

The Big Lake Wave

October | November | December 2020



2020 Election Information

The General Election will take place on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. There are three precincts in the City of Big Lake as described on the precinct map on page 2. To be eligible to vote, you must be:

- ⇒ A U.S. citizen
- ⇒ At least 18 years old on Election Day
- ⇒ A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- ⇒ Finished with all parts of any felony sentence
- ⇒ You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has revoked your right to vote
- ⇒ You cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent



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City Offices will be Closed:

- ⇒ Wednesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day
- ⇒ Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- ⇒ Thursday, December 24 - (*Open 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.*)
- ⇒ Friday, December 25 - Christmas Holiday
- ⇒ Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Big Lake Mayor and City Council Candidates

City of Big Lake Residents will elect the following seats at the November 3, 2020 General Election. Also listed below are candidates who have filed for office:

- ⇒ One Mayor for a 4-year term
 - ⇒ Mike Wallen
 - ⇒ Paul Knier
- ⇒ Two Council Members for 4-year terms
 - ⇒ Paul Seefeld
 - ⇒ Sam Hanson
 - ⇒ Alan Heidemann
- ⇒ SPECIAL ELECTION: One Council Member for remaining 2-year term
 - ⇒ Ken Halverson
 - ⇒ Ketti Green

Big Lake Chamber Political Forum

The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry is hosting a Political Candidate Forum on Monday, October 19 at the Big Lake High School. A Candidate Meet n' Greet starts at 6:00 p.m. and the Forum starts at 6:30 p.m.

Candidates invited to participate in the Forum include those running for Big Lake Mayor and City Council, Big Lake Town Board, Big Lake School Board, US Congress, MN State Senate, and MN State Representative.

The Forum is videotaped by the Sherburne Wright Cable Commission and will play back on the Chamber Website and government channel 180.

Voting Locations for City of Big Lake Residents

⇒ **Precinct 1:** Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake Street North

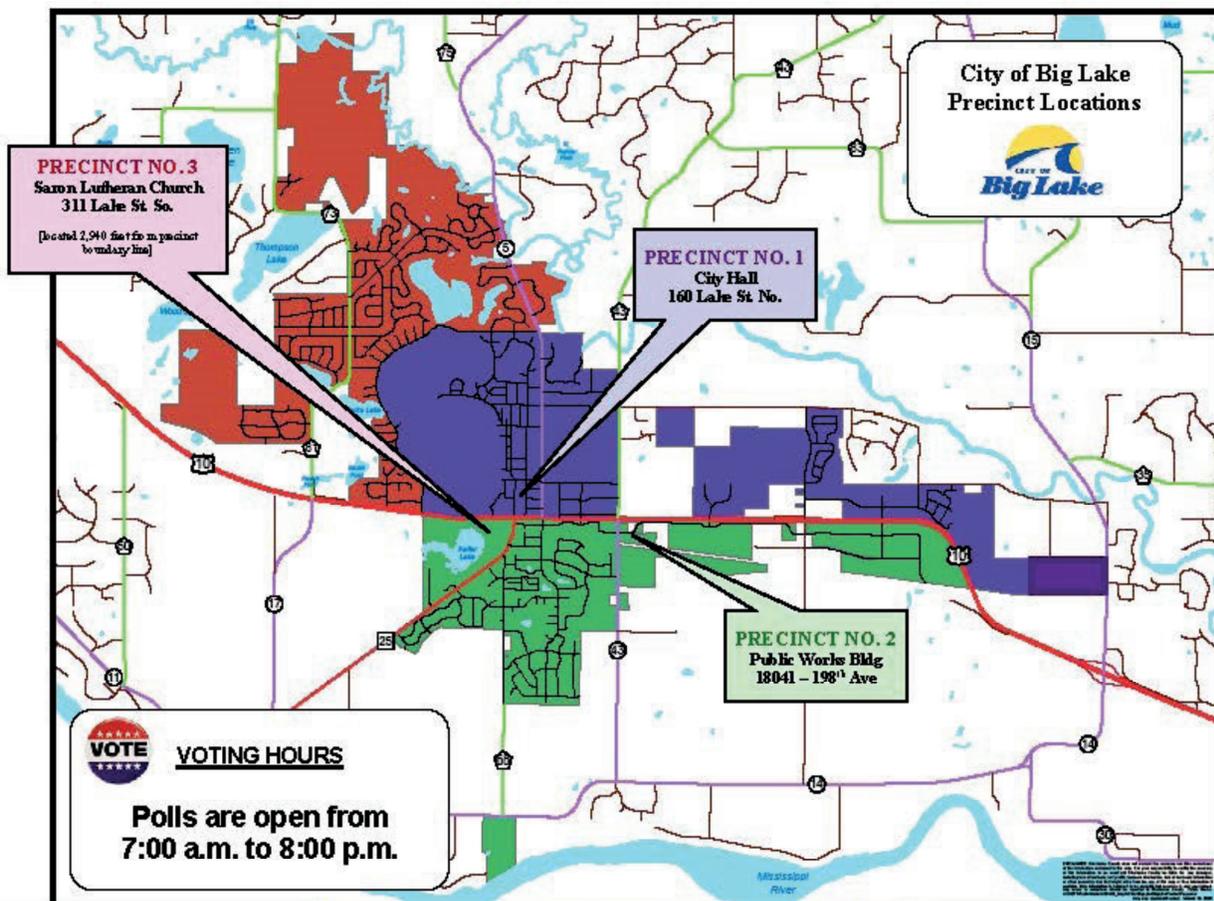
All residents who live on the north side of Hwy 10, east of Lakeshore Drive and south of Hiawatha Avenue vote at Big Lake City Hall (located at the intersection of Hwy 10 and 25).

