitude of other services that contribute to a high quality of life. Below is a breakdown of the total cost per day for these exceptional city services that are provided by the various departments across the City of Big Lake. Join City staff and elected officials in July when we begin the process for the 2024 Budget. Please reach out to Finance Director Deb Wegelben at [dwegeleben@biglakemn.org](mailto:dwegeleben@biglakemn.org) or 763-251-2974 if you would like to discuss the City's Finances or Budget.



## 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 between 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

450 Jefferson Blvd, Suite 1, Big Lake, MN

**Upcoming Dates:** May 13 | July 8  
September 9 | November 11



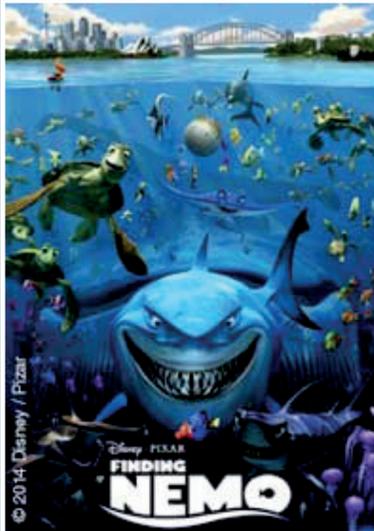
## Spring Photo Contest



Calling all photographers; amateur or professional! The City of Big Lake is inviting you to submit photographs that capture what you love the most about the community this spring season in the 2023 Spring Photo Contest! Winner will receive a Lakeside Park Pass and beach towel.

Submission of a photo will release the photo to the City of Big Lake. The photo 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 June 1, 2023.

## Movie in the Park May



**Friday, May 19, 2023**

**Featuring: Finding Nemo**

Drive-in style

First come first served

Parking 8 - 9 p.m.

Movie at Dusk: 9 p.m.

Concessions Onsite:

Smokin' J's BBQ, Mister Lemonade, Grampa Steve's Kettle Corn, 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, May 26, 2023. View updates on Facebook.

## Movie in the Park September



**Friday, Sept. 15, 2023**

**Featuring: Encanto**

Drive-in style

First come first served

Parking 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Movie at Dusk: 7:30 p.m.

Concessions Onsite:

Smokin' J's BBQ, Mister Lemonade, Grampa Steve's Kettle Corn, 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. 22, 2023. View updates on Facebook.

## Do I Need a Permit For That?



Spring is in the air, and with that comes the inspiration for home improvement projects! Staff is often asked what kind of permits are needed for a variety of home improvement projects. Some examples of required permits are listed below:

### Generally, Building permits are required for:

- ⇒ Any new structure
- ⇒ Alterations or additions
- ⇒ Basement finish or refinish
- ⇒ Demolition

- ⇒ Re-roofing or re-siding a building
- ⇒ Window and/or door replacement
- ⇒ Detached accessory buildings over 200 square feet (sheds)
- ⇒ Replacement or installation of a fireplace, furnace or air conditioner
- ⇒ Replacement or installation of a water heater or water softener
- ⇒ Swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas that are more than 24 inches deep or have 150 square feet of surface area except for temporary storable swimming pools that are only set up outdoors between April 1 and October 31 each year. Storable swimming pools do not require a permit but still must follow most of the same set-back rules as permanent swimming pools.

### Generally, Zoning permits are required for:

- ⇒ One story, detached accessory buildings 200 square feet or less (sheds)
- ⇒ Fences, driveways and parking pad installations

### Generally, Engineering permits are required for:

- ⇒ Retaining walls over 4 feet tall measured from the bottom of the footing
- ⇒ Lakeshore restoration
- ⇒ Right-of-way permits
- ⇒ Anything requiring the use of a skid loader

All of these permits can be found by visiting the City's website at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org). Completed applications can be sent via mail to 160 Lake St N, Big Lake, MN 55309 or email to [spetrowski@biglakemn.org](mailto:spetrowski@biglakemn.org). Questions? Contact Building Technician Sandy Petrowski at 763-251-2980.

