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# CITY OF EAGLE LAKE

**POPULATION: 3,137**  
BASED ON THE MN STATE DEMOGRAPHER'S 2018 ESTIMATE

**FALL 2019**

## FALL CLEANUP

The City's Fall Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019 and held in coordination with the City's refuse hauler, LJP. The cleanup is open to Eagle Lake residents only. Curbside pickup is only offered during the spring cleanup. All items to be disposed of must be brought to Lake Eagle Park (the area by the hockey rink) on October 19th between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-noon. LJP does not pick up appliances during the fall cleanup. No hazardous waste, appliance, or electronic disposal will be available.

Acceptable Items Include:

- General household garbage that is too large for your refuse cart
- Furniture (including bed, couch, recliner, etc.)
- Pedal bikes
- Grills without propane tanks

## FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The Public Works Department will begin leaf collection the week of October 7th and continue until leaves are gone or snow arrives. Leaves should be raked to the boulevard.

## CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

### 2019 Linda Drive Drainage Improvements Project

Contractor: Bromeling Excavating, Inc.

Construction Cost: \$94,552

Funding: Storm Water Drainage and Sewer Funds

Scheduled Start Date: September 30, 2019

Final Completion Date: November 15, 2019

Brief Summary: Redirect sump pump discharge flow underground by constructing subsurface drainpipe and making connections to the existing sump pump hoses that currently drain into the street and cause deterioration of the street.

### 2019/2020 Watermain Looping and Utility Improvements Project

Contractor: GM Contracting, Inc.

Construction Cost: \$618,203

Funding: Sewer and Water Funds

Scheduled Start Date: October 2, 2019

Final Completion Date: November 30, 2020

Brief Summary: The purpose of the project is to provide watermain looping and redundancy.

## 2020 BUDGET PROCESS

The preliminary City of Eagle Lake budget and property tax levy for 2020 was set at the September 16th Special City Council meeting. A Truth-in-Taxation public hearing has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2nd in the Council Chambers at Eagle Lake City Hall. If necessary, a continuation hearing will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9th at the same location. A copy of the budget is available upon request at City Hall.

	<b><u>2019 Final</u></b>	<b><u>2020 Preliminary</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>
General Fund	\$509,473	\$547,004	\$37,531
EDA	\$41,000	\$51,000	\$10,000
Debt Service	\$151,942	\$157,092	\$5,150
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$702,415</b>	<b>\$755,096</b>	<b>\$52,681 or 7.5%</b>

### What does this mean for me?

Below is an illustration of the estimated City tax impact on a residential home valued at \$250,000.

Residential Taxable Market Value of \$250,000	2019 City Tax Rate of 33.40%	Estimated <u>City</u> Tax: \$835.00
Residential Taxable Market Value of \$250,000	2020 Proposed City Tax Rate of 34.68%	Estimated <u>City</u> Tax: \$867.03

The local property tax rate is a function of the levy and total tax base. Taxable tax capacity is used to determine the local tax rate.  $[\text{city levy}] / [\text{taxable tax capacity}] = [\text{city tax rate}]$  Your share of the City levy is based on the taxable value of your property relative to the full value of all other property in the City's taxing district.

### What is a Truth-in-Taxation notice?

Truth-in-Taxation notices are sent to all property owners each November, before local governments like Eagle Lake finalize their budgets for the coming year. The purpose of the notice is to help you understand how property taxes are determined and how you can get involved with local budgeting and taxation. The notice also tells you when local officials will hold public meetings to discuss and finalize their budgets. These meetings are an opportunity to voice your opinion about the proposed spending. You cannot appeal your property's market value, classification, or proposed taxes at these meetings.

### How does my property value affect taxes?

The assessor determines the estimated market value (EMV) and classification of your property on January 2 each year. The EMV does not directly affect your property tax bill. Instead, the taxable market value is used to calculate how much of the levy you will pay.