⇒ **Precinct 2:** Big Lake Public Works Building, 18041 198th Avenue

All residents who live on the south side of Highway 10 vote at the Big Lake Public Works Building (located by the water tower site along Hwy 10).

⇒ **Precinct 3:** Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street South

Residents who live west of Lakeshore Drive and north of Hiawatha Avenue vote at Saron Lutheran Church.



Registering to Vote

- ⇒ **Online:** You can now register to vote online at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us>. To register online, you must:
- Be eligible to register and vote in MN.
 - Provide an email address.
 - Provide your identification number (MN issued driver's license, MN Identification card, or provide the last 4 digits of your SSN).
- ⇒ **Paper:** Paper Voter Registration Application forms can be filled out and mailed or delivered to the Sherburne County Auditor's Office located at 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, MN 55330.
- The last day to pre-register to vote for the State General Election is: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 13th.
- ⇒ New Registrations can also be processed on Election Day at all polling locations.

Absentee Voting Information

You can vote early by using an absentee ballot instead of voting in person at the polling place on Election Day. You can vote absentee by mail, in person, or by having a person you know pick up and deliver your ballot for you (agent delivery). **Any eligible voter may vote by absentee.** Absentee applications and ballots are available from the Sherburne County Auditor's Office. The Auditor's Office will be open extra hours for voting by absentee ballot. Please call 763-765-4351 for information on dates and times. You can also apply to vote by absentee online from: <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>.

For your ballot to count, remember this important information:

- ⇒ **Read the instructions** that come with your ballot carefully!
- ⇒ **Your signature envelope might have a box for a witness to complete and sign.**
 - ⇒ Due to COVID19, there is no witness requirement for registered voters for the November 3, 2020 State General Election. Non-registered voters will still need a witness, to indicate their proof of residence.
- ⇒ **Mail the ballot and forms back right away after you finish.**
 - ⇒ Your returned ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day (November 3) and received by your county within the next seven calendar days (November 10). You may also drop off your ballot envelope in person at the Sherburne County Auditor's Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Election Day. You may NOT drop your absentee ballot off at your designated polling place on Election Day.

