



CITY OF BIG LAKE

June 2026 Newsletter

2025 City Audit Completed: Strong Financial Health Continues

The City of Big Lake recently completed its 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and again received a clean, unmodified audit opinion from independent auditors, confirming the City's financial statements are accurate and responsibly managed.

The audit reflects Big Lake's continued financial strength and balanced growth. In 2025, the City reduced outstanding debt by 15% (\$2.8 million), maintained its strong "AA" bond rating, and increased overall net position to nearly \$88 million. Big Lake also added more than \$31 million in new residential and commercial development to the tax base, including 40 new single-family homes.

City investments continued in roads, utilities, parks, trails, and public safety to support the services residents rely on every day. The average cost to provide all City governmental services remained approximately \$5.80 per day per household and business. Big Lake also continued to be recognized as one of Minnesota's safest cities for communities our size.

Residents are encouraged to scan the QR code to review the full 2025 Audited Financial Report and learn more about how Big Lake continues planning responsibly for the future while investing in the community today.



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Big Lake Spud Fest: June 25-28

This year's festival will feature: Carnival Rides, Parade, Fireworks, Softball Tournament, Live Music, Beer Tent, BINGO, Big Lake Ambassador Coronation, Lakes Run, Pedal Pull, Car Show, ECFE at the Fair, Marketplace, Potato Pancake Breakfast, and more! Find information on this year's event schedule at biglakespudfest.com.

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



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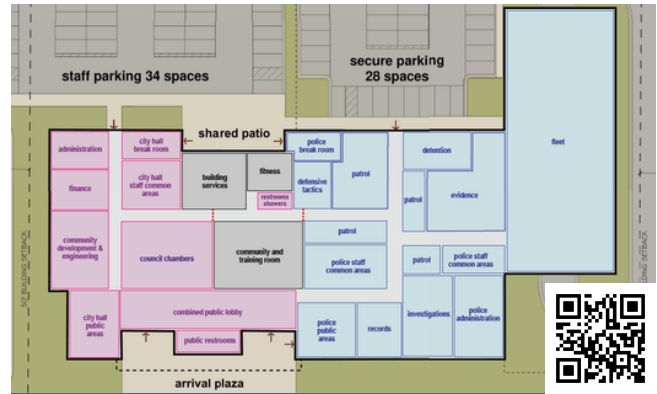
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Water Wisely in Your Backyard

Learn tips on how to conserve water while maintaining healthy garden beds, shrubs, trees, and lawns in the following link:
extension.umn.edu/how/water-wisely-start-your-own-backyard



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.

Election Information for Local Filings

When is the Filing Period for Local Seats in the 2026 Election?

- Filing Opens on Tuesday, July 14
- Filing Closes on Tuesday, July 28

Affidavits of Candidacy will be available from the Big Lake City Clerk's Office in early July 2026.

City of Big Lake Voters will elect the following at the November 3 General Election:

- Two (2) City Council Members [4-year term]



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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.

Length of Service Recognition

Thank you to Big Lake City staff for your service!

- Sophie Cruze - 5 years - Liquor Store
- Troy Enebak - 25 years - Streets/Parks
- Eric Moening - 5 years - Water/Wastewater

