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Eagle Lake, MN 56024

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Visit the Eagle Lake business directory at
<https://eaglelakemn.com/businesses>

SAVE THE DATES

MAY 12-15	Hydrant Flushing
MAY 17	Spring Cleanup
JUNE 6	T-Ball Registration Deadline
JUNE 20	Summer Sounds
JULY 13-20	Tator Days
JULY 18	Summer Sounds
AUGUST 1	Culpepper & Merriweather Circus
AUGUST 5	National Night Out
	Summer Sounds
AUGUST 22	Summer Sounds

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SEE INSIDE NEWSLETTER FOR

Expos Baseball Home Schedule & Mosquito Treatment Dates

DONATE TO CANS FOR KIDS

The proceeds from the cans go towards the parks

Donating your aluminum cans to "Cans for Kids" is
an easy way to support the Eagle Lake parks.



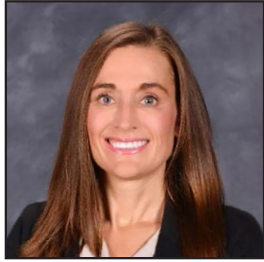
DONATION LOCATION

Near the Eagle Lake water tower
PLEASE DO NOT BAG CANS

Thank you for your help supporting the parks.

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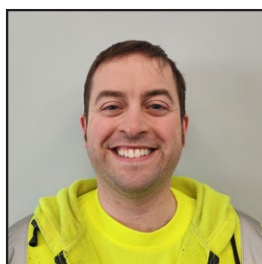
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**Deputy
Nick Lewis**

EAGLE LAKE ELECTED OFFICIALS



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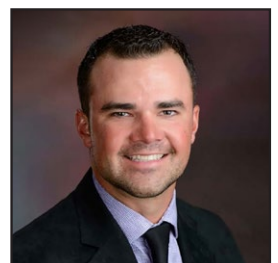
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CITY OF EAGLE LAKE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2025

CITY HALL

PO Box 159
705 Parkway Avenue
Eagle Lake, Minnesota 56024

507-257-3218
eaglelakemn.com



CITY HALL HOURS

Monday - Friday | 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

UTILITY PAYMENTS

For utility customer convenience, a drop box is located on the east side of City Hall for utility bill payments and is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Utility bill payment options include the following: on-line, auto-pay, by mail, in person, or by phone using a credit or debit card.

PAPERLESS BILL OPTION

eaglelakemn.com/residents/pay-utility-bill

HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?

Please contact us and we will do our best to answer your question or address your concern. City staff can be reached during business hours at City Hall, via phone, email, or electronically using the "CONTACT US" feature on the City of Eagle Lake website at:

eaglelakemn.com/contact

IMPORTANT NOTE

The City of Eagle Lake communicates with residents using its

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE

Website | Facebook Page | Email Blasts | Connect App
Coming Soon

& City of Eagle Lake Mailers

Such as quarterly newsletters mailed to all postal patrons with a 56024-zip code

Questions posed to the City of Eagle Lake via the **Eagle Lake Community Facebook Page** will **not** be answered by City staff as the City of Eagle Lake is not affiliated with the Eagle Lake Community Facebook page. Please contact the City of Eagle Lake directly with any questions that you wish to have answered by City staff.

Stay informed about City news by signing up for City of Eagle Lake news updates.
SIGN UP ONLINE OR CONTACT CITY HALL

EAGLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



HELD THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH • 6 P.M.

All meetings are open to the public

To view meetings, please visit the City of Eagle Lake website at eaglelakemn.com and click on the "City of Eagle Lake MN City Council Meetings" icon (as shown on the right) on the home page of the website.





Congratulations to **NICK LEWIS**

ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

We are pleased to announce that Nick Lewis has been appointed to the Eagle Lake City Council. A vacancy on the Council occurred automatically on January 6 when John Whittington took the oath of office and began his term as Mayor. Following this, the City Council declared a vacancy and appointed Nick Lewis to serve the remainder of the term, which will expire on December 31, 2026.


Mr. Lewis was officially sworn in at February's regularly scheduled meeting. We are excited to welcome Council Member Lewis and thank him for stepping up to serve our community. We look forward to his contributions and leadership as we continue to work together to make Eagle Lake an even better place to live! **WELCOME, COUNCIL MEMBER LEWIS!**

ATTENTION CITY OF EAGLE LAKE UTILITY CUSTOMERS **ELECTRONIC PAYMENT** OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE



- Pay by credit card, debit card, check or savings
- Reduce waste; opt out of paper bills
- Pay immediately, schedule a payment or set up Auto-Pay
- View balance due
- Pay online, on mobile device or by calling
- Print receipts and bills
- Manage Auto-Pay

Go to <https://eaglelakemn.com/residents/pay-utility-bill/>

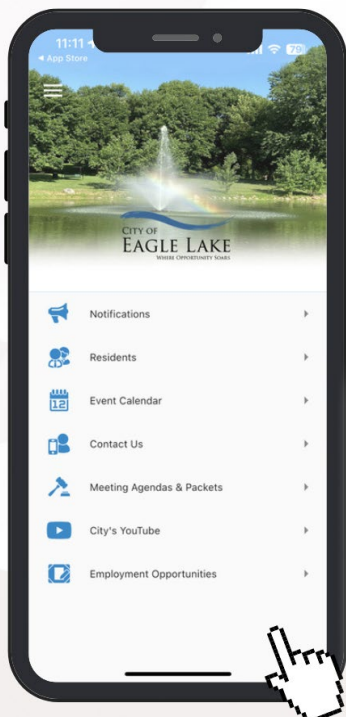
Click on the this image  to be routed to PSN's payment processor's website where you should register and make your payment or view your bill. *Future visits: payments are 3 easy steps. We will send you an email each time a new bill is ready for viewing.*

FREE SERVICES


MOBILE APP (View balance due or make a payment)



Download "PSN Payments" (App Store® or Google Play™)
NOTE: Register online before using the App



Download **Eagle Lake Connect**

AVAILABLE NOW

- Access Information
- View Latest Updates
- Receive Notifications
- And more...

