

# The Big Lake Wave

April | May | June 2020



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### City Offices will be Closed:

- ⇒ Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day
- ⇒ Friday, July 3 - Independence Day Observed

Meetings and events outlined in this newsletter are subject to change. To view the most current COVID-19 updates, go to [biglakemn.org/541/COVID-19-Updates](http://biglakemn.org/541/COVID-19-Updates).

## Big Lake Farmers Market

Enjoy time with your friends and family this summer while supporting local farmers, crafters, and musicians at the Big Lake Farmers Market! The market is located right by beautiful Big Lake beach each Wednesday in the summer and vendors offer homemade and homegrown products including fresh fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, eggs, meats, syrup, honey, salsa, pickles, jam, crafts and more! Debit-credit and SNAP-EBT are accepted as well as the Market Bucks Match Program. Each week will feature free parking, food trucks, live music, and free kids activities!

Children ages 3-12 receive a \$2 Power of Produce token to use on fruits and vegetables each week they attend the market. Stop by the information booth to learn how to sign up! For information on becoming a vendor, contact the 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

## Election Judges Needed

In Minnesota, election judges are paid officials who staff 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 serve the community.

The Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020 and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. If you are interested in serving as an election judge for the 2020 elections, contact Big Lake City Clerk, Gina Wolbeck, at 763-251-2973 or [gwolbeck@biglakemn.org](mailto:gwolbeck@biglakemn.org).

## Municipal Liquor Store

Lake Liquors would like to thank Big Lake residents for helping to pour profits back into the community. Profits from Lake Liquors help to reduce taxes and fund projects in Big Lake. By keeping your business local, you are helping to support the entire community!

Staff continues to rotate and bring in new products weekly, but keep in mind that customer requests are always welcome. If you can't find what you are looking for after the fresh coat of paint and cooler re-set, please just ask one of Lake Liquors' friendly staff members, and don't forget to ask your cashier about how you can join the Lake Liquor Loyalty Club to earn points towards cash savings!

### Discount Days:

- ⇒ Monday: Senior Discount (age 62+) - 10% off regular priced items
- ⇒ Tuesdays: Wine Day - 10% off regular priced wines
- ⇒ Check out the variety of deep case discounts on your favorite spirits



### 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, April 12: Closed
- ⇒ Monday, May 25: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

