

# The Big Lake Wave

July / August / September 2019

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**City Hall Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:**

Independence Day - July 4, 2019

Labor Day - September 2, 2019



## Summer Photo Contest

Do you love taking pictures? Here is your chance to be featured on the City of Big Lake’s social media pages, City newsletter, etc. The above banner picture is from our Spring Photo Contest winner Devon Munoz.

We are inviting residents to submit photos that define Big Lake in the summer months!

Be sure to capture what you love the most about the City of Big Lake in the summer and share it with us! All photos can be submitted to Trisha Lindahl, Building Permit Technician/Administrative Assistant, at [tlindahl@biglakemn.org](mailto:tlindahl@biglakemn.org) by September 6, 2019. All submissions will be entered into a drawing.

Note: when submitting photos via email, make sure to select “**Actual Size**”. The bigger the picture the better!

\*\*submission of a photo will release the photo to the City of Big Lake. The photo may be used on the City website, City Facebook page, and any other marketing material.

## Connect with Council

The Big Lake City Council invites you to come out and connect with your elected officials and your fellow community members at an informal get together at Lakeside Park.

City Council members along with City staff, will be on hand to visit with and answer any questions you have.

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

**3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (during the Farmers Market event)**

**Lakeside Park**

## Business Spotlight

**CENTRA**CARE Health



The health of your family is our priority at CentraCare Clinic - Big Lake. Our caring team of family medicine providers and nurses are invested in knowing your health goals and working with you to create the steps that lead to a healthier and happier you! We also understand that your time is valuable and that is why we offer early morning and early evening appointments as well as same-day access!

We enjoy being members of the Big Lake community and are proud to work with local schools and participate in community events to help improve the overall health of our community. We are also dedicated to supporting early literacy by partnering with Reach Out and Read to provide a free new book to our youngest patients at each well-child visit from the age of six months through five years. Visit us at [centracare.com](http://centracare.com) to meet our providers and learn how CentraCare is here for you.



**Project H.E.A.L.** (Health, Education, Access, Link) is an outreach program of CentraCare Family Health Center that offers free health screenings and basic care for those who have little or no insurance. It is hosted on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Senior Center located at 160 Lake St N, Big Lake, MN 55309.

### Lawn Irrigation

- ◇ Please keep in mind, that if you have been watering your lawn this summer, your water bill will reflect the increase in water usage.
- ◇ Each 1,000 gallons cost \$3.93 up to 6,500 gallons and \$4.91 over 6,500 gallons.
- ◇ We do not meter your sewer. Sewer usage is based on the average amount of water you use during the months of November through April.



### City of Big Lake Accepts Payments Online

Residents can make eCheck payments through our Web Store on the City of Big Lake Website! Residents can make payments online from any computer, laptop, tablet, phone, etc., any time of the day.

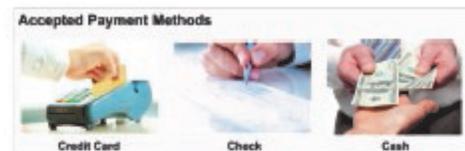
Additional forms of payment include any credit or debit card issued by Discover, VISA and MasterCard.

Payment will be processed on a secure site, powered by Payment Service Network (PSN).

Visit [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org) to learn more about our online payment processor.



**Pay by phone**  
1-877-885-7968



## Dog Vaccination Clinic—City/Township of Big Lake

The **14th Annual Big Lake Dog Vaccination Clinic** will be held **Saturday, September 7, 2019** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Lions Community Park, 21960 County Road 5. Barrington Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Elk River, will provide vaccination services at this event.

**All dogs must be on a leash.** Only healthy dogs will be vaccinated.

Township residents will be able to purchase a dog license on site the day of the event. The City of Big Lake no longer requires dogs to be licensed in the City.

CASH PAYMENT REQUIRED.  
NO CHECKS, DEBIT, OR CREDIT  
CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



Discounted prices are only good at the  
Vaccination Clinic on the day of the  
event.