Download App Now



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING

The Eagle Lake Area Lions Club thanks community members for recycling plastic. Over ten benches have been awarded for the Eagle Lake community.

Continue recycling plastic at the following drop off locations:

City Hall, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Eagle Express, and the Eagle Lake Post Office.



Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!



FROM THE STORE

- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags



FROM YOUR PANTRY

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags



FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue



NexTrex

trex.com/recycling 1-800-Buy-Trex

BE THE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

BE A LION!



Meetings held the first Tuesday of every month • 7 p.m.
Eagle Lake City Hall

All are welcome to join the Eagle Lake Area Lions Club.

To learn more, attend a meeting or visit us on Facebook
"Eagle Lake Area Lions Club".

A THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

We'd like to take a moment to recognize and thank all of our wonderful residents for the acts of kindness that make Eagle Lake such a special place to live. Whether it's helping a neighbor, volunteering time for community events, or simply offering a friendly smile, your positive actions are noticed and appreciated. Let's continue to build on this spirit of kindness and cooperation so that Eagle Lake remains a welcoming and supportive community for everyone.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK – together, we can
make Eagle Lake an even better place to call home!



EAGLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CREATES ARTWORK FOR CITY HALL

A big **THANK YOU** to the talented students of Eagle Lake Elementary School for their bright and creative artwork now displayed at City Hall! This wonderful project was led by art teacher Stephanie Wolff and City Council member Beth Rohrich. We invite residents to stop by City Hall to admire the students' work and enjoy the vibrant additions to our community space.

EARTH WEEK RECAP

Thank you to all the community members who came together to celebrate Earth Week with us!

Special thanks to Luke, our dedicated Community Forestry member, who led the fantastic activities, including Nature Park Bingo, tree planting and dedication, buckthorn removal and demonstration, and a garbage cleanup. Your time and efforts helped make our environment cleaner, greener, and more vibrant.



#YoungHands, big impact!

These future leaders are cleaning up today for a better tomorrow.
Make Earth Day every day!

We truly appreciate everyone's contribution to making Earth Week a success!

EAGLE LAKE EASTER EGG HUNT

Hosted by the Eagle Lake Area Lions Club

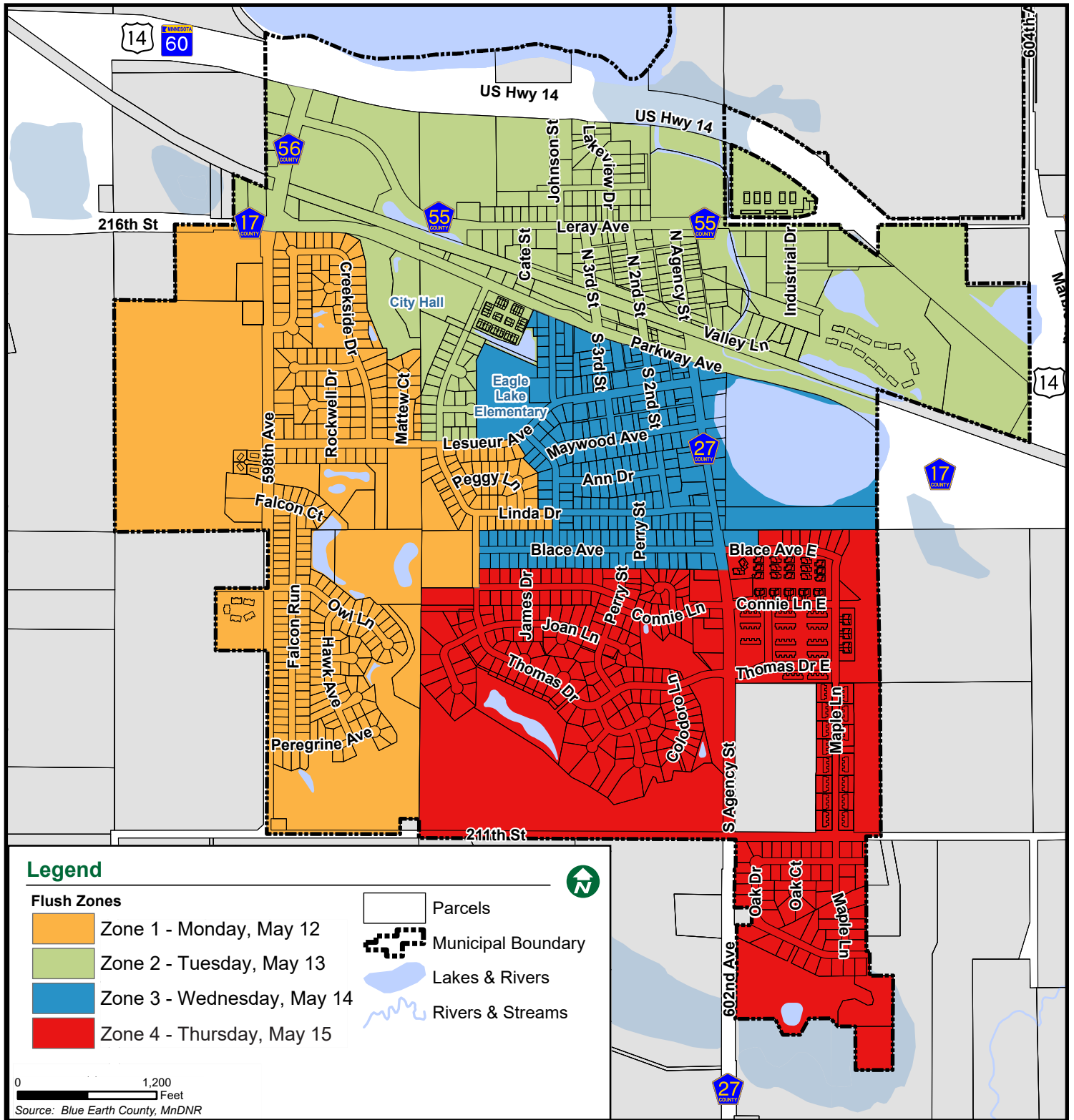
THANK YOU to all that attended, sponsors, and those that helped the Easter Bunny by filling eggs.