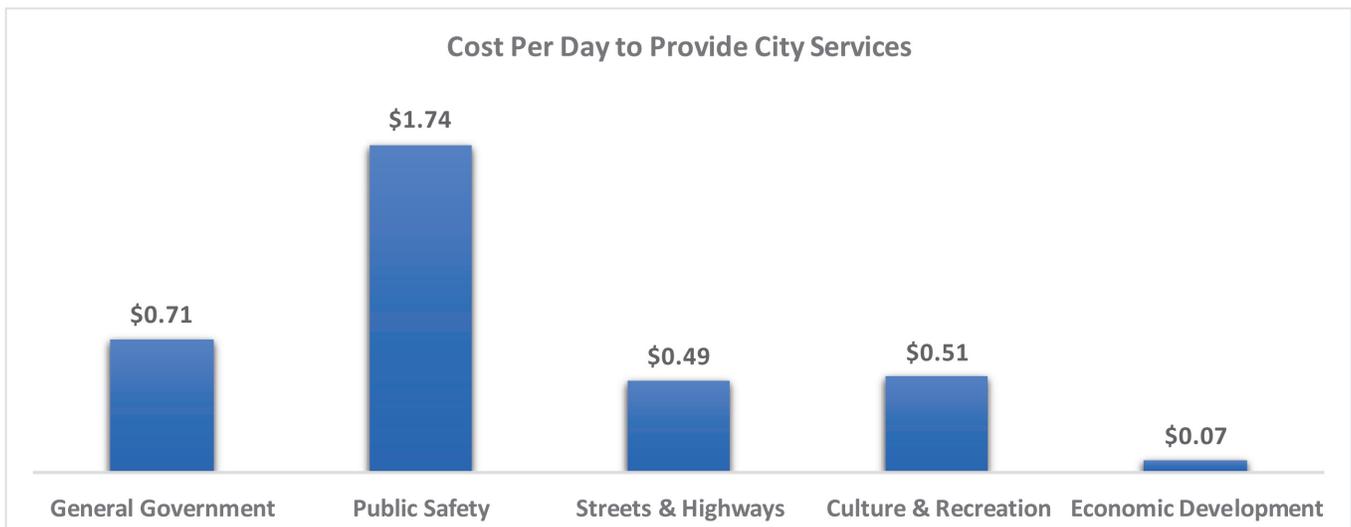
## Great River Regional Library eCard



Did you know that if you don't currently have a library card, you can apply for an eCard at <https://griver.org/card-application>? Great River Regional Library will email you a barcode number to access eBooks and other digital items that generally require a library card.

## Thoughts from your Finance Department

Have you ever wondered about the costs of your City's services? For a mere \$3.52 per day, residents are provided with award winning public service by the Police and Fire Departments as well as park, trails, and streets maintenance provided by the Public Works Department, and a multitude of other services that contribute to a high quality of life. Here is a breakdown of the total cost per day for the exceptional city services that are provided by the various departments across the City of Big Lake.



## Aquatic Invasive Species Treatments



Due to the infestation of Eurasian Waterfoil in Big and Mitchell Lakes, the City of Big Lake and the Big Lake Community Lakes Association plan to chemically treat this invasive species in summer 2020. All treatment will be performed by a licensed commercial applicator. The method and chemicals used will be determined by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. There is no cost to the property owners on the lakes, but as a lakeshore landowner you may request that control does not occur adjacent to your property by contacting Public Works Director, Layne Otteson, at 763-251-2984 by April 24, 2020.

## Lakeside Park Passes

Seasonal parking stickers for Lakeside Park are now available at Big Lake City Hall and Lake Liquors during regular business hours. Proof of residency will be required to receive the City resident rate. License plate information will also be required on all passes. Either a seasonal or daily pass is required for parking from May 1 to October 31.

### City Residents:

\$10.00 - Vehicle Only Pass  
\$20.00 - Vehicle/Trailer Pass

### Non-Residents:

\$30.00 - Vehicle Only Pass  
\$40.00 - Vehicle/Trailer Pass

### Daily Passes:

\$5.00 - Vehicle Only Pass  
\$15.00 - Vehicle/Trailer Pass

## Chamber Golf Tournament

Enjoy a day of golf with the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Go to [biglakechamber.com](http://biglakechamber.com) to register. All are welcome!



## Spring Photo Contest

Big Lake Residents are invited to submit pictures that they feel define the Big Lake community this spring season in the 2020 Spring Photo Contest!

Submission of a photo will release the photo to the City of Big Lake. The photo may be used on the City website, Facebook, and other marketing materials. All photos can be submitted to Corrie Scott, at [ccscott@biglakemn.org](mailto:ccscott@biglakemn.org) by June 1, 2020.



## Fix-It Clinic

Do you have a household item in need of repair? Instead of throwing it out, bring it to our 2020 Fix-It Clinic on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Big Lake City Hall and learn valuable repair skills in the process. Examples of items include small appliances, clothing, jewelry, toys, tools, etc. We are also looking for volunteers with repair skills to help out!

Questions? Call or email Tom Wyatt-Yerka at 730-307-6040 or [twyatt-yerka@biglakemn.org](mailto:twyatt-yerka@biglakemn.org).

