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SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

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

DONATE TO CANS FOR KIDS

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

The proceeds from the cans go towards the parks.



DONATION **LOCATION**

Near the Eagle Lake water tower
PLEASE DO NOT BAG CANS

Thank you for your help supporting the parks.

SAVE THE DATES

- OCT 14** | Leaf Pick-Up Begins
- OCT 16** | Coffee and Donuts
- OCT 19** | Fall Cleanup • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- OCT 24** | Mayor & City Council Candidate Forum • 6-7:30 p.m.
- OCT 24** | Cub Scouts Pack 54 Recruitment Event • 6 p.m.
- OCT 25** | Tree Identification Walk • 4-4:30 p.m.
- OCT 31** | Halloween Disco • 6-8 p.m.
- NOV 5** | Election Day
- NOV 20** | Rural Child Care Innovation Program Town Hall Event



DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CITY HALL CLOSED

NOV 11 & NOV 28-29

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024

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

& 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.







ATTENTION City of Eagle Lake Utility Customer...
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

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 and Star Light Early Learning Center, Eagle Lake Post Office, and the Eagle Express.



RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

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

THANK YOU

to everyone that attended the Fire Department open house!

The Eagle Lake Fire Department encourages residents to actively support the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme below.



"Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, giving people the time to get out safely,"

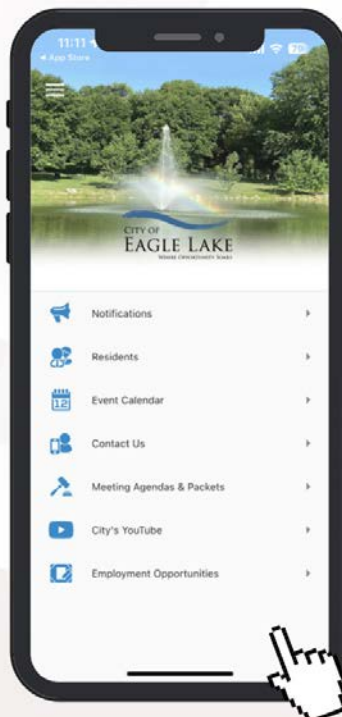
said Vern Simpson, Fire Chief.

"This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is a great way to remind everyone about these messages and to act on them."

Fire Prevention Week: **OCTOBER 6-12**

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week, visit www.fpw.org.

For fire safety fun for kids, visit sparky.org.



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- And more...

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WELCOME BAGS

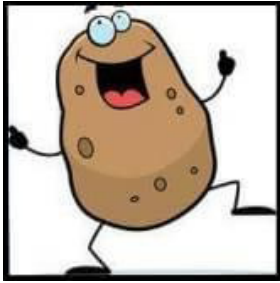


One of the EDA's initiatives is to welcome new residents to the community. One way to do so is to welcome new residents with a welcome bag.

The Welcome Bags contain items donated by businesses and service organizations. The purpose of the welcome bag is to make new residents feel welcome in our community and bring awareness to participating local businesses and service organizations. If you recently moved to Eagle Lake, be sure to stop by City Hall and pick up a welcome bag!

TREE SEEDLING DISTRIBUTION

The Eagle Lake Area Lions Club and the City of Eagle Lake joined forces this past summer to hold a free tree seedling distribution event. The purpose of the event was to promote planting trees to contribute to a greener, healthier community. Thank you to the community members that participated and planted tree seedlings!



UPCOMING 2025 TATOR DAYS PLANNING MEETINGS

HELD THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH • 6:30 P.M.-8:30 PM
Located at City Hall

Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in serving on the Planning Committee, please attend a meeting. Tator Days 2025 will take place July 13-20, 2025.

THAT'S A WRAP ON SUMMER SOUNDS 2024!

The Summer Sounds Committee thanks community members for coming out and supporting Summer Sounds 2024.



Committee Members: Morgan Schulz, Garrett Steinberg, Anthony White, Karli Swearingen, Stephanie Noland, and Jennifer Bromeland



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The City of Eagle Lake thanks Epiphany Lutheran Church and Star Light Early Learning Center, the Eagle Lake Area Lions Club, the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office, the Eagle Lake Fire Department, Thrivent, Cub Scouts Pack 54, Summer Sounds Committee, Eagle Lake Expos, Eagle Lake Park Board, and many others for coming out to meet with neighbors and partner with police.