Thank you to our sponsors!

Allied Overhead Door Co, Community Bank,
Cornerstone State Bank, Dasch Salon, Daschner Construction,
Eagle Lake American Leagion Post 617 and Auxiliary,
Eagle Express, Eagle Lake Family Dentistry,
Eagle Lake Fire & Rescue, Epiphany Lutheran Church,
G* Clean Janitorial Service, Gene's Repair, Giv2u Inc.,
Hughes Automotive, Olson Family Chiropractic & Massage,
Pro Graphix, Wow Zone

WATERMAIN FLUSHING



EAGLE LAKE
SUMMER SOUNDS

SAVE THE DATES

June 20
July 18
August 5
August 22

Location: Lake Eagle Park

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE CURBSIDE CLEANUP

Saturday, May 17

All small, loose items must be bagged or boxed and set out at the curb no later than **7:00 A.M.** Saturday, May 17



No bag or box should weigh more than
50 POUNDS

If small items are not bagged or boxed, they will **NOT BE PICKED UP**

Exceptions include items such as a curtain rod, lamp, or any item large than a garbage bag or box.

ACCEPTABLE WASTE

General Garbage
Vacuum
Kitchen Table & Chairs
Dressers
Office Desk Chairs
End Tables & Coffee Tables
Head or Foot Board for a Bed
Book Shelf
Plastic Kid Toys

APPLIANCE COLLECTION

CURBSIDE PICK-UP

\$35

Per Appliance

Tags must be purchased at City Hall no later than **3 pm on Friday, May 16th.**

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

Electronics can be recycled at

CITY HALL

**May 17th
from 8:00 a.m. – noon**

For a listing of fees,
contact City Hall or visit
eaglelakemn.com.

UNACCEPTABLE WASTE

Cleaning Fluids

Liquid Waste

Paints

Solvents

Aerosol Cans

Acids or Caustics

Poisons

Pesticides

Drugs

Mattress or Box Spring

Furniture

Including Couch, Love Seat, Sectional, Recliner

Large Metal Items

*Such as Grills, Futon, Basketball Hoop,
Exercise Bike, Trampoline, Metal Bed Frames*

Street Sweepings

Transformers

Batteries

Crankcase Oils

Trees

Ashes

Incinerator Residue

Large Rolls of Carpet

Building Materials

*Such as Rock, Foundry Sand, Concrete Rubble,
Demolition, Gravel or Construction Debris*

Fluorescent Bulbs

Bath or Hot Tubs

Wood Pallets

Railroad Ties

Mining Waste

Hazardous Waste

Explosives

Radioactive Materials

Pathological or Biological Waste

Sanitary Sewage

Human or Animal Waste

Human or Animal Remains

Sludge

*Including Sewage Sludge,
Septic and Cesspool Pump Outs*

WHAT **NOT** TO DO



If you place loose items at the curb like this, **THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**





HOME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
May 18	Le Sueur	2:00 pm
June 1	Belle Plaine	2:00 pm
June 14	St. Clair	2:00 pm
June 15	Gaylord	2:00 pm
June 22	St. Peter	2:00 pm
June 28	Blue Earth	2:00 pm
July 19	Minnesota Lake	2:00 pm
July 20	Jordan	2:00 pm

All home games are played at Lake Eagle Park

Strengthening Resiliency in Eagle Lake

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

May 20, 2025 | 5–6 p.m.

Eagle Lake City Hall | 705 Parkway Avenue

COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE • NO FORMAL PRESENTATION

**See the Stormwater and Community Resilience Plan
draft and provide feedback on the identified issues
and proposed solutions!**



Visit the project
website for more
information!
bit.ly/Eagle-Lake

EAGLE LAKE T-BALL REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION IS DUE BY
JUNE 6

T-BALL IS OPEN TO
**YOUTH AGES
4-7**



REGISTRATION FEE

INCLUDES A T-SHIRT!

\$25.00

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

*Payment can be dropped off during
regular business hours or placed in the
secure drop box on the east side of City Hall.*

*Checks can be made payable to
"City of Eagle Lake"*

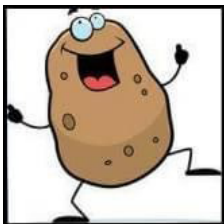
Registration forms can be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., or printed off the City of Eagle Lake website.

A big thank you to **Don Wesely** and **Nick Lewis** for stepping up as co-coordinators to keep our T-Ball program running smoothly! Their dedication ensures that this favorite community activity continues to thrive. We also want to recognize and thank **Jeremy Horkey**, a long-time resident and former T-Ball coordinator, for his years of service. Jeremy stepped down after last season due to moving out of town, and we appreciate all his hard work in making the program a success.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR COACHES to help make the season a success.

If you're interested in coaching or have any questions, please contact City Hall.

THANK YOU, DON AND NICK
for continuing this important tradition, and
we look forward to another great season!



EAGLE LAKE TATOR DAYS

JULY 13-20

For all your Tator Days applications and forms, please visit
<https://eaglelakemn.com/residents/tator-days/> or follow the Tator Days Facebook page.

STREET AND UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the March 25th open house and contributed thoughtful questions about the upcoming street and utility reconstruction project.