## City Staff Length of Service Recognition

We would like to thank the following staff for their years of services to the community:

- ⇒ **Corrie Scott:** 5 years with the Community Development Department
- ⇒ **Silas Reek:** 5 years with the Big Lake Police Department



# Updated Zoning, Subdivision, and Sign Ordinances

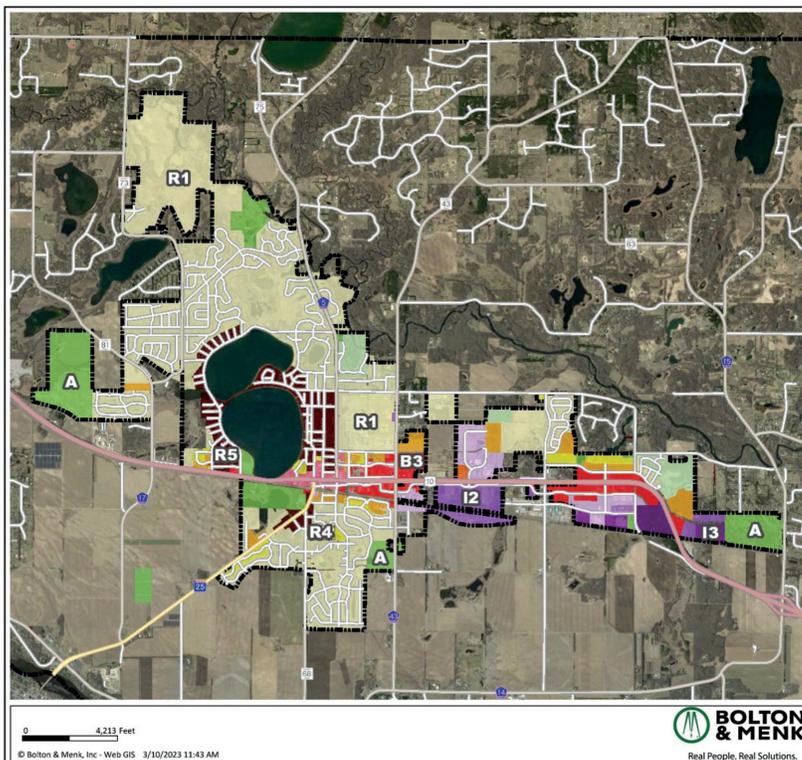
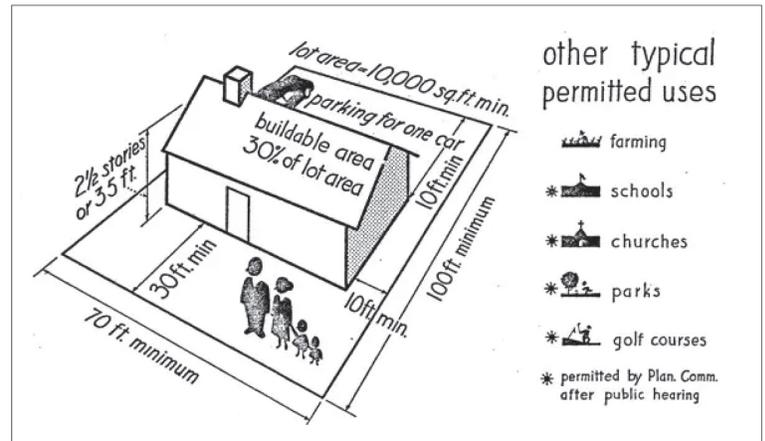


The Planning and Zoning Department has undertaken a full re-write of the City's Zoning, Subdivision, and Sign Ordinances in coordination with the Planning Commission and a task force comprised of local officials including members of the Big Lake City Council, EDA and Planning Commission. The code revision project began in January of 2022 and is anticipated to be completed in April of 2023.

A draft of the revised ordinances will be available for review on the Planning Commission subpage under Agendas & Minutes, April 5, 2023 Agenda. A public hearing will be hosted by the Planning Commission to receive community input on the draft on April 5th. The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers at City Hall and will begin at 6:00 p.m. Questions, comments, or concerns regarding this project can be directed to City Planner Lucinda Spanier at 763-251-2977 or [lspanier@biglakemn.org](mailto:lspanier@biglakemn.org).

## New Ordinances:

- ⇒ Easier for users to navigate and interpret with the overall amount of text being reduced and tables incorporated where appropriate.
- ⇒ Consistent with state statutes.
- ⇒ Consistent with the Big Lake Comprehensive Plan.
- ⇒ Reflective of current trends in community development.