Dates Absentee Ballots Become Available: Absentee ballots are available 46 days before an election. In 2020, absentee voting started on September 18 for the General Election.

Military and Overseas Absentee Voting: Voters in the military and citizens living outside the United States use a different process to vote absentee. Access information from the MN Secretary of States Website at: sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-from-military-or-abroad/.

Track Your Absentee Ballot: You can track the progress of your absentee ballot with the absentee ballot lookup tool at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx. If there is a problem with your ballot, election officials will send a replacement.

What Will Happen With Results on Election Night?

- ⇒ The 2020 Election will be different than we are used to. The time needed to process a higher number of absentee ballots means we will not know the final vote totals on election night. Election officials throughout Minnesota will be working to get ballots counted as accurately as possible, and will appreciate patience from the public and the news media when results aren't available as soon as in other years.
- ⇒ Due to COVID-19, absentee ballots postmarked by Election Day will be counted if they arrive at the election office within seven days. This extended timeframe will create a delay in obtaining final vote totals throughout the State of Minnesota.
- ⇒ Unofficial Election Results will be posted on the MN Secretary of State's Website when they become available: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-results/>. **This site will have the most up-to-date totals available.**

COVID-19 Election Update

Although voting from home with an absentee ballot is the safest option in a pandemic, many voters need, or simply prefer, to vote in their polling place on Election Day.



The federal government's coronavirus relief funding (CARES Act) included \$8.4 million to help Minnesota run a safe election. One significant component of the plan is personal protective equipment (PPE) for the polling place. The State of Minnesota has centralized and facilitated the purchase of masks, hand sanitizer, wipes, and other PPE for use at polling places statewide. The City of Big Lake will also be providing all polling sites within its jurisdiction with a vast amount of COVID-19 preventative supplies for use by election judges and voters on Election Day.

Executive Order 20-81 requires that masks be worn in public places, including polling places. The Secretary of State's Office has provided counties with posters informing voters of this requirement which will be posted at the entrance to each polling location. **No voter will be denied the right to vote for failure to wear a mask.**

Remembering Council Member Rose Johnson



In light of the recent tragedy involving Council Member Rose Johnson, I wanted to share a little bit about her and the impact she made on the community. Rose was a City Council Member that I worked closely with for the past nearly two years. Over that time, we went through a lot together and I looked up to her as a mentor in many ways. She was exceptionally intelligent. Often we would have hour-long conversations about local, state, or national issues. If I'm being honest, we disagreed often, but she always sought understanding rather than argument. We learned a lot from each other. Rose always found positives in everything. Even in the worst situations, she could find humor or reasons for optimism. She was compassionate and always encouraged helping others, no matter who they were. She was a unique and amazing woman!

Rose was a diligent protector of our lakes and constantly fought to ensure they were protected. She was always working to help our community's youth have the opportunities they needed to achieve their dreams. Rose came to everything prepared, and ready to listen and have a good discussion about issues in front of the City.

All of that said, I know that if Rose could give us one more bit of advice, it would be to use this moment as motivation to put more good into the world. Use this to calibrate what is important. We get so caught up in the trivial problems of the day and don't focus on what is actually important like our families, friends, and community. While I am deeply saddened that she is gone, I am also going to use this moment to examine my priorities in life, determine how I can best put good back into the world, and do exactly that. I would encourage you to do the same. Rose, you were an inspiration, a mentor, and a friend, and you will be deeply missed.

- Clay Wilfahrt, City Administrator

Municipal Liquor Store

Lake Liquors would like to thank you for your patience this year as staff navigates through ongoing inventory issues. Covid-19, an aluminum shortage, imports from China, and staffing issues at production facilities' have all affected our ability to keep up with inventory. Staff is doing their best in conjunction with distributors to fill items as quickly as possible. In the meantime, keep an eye out for new products in the store as we are replacing products on backorder with fresh, new items!