PLANNING IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY FOR 2025!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Hosted by Eagle Lake Ladies Auxiliary

DATE & TIME

OCTOBER 31
6-8PM

LOCATION

EAGLE LAKE LEGION POST 617

- Hayrides
- Appearances by Sheriff Deputies
- Chance to Win Gift Cards
Drawings Every 20 Minutes
- Hot dogs and Water Provided
- Goodie Bags



EAGLE LAKE AREA LIONS CLUB BACKPACK PROJECT

The Eagle Lake Area Lions Club recently donated backpacks to Eagle Lake Elementary School.



Pictured Here: Principal Brian Hansen and Eagle Lake Area Lions Club representative Sara Venem



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".

Welcome PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

We welcome **Aaron Stubbs, Michael Hughes, and Tom Barna** to the Planning Commission.

Welcome PARK BOARD MEMBER

We welcome **Adisyn Manske** to the Park Board as a youth resident!

There is still one more opening for a youth resident between the ages of 14 and 18. Contact City Hall for more information if you are interested in applying as a Youth Park Board Member!

JOIN CUB SCOUTS TODAY!

Scouting America is Restarting Pack 54 in Eagle Lake and Welcoming Boys and Girls Grades K-5

RECRUITMENT EVENT

OCTOBER 24 • 6 P.M.
Epiphany Lutheran Church



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA
TWIN VALLEY COUNCIL

Stop by for some fun and games and learn some basic information about Cub Scouts and how to join.

<https://www.twINVALLEYBSA.org/join-now/join/>

DON'T FORGET TO **LEAVE THE LEAVES**

Mulching leaves into your lawn can be an excellent way to take care of fallen leaves AND get free, natural fertilizer.

Most deciduous tree leaves contain about
2% NITROGEN
which is a very important nutrient for plants

By mowing over the leaf litter scattered about in the lawn, you are essentially getting a free nitrogen fertilizer application.

TO SUCCESSFULLY MULCH LEAVES *INTO YOUR LAWN*

- It is important to mow frequently so leaf litter doesn't build up.
- The goal is to chop the leaves into small pieces, so they compost in place.
- Mulching only works if you mow frequently, so don't wait too long.
- If your lawn gets covered with many leaves, it will be difficult to fully mulch them in with a mower.



Thick layers of leaves left on the lawn throughout fall and winter can be problematic, shading the turf and increasing the likelihood of snow mold. The best way to know if you have too many leaves on your lawn is to take a few passes with your mower and observe how well the mulching is working.

Leaves are a great source of nutrients for turf, but they can also be great mulch for your gardens. **If you have leaves that fall into garden beds under a tree or in your landscaping, leave them be.** They help insulate plants from harsh winter conditions, conserve moisture, and control weed growth. Those leaves also provide habitat for pollinators.



TREE IDENTIFICATION WALK

The City of Eagle Lake will be hosting a tree identification walk at Lake Eagle Park on **OCTOBER 25TH FROM 4-4:30P.M. • MEET AT THE PAVILION**

The walk will be led by our community forestry member, Luke, and will include a run-through of how to identify common native and non-native trees in Minnesota. This walk is perfect for families, homeowners, plant lovers, or anyone interested in trees! Additionally, this event will help identify ash trees and symptoms of emerald ash borer, as well as go over some of the best replacement trees. There will be plenty of time to answer any questions you may have about trees, tree diseases, or tree planting. **We hope to see you on the 25th!**

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR ASH TREES

Emerald ash borer (EAB) infestations are difficult to identify in the early stages of the infestation. EAB infestation areas grow via human-assisted movement and through natural dispersion. For these reasons, when new EAB infestations are discovered, quarantines are enacted on a large scale (county) with the assumption that the infestation is spread beyond what is observed. Blue Earth County is currently under a quarantine of ash trees. Best management practices should be followed in managing ash trees in Blue Earth County, especially during the active period of **May 1st-September 30th**.