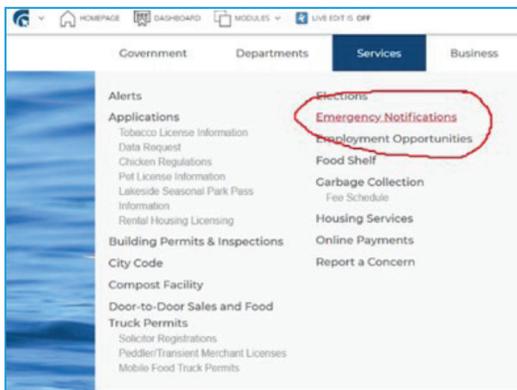


# FIX-IT CLINIC

## Big Lake Police Department Explains Emergency Alerts

As I write this, we are all watching events unfold around us which have never occurred before in Big Lake, (forced closure of schools, businesses, fitness centers, etc...) for a declared Statewide Health Emergency. This brings to mind; how do we communicate emergency information to our residents in the most effective manner? Most everyone has a cell phone, home phone, or email. With that, not everyone is on our traditional platforms that we use to communicate; Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor.com for emergency updates. We are activating a new emergency alert system that is a component of our current website vendor called CIVICSREADY. In the last couple of years, the City of Big Lake upgraded its website. It is hosted through a vendor called Civics Plus that serves many local governments. Fortunately, City Leaders had the foresight to add emergency alerts into the package. This is the first time we have gone live with the system.

Joining is simple:



- Go to the City of Big Lake Website at [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org).
- Go to Services, then Emergency Notifications.
- Go to the section that says, New? Sign Up! You can select whether you'd like notifications via Email, Text, or Voice.
- Fill in your information and click Join.
- Confirm your information, then click Continue.
- Click Join (located next to Emergency Notifications).
- Click Finish, and you are all set up!

These alerts will only be used for disseminating emergency information to our residents. We are exploring the option to directly interface with dangerous weather conditions for automatic alerts. This is a robust system that provides many options in the future. Please join us and be front row to our emergency alerts.

As always, I enjoy feedback, or just visiting with our residents. If you'd like to reach out to me, feel free to email [jscharf@biglakepolice.com](mailto:jscharf@biglakepolice.com), or call/text my cell phone at 320-319-8850. Thank you!

*Joel D. Scharf - Chief of Police*

 A screenshot of the emergency alert sign-up form. The form includes fields for name (John Doe), phone number (555-55-5555), email (john.doe@mymail.com), and language (English). There are checkboxes for 'Receive via: Email', 'Text', and 'Voice'. The 'Join' button is circled in red. A 'Log in' button is visible at the top, and a 'Groups' link is at the bottom right.

## BIKE BIG LAKE

JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY CYCLING CLUB FOR A RIDE

1pm at May 17th August 16th  
City Hall June 21st July 19th



## Big Lake Fire Department Outlines Backyard Fire Safety

Now that the weather is changing, people are excited to get outside. What's better than spending time with family and friends around a campfire?! Here are some fire safety tips to keep you safe this spring season:



- ⇒ Never use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid to start a fire.
- ⇒ Burn one small pile at a time; no larger than 3' x 3' contained in a pit or ring.
- ⇒ Select a location away from any utility lines.
- ⇒ Ensure an adult is attending the fire until it is completely extinguished.
- ⇒ Have fire control tools on hand including water supply, shovels and rakes.
- ⇒ Examples of an adequate water supply include a pressurized water fire extinguisher, a pump can, or garden hose.
- ⇒ Be prepared to extinguish your fire if the winds pick up or weather changes.

Use common sense and don't wait for the fire department to contact you that it has become unsafe to burn. Sudden wind change is how most open burning gets out of control.

- ⇒ Don't delay a call for help. If the fire should get out of control, call the fire department immediately.
- ⇒ People conducting illegal burning, or who allow a fire to get out of control, may be held liable for costs of extinguishing the fire, be fined, and even imprisoned.
- ⇒ April is usually the worst month for brush fires. When the snow pack recedes before new growth emerges, last year's dead grass, leaves, and wood are exposed and become dangerous tinder.

Are you looking for ways to become involved and give back to your community? If you are interested in becoming a paid-on-call firefighter, please pick up an application at City Hall. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020. Thank you!

