



The Big Lake Wave

July/August/September 2017

Changing Tides at the Big Lake Farmers Market



For more information contact Corrie Scott at 763.228.1361 or cscott@biglakemn.org

Record numbers of vendors and attendees have made for a wildly successful market in 2017. July will bring a wider selection of produce, so stop by and see what's new each week! We'll be offering Power of Produce to kids ages 4 - 12 until August!

Parking after 3pm is free. Don't have cash? We are now accepting debit/credit purchases as well as EBT/Snap. Stop by the City booth to find out how!

Our vendors are offering only homemade and homegrown products including Fruits, Vegetables, Mushrooms, Eggs, Salsa, Jelly, Meats, Goat Cheeses, Jewelry, Books, Breads, Oils, Honey, Syrup, Lemonade, Baked Goods, Flowers, Crafts, Hot and Ready Food Items, and much more!

Vendors to Date:

- Great Harvest Bread
- Eicher's Hobby Farm
- LV Gardens
- Warnke Farm
- Mary Ann Peterson
- Bob & Judy's Farm Market
- Cat Tail Farm
- Grace's Goodies
- Jewelry by Linda Larson
- Hunz Farmz
- Matt the Mushroom Guy
- Kenya Letourneau
- Gess What's Cookin'
- Smude's Sunflower Oil
- Mister Lemonade
- Linda Bergsten
- Austin's Acres
- Furbabies Crochet Boutique
- Syrup by Jake



July Music

- July 5 – Janice Shovelain (Senior Day)
- July 12 – Moe DeLL
- July 19 – She's My Sister (Kids Day)
- July 26 – Ira Haze

August Music

- August 2 - Sunny VanBrocklin
- August 9 - Betty Danger
- August 16 - Four Legg Fish (Kids Day)
- August 23 - Ilika Ward
- August 30 - The May North

September Music

- September 6 - Rosby Corner
- September 13 - Betty Danger
- September 20 - TBA (Kids Day)
- September 27 - Jake Kemble

Big Lake City Council 2017

Mayor Raeanne Danielowski 763-263-3801 rdanielowski@biglakemn.org	Council Member Dick Backlund 763-260-0371 dbacklund@biglakemn.org	Council Member Seth Hansen 763-262-6282 shansen@biglakemn.org	Council Member Duane Langsdorf 763-263-7867 dlangsdorf@biglakemn.org	Council Member Mike Wallen 763-286-3842 mwallen@biglakemn.org
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Comprehensive Plan



Big Lake Comprehensive Plan 2040 Update

The City of Big Lake is in the process of updating our comprehensive plan, the master plan that lays out what we want our community to look like in 2040 and sets up an action plan for how to get there. We are looking to engage the community throughout the planning process and have been soliciting feedback through the following methods:

- A thirty-person task force made up of residents, business owners, and leaders of local organizations has been meeting once a month to help City Staff develop the first draft of the new plan.
- The City has been asking a planning question on its official Facebook page every Friday. The responses are being read by City Staff and shared with the task force.
- Once the first draft of the new plan is complete, there will be open houses so residents can learn about the plan and react to it.

The City wants the planning process to be welcoming and transparent. We will be posting chapters from the first draft of the plan on the City website as they are developed. If you have any questions or if you would like to give input directly and do not use social media, written comments can be submitted to City Planner Michael Healy at mhealy@biglakemn.org, dropped off at City Hall, or mailed to City Hall at 160 Lake Street N., Big Lake MN 55309.

Dog Vaccination Clinic

DOG VACCINATION CLINIC City/Township of Big Lake

The 12TH Annual Big Lake Dog Vaccination Clinic will be held **Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Lions Community Park, 21960 County Road 5 (garage). 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. A Dog License is required to be eligible for the discounted vaccinations. The \$10.00 license fee is valid for two (2) years. City and Big Lake Township residents will be able to purchase a dog license on site the day of the event.

- 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 for the 2017 clinic:
One year Rabies (\$10) Canine DHPP (\$16) Canine Lymes (\$30)



Contact Information:
City Hall Township Hall
763-263-2107 763-263-8111

Big Lake Police Department



Night to Unite-Police Community Picnic

August 1st, 2017 the Big Lake Police Department will host our 5th Annual Big Lake Police Department Community Picnic at Lakeside Park. August 1st is also the national “Night to Unite” event, which brings members of the community together to build relationships and unite against crime. The fun begins at 6:00pm, with a range of activities taking place to include:

- BLPD Police Officers and Reserve Officers on hand to visit and ask questions, plus take a tour of our newest squad cars.
- Mark Hedstrom - SpinningSound will be providing music and entertainment.
- Canine Demo – Meet and Greet with Canine Bruno!
- Air inflated bounce tent, slides, and other activities for the kids.
- Adults can take a tour on our simulated impaired driver course using a golf cart and “drunk goggles.”
- Meet members of the Big Lake Fire Department and CentraCare Emergency Medical Services, and take a tour of their vehicles and equipment.
- And most importantly, eat on us and enjoy a beautiful event in Lakeside Park with your community neighbors. Food will be prepared by members of the Big Lake City Council and The Legacy Foundation.