**Vaccination prices from the 2018 clinic:**

**One year Rabies (\$10) Canine DHPP (\$16) Canine Lymes (\$30)**

2019 Vaccination costs are expected to be “similar” to last year.

**Contact Information:**

<b>City Hall</b>	<b>Township Hall</b>
<b>763-263-2107</b>	<b>763-263-8111</b>

## Great River Regional Library—Event Schedule

### **July**

- ⇒ Storytime - Fridays (5, 12, 19, 26) @ 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Adult Friends of the Big Lake Library - Monday, July 1 @ 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Coding Fun - Wednesday, July 10 @ 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Bruce the Bug Guy - Tuesday, July 16 @ 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- ⇒ Book Beads - Monday, July 22 @ 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Escape Room - Thursday, July 25 @ 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ⇒ The Oz Brothers - Monday, July 29 @ 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.



For more information,  
go to the GRRL website  
at [www.griver.org](http://www.griver.org)

### **August**

- ⇒ Storytime - Fridays (2, 9, 16) @ 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- ⇒ A Royal Event - Friday, Aug. 2 @ 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Adult Friends of the Big Lake Library - Monday, Aug. 5 @ 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Superhero Science - Monday, August 5 @ 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Yoga Storytime - Wednesday, Aug. 9 @ 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### **September**

- ⇒ Crafty Adults Group - Wednesday, Sept. 11 @ 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Paper Mosaic - Monday, Sept. 23 @ 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

#### **Hours of Operation:**

**Monday** 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday** 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Thursday** 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
**Friday** 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Saturday** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Sunday** Closed



**CITY OF Big Lake**  
**Movie in the Park**  
**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lakeside Park**  
 Activities from 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
 Movie starts at Dusk (Approx. 8:00pm)  
**Food by Rocket Concessions**  
*In the event of inclement weather, activities will be rescheduled for Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>*

**FREE** **FREE**  
**FEATURING**

**Disney MARY POPPINS RETURNS**  
 Runtime: 130 minutes, Rated: PG

**All Children dressed in a Disney Costume will receive a free ice cream treat!**

**Royal Performance Company**

**ROCKET CONCESSIONS!**

**Doro Karate Bounce House! Big Lake Ambassadors Face Painting**

**Dean-o-mite Entertainment**  
 An Absolute B<sup>ig</sup>!

**Thank you to our sponsors:**  
 Climb Theatre, Kwik Trip, Big Lake Spud Fest, & Knights of Columbus

**A Special thank you to Sherburne Wright Cable Commission for providing the movie equipment! Watch your City Government Channel! Charter: Channel 180.**



**Theatre in the Park Series**  
**Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lakeside Park**  
**101 Lakeshore Drive, Big Lake, MN**  
**Free Activities at 6:00 pm**  
**Play at 7:00 pm**

Stop out and enjoy free kids activities for all ages.  
 July 19: "Water Woman," a play about water conservation  
 August 9: "Can Man," a play about recycling

**CLIMB Theatre** 

## Municipal Liquor Store

Please let staff know if there are customer requests. We continue to rotate and bring in new products weekly. Thank you for helping us pour profits back into your community!

### Discount Days:

- ◇ Monday: Senior Discount (age 62+) - 10% off regular priced items.
- ◇ Tuesday: Wine Day - 10% off regular priced wines.



In addition to our discount days, we have created deep case discounts on many of your favorite spirits. We also offer case discounts on wine and spirits every day. Customer requests are welcome.

Join the *Lake Liquor Loyalty Club* to earn points towards \$ discounts and other savings. Sign up at Lake Liquors.

### **Holiday Hours are as follows:**

- ⇒ Independence Day - July 4, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Labor Day - September 2, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **Regular Store Hours:**

- Monday—Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



## Permit Reminders

**Information in this article is intended for residents and other property owners within the City of Big Lake, who are looking to undertake building additions and other improvements.**

Staff is asked quite often whether or not a particular project requires a Building Permit. The most accurate way to answer that question is for the property owner or building contractor to complete a permit application for a thorough review. Once a scope of work is defined, the Building Inspector can make the determination if a permit is required and if so, what type of permit and inspections will be required. It is always best to contact City Hall to see what, if any, permits may be required prior to starting your project.

### Generally, Building permits are required for:

- Any new structure
- Alterations or additions
- Demolition
- Replacing or installing a fireplace, furnace or air conditioner
- Replacing or installing a water heater or water softener
- Re-roofing or re-siding a building
- Window and/or door replacement
- Detached accessory buildings over 200 square feet (sheds)
- 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 setback rules as permanent swimming pools.



