



CITY OF BIG LAKE

January 2026 Newsletter

What Do My 2026 City Taxes Pay For?

The City adopted a balanced 2026 General Fund budget of \$7,791,754. Of that amount, \$5,351,395 is funded by property taxes. The total 2026 City levy is \$6,311,469, and it supports:

- Core City operations across all departments
- Long-term service and infrastructure obligations
- The City's Debt Levy
- The Abatement Property Tax Levy

Every levy dollar is invested back into Big Lake to keep services stable, responsive, and resilient.

Where Do My City Dollars Go?

For only \$4.80 per day, Big Lake residents and businesses receive a full range of essential services including Police, Fire, Building Safety, Parks, Trails, Streets, and core Public Works operations, along with the programs and support that keep the community running every day.

These services maintain public safety, protect property, support growth, and preserve the high quality of life Big Lake residents expect.

Be Part of the 2027 Budget Conversation

The budget isn't just numbers; it's the roadmap for Big Lake's future.

Join us as we kick off the 2027 Budget process on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, and take part in shaping the decisions that guide our community.

If you want a deeper understanding or want to talk about how the budget affects you, please contact Finance Director Deb Wegeleben at dwegeleben@biglakemn.org or 763-251-2974.

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN Of The Year Award



Accepting Nominations

Do you know of a current or former Big Lake resident, business owner/manager, or non-profit organizer who strives to make a positive impact? Someone who enhances Big Lake and its citizens? Nominations for the 2026 Outstanding Citizen can be made online or at City Hall until April 1, 2026.



Community Gardens Applications Now Open

Community Garden plots can be leased for \$30 each from May to the end of October. Plots are 10' x 20' and are located at Public Works. Apply for a plot on the City's website today!



Election Judges needed in 2026!

The City will be seeking election judges to serve at the August 11 and November 3 Elections. Applications are available from the City website. Those interested in serving can contact the City Clerk's Office at gwolbeck@biglakemn.org.



Council Meeting Date Changes

City Council meetings in 2026 have moved to the third Wednesday of the month with Workshops beginning at 5 p.m. and Regular meetings beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Big Lake City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Winter Parking Reminders

Parking is not allowed on any City street or roadway between November 1 and April 15 of each year during the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

After a snowfall of two inches or more, all streets in the City will be cleared of all motor vehicles for snowplowing and/or snow removal. If your vehicle should have mechanical failure and cannot be removed from the street during the required dates/times, please contact the Big Lake Police Department at 763-251-2996 and advise the officer on duty. This may help in avoiding a citation and/or your vehicle being impounded.



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Length of Service Recognition

We would like to thank the following for their years of service to the Community:

Police Department: Officer Chris Hoard, 20 years



Big Lake Winter Farmers Market
Third Saturday
Big Lake City Hall
10 AM - 1 PM
November 15 | December 20
January 17 | February 21
*March 14 | April 18
*March 14 Market at BLHS

 

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