This is an awesome opportunity for us to connect with our community, and for you in turn to interact with us. Please plan to join us! As always I welcome discussion and feedback about how we are doing in the community, or just the opportunity to visit with our citizens.

Chief of Police: Joel D. Scharf - jscharf@biglakepolice.com

New BLPD Phone Number: 763-251-2996

Miscellaneous

City Offices Closed in Observance of these holidays:

Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day

Monday, September 4
Labor Day



For Music in the Park
Free Parking

Date	Band
06-01-17	Rockin' Hollywoods
06-08-17	Tammy Jo
06-15-17	ThrillBillies
06-22-17	Shane Martin
06-29-17	CherryGun
07-06-17	Sweet Siren
07-13-17	The CastAway's
07-20-17	DiamondBack
07-27-17	Outside Recess
08-03-17	Bob and the Beach Combers
08-10-17	2 Mile Final
08-17-17	Band 51
08-24-17	Brat Pack Radio



BIG LAKE BLOCK PARTY

August 26th, 1 p.m.–5 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

Code Enforcement

Long Grass and Weeds Ordinance:

Tis the season for long grass and weeds! The weeds and grass ordinance can be found in Chapter 5 of the Big Lake City Code; Nuisances, Offenses, and Other Regulations. In an effort to decrease the amount of complaints made regarding long grass and weeds, the City thought it would be best to share what the Code states:

510.02 A Nuisance. Any weeds or grass growing 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 water drainage areas, wet lands, shoreline vegetation, nature preserve and other unplatted property.



Business Spotlight

Kelco Supply Company

Kelco Supply Company (Kelco), located in the Big Lake Industrial Park since 2013, is an independent, family owned business. Established in 1939, Kelco manufactures and distributes quality products to businesses in the deathcare profession. This involves a fairly broad spectrum of businesses which include funeral homes, crematories, cemeteries, hospitals, medical examiners, veterinarians, and medical and mortuary schools. Products range from items needed to prepare the deceased for their final journey, to things the business needs to operate their facilities.

Alicia Carr, owner of Kelco, is determined to operate a successful business for her clients, as well as the extremely dedicated and talented employees who work with her. She is passionate about the market they serve and states “the cornerstone of our business has always been about Service. Our core mission is to provide our clients with the same exemplary level of service and respect that they provide for the deceased and bereaved.”



Big Lake Fire Department

With summer in full swing and outdoor activities being enjoyed by all, our Fire Department would like to offer two important safety topics to discuss with family members and friends.

Recreational Fires and Cooking Grills

Summer season is upon us now and a common activity is to have a “bon-fire” or recreational fire in your back yard with friends and family. Keep in mind, the fire cannot be larger than three (3) feet in width and three (3) feet high. Have water to extinguish and only natural wood can be burned. Please make sure your fire is out cold and place any coals/ash in a steel container with water. Do not place it in a plastic garbage can. Residents who live in multi-family dwellings/apartment buildings that have a deck, you are not allowed to use a propane or charcoal grill or wire screened fire pits.

Updates:

The Fire Department will be seeking people for paid on-call fire fighter positions as the department loses members to retirement. Look for hiring ads later this summer.

The men and women of the Big Lake Fire Department want you to have a safe and enjoyable summer and we want to thank the community for their continued support.

Summer Storms

With a few rounds of severe weather moving through this spring, our most common fire call responds to tree limbs falling on power lines. We have no way to know if they still have current to them or dead. Do not touch, move or pick up downed wire. If you encounter power lines down on top of your vehicle, stay inside. Do not exit because if you make contact with the ground while still making contact with the vehicle, you could be electrocuted. Stay alert and cautious!



Fire Chief Paul Nemes
763-263-3456

Municipal Liquor Store

Updates:

- **NEW Sunday hours begin July 2nd 11 am - 4 pm**
- **Lake Liquors will be open July 4th 9 am - 4 pm**
- New LED lighting has been installed throughout the store.
- Lake Liquors is a proud sponsor of Music in the Park, Spudfest, Veterans Memorial, Sea Devils Swim Club and local trails.
- When planning your summer events, be sure to order your kegs and large quantities of liquor a week in advance.

