



# City of Big Lake Spring 2024 Newsletter



## Big Lake Farmers Market Kicks off in June!

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 through September and features vendors offering homemade and home-grown 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

## 2023 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 27 - Memorial Day
- ⇒ Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day

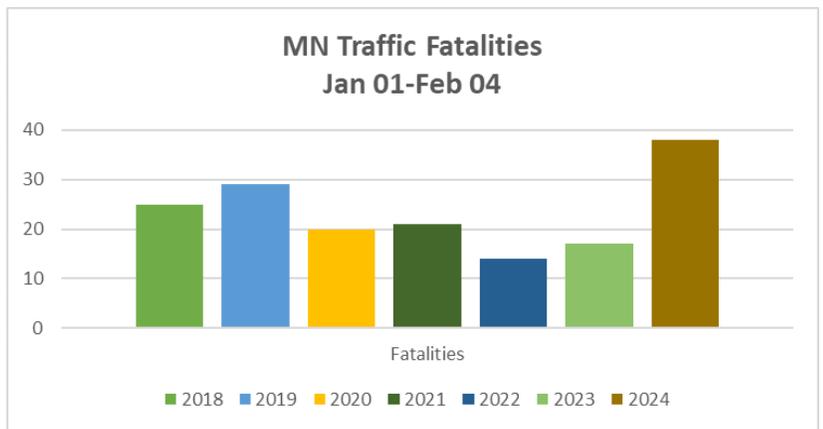
# Big Lake Police Department: Spring Traffic Safety



With spring approaching, the Big Lake Police Department would like to express the importance of traffic safety. Typically, we see a rise in statewide traffic accidents and fatalities during the Winter months due to snowfall and other hazards on Minnesota roadways. Statistics revealed that in 2024 through February 4, there have been 38 traffic-related deaths on Minnesota roadways. As you are aware, this winter we have experienced very minimal snowfall on our roadways here in Minnesota. Ideal weather conditions, warmer weather, and dry roadways are just as dangerous as snow filled, icy, hazardous roadways. From 2018 through January 1, 2024, Minnesota experienced fewer traffic related fatalities than this winter season (January 1 through February 4, 2024). Hence, better roadway conditions do not necessarily create better safety when driving. This spring let's ensure to drive safely, keep our eyes open for motorcyclists, pedestrians, and other vehicular traffic. Remain "hands free" when using a phone within your vehicle. Focus on your surroundings and others who are traveling amongst the Minnesota roadways. Get to your destination safely!

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*John Kaczmarek - Chief of Police*



## Music in the Park

Help us celebrate 12 years of music in 2024 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 6: Rockin' Hollywoods
- June 13: Maiden Dixie
- June 20: Mick Sterling: Billy Joel
- June 27: Spud Fest at BLHS
- July 4: No Music - Holiday
- July 11: Shane Martin Band
- July 18: Sir Psycho
- July 25: Lady Luck
- August 1: Humboldt Station
- August 8: The Cate Fierro Band
- August 15: True Villains



## Water Shutoffs Begin April 30, 2024

Beginning April 1, 2024, 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 30, 2024, your water service may be disconnected. Pay online at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org) or by phone with Invoice Cloud at 866-342-9267. 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.

## Meet Planning Technician Tara Kohl



Tara Kohl began her position as the Planning Technician for the City of Big Lake in August of 2023. Her position involves administrating zoning permits, investigating code violations, and assisting the City Planner with development applications and special projects. Tara's favorite part of her position is helping residents understand the zoning regulations and assisting with project planning. When she isn't at work, you can find Tara reading, playing video games, baking and interior designing. Tara has grown up in the area and she is excited to be a part of Big Lake's development. Next time you see Tara out in the community be sure to say hello!

## Election Judges Needed!



In Minnesota, poll workers are called election judges. Election judges are paid officials who staff local polling places, carry out election procedures, and make sure that the rights of voters are protected. Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn about elections, and is a great service to the community!

### Requirements:

- ⇒ Must be eligible to vote in Minnesota
- ⇒ Must be able to read, write and speak English

### Types of Election Judge Duties:

- ⇒ Head Judge – In charge of the polling place
- ⇒ Greet Judge – Directs traffic flow and maintains order
- ⇒ Roster Judge – Signs in both registered voters, and citizens who need to register vote
- ⇒ Demonstration Judge – Explains how to mark a ballot
- ⇒ Ballot Judge – Gives ballots to voters
- ⇒ Ballot Counter Judge – Oversees the ballot box area and gives out "I VOTED" stickers

### How to Become a City of Big Lake Election Judge:

- ⇒ Contact the Big Lake City Clerk Gina Wolbeck at 763-251-2973, or by email at [gwolbeck@biglakemn.org](mailto:gwolbeck@biglakemn.org).
- ⇒ Election Judge applications are available on the City Website.
- ⇒ The Big Lake City Council must formally appoint election judges at least 25 days before an election.