**Big Lake**  
LIVE BIG!

**Legend**

**Roads**

- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- County Highway
- Local Roads

**City Limits**

**Easements**

**Township Limits**

**Zoning**

- A, Agricultural
- R1 - E, Single Family Residential
- R-1, Single Family Residential
- R-2, Medium Density Residential
- R-3, High Density Residential
- R-4, Manufactured Home Park
- R-5, Residential Redevelopment
- CI, Mixed Use Commercial Indust
- B-1, Business Campus
- B-2, Community Business
- B-3, General Business
- I-1, Industrial Park
- I-2, General Industrial
- I-3, Isolated Industrial
- I-4, Innovation Industrial
- TOD, Transit Oriented Development

Disclaimer: This drawing is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as one. This drawing is a compilation of records, information, and data located in various city, county, and state offices, and other sources affecting the area shown, and is to be used for reference purposes only. The City of Big Lake is not responsible for any inaccuracies herein contained.

## New Features:

- ⇒ Relaxed commercial parking standards.
- ⇒ Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's, or mother-in-law suites) allowed on certain residential properties.
- ⇒ Reduction of conditional uses and expansion of permitted uses.
- ⇒ Consolidation of commercial and industrial zoning districts.
- ⇒ Allows certain property to be developed without connecting to municipal services.

## Aquatic Invasive Species Treatments: Zebra Mussels in Big Lake

Due to the infestation of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Big and Mitchell Lakes, the City plans to chemically treat this invasive species this summer. All treatment will be performed by a licensed commercial applicator. The method and chemicals used will be determined by the Minnesota DNR. There is no cost to the property owners on the lakes, but as a lakeshore landowner you may request that control does not occur adjacent to your property by contacting Streets, Parks, and Fleet Superintendent Norm Michels, at 763-251-8011 by May 1st.

The Big Lake Community Lakes Association (BLCLA) would also like the community to be aware of the presence of zebra mussels, an aquatic invasive species, in Big Lake and Lake Mitchell confirmed by the Minnesota DNR in October 2020. **Zebra mussels can:**

- ⇒ Clog irrigation intakes and other pipes so lake water irrigation systems may need to be cleaned occasionally.
- ⇒ Attach to boat motors and hulls. Consider keeping your watercraft on a lift so the motor is out of the water.
- ⇒ Attach to something to grow such as rocks, sticks, native mussels, swim rafts and ladders.
- ⇒ Reduce available food for larval fish and other animals. Over time it can reduce the size of larger game fish.
- ⇒ Increase water clarity which may cause more growth of aquatic vegetation.

The BLCLA strongly encourages everyone to continue following the rules and recommendations of Clean, Drain, Dry and Dispose, and especially keeping watercraft, trailers and equipment 5 days dry before visiting a new body of water. The Minnesota DNR also suggests spraying items with high pressure and/or rinsing with very hot water. If you sell or move lake equipment such as docks, lifts, rafts, or pumps, it is recommended that the items be exposed to air for at least 21 days before using them in another lake.

### Know the law. You may not:

- ⇒ Transport watercraft without removing the drain plug.
- ⇒ Arrive at lake access with drain plug in place.
- ⇒ Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on any roadway.
- ⇒ Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached.
- ⇒ Transport water from Minnesota lakes or rivers.
- ⇒ Release bait into the water.



Please do your part in preventing the spread of zebra mussels and other AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species).

## Lakeside Park Passes

Seasonal parking passes for Lakeside Park are now available for purchase at Big Lake City Hall and Lake Liquors during regular business hours and online at the City's website. To obtain Resident rates, your address must be within the 55309 zip code. Either a seasonal or daily pass is required for parking from May 1 to October 31.