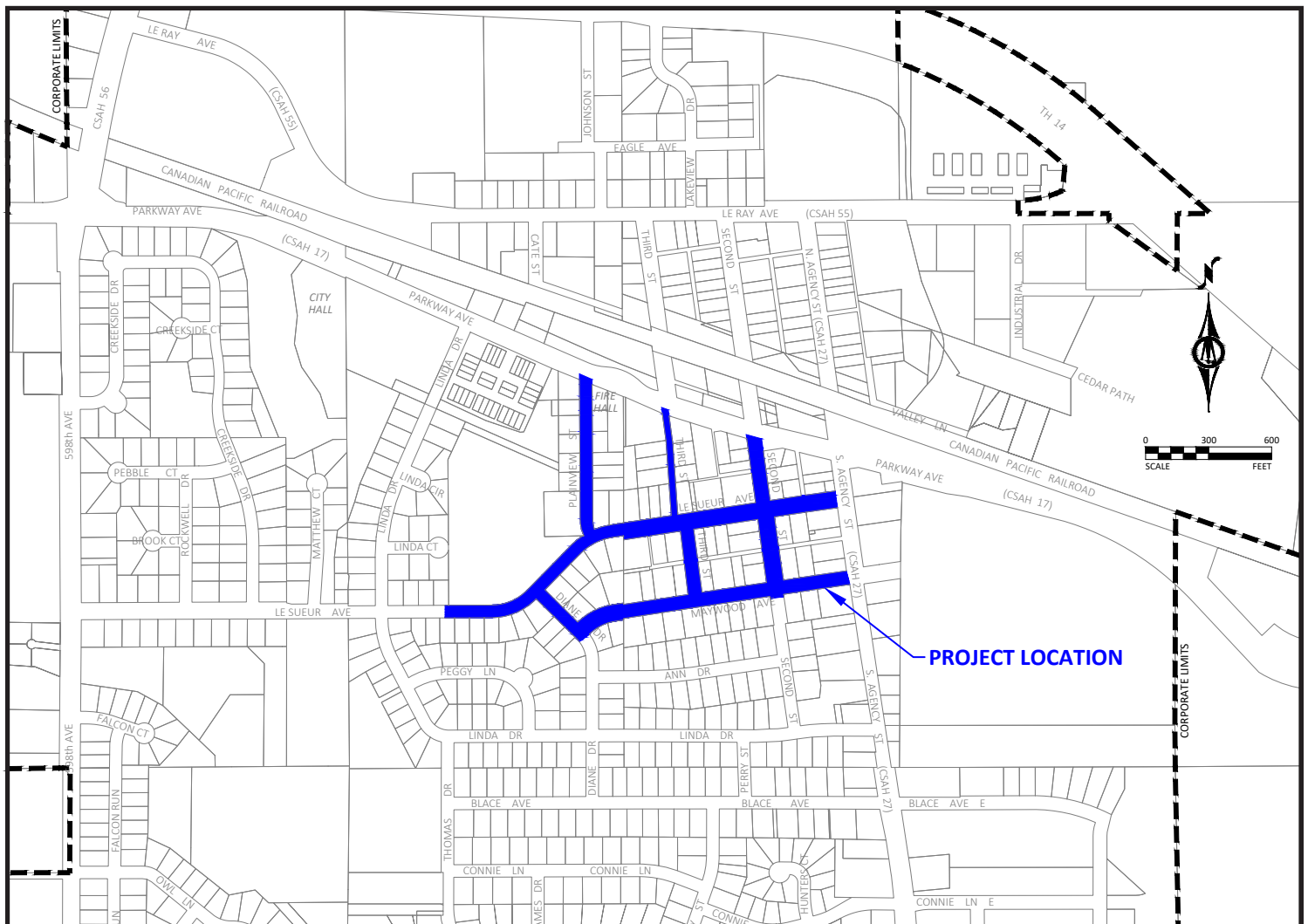
The open house provided an opportunity for residents to learn more about the scope, timeline, and construction plans for improvements along Le Sueur Avenue, Maywood Avenue, Plainview Street, Third Street, and Second Street. The City Engineer was on hand to answer questions and discuss project details.

TIMELINE

- **APRIL - MAY 2025**
Bidding process
- **JUNE 2025**
Assessment hearing
- **SUMMER 2025**
Construction begins
- **FALL 2026**
Major construction completion
- **SUMMER 2027**
Final asphalt layer installation

Once the project commences, weekly project newsletters will be posted on the City's website. These updates will include progress reports, schedule information, and any important notices to help keep residents informed throughout the duration of construction.

We thank residents in advance for their patience and understanding, as we recognize that construction can be disruptive. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we work to improve vital infrastructure in our community.



FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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MOSQUITO CONTROL TREATMENT SCHEDULE

The City of Eagle Lake has partnered with Clarke for mosquito control services, and nine treatments have been scheduled this spring and summer to help reduce the mosquito population. These treatments are part of our ongoing efforts to protect public health and provide a more comfortable outdoor environment.

HOW TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION:

To receive advance notice of scheduled mosquito control treatments, residents can sign up for notifications via the Clarke portal. It's easy to register—just follow these steps:

1. Visit <http://www.clarkeportal.com/>
2. Click the “**Register**” hyperlink next to “**Do not have an account?**”
3. Select the “**I am a Resident**” button and complete the registration process

This service ensures you stay informed about upcoming treatments in your area.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

For more information about the mosquito control process, treatment details, and safety precautions, please visit Clarke's **FAQ page**.

TREATMENT DATES

May 19
June 2, 16, 30
July 14, 28
August 11, 25
September 8

Dates may vary slightly due to weather or other factors.

THANK YOU for your cooperation in helping keep Eagle Lake a safe and comfortable place for all.

The Eagle Lake Area Lions Club is excited to announce an unforgettable event for the whole family!

