



CITY OF BIG LAKE

May 2026 Newsletter

Outstanding Citizen of the Year: Shelley Klein

Congratulations to Shelley Klein, the 2026 Outstanding Citizen of the Year! Shelley has lived in Big Lake for over 40 years. She retired from her career as a cardiac nurse for CentraCare St. Cloud about 10 years ago and hasn't been idle since. Shelley has volunteered with Friends of the Library, organizing annual book fairs and fundraisers. She helps co-lead the monthly activity with members of Options, and volunteers at God's Grub at Saron Lutheran Church. Lastly, Shelley helps pick up and distribute free food to neighbors and people in need, ensuring everyone has a full fridge.

If you had to quantify the results of Shelley's years of service, it would range in the thousands of meals served, hundreds of pounds of food delivered and countless hearts touched by her generosity and kindness. Thank you, Shelley, for all that you do. Your contributions truly make Big Lake a better place!



No Soliciting 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 they do not have the required permit, call the Big Lake Police Department at 763-251-2996 or 911 to report the incident. 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.

Lakeside Park Passes

Lakeside Park seasonal parking passes are available at Big Lake City Hall, Lake Liquors, and at the City's website. To receive resident rates you must have 55309 as your zip code.

Resident Rates:

\$10.00 Vehicle Pass | \$20.00 Boat Trailer Pass

Non-Resident Rates:

\$30.00 Vehicle Pass | \$60.00 Boat Trailer Pass

Daily Rates:

\$5.00 Vehicle Pass | \$20.00 Boat Trailer Pass

Music in the Park Series

Live Music | Free Parking | Food Trucks
Select Thursdays | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Find updates on the City's Facebook!

2026 Lineup:

June 4: The Rockin' Hollywoods
June 11: Band 51

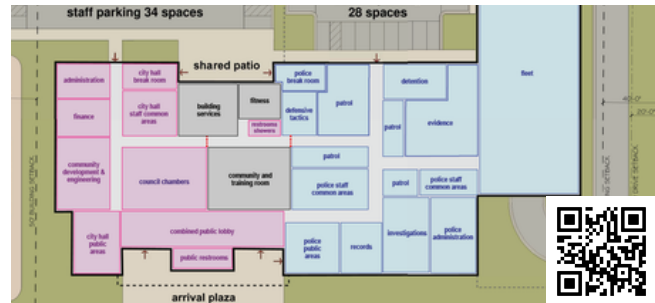
June 18: Tucker Baker Band
June 25: Spud Fest at Schools
July 2: Shane Martin Band
July 9: Shirts and Skins
July 16: Humboldt Station
July 23: Power of 10
July 30: Maiden Dixie
August 6: Mick Sterling





Spring Photo Contest

Calling all local photographers; amateur and professional! Email your photos that capture what you love most in Big Lake this spring to cscott@biglakemn.org. Deadline to enter the Spring Photo Contest is June 1, 2026.



Public Safety Facility Project

Learn about the City's Public Safety Facility Project by scanning the QR code or visiting biglakemn.org. Subscribe for real time alerts when updates are added to the website. Note that the above visual is a concept design.

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.)

Now Hiring Paid On-Call Firefighters

Looking for a meaningful way to serve your community? Consider becoming an on-call firefighter with the Big Lake Fire Department! Applications can be found on the City's website.

Consumer Confidence Report

View the City of Big Lake Consumer Confidence Report at biglakemn.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=40. If you would like a paper copy of this report, you can contact City Hall at 763-263-2107.