### Resident Rates:

- \$10.00 - Vehicle Only Pass
- \$20.00 - Vehicle/Trailer Pass

### Non-Resident Rates:

- \$30.00 - Vehicle Only Pass
- \$60.00 - Vehicle/Trailer Pass

### Daily Rates:

- \$5.00 - Vehicle Only Pass
- \$20.00 - Vehicle/Trailer Pass

## Code Enforcement Reminders



City staff would like to thank residents for the time and energy that was spent maintaining safe, passable sidewalks this winter. Now that we are transitioning to spring, please be aware that parking is not permitted on front lawns. Unfortunately, front yard parking continues to be a pervasive issue in the community, along with required issuance of numerous citations. If you're running out of parking space in your garage and on your driveway, consider various options; it might be time to clean out the garage, explore off-site storage locations, or construct a parking pad. Parking pads can be located in side and rear yards with receipt of a zoning permit. If you would like to learn more about this option, please visit the City's website at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org) and click on 'Departments,' then 'Planning and Zoning,' and then 'Zoning Applications & Information.'

If you see something, say something... to your neighbor. Residents are encouraged to work through any issues they have with one another before submitting a request or submitting a City Code violation. Greater communications between neighbors help build a stronger community and promote the kind of friendly, small-town atmosphere we have come to value.

Questions? Reach out to Planning and Zoning Department at 763-251-2971 or email [zoningpermit@biglakemn.org](mailto:zoningpermit@biglakemn.org). Be sure to contact the Police Department at 763-251-2996 with non-emergency safety concerns or issues with noise and loose animals, while it is happening.

## No Soliciting Window Stickers

Door-to-door sales in the City of Big Lake require a permit from City Hall. If you are visited by a door-to-door salesperson, ask to see their City of Big Lake issued permit. If the salesperson does not have the required permit, call the Big Lake Police Department at 763-251-2996 or 911 to report the incident. All citizens have a right to prohibit a salesperson from approaching their door. Residents can purchase a "No Soliciting" window sticker from City Hall. It is illegal for a salesperson to solicit or peddle at a premise where this sign is posted.



## Spring Hydrant Flushing Notice



Spring Hydrant Flushing will take place over the week of April 10 - 21 between the hours of 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. During this process you may experience a drop in water pressure and deposits from water lines may create a yellowish to brownish discoloration of water in homes near flushing areas. While this water is safe for drinking, it may discolor laundry. To avoid this, turn on an outside faucet to clear the water line prior to doing laundry or cleaning.

Contact Water Superintendent Dan Childs at 763-251-8010 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your patience during this process!

## Attention Big Lake Business Community: RLF Program

Did you know that the Big Lake EDA has established a Revolving Loan Fund 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. Contact Community Development Director Therese Haffner at [thaffner@biglakemn.org](mailto:thaffner@biglakemn.org) or 763-463-9638 for more information!

## Water Shutoffs Begin April 15, 2023

Beginning April 1, 2023, the City of Big Lake will be mailing out notices to property owners for delinquent water bills. Only one notice will be given. If your account is delinquent on April 15, 2023, your water service may be disconnected. Pay online at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org) or by phone with Invoice Cloud at 844-916-0913. No longer want to receive the paper bill in the mail? Opt out of the paper bill to receive an email bill and also a 50¢ credit monthly.



## Spud Fest Returns: June 22-25, 2023

Big Lake Spud Fest was created in 1972 and is celebrating its 51st anniversary this summer! The festival helps to provide funds for summer youth recreation programs while bringing the community together! This year's festival will feature: Carnival Rides, Fireworks, Softball Tournament, Live Music, Beer Tent, BINGO, Spud Daze Marketplace, Potato Soup Contest, Big Lake Ambassador Coronation, Lakes Run, Pedal Pull, Bean Bag Tournament, Car Show, Talent Show, and more!

Find information on how to volunteer for this year's festival at [biglakespudfest.com](http://biglakespudfest.com).

## Outstanding Citizen Nominations Being Accepted

Do you know of someone making a positive impact in your community? Someone who's gone unrecognized for all the great things they have done and continue to do to make the City a better place? The City of Big Lake is accepting nominations for the 2023 Outstanding Citizen Award through May 1, 2023. You can find nomination forms at City Hall or on the City's website at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org).

## Chamber Block Party and Golf Scramble



Save the date for the Big Lake Block Party on Saturday, August 19 from 10 a.m. - 1:30 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 5th annual Big Lake Chamber Golf Scramble will take place on Thursday, September 14 at Monticello Country Club. Register at [biglakechamber.com](http://biglakechamber.com). All are welcome!