### When are the 2024 Elections?

- ⇒ State Primary Election: Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- ⇒ State General Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2024
- ⇒ Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.



## Lake Liquors Update



Lake Liquors is proud to have met all budgetary goals in 2023 as we completed a full transfer to the City’s General Fund. Doing this helps to reduce the tax burden on residents, provide city services, establish money for special projects, increase quality jobs, and support the local tax base. Without our loyal customers, this would not be possible, so thank you for choosing to support local while shopping at Lake Liquors!

We continue to grow our THC and CBD beverage selection, but if you have a requests, please be sure to let a staff person know! In-store tastings are becoming more frequent with a wide range of vendors

coming in. If you would like to see what tasting is coming to the store next, you can visit the Lake Liquors Facebook page or keep an eye out for signage while you’re in the store. Have a great spring and thank you again for supporting Lake Liquors!

### Discount Days:

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

### 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, March 31: Closed for Easter Holiday

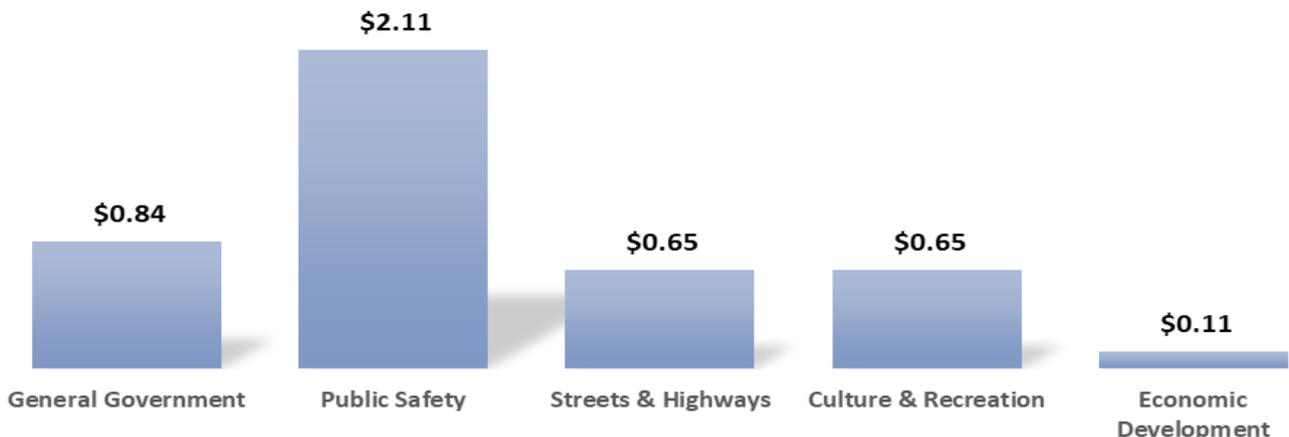
⇒ Monday, May 27: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## Thoughts from Your Finance Department

Have you ever wondered about the costs of your City’s services? For a mere \$4.36 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 2025 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.

### Cost per day to provide City Services



## 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 (450 Jefferson Blvd, Suite 1, Big Lake, MN) between 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

**Upcoming Dates:** May 11 | July 13  
September 14 | November 9



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**Upcoming Dates:** April 3 | June 5  
August 7 | October 2 | December 4

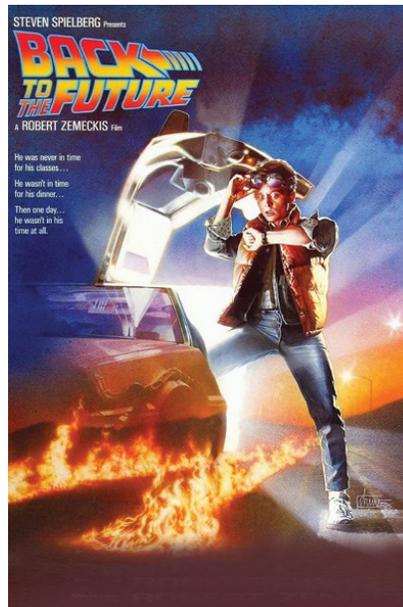
## Movie in the Park(ing) Lot Series

Movie in the Park is back this year bringing free, drive-in style movies to Lakeside Park! Parking starts an hour prior to the movie and Brisbane's Revenge food truck will be onsite selling popcorn, hot dogs, chicken tenders, fries, and lemonade. Thank you our sponsors: Sherburne Wright Cable Commission and Big Lake Spud Fest!