Lake Liquors is planning on having its annual Fall Wine Sale from November 8 - 21, but keep in mind the sale may need to be adjusted this year to fit current state guidelines. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for details as it gets closer to November. In the meantime, you can join the Lake Liquor Loyalty Club to earn points towards discounts and other savings. Sign up at Lake Liquors today!

Discount Days:

- ⇒ Monday: Senior Discount (age 62+) - 10% off regular priced items
- ⇒ Tuesdays: Wine Day - 10% off regular priced wines

Regular Store Hours:

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

Holiday Hours:

- ⇒ November 26, 2020 (Thanksgiving Day): Closed
- ⇒ December 24, 2020 (Christmas Eve): 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- ⇒ December 25, 2020 (Christmas Day): Closed
- ⇒ January 1, 2021 (New Year's Day): 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Fall Photo Contest

Big Lake Residents are invited to submit pictures that they feel define the Big Lake community this fall season in the 2020 Fall 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 by November 30, 2020.



Holiday Lighting Contest

Once again the City is hosting the Holiday Lighting Contest! Residential households are encouraged to participate in this friendly holiday competition.

1st Place: \$50 Gift Card to Lake Liquors

2nd Place: Lakeside Park Pass and City Swag

Judging will be held between December 15 - 18, 2020 and winners will be announced on December 21, 2020 on the City Facebook Page and at biglakemn.org.

- ⇒ Outdoor displays only.
- ⇒ Open to any residential address located within Big Lake City Boundaries.
- ⇒ First place winners cannot win a prize more than one consecutive year in a row.
- ⇒ Must register for contest by Monday, December 14, 2020. Registration forms can be found at City Hall or online at biglakemn.org.

Proposed Property Tax Levy 2021

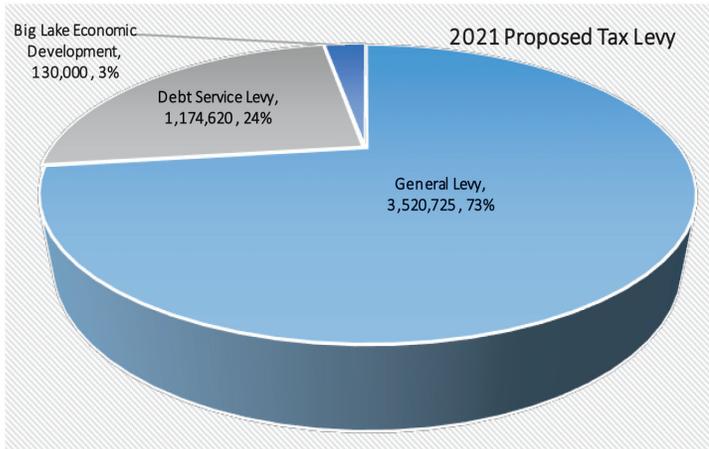
The proposed Property Tax Levy for 2021 is \$4,825,345. The City’s tax rate is anticipated to be 49.76%, which is a decrease of .86% over the 2020 tax rate. This is due to an increase in the City’s overall net tax capacity of approximately 7.33%. With the decrease in the City Tax rate and new construction, most residents will see a 6% or less increase in the City’s portion of the property taxes, however the average increase in home values is 5.5%. Below is a summary of estimated City property taxes based on the following home values (assuming 5.5% increase in home value), if the home values did not increase, the City’s portion of the property tax would be approximately the same as 2020. **Mark your calendars!** The 2021 Budget and Levy Public Input Meeting takes place on Wednesday, November 25th at 6 p.m. in the Big Lake City Hall Council Chambers.

What makes my property taxes change each year?