*Seth Hansen - Fire Chief*

## McDowall Trail is Open!



On the left you can see what the McDowall Trail looked like in spring of 2018. This portion of trail often suffered through months of flooding after the annual winter melt. On the right is the new and improved trail system! In Fall of 2019, three miles of the asphalt trail was overlaid and the 400' long low spot that was notorious for flooding was raised 6 to 8 inches. Public Works will continue routine maintenance this summer, but in the meantime feel free to get out and enjoy the beautiful McDowall Trail!



## Movie in the Park Series

Movie in the Park is back this year bringing free, family friendly movies and activities to Lakeside Park!



### Friday, June 5: Frozen II

- Free Activities from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Movie at Dusk (approx. 9:30 p.m.)  
 Reschedule Date: June 19
- ⇒ Petting Zoo
  - ⇒ Bounce House
  - ⇒ Face Painting



### Friday, September 18: Toy Story 4

- Free Activities from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Movie at Dusk (approx. 7:30 p.m.)  
 Reschedule Date: September 25
- ⇒ Raptor Center
  - ⇒ Bounce House
  - ⇒ Face Painting

## Flushable Wipes, Not so Flushable

Did you know that wet wipes may be labeled "flushable," even though they don't degrade in the system? Flushing them is like flushing a handkerchief or other item made of cloth. Minnesota's sewer systems and treatment plants were not designed to handle wipes. They gum up the system, clog pipes and pumps, and cost taxpayers and residents lots of money in additional maintenance costs. If you must use wipes, be mindful of our system and put them in the trash, not the toilet!



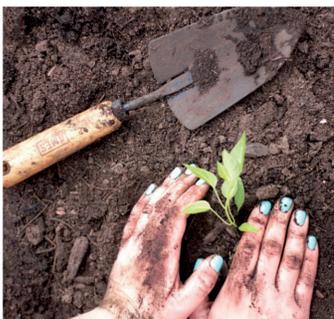
## Business Spotlight: Advanced Styling & Daydreamers Boutique



Advanced Styling Salon has been a vital part of the Big Lake Community for over 35 years. Advanced Styling is owned by Shanna Romsdahl and has a team of 13 people that are committed to providing excellent services within the Big Lake community. This year, Shanna is celebrating her 10th year of ownership by participating in a special event on Mother's Day Weekend with Day Dreamers Boutique and other local vendors. The event will take place on Saturday, May 9th from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Located next to Advanced Styling is another Big Lake gem; Day Dreamers Boutique. Shanna co-owns the boutique with her two best

friends Beth Koch and Aadra Kuseske. Day Dreamers has been providing fun fashion choices and personalized styling for customers over its past five years of business. "We strive at Day Dreamers to make everyone feel comfortable and confident no matter what their preferred style is or size they wear. We are thankful to be in a wonderful supporting community and hope to serve here for many years to come." - Shanna Romsdahl

## Gardening 101 Series



Are you interested in gardening, but don't have the confidence to take on a garden of your own? Check out the Gardening 101 Series! Learn the basics of vegetable and flower gardening in this series presented by the City of Big Lake, Big Lake Community Education, and Sherburne County Master Gardeners.

Workshops take place at the Community Gardens (18041 198th Avenue, Big Lake, MN) and start at 6 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Families and individuals of all ages welcome. There is no cost to attend! **Register at [biglakece.com](http://biglakece.com).**

## 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 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.



# 2020 RECYCLING DAY

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - 8 AM - 1 PM

Location: Town of Big Lake Maintenance Bldg. 20150 166th St. NW, Big Lake MN

**RESIDENTIAL ONLY - NO COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS**

**ONLY ITEMS LISTED ON THIS FLYER WILL BE ACCEPTED!!**  
**CHECK WITH LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO DONATE GENTLY USED ITEMS**  
**DISPOSE OF WELL USED ITEMS IN YOUR TRASH CONTAINER**  
**CONTACT YOUR WASTE HAULER TO PICK UP LARGER WELL USED ITEMS**  
**CHECK LOCAL LISTINGS FOR INFORMATION ON DISPOSING OF OTHER UNACCEPTED ITEMS**