Building applications are available at City Hall or on the City website [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org) under the “Departments” tab then “Building” tab.

### Generally, Zoning permits are required for:

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

Zoning applications are available at City Hall or on the City website [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org) under the “Departments” tab then “Planning & Zoning” tab.

### 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

Engineering applications are available at City Hall or on the City website [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org) under the “Departments” tab then “Engineering” tab.

You may send the completed application via mail; 160 Lake St N, Big Lake, MN 55309 or email to [tlindahl@biglakemn.org](mailto:tlindahl@biglakemn.org). If you have any questions, contact Trisha Lindahl at 763-251-2971.

## Code Enforcement

Hello! My name is Lorrie McKee. I am the new Seasonal Code Enforcement Intern for the City of Big Lake. I am a proud born-and-raised Minnesotan who grew up in Corcoran. It is very similar to Big Lake in that the community is very strong and supportive. I am eager to become familiar with the City of Big Lake and its residents. I hope to work with you all in order to preserve the things that make Big Lake the wonderful place that it is. Feel free to contact me at 763-251-1538 or [codeenforcement@biglakemn.org](mailto:codeenforcement@biglakemn.org).



We would like to encourage residents this spring and summer to take a moment to look at their properties and address any possible issues before a neighbor contacts staff for Code Enforcement. This will strengthen our community image and help sustain property values. We prefer residents to work through any issues they have with one another before submitting a request or calling in Zoning Code violations. Greater communication between neighbors will help us build a stronger community and promote the kind of friendly, small-town atmosphere we have come to value.

All noise, loose animals and/or non-emergency traffic, safety concerns may be directed to the Big Lake Police Department at 763-251-2996 while it is happening.

To report a comment, concern, compliment and/or violation, go to the City website [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org), hover over “I Want To” and then click on one of the pages listed under “Report A”. If you wish to fill out the paper form, they are available at City Hall, 160 Lake St N, Big Lake, MN 55309.

To dispose of grass clippings, leaves, and brush/logs (must be separated from grass clippings) the Big Lake Compost site is located at 18401 198th Ave, Big Lake, MN 55309. An access card is required and can be obtained at Big Lake City Hall during business hours.

### **Long Grass and Weeds Ordinance: Section 510**

**510.02 A Nuisance.** Any weeds or grass upon any lot or parcel of land, including the lands between the curb line of the street or alley and the property line of private properties to a height greater than one foot, or which are about to go to seed, are hereby declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the health, safety and good order of the City; excluding storm sewer holding ponds, storm sewer drainage areas, surface drainage areas, wet lands, shoreline vegetation, nature preserve and other unplatted property.

### **Big Lake Firefighters Needed!**

The Big Lake Fire Department is now accepting applications for Paid On-Call Firefighter openings. Primarily looking to fill daytime (6 a.m. to 6 p.m. hours). Starting wage: \$12.00 per hour.

Minimum requirements include:

1. High School diploma or equivalent,
2. Obtaining required certification within the first year of employment, and
3. Must reside within 6 miles from the Big Lake Fire Station.

Applications are available at Big Lake City Hall or Big Lake Township Hall or online at [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org) or [biglaketownship.com](http://biglaketownship.com). Applications must be received no later than Friday, July 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. They can be submitted via email to [clerk@biglaketownship.com](mailto:clerk@biglaketownship.com) or dropped off at Big Lake City Hall or Big Lake Township Hall.

## Police Department - Night to Unite - August 6, 2019

Night to Unite is a national event utilized to symbolize a community's resolve to fight crime together. The strongest tool we have as a police department, is that of working in partnership with our residents to combat crime, and report suspicious activity. Many of our citizens tips, result in significant arrests and cases being solved. With this effort, the Night to Unit Event is used to bring the community together to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships.

For the past 5 years, the Big Lake Police Department has coordinated a community wide picnic event at Lakeside Park to mark Night to Unite. With this event, we have fielded consistent requests to visit block club parties being hosted in neighborhoods to celebrate this night. Because all our resources have been in the park, we have been unable to attend local block club gatherings to any significant degree. Last year we made a change, moving away from the one large celebration, and returning to the original layout of Night to Unite, the block club parties. For those who have made this request yearly, I want you to know your concerns were heard.