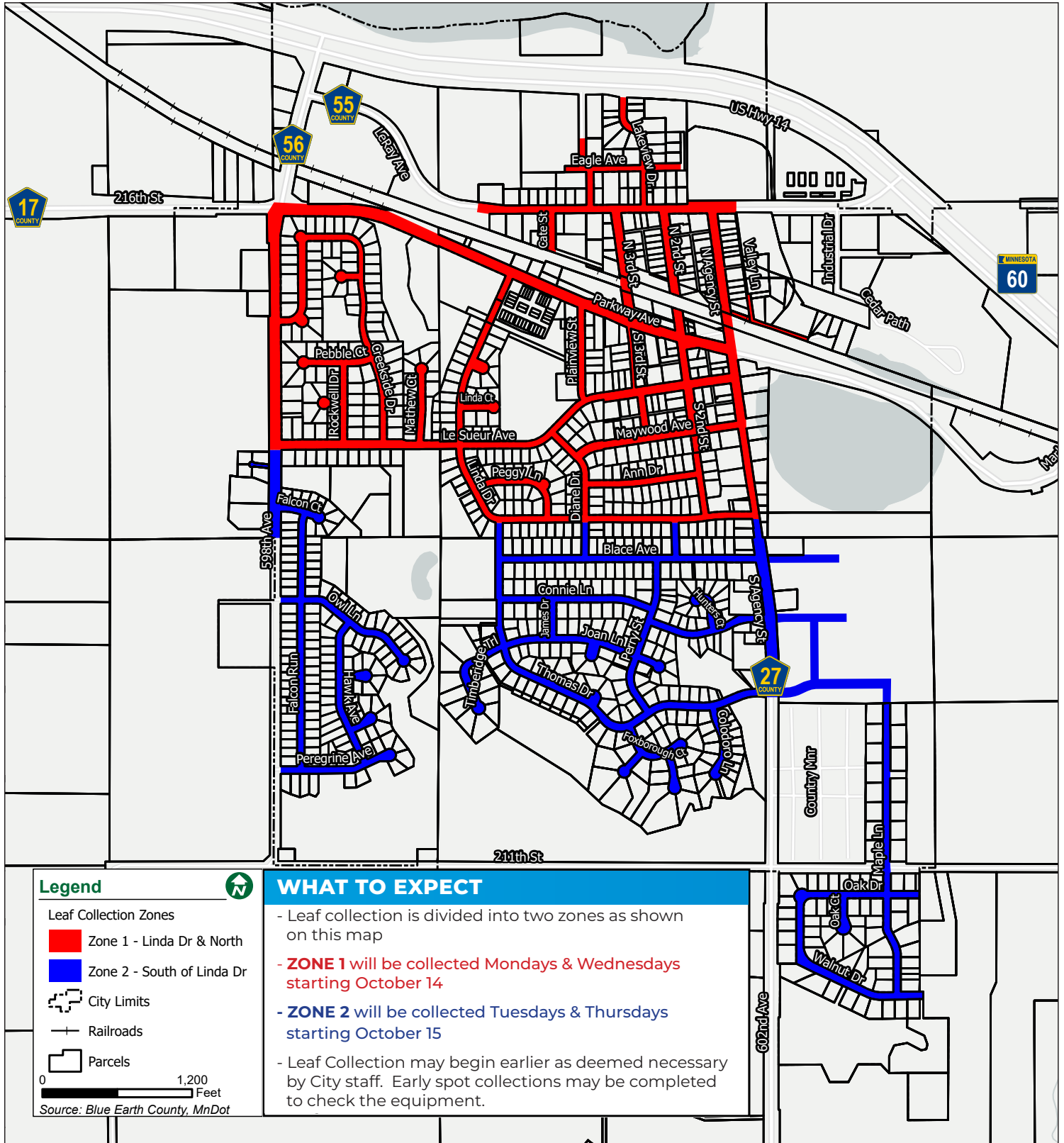


<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/best-management-practices-eab>

LEAF COLLECTION

The Public Works Department will begin collecting leaves on Monday, October 14 and continue until weather no longer permits or all leaves have been collected. The schedule is subject to change due to weather and other factors.

Once the leaf vac makes a pass by your street, it will not return until the next scheduled collection date.



Please be sure to have leaf piles out by **7:30 a.m.** to ensure collection on your scheduled collection day. Piles with sticks or other debris will not be collected due to potential damage to the leaf vac.