**Town of Big Lake: 763-263-8111 OR Metro Appliance Recycling: 763-241-8787**

\*\*\*\* 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"

Circle where you live: **BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP** **ORROCK TOWNSHIP** **CITY OF BIG LAKE**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and Bring to Recycling Day

ACCEPTED ITEMS	QTY	X	Cost		Total \$
<u>APPLIANCES</u> - Stoves/Microwaves/Dishwashers/ Freezers/Refrigerators/ Washers/Dryers/ Water Heaters/Water Softeners/Dehumidifiers/ Furnaces/Air Conditioners		X	\$10 /each	=	\$
<u>EXERCISE EQUIPMENT</u> – Ellipticals/Stationary Bikes/Tread mills		X	\$15 /each	=	\$
<u>TVS/MONITORS</u>		X	\$25 /each	=	\$
TUBE		X	\$50 /each	=	\$
REAR PROJECTION/WOOD CONSOLE		X	\$50 /each	=	\$
<u>COMPUTERS/ELECTRONICS</u> - Copiers/Printers/All in One Machines/Stereos/VCR/DVD/Gaming Systems/ Vacuums/LCD LED Flat Screen Monitors & TVs/Speakers		X	\$5 /each	=	\$
<u>TIRES</u> (OFF RIMS - \$5 ADDN'L FEE IF NOT DONE) CAR/LIGHT TRUCK/ SEMI		X	\$6 /each	=	\$
TRACTOR		X	\$40 /each	=	\$
TIRES ON RIMS - ADDN'L FEE		X	\$5 /each	=	\$
<u>20# PROPANE TANK</u>		X	\$5 /each	=	\$
<u>1# PROPANE TANK</u>		X	\$1 /each	=	\$
<u>MATTRESS/BOX SPRING</u>		X	\$25 /each	=	\$
<u>PUSH LAWN MOWER</u> (WHEELS OFF, PLUGS REMOVED & ENGINE DRAINED - \$10 ADDN'L FEE IF NOT DONE)		X	\$15 /each	=	\$
WHEELS ON, PLUGS IN, UNDRAINED - ADDN'L FEE		X	\$10 /each	=	\$
<u>FLUORESCENT LAMPS (TUBES) - LIMIT 10</u>		X	\$1 /each	=	\$
<u>LAWN TRACTOR/SNOWMOBILE/2-CYCLE ENGINES</u> (SEATS, TRACKS, WHEELS, PLUGS REMOVED AND ENGINE DRAINED - \$45 ADDN'L IF NOT DONE)			FREE		\$0
WHEELS ON, PLUGS IN, UNDRAINED - ADDN'L FEE		X	\$45 /each	=	\$
<u>SCRAP METAL</u>			FREE		\$0
<u>VEHICLE BATTERIES</u>			FREE		\$0
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$</b>	

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- Paul Knier, Council Member  
612-817-6758, pknier@biglakemn.org
- Scott Zettervall, Council Member  
763-234-6802, szettervall@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  
Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### View Meetings

- Live on Channel 180 | On-demand video link at city website
- City Council:** April 8, 22 | May 13, 27 | June 10, 24  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)
- Planning Commission:** \*April 1 | May 6 | June 3  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, \*April mtg begins at 6:30 p.m.)
- BLEDA:** April 13 | May 11 | June 8  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)
- Parks Advisory Committee:** April 27 | May 26 | June 22  
(6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers)

### Connect with City of Big Lake



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Follow the Police Dept. on Twitter @BigLakePolice



## City of Big Lake Community Gardens

Now accepting applications for plots  
\$25 for the season, May - October

Plots are 10'x20' & located next to Public Works  
18041 198th Ave.

Questions? Or to reserve a plot:  
Email [twyatt-yerka@biglakemn.org](mailto:twyatt-yerka@biglakemn.org) or call 763-307-6040  
Applications available at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org) and City Hall