- a. My property’s value
- b. My neighbor’s property value
- c. My city council, county board, and school board
- d. The state legislature

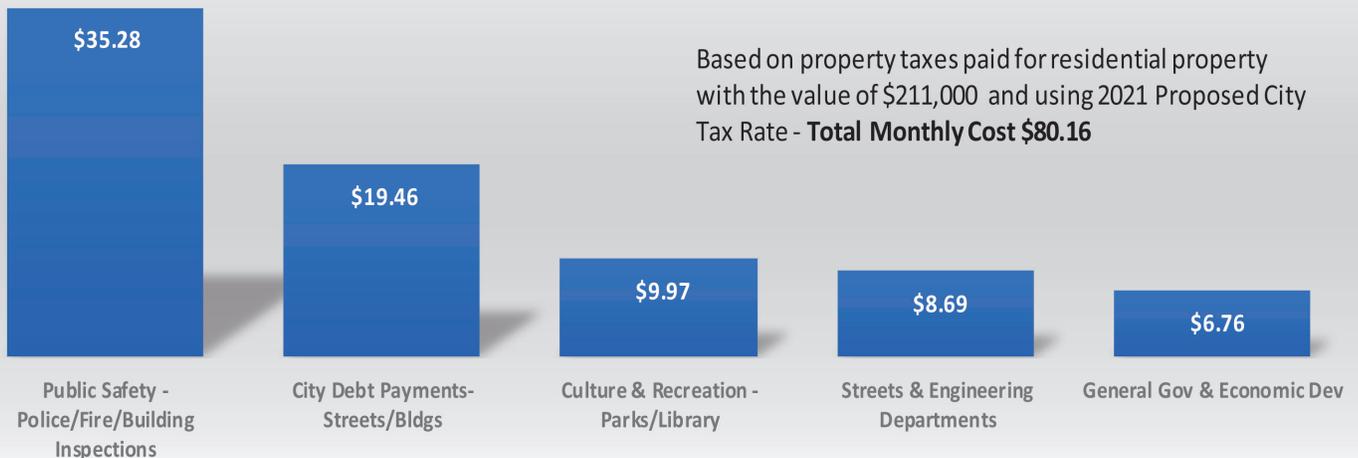
Answer: All of the above

Assessed Value (with 5.5% Increase)	Estimated Annual City Property Tax	Estimate Annual Increase for City Property Tax	Estimate Monthly Increase for City Property Tax
\$184,625	\$777.07	\$38.99	\$3.25
\$211,000	\$959.12	\$44.11	\$3.68
\$263,750	\$1,245.22	\$54.33	\$4.53
\$316,500	\$1,531.33	\$64.56	\$5.38



The decisions of your city council, county board, and school board regarding the amount of tax dollars they need to deliver services may be the most obvious factor in your property tax bill. However, the value of your property, the total value of all the property in your community, changes in state programs, and changes in state laws that affect the tax system also play a role. Changes in any of these factors can make your tax bill go up in some years and down in others.

MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD COST FOR CITY SERVICES FROM PROPERTY TAXES



League of Minnesota Cities Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Some of the local news coverage talks about city budgets and other coverage talks about city levies. Are they the same thing?

A: The property tax levy is the amount of money that the city (or other local government) decides it needs to collect from property owners in order to deliver services. Property taxes, however, are just part of the overall city budget. The budget includes both discretionary spending (for services the city is free to choose to provide) and non-discretionary spending (to meet obligations such as paying off debt). The budget includes all the dollars the city collects from various sources – fees, grants, revenue sharing, and property taxes.

Q: What do I get for my property taxes?

A: Local governments receive the money they use to deliver services from a few different sources: property taxes, fees, revenue sharing with the state, and grants. Property tax dollars pay for the services that everyone in the community – as well as visitors, commuters, and tourists – can access. This includes things like streets, police and fire services, parks, and libraries. Other services – like economic development programs to help businesses grow and develop, snowplowing, garbage removal, and recycling are also typically paid for with tax dollars.

Q: How does the city – or any local government – decide what services to provide?