### What is a Property Tax Statement?

Property tax statements are mailed to all property owners by March 31 of each year. The statement tells you how much property tax you owe for the year. It provides an itemized list of all your local property taxes (city, county, school district, etc.). It will also include any special assessments on your property. Your property's value and classification from the previous year are used to calculate the tax amount.

# United States Census 2020

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!

April 1, 2020 is Census Day! Visit the City's website (<https://eaglelakemn.com/city/2020-census>) for more information.

How do I apply for a 2020 Census job? For more information or to apply online, visit [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

**OPEN GYM at  
EAGLE LAKE ELEMENTARY  
6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.**

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
February 7  
March 6, 20

## **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SUNFLOWER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED!**

Tallest Sunflower:  
Terry Krook-Halleck (1<sup>st</sup> Place)

Tallest Sunflower:  
Becky Sorenson (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

Largest Sunflower Head:  
Dianna Heinze (1<sup>st</sup> Place)

Congratulations to the winners and THANK YOU to Drummers Garden Center and Floral for sponsoring the prizes! Thank you also to the Ryan and Rachel Short family for donating the sunflower seeds!

Contest prizes sponsored by:



## **Parents and Kids! Would your child like to be MAYOR FOR A DAY and win \$100? Enter your child in the League of Minnesota Cities Essay Contest: If I Were Mayor for a Day...**

The essay contest is open to Minnesotans who will be in the fourth, fifth, or sixth grades this school year. Entries must be handwritten and postmarked by October 14<sup>th</sup>. Three winners will be chosen and awarded \$100, as well as have their essays published in Minnesota Cities magazine. Winners only will be notified by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The essay form can be found at [www.lmc.org/mayorforaday](http://www.lmc.org/mayorforaday).

When submitting your essay to the League of Minnesota Cities, be sure to also submit a copy to the City of Eagle Lake. Mayor Tim Auringer and the City Council will review all essays received from local fourth, fifth, and six graders and select a winner, with the winner being recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting and receiving a small prize.

### **IN PROGRESS...**

A grant application was recently submitted in hopes of obtaining funding to be able to contract with Region Nine Development Commission to conduct a new strategic plan. The City's strategic plan was last updated in 2005.

A grant application was recently submitted to obtain funding to create a Music in the Park program in Eagle Lake, beginning in the summer of 2020.

In partnership with MVAC, a 2020 Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) grant pre-application will be submitted in November for grant funds that qualifying homeowners could use to fix up their homes.

Based on survey results received from residents located in the Eagle Heights Subdivision, the Park Board is currently researching playground equipment options and pricing.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EAGLE LAKE TATOR DAYS COMMITTEE

### Eagle Lake Tator Days 2019

A quick summary of some of the events from our 2019 Tator Days:

#### Miss Eagle Lake

We had 4 excellent candidates that ran for Miss Eagle Lake: Makena Dammer, Sara Budach, Shelby Mastin, and Anissa Walker. Congratulations to Makenna Dammer being crowned Miss Eagle Lake for 2019.

#### Tator Days 5K and 1 Mile Kids Run

Our bucket was overflowing... and we are not talking about our rain bucket! We had 35 runners complete our 5K and 18 participants in our Kids Mile.

The results are online: <https://www.advantagetiming.com/road-race-results>

Everyone did an awesome job! Anyone who braves running in between two t-storm cells without getting rained on deserves kudos. Y'all should be proud.

Thank you so much to the volunteers, sponsors, and participants that continue to make the Tator days 5k and Kids Mile a fun event for everyone! We are already looking forward to next year (and hopefully without the t-storms!)

#### More Thanks!

Thanks to all our sponsors for Tator Days. Without your generous donations, Tator Days would not happen. Our core Tator Days Committee of Perry Madden, Jadee Pals, Jeremy Horkey, Kim Daschner, Naomi (Mastin) Mackrill, and Greg Brandt did some great work in pulling together a whole bunch of activities. Special thanks should also go out to Tami and the other staff and volunteers at the Eagle Lake American Legion, Dave and his crew at the Eagle's Nest, the Sons of the American Legion for organizing the Parade, Terry Olson of Olson Chiropractic for the Medallion Hunt, the Eagle Lake Fire Department for sponsoring the Kid's Tractor Pull and other activities throughout the weekend, the City of Eagle Lake staff for assisting the committee in so many different ways and so many more residents and friends of Eagle Lake who jumped in and helped when needed throughout the weekend. We could not do it without any of you!