- Like us on Facebook to receive information about our “Happy Hour” tasting every Friday night.
- Please remember our weekly discount days:
 - Mondays—10% discount to senior citizens 62 or older.
 - Tuesdays—10% discount on wines
 - Wednesdays—10% discount on cordials
 - We also offer 10% discount on case buys of liquor and wine.



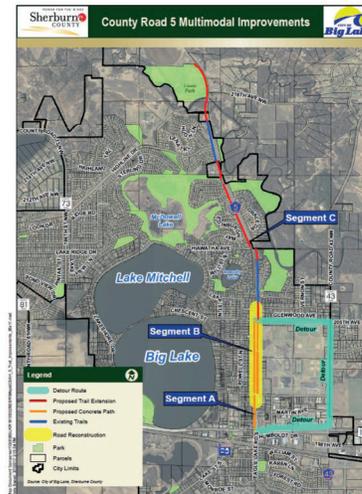
If you have any questions, please contact Greg or Lisa at the liquor store at 763-263-3673 or by emailing Greg at gzurbey@biglakemn.org or Lisa at lmiller@biglakemn.org

Veteran's Memorial

THANK YOU *LAKE LIQUOR* FOR “POURING” YOUR PROFITS BACK INTO THE BIG LAKE COMMUNITY!

2017 COMMUNITY PROJECTS PARTIALLY FUNDED FROM THE MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE PROFITS:

THE COUNTY ROAD 5 TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



THE BIG LAKE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL



Thanks to all who helped plan and organize, and to those that attended the dedication ceremony for the **Big Lake Veteran's Memorial** on May 20, 2017. Even the bad weather conditions couldn't keep our loyal Veteran supporters from attending this dedication! While the Memorial has been constructed, we are still in need of donations to help cover the cost of bringing this special memorial to the Big Lake Community. Donations can be dropped off, or mailed to the City of Big Lake at 160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN 55309.

Water and Sewer Payments

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 \$4.01.
- 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 NOW ACCEPTS PAYMENTS ONLINE



We are excited to announce that residents can now 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 to learn more about our new online payment processor.



Finance Department



While the summer months can be a relaxing and leisurely time for many, the summer season is when the City's Finance Department really kicks into high gear. As we move into July, our staff starts looking forward to 2018 and beyond; we're preparing preliminary budgets, examining the City's Capital Improvement Plan, and thinking about investment opportunities. If you're not familiar with the City's annual budget planning process, we encourage you to reach out to

staff and attend our budget workshops during the summer and fall months. We want to hear your opinions about service levels and spending choices, and we'd like the opportunity to respond to your concerns. The City's website will be updated throughout the summer with information regarding upcoming budget workshops. We hope you'll take some time to join in the conversation and get involved. See you there!





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Big Lake, MN 55309

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Events

MOVIE-IN-THE-PARK

BRING YOUR FAMILY FOR A
FREE NIGHT OF FUN!



Friday, August 25th
LAKESIDE PARK



Concessions will be available from
ROCKET CONCESSIONS starting at 6:00 p.m.



Movie Starts at Dusk
(approximately 8 p.m.)

Bring your Family and Friends
to LAKESIDE PARK on
Friday, August 25th for a FREE
Night of Events and Activities
for ALL Ages!

More Information to Follow at:
www.biglakemn.org or City of
Big Lake's FACEBOOK Page.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR!

Residents and Business Leaders are invited to
join Mayor Raeanne Danielowski for coffee and
casual conversation to exchange infor-
mation and discover ways to work together to
improve Big Lake and enhance the lives of all
its residents.

Each month, Mayor Danielowski will serve as
your host for Coffee with the Mayor events.

- ENJOY SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS
- RECEIVE CITY UPDATES
- DISCUSS ISSUES/CONCERNS
- ASK QUESTIONS
- OFFER COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
- All while enjoying a fresh cup of coffee!

Please take the time to come out and help
make Big Lake the best it can be!

There is no charge to attend these events.
All are welcome to attend!

Held Every 2nd Saturday of the Month

July 8th	9:00 - 11:00 AM
August 12th	Coburn's Deli
September 9th	711 Rose Drive
October 14th	Big Lake, MN
	763-261-2968



Fridley Northstar Station Shuttle – September 2017



Starting on September 5, 2017; a free shuttle service will operate for
one year between the Fridley Northstar Commuter Rail station and large employers within one to two
miles away from the station. A proposed shuttle route map is available at

<https://www.anokacounty.us/2776/Fridley-Northstar-Shuttle> .

The intent of the service is to improve access to area employers and to help mitigate traffic congestion
on area roadways such as Highway 10. The service will be provided for one calendar year as a
demonstration project using Federal and local funding. If successful, the service may continue beyond
this period.

Big Lake City Hall

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