**Friday, May 17**  
**Super Mario Bros**

Parking from  
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Movie at Dusk  
(Approx. 9 p.m.)  
Reschedule Date:  
May 31



**Friday, September 6**  
**Back to the Future**

Parking from  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Movie at Dusk  
(Approx. 8 p.m.)  
Reschedule Date:  
September 13

## 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
- ⇒ Retaining walls over 4 feet tall measured from the bottom of the footing
- ⇒ 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:

- ⇒ 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 Building Permit applications can be directed to Building Technician Sandy Petrowski at 763-251-2980 or [spetrowski@biglakemn.org](mailto:spetrowski@biglakemn.org). Completed Zoning Permit applications can be directed to Planning Technician Tara Kohl at 763-251-2971 or [tkohl@biglakemn.org](mailto:tkohl@biglakemn.org).

## City Staff Length of Service Recognition

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

- ⇒ Captain Sam Olson: 20 years with the Big Lake Police Department



## 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!

## ECFE in the Park Returns in Summer 2024!



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 12: Lake Ridge Park
- ⇒ June 26: Sanford Select Acres Park
- ⇒ July 10: Hudson Woods Park
- ⇒ July 24: Wrights Crossing Park
- ⇒ August 7: Highline Park
- ⇒ August 21: Lakeside Park



## The City of Big Lake is Hiring!

Apply for the following positions today! Applications can be found on the City's website or at City Hall.

-Seasonal Lawn Care Employee

-Seasonal Engineering Intern

-Seasonal Park Attendant

-Police Reserve Officer

-Police Officer

## 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 2024 Spring Photo Contest! Winner will receive a Big Lake beach towel and swag bag.

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, 2024.

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

Due to the infestation of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Big Lake and Lake Mitchell, the City plans to chemically treat this invasive species again 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 treatment does not occur adjacent to your property by contacting City Engineer Layne Otteson at [lotteson@biglakemn.org](mailto:lotteson@biglakemn.org) or 763-251-2984 by June 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 1 - 12 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!

# Big Lake Fire Department Spring Update

**BE CONCERNED** about **CAMPFIRE SAFETY**

1. Build fire in areas away from overhanging trees and on flat ground
2. Clear area of all leaf & woody debris;
3. Ring your fire area with rocks
4. Keep your fire small
5. NEVER leave fire unattended
6. Have water and shovel on hand
7. Put out fire at first signs of increased winds and change in its direction
8. To Put Out Fire ... drench fire with water, stir and drench again; stir ashes; drench under and around your ring of rocks
9. 'Cold Trail': with the back of your bare hand, touch the entire fire area for heat; drench again until fire is DEAD OUT



**First Quarter Recap:** Our members have compiled well over 600 combined hours of training and refreshers during the first 3 months including Employee Right-to-Know, Bloodborne Pathogens, and Emergency Medical Refreshers. Fire Department Members also attended state sectional schools held at technical colleges around Minnesota for additional training to improve their skills and knowledge.

**Fire Recommendations:** With an abnormally dry winter and warm temperatures arriving early this year, we are already starting to see grass and wildland fires in the area. The early forecasts show little precipitation, but we are hoping this changes. With spring we also tend to get more wind which enhances potential danger. Because of this, the Fire Department wants to remind residents to be careful with recreational fires. Please tend to the fire until it is completely out and have a close water source ready to avoid a citation. You can only burn natural wood; No construction material or household trash. We are concerned that this may be a busy spring with grass and wildland fires, so please help us by doing your part and be safe with recreational fires. Reminder that any other fires require a permit from the Minnesota DNR. On behalf of the Big Lake Fire Department, thank you for your continuing support and have a safe spring season!

Seth Hansen Fire Chief



## 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 2024 Outstanding Citizen Award through May 1, 2024. You can find nomination forms at City Hall or on the City's website at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org). Nominate someone today!



## Spud Fest Returns June 27-30, 2024

Big Lake Spud Fest was created in 1972 and is celebrating its 52nd 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, Parade, Fireworks, Softball Tournament, Live Music, Beer Tent, BINGO, Big Lake Ambassador Coronation, Lakes Run, Pedal Pull, Car Show, Pickleball Tournaments, ECFE at the Fair, Marketplace, and more! Find information on this year's event schedule and how to volunteer for this year's festival at [biglakespudfest.com](http://biglakespudfest.com).

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# RESIDENTIAL RECYCLE DAY

Saturday, May 18, 2024 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>EXCERCISE 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
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>	
<b>PAYMENT METHOD</b> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>CHECK #</b>				

\*\*\*\* 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**

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Big Lake, MN 55309

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### City Council

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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 2, 24 | May 8, 22 | June 12, 25

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

**Planning Commission:** April 1 | May 6 | June 3

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

**BLEDA:** April 8 | May 13 | June 10

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

**Parks Advisory Committee:** April 8 | May 28 | June 24

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

### Connect with City of Big Lake

 [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org)

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 Follow the Police Dept. on Twitter @BigLakePolice



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