If you are interested in joining our Tator Days Planning Committee for 2020, please contact Perry Madden at 507-327-6583.



CodeRED is the FREE community notification system available to Blue Earth County residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media.

Blue Earth County encourage you to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed. Safety is a two-way street, so be sure to register today to receive the information you need, when it matters, regarding events such as:

MISSING PERSONS/CHILDREN  
EVACUATION NOTICES  
NATURAL DISASTERS  
BOIL WATER ADVISORIES  
INCLEMENT WEATHER WARNINGS  
CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES  
ROAD CLOSURES/TRAFFIC ALERTS  
SHELTER IN PLACE/LOCKDOWNS

### SIGN UP TODAY

To sign up, visit:

<https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/1091/CodeRED-Emergency-Notification-System>

and click on the CodeRED icon to enroll, or download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app available in the App Store or Google Play.

Those without internet access can sign up using computer terminals at any of the three Blue Earth County Library locations in Lake Crystal, Mankato or Mapleton or by calling (507) 304-4920 for assistance.

## October is Fire Prevention Month!

The goal of Fire Prevention Month (and week, October 6<sup>th</sup>-October 12<sup>th</sup>) is to raise awareness about fire safety and help ensure that your home and family is prepared in the event of an emergency.

Congratulations to Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeyer and the Fire Department for obtaining a DNR 2020 Volunteer Fire Assistance Matching Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase needed fire rescue equipment and a \$1,500 Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America Matching Grant to purchase particulate hoods to help protect against carcinogens and other harmful particles when fighting fires.



Help the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) develop a shared vision for a multimodal transportation system. MAPO is updating its 2045 Long-range Transportation Plan and wants to hear from you. Learn more about the planning process, sign-up for email updates and provide feedback: [mapolrtpupdate.com/](http://mapolrtpupdate.com/).

The Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) completed their inaugural Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in 2015. The LRTP serves as a blueprint for making transportation decisions and offers guidance and direction for elected leaders, citizens, economic interests, and stakeholders to achieve a shared vision for system preservation and mobility. The LRTP prioritizes improvements to coordinate preservation needs (so as to maintain the future metropolitan transportation system in a state of good repair) with mobility, safety, freight, and congestion needs to accommodate planned growth in the area. The LRTP has been financially constrained and presents new transportation initiatives and strategies. This federally compliant plan outlines how the MAPO and its member jurisdictions will grow and manage the transportation system over the next 30 years (year 2045 horizon).

MAPO is represented by the cities of Eagle Lake, Mankato, North Mankato, and Skyline; Blue Earth and Nicollet counties; and the townships of Belgrade, Lime, South Bend, LeRay, and Mankato.

Per federal requirements, the MAPO is required to update their LRTP every five years. Public participation and agency coordination will be an important element in identifying issues and needs and in building support for the overall LRTP Update.

**STAY INFORMED.** City Council meetings are held the 1st Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 705 Parkway Avenue. All meetings are open to the public, with meeting agendas and minutes posted on the City's website – <https://eaglelakemn.com/city/meeting-agendas-packets>.



**2018-2019 REDA Annual Report Now Available**

The Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) of which the City of Eagle Lake is a member recently held its annual meeting and celebrated 10 years of partnership while also signing to continue its agreement for the next three years. Presented at the meeting was the 2018-2019 REDA Annual Report, which recaps the year's work and key successes. The report can be obtained by visiting: [https://issuu.com/greatermankatogrowth/docs/2018-2019\\_reda\\_annual\\_review](https://issuu.com/greatermankatogrowth/docs/2018-2019_reda_annual_review).

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