PLEASE KEEP LEAVES IN THE BOULEVARD AND OUT OF THE STREET

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE FALL CLEANUP

Saturday, October 19 • 8am - Noon
Lake Eagle Park

OPEN TO
**EAGLE LAKE
RESIDENTS ONLY**

You may be asked to show proof of residency.
Photo ID or Current Utility Bill.



VEHICLE LINEUP

Lineup starts on Thomas Drive at the entrance of the park.

To get into line enter on LeSueur Ave, turn right on Linda Dr, and turn right onto Thomas Dr.

Do NOT block driveways.

SELF UNLOADING

Residents will need to unload their own materials.

If help is needed, plan ahead and bring someone with you to assist unloading.

NO ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

There will **NOT** be an appliance or electronic pick-up or drop-off

*For a list of **acceptable & unacceptable** items go to the **CALENDAR** tab and click on "Fall Clean Up" on Oct. 19th.*

DON'T FLUSH YOUR DISPOSABLE WIPES!

Our sewer system was not designed to handle wipes. They gum up the system, clog pipes and pumps, and **COST TAXPAYERS AND RESIDENTS LOTS OF MONEY IN ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE COSTS.**

Disposable wipes have been causing problems in communities around the country and the City of Eagle Lake is no different. Wipes - used for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning, and more - cause major problems when flushed down toilets. Though many of these products are labeled "flushable", they are anything but. The same goes for facial tissues, baby wipes, paper towels, and other products.

**IF RESIDENTS USE WIPES, PUT THEM IN THE TRASH
DON'T FLUSH THEM!**

They can cause significant damage to Eagle Lake's lift stations and pumps including blockages, sewer backups, equipment damage, cleaning, and repair costs. **Thank you for your help!**



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

Thursday, October 24 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Former Eagle Lake Mayor Lisa Norton will be moderating the forum.

For more information on how to vote, please visit the Blue Earth County Elections webpage

<https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/778/How-Do-I-Vote>

MAYOR CANDIDATES

Voters Elect One

John Whittington

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Voters Elect Two

Anthony White
Nick Lewis
Garrett Lieffring
Beth Rohrich

Link to candidate bios: <https://greatermankato.com/advocacy/eaglelakecitycouncil/>

ELECTIONS 2024

It is anticipated this voting season will be a busy one. Residents who will be 18 years or older on election day, **November 5, 2024**, are encouraged to verify that you are registered to vote. If you have had a name change, an address change, have never voted in Eagle Lake, or have not voted in over 4 years, you will need to re-register to vote. While residents in Minnesota can register to vote on election day, by being pre-registered it will speed up the process for you. To check to see if you are registered to vote at your current address, please visit <https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/voterstatuscheck/index>.

The last day to pre-register to vote for the General Election is October 15, 2024. Minnesota does allow for early voting either in person or by mail. Blue Earth County administers all absentee voting. In person absentee voting begins Friday, September 20th and ends Monday, November 4th. For more information about early voting please visit <https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/431/Voting-Early-In-Person-or-By-Mail>. Elections in Eagle Lake are held at City Hall, 705 Parkway Avenue, in the Council Chambers from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Included on the ballot will be federal, state and local offices. If you would like more election information, please visit <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/?page=134>.

RURAL CHILD CARE INNOVATION PROGRAM

EAGLE LAKE TOWN HALL EVENT

November 20 at 6 p.m. • Eagle Lake American Legion (Dinner Included)

Join us at this free event to learn more about data collected and the challenges of child care locally. Help identify innovative solutions to support the local child care workforce, and the child care shortage in the City of Eagle Lake.



FOLLOW THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eagle-lake-town-hall-tickets-991265410527?aff=oddtcreator>

Registration deadline is November 3rd.

We welcome input from all community members including but not limited to child care providers, parents, grandparents, caregivers, employers, and anyone interested in child care and helping to identify innovative solutions to support the local child care workforce and child care shortage in Eagle Lake. Child care is an economic driver for rural communities across the United States, but many communities are facing shortages of high-quality childcare.

First Children's Finance has chosen the City of Eagle Lake to participate in the Rural Child Care Innovation Program (RCCIP). The Rural Child Care Innovation Program is a community engagement process designed to address the challenges of childcare in Greater Minnesota. Applications were received from around the state and the City of Eagle Lake was among the 5 communities that were selected to participate in the process this fiscal year.