THE CULPEPPER & MERRIWEATHER CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Join us for an evening of
THRILLING PERFORMANCES, LAUGHTER, AND FUN!

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is known for its incredible acts, including acrobats, clowns, aerialists, and more—guaranteeing a fantastic time for all ages. Whether you're young or just young at heart, you won't want to miss this exciting display!

TICKET SALES SUPPORTING LOCAL PROJECTS

The Eagle Lake Area Lions Club will be using their portion of the proceeds from ticket sales to support local projects and community initiatives. By attending this fun-filled event, you'll not only enjoy an incredible evening of circus entertainment but also help make a positive impact right here in Eagle Lake!

Additional details about the event, including ticket sales and showtimes, will be shared soon.

Keep an eye on our social media page and City of Eagle Lake communications for more information in the coming weeks.

We can't wait to see you under the big top for an evening full of fun, excitement, and community spirit!

For more information about the circus, visit www.cmcircus.com.

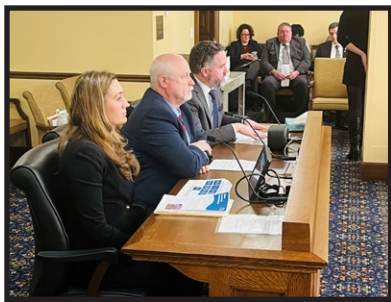


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WATER PROJECT UPDATE

ADVOCACY EFFORTS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Mayor Whittington and City Administrator Bromeland have been actively working with state and federal officials, submitting funding requests to secure critical resources for the growth and wellbeing of Eagle Lake. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our residents for your strong advocacy efforts.

Thanks to your support, the city's request for funding to build a new water treatment facility is being seriously considered at both the state and federal levels. The project is shovel-ready, and we are working hard to secure the

necessary funding to resolve ongoing water quality issues and ensure clean, safe drinking water for our community.

We truly appreciate the continued collaboration and commitment from Eagle Lake businesses, community members, and local leaders. Your voices are making a difference, and we will keep you informed on the progress of these funding efforts.

Thank you again for your dedication to Eagle Lake's future!



TALL GRASS AND YARD MAINTENANCE

As we head into the warmer months, we'd like to remind residents of the importance of maintaining clean and well-kept yards in accordance with the City of Eagle Lake's code.

This includes keeping grass trimmed to a height of **NO MORE THAN 8 INCHES** and removing debris, weeds, and clutter from your property.

Overgrown grass and untidy yards not only impact the appearance of our community but can also attract pests and create safety hazards. Please take a moment to check your yard and ensure it complies with the city's regulations.

For questions or concerns about yard maintenance or the City Code, please contact City Hall.
LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP EAGLE LAKE BEAUTIFUL AND WELCOMING FOR ALL!

SEVERE WEATHER ALERT INFORMATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Are tornado sirens meant to be heard indoors?

ANSWER

No, tornado sirens are an outdoor warning system designed to alert people who are outside that dangerous weather is approaching.

To receive alerts while indoors, consider getting a NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards. Similar to a smoke detector for severe weather, this radio will wake you up and notify you of any warnings issued in your area, so you can take the necessary precautions. Additionally, the CodeRED Emergency Notification System provides fast, customized emergency messages directly to homes, businesses, and mobile phones. CodeRED alerts include critical notifications like tornado warnings, missing child alerts, and evacuation notices. For more information on the CodeRED system, visit [Blue Earth County's CodeRED page](#).

STORMWATER CORNER

WHY SHOULD I BE CONCERNED ABOUT STORMWATER?

Did you know? Storm drains direct water straight into our waterways—our lakes, rivers, and wetlands—bypassing any treatment facility. Any material that enters a storm sewer that is not purely stormwater is considered an “illicit discharge.”

These discharges, which are pollutants, can be carried by water from spring melt or stormwater runoff, and includes but is not limited to:

- Pesticides, fertilizer, herbicide, and other lawn chemicals
- Yard waste like grass clippings and leaves
- Pet waste
- Dirt and sand
- Debris
- Motor oil
- Soapy water from washing a car at home
- **And many other sources!**



Illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) is crucial to stop illicit discharges from polluting our receiving waters, and to maintain swimmable, fishable, and drinkable water.

HOW DO I REPORT A SUSPECTED ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

STEP 1 Observe from a safe distance.
DO NOT touch or smell the substance.

STEP 2 Notify the Non-Emergency Police Line: 507-304-4863.
In the case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

STEP 3 Provide the following information:

- Your name
- Phone number
- Discovery/incident time, date, and location
- Description of material, and source if known
- Estimate extent of the problem (slow trickle vs significant flow)
- Take photographs or video of the scene for subsequent investigation by City or other agencies.

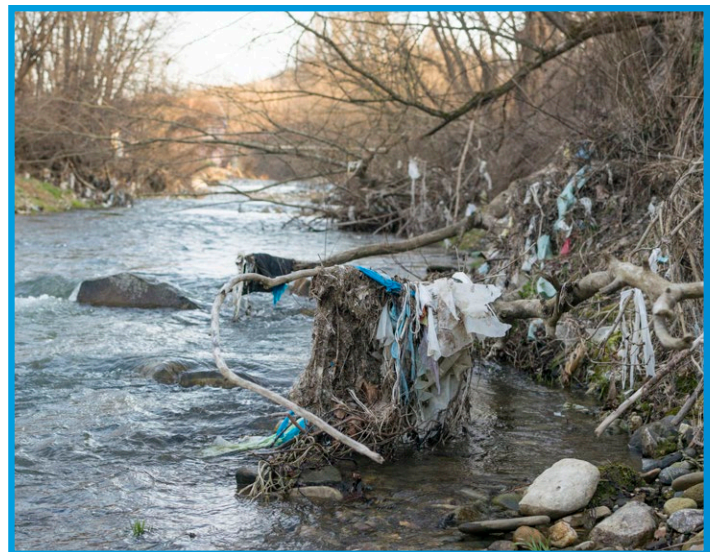
As the weather warms up and spring arrives, it's important to be aware of illicit discharges, and to know how to prevent pollution. Many homeowners will be busy mowing their lawns, leading to an increase in grass clippings, yard waste, and the use of lawn chemicals. While these activities are common, it's important to manage them responsibly to prevent pollution.