A: City councils review the services they currently provide and think about what local preferences are and what population trends suggest about the kinds of services people will need. For example, one community might favor running its own pool while another doesn't see the need. Communities with lots of young families need to offer different kinds of services than communities seeing increases in the number of senior residents. Sometimes cities have to provide certain services in order to comply with state or federal laws. Some common examples are requirements for testing drinking water and making public buildings accessible to people with disabilities.

Q: How does the city decide how much to collect in property taxes?

A: Cities look at their costs – like gasoline, road salt, salaries, and building repairs. They also determine the amount of money the city needs to provide the services residents expect and depend on. Councils then examine the dollars coming into the city from other sources – like fees people pay for building permits or to license their dogs, grants from state and federal governments, and state revenue sharing. Property taxes make up the gap between money coming in from non-tax sources and the money needed to run the city. Other local governments (e.g., counties, schools) go through a similar process to set their property tax amount.

Q: Are property taxes the only way that the city takes in money?

A: Cities have several sources of revenue, but the two largest are property taxes and state revenue sharing. Property taxes are collected from the owners of homes, businesses, and farms within the city. The sales taxes, income taxes, and gas taxes that we all pay to the state actually fund state aid dollars, such as local government aid and municipal state aid for roads. Some of these dollars are redistributed to cities through revenue sharing. Another source of revenue for cities is fees. Some examples of common fees that people pay to cities are for: dog licenses, building permits, use of the city park facilities, fines for failure to remove snow from sidewalk, and water and sewer services. Cities also get some money from grants which come from the state or federal government and are used for very specific purposes such as a building or equipment improvement.

Sidewalk Snow Removal



Winter is quickly approaching and the City wants to make sure you have ample time to plan for keeping your sidewalk free of ice and snow. If you are not able to shovel or snow blow your own sidewalk this winter, you will need to contract with a snow removal service, work out an agreement with a neighbor, or find some other way to ensure compliance with the City's Sidewalk Ordinance featured below.

Big Lake is a walkable community and many residents, especially children and those with physical handicaps who cannot drive, rely on the sidewalk system to safely navigate their neighborhoods and access community resources. It only takes one snowy/icy sidewalk section to force pedestrians into the road where their safety is compromised.

The City will be sending out its authorized contractor after each snowfall during the winter of 2020-2021 to ensure that all sidewalks are being cleared in accordance with the ordinance. The contractor will clear all sidewalks that are not in compliance with the ordinance, and the property owners will be billed for the service per the adopted City Fee Schedule. The City will always wait at least 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or more before sending out its authorized contractor.

The day before the contractor is sent out to "sweep" the City and clear the non-compliant sidewalks, the City will make a public announcement via Facebook and at Biglakemn.org. In addition to this, you can sign up to receive a text message or email alert the day before a scheduled sweep. Visit the following link to sign up to receive an alert: www.biglakemn.org/list.aspx?ListID=268.

Questions? Contact City Planner Lucinda Meyers at 763-251-2977 or lmeyers@biglakemn.org.

Chamber Tree Decorating at Browns Park



Registration for the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce and Industry's annual Tree Decorating at Browns Park event is now open! The \$80 sponsorship fee covers the costs of your tree, stand, electrical fees, hookup, and recognition sign as well as removal and disposal of your tree. This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit and show off your decorating skills to the community. To register contact the Chamber office at 763-263-7800 or info@biglakemn.org by November 9, 2020. More information can be found at biglakechamber.com.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Are you interested in helping the City of Big Lake become more bike-able? Join the Bicycle Advisory Committee for their monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. Request the Zoom meeting link by contacting Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org. #BikeBigLake

Winter Farmers Market Returns

Join us for the fourth annual indoor Big Lake Winter Farmers Market! Our vendors only offer homemade and homegrown products including seasonal produce, baked goods, meat, eggs, syrup, mushrooms, salsa, pickles, jam, sauces, crafts and more! Debit/Credit and SNAP-EBT are accepted, as well as the Market Bucks Match Program. Every market will feature free take and make crafts for children of all ages and Senior Day will take place every other month. In December, February, and April seniors receive \$3 in tokens to use on any vendor item. Stop by the information booth to see how all of these programs work! Keep in mind that due to current CDC and state guidelines, we will be limiting our capacity and requiring that all attendees wear a mask while in City Hall. We will also be taking extra precautions including suspending live music and increasing sanitization efforts. Contact Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331 with any questions. See you at the market!