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# RESIDENTIAL RECYCLE DAY

Saturday, May 20, 2023 8 AM - 1 PM

Location: Town of Big Lake Maintenance Bldg. 20150 166th St. NW, Big Lake MN

**RESIDENTIAL ONLY - NO COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS**

**ONLY LISTED ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**\*\*\*ABSOLUTELY NO: GAS FRIDGES (CAMPER, ICE HOUSE, R/V)\*\*\***

(Cut out and Bring to Recycling Day)

ACCEPTED ITEMS	QTY	X	Cost	Total \$
<b>APPLIANCES</b> Stove/Microwave/Dishwasher/Freezer/Fridge/Washer Dryer/Water Heater/Water Softener/ Dehumidifier/Furnace/Window A/C / Gas Grills <i>(tanks are extra fee – see below)</i>		X	\$15/ea	= \$
<b>SMALL APPLIANCES</b> – Vacuum/Carpet Cleaner Hand-held Power Tools		X	\$10/ea	= \$
<b>EXERCISE EQUIPMENT</b> – Ellipticals/Stationary Bikes/Treadmills		X	\$15/ea	= \$
<b>TUBE TVS/MONITORS</b>		X	\$25 ea	= \$
<b>REAR PROJECTION/WOOD CONSOLE TVS</b>		X	\$50/ea	= \$
<b>PERSONAL ELECTRONICS</b> – CPU/Laptop/Tablet/Printers/VCR DVD/Gaming Systems/Small Flat Screen Monitors & TVs		X	\$15 /ea	= \$
<b>PASSENGER VEHICLE TIRE - OFF RIM</b>		X	\$5 /ea	= \$
<b>COMMERCIAL TRUCK TIRE - OFF RIM</b>		X	\$25/ea	= \$
<b>TRACTOR TIRE - OFF RIM</b>		X	\$40/ea	= \$
<b>TIRE ON RIM FEE</b>		X	\$15/ea	= \$
<b>PUSH LAWN MOWER / SNOW THROWER/LAWN TRACTOR/SNOWMOBILE/2-CYCLE ENGINE - DRAINED</b>		X	\$15/ea	= \$
<b>UNDRAINED EQUIPMENT FEE</b>		X	\$15/ea	= \$
<b>20# PROPANE TANK</b>		X	\$10 /ea	= \$
<b>1# PROPANE TANK</b>		X	\$1 /ea	= \$
<b>CFL BULBS/TUBES - LIMIT 20</b>		X	\$1 /ea	= \$
<b>LED LIGHTS - LIMIT 20</b>		X	\$1 /ea	= \$
<b>BALLASTS - LIMIT 10</b>		X	\$1 /ea	= \$
<b>SCRAP METAL</b>			FREE	\$0
<b>VEHICLE BATTERIES</b>			FREE	\$0
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\*\*\*\* COMPLETE AS MUCH AS YOU ARE ABLE, PRIOR TO REACHING GATE \*\*\*\*

Payment must be in the form of **CASH** or **CHECK PAYABLE TO "TOWN OF BIG LAKE"**  
*Non-Sufficient Funds checks will be charged a service fee of \$30. An invoice will be mailed.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Big Lake Township: 763-263-8111**  
**OR Metro Appliance Recycling: 763-241-8787**

**CITY OF BIG LAKE**



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### City Council

- Paul Knier, Mayor  
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- Ken Halverson, Council Member  
763-286-8152, [khalverson@biglakemn.org](mailto:khalverson@biglakemn.org)
- Sam Hanson, Council Member  
763-567-8335, [shanson@biglakemn.org](mailto:shanson@biglakemn.org)
- Kim Noding, Council Member  
763-238-1875, [knoding@biglakemn.org](mailto:knoding@biglakemn.org)
- Paul Seefeld, Council Member  
612-801-7731, [pseefeld@biglakemn.org](mailto:pseefeld@biglakemn.org)

### 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:** April 12, 26 | May 10, 24 | June 14, 28  
 (6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)  
**Planning Commission:** April 5 | May 3, 17 | June 7, 21  
 (6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)  
**BLEDA:** April 10 | May 8 | June 12  
 (6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)  
**Parks Advisory Committee:** April 24 | May 22 | June 26  
 (6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers)

### Connect with City of Big Lake

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