This year, we are again asking neighborhoods to come together for this night. Take the lead, plan the event for your neighborhood, and bring your neighbors together for this awesome night. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and your Big Lake Police Department; allowing us to build partnerships which work hand in hand. Our entire department will be in for this event, we will be attending all block clubs that come together.

Police Specialist Tina Peterson will be coordinating Night to Unite for our department. If you are going to hold a block club party, please contact her and let her know the location, times, and what we can do to assist you with this event; [tpeterson@biglakepolice.com](mailto:tpeterson@biglakepolice.com), 763-251-2991. Our citizens are our eyes and ears to what is taking place in Big Lake regarding criminal and suspicious activity. please take the opportunity to bring your neighbors together to take this to the next level.



As always, I welcome discussion and feedback about how we are doing in the community, or just the opportunity to visit with our citizens. Please feel free to stop by our office, call me at 763-251-2985, or email at; [jscharf@biglakepolice.com](mailto:jscharf@biglakepolice.com).

Please remember to like us on Facebook, and join us on Nextdoor.com.

**Joel D. Scharf - Chief of Police**

## Fire Department

The Big Lake Fire Department has been very active in the past three months with over a 100 calls for service. There have been multiple calls for structure fires and fires caused by smoking. Make sure to dispose of cigarettes safely and do not put them in flower pots. The potting soil has been a factor in fires, so it is not a safe way to dispose of cigarettes. A metal container is the best way to dispose. Another safety reminder, turkey fryers when being used should be a safe distance from your home or garage. Do not use these fryers on your deck or in your garage.

The annual Big Lake Fire Relief Association's Dance will be on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. There will be live music by Outside Recess. Food will be served from Gess What's Cookin', in addition to beverages for purchase. Throughout the night there will be multiple raffles for prizes. At this time, there are tickets still available for purchase for the grand prize drawings. Must be 21 years or older to attend.

The Big Lake Fire Department Open House will be on Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Exhibits will include the Big Lake Police Department, CentraCare Ambulance, Xcel Energy, Connexus Energy, Sherburne County Boat and Water, DNR, plus many others. There will also be a helicopter, canine demonstrations, a kitchen fire exhibit along with fire truck rides and food. Everyone is welcome!



The Fire Chief and Fire Department Members 'THANK YOU' for your continued support and wish you and your families a safe summer!



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## City Council

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**Paul Knier**, Council Member

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## Contact the City

Phone..... 763-263-2107

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

## View Meetings

Live on Channel 180, 6:00 p.m.

On-demand video link on City website

**City Council:** July 10, 24 | August 14, 28 | Sept. 11, 25  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

**Planning Commission:** July 03, 17 | August 07, 21 | Sept. 04  
(6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers)

**BLEDA:** July 08 | August 12 | Sept. 09  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

**Parks Advisory Committee:** July 08 | August 12 | Sept. 09  
(7:00 p.m. at Public Works Building)

## Connect with Big Lake City



www.biglakemn.org

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Follow the Police Dept. on Twitter @BigLakePolice

**BIG LAKE FARMERS MARKET**

Local food trucks  
Free parking  
Live music  
Debit-credit accepted  
Market Bucks  
Power of Produce Program

Every Wednesday from June to August  
3pm to 7pm  
Every Wednesday in September  
3pm to 6pm  
Lakeside Park

Questions? Contact Corrie at 612-297-6331 or visit www.biglakemn.org for more info.

Music in the Park Thursdays 7-8:30 pm all Summer!	
Date	Band
06-06-19	Rockin' Hollywoods
06-13-19	The Plott Hounds
06-20-19	Lady Luck
06-27-19	Outside Recess
07-04-19	The CastAway's - <b>CANCELLED</b>
07-11-19	Plaid to the Bone
07-18-19	Thrillbillies
07-25-19	Southbound
08-01-19	Band 51
08-08-19	Bob and the Beachcombers
08-15-19	Shane Martin
08-22-19	The Vinny Rose Band



Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

McPete's Sports Bar and Lanes

590 Humboldt Dr., Big Lake.  
\$5 per person at the door.

For more information, check out our

Facebook page: Big Lake Chamber of Commerce or go to www.biglakechamber.com