Funding for this event is provided by the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families. Eagle Lake RCCIP Core Team Members: John Whittington (City Council), Beth Rohrich (City Council), Sarah Deutsch and with Epiphany Lutheran Church and Star Light Early Learning Center, Brian Hughes (EDA), Tori Breiter with Families First of Minnesota, Audra Boyer with Mankato Area Public Schools, Ryan Vesey with Greater Mankato Growth, Alejandra Bejarano with Region Nine Development Commission, Erica Tummers with Little Sprouts Child Care Center, and Core Team Leader Jennifer Bromeland with the City of Eagle Lake.

CLIMATE IMPACT CORPS PROJECT COORDINATOR



We welcome **LUKE DRUMMER** as Eagle Lake's Climate Impact Corps Project Coordinator with the AmeriCorps for the 2024-2025 service term.



Luke grew up in Mankato and graduated from Mankato East High School. He obtained a bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities where he majored in ecology, evolution, and behavior science. While attending university, Luke worked in various research labs studying everything from tree frog mating to soil composition. Luke hopes to use the knowledge and skills that he gained during his studies to help protect the natural resources of Eagle Lake.

You may see Luke around town planting trees or pulling weeds, and he is excited to help answer any questions that you may have related to trees and environmental sustainability. AmeriCorps members serving in Climate Impact Corps use evidence-based strategies to help communities mitigate and adapt to climate change. Whether preserving tree canopy, weatherizing homes, supporting sustainability projects, or building community around environmental action, members like Luke have the opportunity to give back and make an incredible impact.

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.



Pictured: Deputy Nick Lewis, Lt. Mitch Gahler, and Deputy Dan Grassman

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.

WEATHERIZATION FACTS

by Luke Drummer

KEY FACTS

\$372

Average yearly energy savings in weatherized households



\$4.50

Average return per dollar invested in weatherization



\$514

Yearly savings in medical expenses due to improved air quality



18%

Average cost reduction of energy bills in weatherized homes



WEATHERIZATION TECHNIQUES

Air Sealing



Air leaks can lead to drafty houses and poor air quality. Some are easy to spot, but even minuscule leaks can affect the comfort of your home. You can hire a professional to assess your house for leaks, or you can try it yourself using tips found [here](#). Use **caulk** for sealing leaks on stationary areas of the house. Mobile doors and windows can be a major source of air leakage, so try **weatherstripping** to seal up leaks on these components. If weatherstripping isn't enough to seal air leaks on your doors and windows, look into upgrading to more **energy efficient** options.

Properly insulating your home is one of the most important steps in making your house energy efficient. Insulation makes your house more resistant to temperature changes, saving you money on heating and cooling costs. The type and amount of insulation you need is dependent on a number of factors that differ between each house, so consult a professional or conduct your own assessment using these **tips**.

Insulation



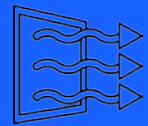
Moisture Control



Controlling moisture levels in your home is vital for energy efficiency, comfort, and preventing mold growth. Most moisture control measures are easiest to put in place **during construction**, but there are still ways to control moisture in existing homes. Air sealing and insulation will both help control moisture by limiting the influx of water vapor and the rate of heat transfer. Your house's paint can also help control moisture, but using "**vapor barrier**" paints can help to further reduce moisture in your home.

Maintaining proper air flow in your home while minimizing energy loss can be a challenge, particularly during extreme weather. If you have a whole-house ventilation system, you can look into upgrading yours to a more efficient system. There are **four** basic whole-house ventilation systems; make sure you have the right one for your needs. If you don't have whole-house ventilation, supplement your natural ventilation with spot ventilation using exhaust fans such as those in the kitchen and bathroom.

Ventilation



HVAC



Heating and air conditioning systems work in conjunction with ventilation to maintain comfortable temperatures in your home. Outdated or damaged heating and air conditioning systems are less efficient, and can cause inflated energy bills. Call an HVAC professional to see if you could benefit from an upgraded system, or look into the **weatherization assistance program**.