Third Saturday from November to April from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

November 21 | December 19 | January 16

February 20 | March 20 | April 17

Big Lake City Hall | 160 Lake Street N, Big Lake, MN 55309

Tri-CAP | Helping People. Changing Lives.

Basic Needs

- ⇒ Bus rides
- ⇒ Paying energy Bill
- ⇒ Connecting to housing and other community resources
- ⇒ Applying for food support

Building Stability

- ⇒ Home weatherization
- ⇒ Furnace cleaning and repair

Self Sufficiency

- ⇒ Low cost vehicles for sale
- ⇒ Energy consumption assessment and education
- ⇒ Budgeting, credit, and banking classes and coaching
- ⇒ Apartment rental class
- ⇒ Tax preparation by appointment
- ⇒ Support and training to get back into the workforce
- ⇒ Vehicle repair assistance



Tricap.org | 320-251-1612 or 888-765-5597

How Your Big Lake Police Department is Funded

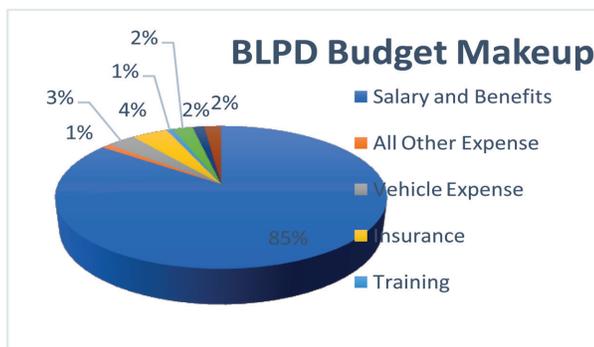
As we move into the budget season, I wanted to provide an overview of spending related to your Big Lake Police Department. Public Safety in any City is the largest portion of a General Fund Budget. In Big Lake, 49% of funding is allocated to Public Safety including the Fire Department, Building Department, and Police Department.

Department	Population	Officers	Officers Per 1,000	Cost Per Resident
Elk River	25,287	34	1.34	\$230
Big Lake	11,551	14	1.21	\$162
Becker	5,002	7	1.4	\$184
Princeton	4,888	11	2.25	\$281

General Fund Budget: According to FBI Data, an average Midwest community between 10,000 and 25,000 people has 1.7 officers per 1,000 people. To the left you can see a chart which outlines a comparison with our surrounding communities on staffing and budgets. In 2008 we had 14 Officers. During the recession that dropped to 11, and in

2020 we returned to 2008 staffing levels. In 2008 the department responded to about 8,000 calls for service. In 2019 this number was over 16,000.

What makes up our budget? The graph to the right illustrates how funds are allocated within your Big Lake Police Department; 85% of our funding is allocated to personnel which includes our Officers and two Administrative Professionals.



Capitol Items: All City Departments maintain a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Ours is forecasted for 10 years. In the CIP we plan for all major expenses within the department and their service life including vehicles, major equipment, squad and video systems, computers, and so forth. The largest expense in our CIP is patrol vehicles; our vehicle rotation is built over 3 years during which time we replace 5 patrol cars. In this cycle our officers will drive over 500,000 miles patrolling our 77 miles of City Streets. In primary service this brings a squad car to 100-110,000 miles. Like any police vehicle, ours have extensive idle time which can equate to as much another 100,000 miles of wear (*Ford Motor Company - 1 hour of idling = 25 miles of wear). In a recent survey by the MN Chiefs of Police, most departments our size transitioned vehicles at 95,000, which is 3 years of full service. When vehicles are retired from primary service here, they either go to City Hall or to other BLPD Positions. Unlike most departments, we give them more life, by transitioning older squad cars for use by the Investigator, Deputy Chief, and Chief. Most departments budget new vehicles in a rotation for these positions while we do not.

