



CITY OF BIG LAKE

February 2026 Newsletter



Enjoy free coffee and conversation with Mayor Paul Knier on select Saturdays and Chief Sam Olson on select Wednesdays at Ember Coffee Company. Find details on the City website and Facebook page.

Chamber Community Fair

Mark your calendar for the Big Lake Chamber Community Fair on Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Big Lake High School! The City of Big Lake will be there offering prizes and answering questions. Free Admission | Free Entertainment | Free Giveaways | Farmers Market Visit biglakechamber.com for more information!



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 Garden Applications Now Open

Community Garden plots can be leased for \$30 each from May to 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.

Yard Waste Facility Updates

There has been a hard reset on all yard waste facility key-cards. Residents of Becker, Big Lake, and Zimmerman can obtain a key-card to access any of the three yard waste facilities. If you already have a key-card, bring it to City Hall to be reset. Your first key-card is free and you can replace the key-card or purchase a second one for \$10.

Note that Elk River's yard waste site will only be open to City of Elk River residents. The City of Big Lake's Yard Waste Facility is located at Big Lake Public Works (18041 198th Avenue) and is open 24/7. Bring a photo ID or utility bill with proof of residency to City Hall (160 Lake St N) during regular office hours to reset or obtain a new key-card during regular office hours (Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Fridays: 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

Subscribe to Online Newsletter

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

Length of Service Recognition

Thank you for your service to the Community:

- Water/Wastewater: Dan Childs, 15 Years
- Finance Department: Lisa Miller, 15 years

A promotional banner for the Big Lake Winter Farmers Market. The background is a vibrant collage of fresh vegetables like bell peppers, leafy greens, and asparagus. A central blue box contains the event details in white and orange text. Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are at the bottom, along with the website URL. A small Big Lake logo is in the bottom right corner.

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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