MINNESOTA'S WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Eligible homeowners and renters in Minnesota have access to the **weatherization assistance program**. If you qualify, a weatherization service provider will conduct a free energy audit and determine what weatherization improvements can be made in your home. Services available through this service include:

- Free solar panel installation
- Exterior wall and attic insulation
- Air leakage reduction
- Furnace, boiler, and water heater repair or replacement
- Ideas to help you reduce your home's energy use, such as using a programmable thermostat

Visit the Minnesota commerce department website today to see if you qualify! <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer-assistance/wap/>

STRENGTHENING EAGLE LAKE'S CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Community feedback will be used to develop a **CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN** to guide development of the City's public spaces, including parks, open spaces, pedestrian facilities, and buildings. There are two ways to participate - complete a short survey about your experiences and thoughts, and/or place notes on an interactive map to share your ideas.

To learn more about the project and provide feedback, scan the QR code or visit <https://isg.mysocialpinpoint.com/eagle-lake-climate-resiliency>

The City of Eagle Lake was awarded a planning grant in the amount of \$48,680 from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for its "Increasing Stormwater and Community Resilience in the City of Eagle Lake" project. Contact Jennifer J. Bromeland, Eagle Lake City Administrator, with any questions at jbromeland@eaglelakemn.com or 507-257-3218.

Strengthening Our
CLIMATE RESILIENCY

YOUR IDEAS MATTER!



**LEARN MORE AND
PROVIDE FEEDBACK**
Scan the QR Code

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YOUR IDEAS MATTER! We hope that you can take a few minutes to provide feedback. Thank you in advance!

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

The stormwater and community resilience project, funded by a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), aims to strengthen the project outcomes through community engagement. To meet that goal, we are **LOOKING FOR UP TO 5 INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE**. Your role would be to review project results, provide feedback, and help develop recommendations for the final report. Advisory committee members time commitment includes participating in four 1-2-hour meetings and attending 2-3 stakeholder events through June 2025.

If interested in serving as a Community Resilience Advisory Committee Member, please contact City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland at jbromeland@eaglelakemn.com or 507-257-3218.

ACTIVE ADULTS (55+)

STOP BY CITY HALL FOR A FRESH CUP OF COFFEE • WEDNESDAYS FROM 9-11 A.M.

This is a great opportunity to sit and chat with others, play a game of cards, a board game, or put together a puzzle.

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!**

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.*

HIGHWAY 14 EAGLE LAKE CORRIDOR STUDY



ABOUT THIS STUDY

The Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) is partnering with MnDOT and local communities to study and plan for the future of Hwy 14 in the Eagle Lake area.

The portion of the highway between County Road 12 and Hwy 60 currently experiences various safety and mobility issues. This study will look at opportunities for future improvements to address these issues, while also incorporating the community's goals and needs.



TIMELINE




- JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024**
Gather input on project area issues and community priorities
- JANUARY - MARCH 2025**
Develop alternatives and present for public feedback
- MAY - JUNE 2025**
Create implementation plan for potential short-term and long-term improvements along the corridor



SIGN UP FOR STUDY UPDATES

mndot.gov/d7/projects/hwy14eaglelakestudy/index.html

STUDY GOALS

-  Define a long-term transportation system vision for Hwy 14 that ensures safety, mobility, economic vitality, resiliency, and access for all modes of travel.
-  Secure public and agency support for the system vision where community input and needs are meaningfully incorporated into the recommendations and adopted by applicable agencies.
-  Develop a detailed, feasible implementation plan outlining future improvements, sequencing and triggers, timing, cost, and agency responsibility.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Public input is an integral part of the Hwy 14 Eagle Lake study. From Summer 2024 through Summer 2025, the public will have opportunities to provide feedback on the study area, community priorities, and roadway concepts.

WATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

Despite a concerted effort by City officials to obtain state funding for a new water treatment project, the 2024 legislative session ended without a capital investment package. To say that City officials were disappointed is an understatement. City officials will continue working to secure funding for this project to provide clean drinking water to residents and address water quality issues, including high levels of manganese. **We can't thank residents enough for stepping up when asked and calling and emailing legislators and signing the petition.** Your voices were heard in St. Paul and Eagle Lake's project gained attention from legislators. We will again be asking for the community's help during the upcoming 2025 session. In the meantime, City officials are optimistic that on the federal side, Eagle Lake's Congressionally Directed Spending ask of \$5 million will continue moving forward through the process. We have heard from the offices of US Congressman Brad Finstad and Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith that they are advancing Eagle Lake's request. Thank you again, Eagle Lake community members, for all your efforts this past legislative session. We will continue being persistent at both the state and federal levels until funding is secured.