Additional Funding Resources: Our department is diligent about using several programs to attain our lofty goals without burdening our taxpayers. The opportunities include grants, donations, and use of the Return to Duty Program from the US Military (RTD). We have been incredibly successful at receiving several valuable items under this program,. We are responsible to ship the items here, maintain them, and after 1 year they become our property. I am incredibly proud of our officers and staff, and the amazing work they do every day for our community. We continually land in the lowest areas in crime rankings, and highest in interaction with our community. We strive to provide the highest quality of service in a cost-effective manner. As always I enjoy the opportunity to visit with our residents. Please feel free to reach out anytime at 320-319-8850 or jscharf@biglakepolice.com.

Thank you! #BLPDHereToServe

Joel D. Scharf - Chief of Police

A Message from the Big Lake Fire Department



Help the BLFD Welcome its New Firefighters: In August the BLFD hired 6 new recruits! We'd like to extend a warm welcome to CJ Remick, Brian Erlandson, Marvin Johnson, Michael Houts, Brad Anderson, and Matt Houle. They hit the ground running by starting Firefighting training that will continue through January and then be followed by medical training.

Annual Open House: Because of COVID-19, the status of the BLFD Annual Open House is still up in the air. This event is our chance to invite residents to visit our station, learn about fire safety, and meet our public safety partners. We are hoping for an updated executive order which would allow us to host this event later in the year.

Fire Safety Tips: With the potential of the BLFD Open House being cancelled, we thought this would be a great time to pass along some fire safety tips:

- ⇒ **Smoke Detectors:** Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year. The BLFD responds to numerous faulty fire detector calls each year due to bad batteries. We are happy to visit you no matter the time, but changing your batteries will help to ensure we don't come when you don't want us there.
- ⇒ **Meeting Place:** In the event of a fire, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can turn into a major fire. Have escape plans prepared to get out of your home quickly. Practice exit drills in the home with your family.
- ⇒ **Call Before You Dig:** The BLFD responds to many calls each year on cut natural gas or propane lines. No matter where you live, the gas, electric, cable TV, water, and sewer lines that serve you may be underground. If you are planning a project that involves digging, state law requires you to notify Gopher State One Call at least two working days in advance. Gopher State One Call is open 24 hours a day. Dial 811 or visit gopherstateonecall.org. Calls after 6 p.m., before 6 a.m., on weekends, and on holidays are accepted for emergencies only.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

As always, stay safe Big Lake!

Seth Hansen - Fire Chief

Great River Regional Library



The Big Lake Public Library is offering curbside pickup by request. Call 763-263-6445 to set up your appointment. Find more information on upcoming events and hours at griver.org.

#KeepBigLakeStrong

The City of Big Lake would like to thank the community for continuing to support local businesses. Patronizing local businesses helps to keep Big Lake strong. If you are a local business owner in need of support, you can reach out to Community Development Director Hanna Klimmek at hklimmek@biglakemn.org or 763-251-2979.



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Vacant Seat, Council Member

Notify Me

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

Contact the City

Phone: 763-263-2107

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

View Meetings

Live on Channel 180 | On-demand video link at city website

City Council: October 14, 28 | November 12, 24 | December 9
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

Planning Commission: October 7 | November 4 | December 2
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

BLEDA: October 12 | November 9 | December 9
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

Parks Advisory Committee: Oct. 26 | Nov. 23 | Dec. 28
(6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers)

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Big Lake Winter Farmers Market

Third Saturday
Big Lake City Hall

160 Lake St. N, Big Lake, MN
10 AM - 1 PM

November 21 | December 19

January 16 | February 20

*March 20 | April 17

*March Market located at High School 9 AM-12 PM

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