HOW CAN I PREVENT POLLUTION?

Be aware of what you're putting on the ground outside. Ask yourself if that could be a source of pollution.

- Pick up litter when you happen upon it.
- Cover garbage cans, recycling bins, and truck loads to prevent unintentional litter.
- Scoop all pet poop!
- Direct grass clippings and leaves away from hard surfaces like driveways and sidewalks.
- Install native plants and rain gardens.
- Use phosphorus free fertilizer and follow all instructions.
- Fix vehicle leaks and catch drips with cardboard.
- Never dump anything down the storm drain.
- Minimize deicing salt used in the winter.

By taking simple steps such as composting yard waste and being mindful of lawn chemical usage, we can keep our community green and protect our local waterways.



DOG LICENSES

Per Eagle Lake code, all dogs within city limits must be licensed. Once licensed, please be sure that your dog wears its metal tag that is issued with the dog license. This helps the police identify where a dog lives so that it can be returned home if lost versus being impounded.



Please call or stop by City Hall to obtain a dog license application if your dog is not currently licensed.

*Replacement tags are available at **NO CHARGE** if a tag is lost or damaged.*

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

The Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office wants to remind our citizens to make safety a priority.

We've compiled some summer safety tips to educate and remind the wonderful communities that we serve of several things to be mindful of during the summer months:

LOCK UP

- Never leave your unattended vehicle with its windows down or doors unlocked.
- Make sure to always lock up your house, garage, and storage shed.
- Bring valuables inside.

VACATION PREPARATIONS

- If you are going out of town, ask a family member or trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your house and retrieve any mail or packages that arrive.
- Make sure your home is locked up and secure.
- Set a light on a timer inside of your home to create the appearance of activity inside.
- Consider installing exterior motion sensor lighting.
- This can help deter crime.
- Keep your valuables out of plain sight and place them in a safe if possible.
- Do not post your vacation plans on social media.

CURFEW PER CITY ORDINANCE

- It is unlawful for a juvenile age twelve (12) and under to be present in a public place or establishment within Eagle Lake, any time between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- It is unlawful for a juvenile age thirteen (13) through seventeen (17) to be present in any public place or establishment within Eagle Lake, any time between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

DRIVE SAFELY

- Always designate a sober driver. This applies to driving your car, motorcycle, boat, or anything on the road.
- Buckle up.
- Avoid distractions while driving. Put your phone down.
Always look for pedestrians, motorcyclists, and bicyclists.

PRACTICE SAFE BIKE RIDING

- Check your bike to make sure the tires are inflated, and the brakes are working. Put reflectors on the front and back of your bike.
- Always wear a helmet and pads for protection.
- If you ride on the street, keep to the right and follow all traffic signs.
- Be on the lookout for traffic, yield to vehicles, and signal when turning.
- Use the crosswalks and yield to pedestrians. If you have to cross at an intersection, look both ways and walk your bike to the other side.
- Stay alert and watch out for hazards.

AVOID HEAT RELATED INJURIES OR DEATH

- Never leave kids, pets, or anyone in your care inside your unattended vehicle.
- If your kids or pets are playing outside on a hot day, be sure they drink plenty of water and find shade when they need it.

**As always, report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office by calling 911.
LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME AND HAVE A SAFE SUMMER.**

SCOOP THE POOP

WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT DOG WASTE?

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria, parasites, and nutrients that do not belong in surface waters and can be harmful to humans as well as other pets and wildlife. Rain and melting snow carry these pollutants from yards and park areas to local creeks, ponds, and lakes. Bacteria and other parasites found in pet waste, such as Salmonella, Giardia, and Roundworms, can survive for long period when left on the ground. Reducing the amount of pet waste that ends up in our local surface waters will help improve water quality by decreasing the amount of nutrients that algae thrive on.

No matter how cute your dog is, it is contributing to the pollution problem if you are not actively on dog 'doo-dy'. Dog owners can easily and economically manage dog waste by cleaning up after your dog. By doing so, you help keep our waters safe and aesthetically pleasing.



AND DON'T FORGET
PICK UP THE PET WASTE IN YOUR OWN YARD

YOU CAN HELP

SCOUT IT

Make sure you are keeping an eye on your dog and always clean up their waste.

SCOOP IT

Always have a plastic bag with you when you are walking the dog. Use the bag as a glove to pick up the dog waste. Scoop it up and turn the bag inside out around the waste.

DISPOSE IT

Properly dispose of dog waste by putting it in a trash can.

**NEVER THROW DOG WASTE
DOWN A STORM DRAIN.**

BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS

Permits are required for almost all construction projects
INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO

BUILDING PERMIT

*New Homes • Garages • Additions • Decks • Windows
Roofing • Siding • Sheds (Over 200 Square Feet) • Etc.*

*A building permit is also required for any building being moved
onto a lot or any building being demolished.*

ZONING PERMIT

Sheds (200 Square Feet or Less) • Patios • Fences



PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL AT 507-257-3218 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

The building and zoning permit application form is available on the City's website or can be obtained at City Hall during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

CALL BEFORE DIGGING

Gopher State One Call
1-800-252-1166 or 811

Protect yourselves and your property against underground utility damage and liability. Before digging, anyone in Minnesota must call Gopher State One Call (GSOC) and find out where underground utility lines might be buried (no cost).