EAGLE LAKE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

The City of Eagle Lake was notified in April 2023 that its Transportation Alternatives (TA) project application was selected for funding through the Minnesota Department of Transportation District 7 Area Transportation Partnership 2027 solicitation. For purposes of providing background, a TA funding request was submitted in January 2023. The TA program was awarded \$475,982 in federal grant funds towards the construction cost of the trail & sidewalk project. The total estimated construction cost is \$917,978. Of this amount, the local share is \$441,996, which will be split 50:50 between the City of Eagle Lake and Blue Earth County. Additional grant funding will be sought to help offset the local share. The project scope consists of installing a pedestrian crosswalk with a push button activated Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon system at Thomas Drive and CSAH 27 (Agency Street), the new construction of a shared use path along the east side CSAH 27 (Agency Street) from 211th Street to Thomas Drive, two sidewalk segments – one along the east side of CSAH 27 (Agency Street) from Thomas Drive to Blace Avenue and one on the north side of 211th Street from Agency Street (CSAH 27) to Maple Ln. Construction is tentatively slated for 2026.

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The City of Eagle Lake has engaged Bolton and Menk this fall to complete a pavement management plan. The purpose of the pavement management plan is to identify and prioritize street improvements and maintenance by objectively cataloging pavement conditions so that resources are efficiently delegated towards pavement preservation, resurfacing, and reconstruction. A comprehensive pavement management plan is an effective tool that informs both the City's short-term maintenance program and longer-term capital improvement planning and budgeting. Residents may have seen a vehicle driving around Eagle Lake on September 27 with a camera mounted on the windshield driving around performing RoadBotics data collection.



RoadBotics™ is an application service that uses artificial intelligence to analyze roadway imagery by allowing clients to upload photos taken from a windshield mounted camera. The application references an image library of high-resolution photos taken every 10 feet and provides

a comprehensive evaluation based on objective analysis. The program identifies precise locations of pavement distress and severity while ranking each stretch of road using an easy-to-understand 5-Level Rating System for Pavement Conditions. This rating system includes a map with both numerical and color-coded rankings to ensure clear, concise, and accurate information is presented. This visual communication of roadway conditions helps stakeholders prioritize maintenance and provide virtual roadway online inspections.

PROPOSED PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY

COLLECTIBLE IN 2025

The City Council adopted a resolution at its September 9th meeting setting the fiscal year 2025 preliminary city budget and property tax levy.

A Truth-N-Taxation hearing has been scheduled for **Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

	2024 FINAL	2025 PRELIMINARY
General Fund	\$945,045	\$1,130,646
EDA	\$51,000	\$20,000
Debt Service	\$132,939	\$136,396
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$1,128,984	\$1,287,042

The preliminary tax levy represents

AN INCREASE OF
\$158,058
OR 14%

over the final levy collected in 2024

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Below is an illustration of the estimated City tax impact on a residential home valued at \$300,000.

RESIDENTIAL TAXABLE MARKET VALUE OF	→	ESTIMATED CITY TAX
\$300,000		\$1,248.66

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.

$$[\text{city levy}] / [\text{taxable tax capacity}] = [\text{city tax rate}]$$

2024 TAX RATE	PROPOSED 2025 TAX RATE
35.23%	41.62%

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. Valuations can appreciate or depreciate. The time to appeal a valuation is in April and taxpayers need to contact Blue Earth County directly as the City of Eagle Lake does not determine property valuations.

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.

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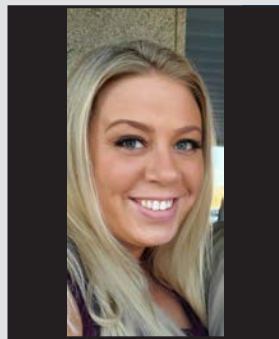


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THANK YOU!

Thank you to Lisa Norton for her dedication and service to the Eagle Lake community during her term as Mayor from January 1, 2023– September 9, 2024. Lisa and her family recently moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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