A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

As we enjoy the warmer weather this spring and summer, we encourage parents and caregivers to have important conversations with children about staying safe and being respectful when out and about in the community.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Remind kids not to climb on buildings or structures at the park, avoid construction sites, and always be mindful of safety.
- Share sidewalks and paths with both kids and adults, being courteous and allowing everyone to pass safely.
- **Dogs should only be allowed to run loose at the designated dog park** — at all other parts of the park, dogs must be kept on a leash and cleaned up after at all times to ensure a clean and safe environment for everyone.
- Let's continue to respect both public and private property to ensure everyone can enjoy the spaces we share.

We greatly appreciate community members reporting non-emergency issues to City Hall so we can address them in a timely manner. It takes all of us to keep Eagle Lake the great community that it is, so please continue to report items that need attention by calling or emailing City Hall using the "Contact Us" feature on the Eagle Lake website. It is never a bother to contact law enforcement if you experience issues that cannot be resolved or require immediate attention—please don't hesitate to reach out to 911 or the non-emergency line at 507-304-4863.

Let's work together to keep Eagle Lake a safe, respectful, and welcoming place for all.
If you have any questions or would like more safety tips, feel free to reach out!

BLUE EARTH COUNTY **CURFEW TIMES** APPLIES TO THOSE 17 YEARS AND UNDER

AGES 12 AND UNDER

Not allowed in public places or establishments between
9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

AGES 13 - 17

Not allowed in public places or establishments between
11 p.m. and 5 a.m.



Section 4: EXCEPTIONS (A) It is an affirmative defense for a juvenile to prove that: **1.** the juvenile was accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or other responsible adult. **2.** the juvenile was engaged in a lawful employment activity or was going to or returning home from his or her place of employment. **3.** the juvenile was involved in an emergency situation. **4.** the juvenile was going to, attending, or returning home from an official school, religious, or other recreational activity sponsored and/or supervised by a public entity or a civic organization. **5.** the juvenile was on an errand at the direction of a parent or guardian. **6.** the juvenile was exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution or Article I of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota. **7.** the juvenile was engaged in interstate travel. **8.** the juvenile was on the public right-of-way boulevard or sidewalk abutting the property containing the juvenile's residence or abutting the neighboring property, structure, or residence.

GOLF CART RULES

- A permit is required to operate a golf cart on the streets of the City of Eagle Lake.
- A slow moving emblem shall be displayed on all golf carts.
- Golf carts must be equipped with a rear view mirror.
- Operators of golf carts must provide driver information and provide proof of liability insurance if requested by law enforcement.
- Golf carts can only be operated on designated roadways from the hours of sunrise to sunset and may not be operated during the hours of sunset to sunrise, in inclement weather, in smoke, fog, or any other condition where visibility is impaired.
- It is unlawful to operate golf carts in parks, on sidewalks or trails.



COST OF PERMIT
\$15.00
FOR 3 YEARS

HOW TO OBTAIN A PERMIT

Residents can obtain a permit application form on the City of Eagle Lake website or stop by City Hall for a hard copy of the form. Once completed, the form can be taken to the Blue Earth County Justice Center to get a permit.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY PROJECT UPDATE

The City of Eagle Lake's Community Resiliency Project, focused primarily on stormwater management, is progressing as we work to improve our ability to handle future extreme weather events. This planning process is essential for positioning the city to secure grant funding for implementing stormwater-related recommendations from the study. We encourage community members to continue to engage with us through upcoming planning sessions to share your feedback and help shape solutions that will improve flood resilience and water management. Your input is vital as we work to enhance our community's preparedness.

For more information and to get involved, please visit <https://bit.ly/Eagle-Lake>.

THANK YOU TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED AND PROVIDED INPUT.

CSAH 27 PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The City of Eagle Lake is excited to announce the upcoming CSAH 27 Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements Project, set to begin in 2026. This project will enhance pedestrian and bicycle access, safety, and comfort in the southeastern part of the community by constructing a sidewalk and 10-ft-wide bituminous trail along Agency Street and 211th Street. The project, funded in part by a federal grant awarded in 2023, will also include a new pedestrian crosswalk flasher system at CSAH 27 and Thomas Drive. To prepare for final planning and design, the City has hired Bolton & Menk to conduct surveys in the project area, with utility markings indicating the location of buried lines. There will be no excavation or construction as part of this survey. The project will provide ADA-compliant infrastructure and will eliminate gaps in the sidewalk and trail network, promoting active transportation.

For more details or to ask questions, contact City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland or Bolton & Menk Engineer Brian Sarff.

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES AS THE PROJECT DEVELOPS!

SOLICITOR AWARENESS & SAFETY REMINDERS

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

The City has recently received calls from residents concerned about individuals going door to door without proper authorization. Please be aware that **all solicitors must have a valid solicitor's license issued by the City of Eagle Lake.**

- If you feel uncomfortable opening your door — **DON'T**.
- **Never allow someone in your home**, even if they have a license.
- The City does **not** issue photo ID badges for solicitors. A photo badge does not indicate City approval.
- Ask to see the solicitor's license. It must be signed and display the **embossed City seal**.

If someone comes to your door and cannot produce this license, or if the situation feels suspicious, **contact the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office immediately** by calling 911 or the non-emergency line at 507-304-4863.

A list of all currently approved licenses is available on the City's website under "Quick Links." Residents are encouraged to check back regularly for updates. For verification or questions, contact City Hall during business hours (Monday Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Please note: **the issuance of a license does not imply City endorsement** of any company or product.

Residents are also urged to **research any vendor or company** thoroughly before signing contracts or sharing personal information.

EXCEPTIONS

Licenses are not required for court-ordered sales, auctions, wholesale transactions, sales of farm/garden products, deliveries of perishable goods (like milk or bakery items) to regular customers, or solicitations by charitable, religious, fraternal, or civic organizations.

ROOTED IN EXCELLENCE EAGLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SHINES IN OUR CITY

We're proud to be home to Eagle Lake Elementary School and part of the Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) community. Our strong partnership with MAPS leadership continues to support student success and strengthen our city. Eagle Lake resident Greg Summers, a health sciences instructor at MAPS, and his students recently held a fantastic workshop at City Hall for our Active Adults program. They set up interactive stations to teach CPR and first aid, providing hands-on experience and vital information to attendees. Huge thanks to Mr. Summers and these impressive young leaders for their dedication and professionalism. We value this ongoing collaboration—stay connected with district happenings by checking out the MAPS Connection District Newsletter for updates and resources.

Communications - Mankato Area Public Schools

<https://www.isd77.org/experience/departments/communications>



ACTIVE ADULTS GROUP UPDATE

A big **THANK YOU** to the wonderful organizers of the Active Adults group **Don Wesely, Joan Back, Sara Venem, Betty Lindvall, and Kate Mauel** whose dedication has made this program a success!



We also want to extend our gratitude to all the community members who have participated and shared their time learning about a variety of topics, from scam and fraud prevention to fire safety, health and wellness, financial tips, wills and estates, landscaping, and more.

The Active Adults group will be taking a break over the summer months and will resume in **October 2025 on Wednesdays from 9-11 AM** at City Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall for more informative and engaging sessions!

STAY ACTIVE & INDEPENDENT FOR LIFE (SAIL)

A FREE EXERCISE PROGRAM FOR YOU

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS CLASS

- SAIL is an evidence-based program designed for men and women aged 55 and over
- The class meets 2x a week all year long
- Hand and leg weights are provided by the Catholic Charities of Southern MN's Active Aging Program
- Class leaders are all volunteers that have been trained to lead the SAIL class
- Everyone pitches in to restore the room, put away weights, etc.
- **This is a FREE class!**

If you have questions call Mary at 507-458-9687 or show up at class 15 minutes early on your first time.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Epiphany Lutheran Church • Use the West Door



ACTIVE AGING PROGRAMS
Catholic Charities of Southern MN

Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes

Bring your own water bottle as we hydrate often during class

Most importantly, **HAVE FUN!**

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR WHITINGTON

WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve our community's infrastructure, the council and staff continue to work diligently on advancing the water treatment plant project. Recently, I had the opportunity to join a delegation in Washington, D.C., where we met with Congressman Finstad, Senator Klobuchar, and her staff, as well as Senator Smith's team. These conversations are vital as we seek congressional-directed funding to ensure the successful completion of this critical project.

Back here in Minnesota, Administrator Bromeland and I had the privilege of testifying in front of the House capital Investment Committee to advocate for this important initiative. We are proud to report that the project is shovel-ready, and we are eager to see it move forward to ensure clean, safe water for our residents. We will continue to work closely with our federal representatives to secure the necessary support to make this project a reality.

CHILD CARE A VITAL WORKFORCE ISSUE

Access to affordable and quality childcare remains a significant barrier to workforce participation in our community. As we work to ensure that everyone who wants to contribute to the local economy has the opportunity to do so, we recognize that affordable childcare is an essential piece of the puzzle.

There is an urgent need for increased investments to expand childcare slots, support childcare providers, and ensure the sustainability of the childcare business model. We also need to remove regulatory barriers, update outdated policies, and create incentives for businesses to support new childcare facilities and operations. These investments will directly benefit working families and strengthen our economy by enabling more parents to participate in the workforce. Our administration is committed to working alongside state and federal partners to address these issues and provide long-term solutions to the childcare crisis.

HWY 14 CORRIDOR STUDY A STEP TOWARD FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

We're pleased to share that the **Hwy 14 Corridor Study** is nearing completion, and we expect to have important information to review in the coming weeks. This collaborative effort, led by the **Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO)** in partnership with **MnDOT** and local communities, is focused on planning for the future of Hwy 14, particularly in the **Eagle Lake area**.

The stretch of Hwy 14 between **County Road 12** and **Hwy 60** has long experienced various safety and mobility challenges. This study aims to identify opportunities for improvements that address these issues while ensuring that the solutions align with the community's needs and goals.

As always, thank you for your ongoing involvement and support as we work together to improve our infrastructure and ensure a safer, more efficient transportation system for everyone.

IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE CITY

We are pleased to report that our **2025-2026 Reconstruction Project** is moving forward. This past March we held a successful open house to share details about the project with the community. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout, and I appreciate everyone who attended, asked questions, and shared their thoughts.

This project is an essential part of our ongoing efforts to improve our city's infrastructure. It includes full street reconstruction, including resurfacing, updated drainage systems, and improved sidewalks, all designed to make these streets safer, more efficient, and better for our residents and businesses.

NEW PEDESTRIAN PATH ENHANCING SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY

We continue to move forward with the **Pedestrian Path** project along **Agency Street (CSAH 27)** between **211th Street and Thomas Drive**. This path will create a safer and more accessible route for walking, biking, and other forms of active transportation.

This pathway will link key areas, including local schools, parks, and other recreational spots, making it easier for residents to get around the city safely without needing a car. It will also support healthy lifestyles by providing a designated space for people to walk, jog, or bike for exercise and recreation.

KEY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES WE ARE WATCHING

HOUSING LEGISLATION Ensuring Affordable Housing for All

Affordable housing is a top priority for our city. As our community continues to grow, ensuring that everyone has access to safe, affordable housing is critical to maintaining a thriving, diverse neighborhood. We are tracking several bills at the state level that could influence housing policies here in Eagle Lake.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID (LGA) Protecting Essential City Services

As many of you know, **51% of our city's budget comes from Local Government Aid (LGA)**. This funding is crucial for supporting the services that make our city a great place to live—from public safety and education to infrastructure and parks. We are particularly focused on LGA bills being discussed at the state level, as any changes could have a significant impact on our budget and the services we provide.