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EAGLE LAKE, MN 56024



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

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

NOTABLE **DATES**

CITY HALL CLOSED

NOVEMBER 11 | Veterans Day Observed
NOVEMBER 25-26 | Thanksgiving

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

NOVEMBER 11 | Thursday Pick-Up
NOVEMBER 26 | Friday Pick-Up

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 3 | Fire Station Open House
October 11 | Leaf Pick-Up Begins
October 13 | Learn to Identify Trees
October 16 | Fall Cleanup

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE NEWSLETTER

FALL 2021

Population: 3,278

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.

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:

<https://eaglelakemn.com/contact>

IMPORTANT NOTE

The City of Eagle Lake communicates with residents using its

City of Eagle Lake Website

City of Eagle Lake Facebook Page

City of Eagle Lake Email Blasts

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 email 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

Persons wishing to address the City Council can do so in person or written comments or questions can be submitted via USPS, email, or dropped off at City Hall to be read at the meeting.

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.



EAGLE LAKE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

APPLY NOW

TO SERVE ON THE PARK BOARD OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) coordinates and administers economic development plans and programs of the City.

PARK BOARD

The Park Board reviews programming for existing parks and reviews areas for future parks.

To obtain an application, visit the City’s website or stop by City Hall.

SMALL TOWN **GRANT PROGRAM** AWARD

The City of Eagle Lake was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to develop a Strategic Economic Development Plan and Initiative.



SOUTHERN MINNESOTA
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE THAT WAS ABLE TO ATTEND
MUSIC ON PARKWAY THIS SUMMER!

We hope to be able to bring back a 2nd annual
Music on Parkway series in the summer of 2022!

*Music on Parkway was made possible by a one-time matching grant from
the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and partnership with the
City of Eagle Lake and Eagle Lake Community Development Foundation.*



THANKS

TO ALL THAT ATTENDED
REC ON THE GO
THIS PAST SUMMER!



THANK YOU

JOAN BACK & MONICA HINTZE

for helping to beautify the parks by volunteering
your time planting and maintaining flowers at
Lake Eagle Park and Frazee Park, respectively.

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

4TH ANNUAL PARK BOARD
HOLIDAY LIGHTS DECORATING CONTEST
MORE INFORMATION COMING MID-OCTOBER

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE FIRST NEXTREX BENCH CHALLENGE

SPONSORED BY THE EAGLE LAKE AREA LIONS CLUB



Thank you to all the Eagle Lake residents and their friends who contributed **680 pounds of plastic in just 3 months** to help earn the first park bench to be donated to the Eagle Lake city parks made from recycled thin film plastics.



KEEP DONATING QUALIFIED PLASTIC FOR BENCHES!

WE NEED TO DONATE ANOTHER
500 LBS

Eagle Lake's second NEXTREX Challenge is being sponsored by the Eagle Lake Park Foundation!

EAGLE EXPRESS OF EAGLE LAKE
Gas • Food • Groceries
401 Parkway Ave, Eagle Lake, MN
507-257-3230
Locally Owned & Operated



DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Place plastics in the NEXTREX containers

EAGLE EXPRESS | Inside the store to the right

EAGLE LAKE CITY HALL | Inside the front doors

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH | In the main entry

PAUL'S PLUMBING AND HEATING | Outside in front



305 Blace Avenue, Eagle Lake, MN

What can be recycled?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP SUPPORTING THE PARKS AND HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT.

4TH ANNUAL SUNFLOWER CONTEST



WINNERS

CHASSIDY THOMAS & **BECKY SORENSON**
Largest Sunflower Head Tallest Sunflower

CONTEST PRIZES SPONSORED BY



A program of



Hot Meals on Wheels is a weekday lunch delivery program. You choose what days or meals you'd like delivered to your door by a VINE volunteer.

ELIGIBILITY

Anyone finding it difficult to shop for or prepare meals.

NO AGE OR INCOME RESTRICTIONS

DELIVERY

Deliveries are to homes in the city limits of Mankato, North Mankato, Le Hillier, Skyline & Eagle Lake.

WHEN

MONDAY - FRIDAY
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

No deliveries on holidays or during inclement weather.

COST

\$3.75 PER MEAL

Recipients are billed monthly.

**NUTRITIOUS MEALS ARE PREPARED BY
J.D. TRUFFLES CATERING**

Monthly menus can be found online at vinevolunteers.com or in the Mankato Free Press. Menus are also mailed to participants.

SIGN UP

Visit vinevolunteers.com
or Call 507-387-4076

INTRODUCING OUR NEW COMMUNITY FORESTRY CORPS MEMBER



We are excited to continue to be a part of the Community Forestry Corps! The program is in its second year and will engage a team of AmeriCorps members in the preservation and protection of America's forests.

**HERE AT THE CITY OF EAGLE LAKE, WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN AWARDED
OUR SECOND COMMUNITY FORESTRY CORPS MEMBER FOR 2021-2022!**

Rachel James will serve as a full-time member of AmeriCorps, dividing her time between Eagle Lake and Lake Crystal. Rachel's term started September 13th and will conclude in September of 2022. There is NO FINANCIAL COST to the City to participate in this program. To learn more about this special partnership with AmeriCorps, you can visit: servetogrow.org/forestry.

During her service year, Rachel will continue tree inventorying, planning tree planting events with volunteers, continuing the Emerald Ash Borer management plan, providing outreach and education about the importance of trees in our community, and assisting staff with developing a maintenance plan for trees at City parks.

Rachel lives in the country outside St. Peter, MN with her husband and two dogs. She holds a BFA and MFA in Fine Art from the University of Kansas and the University of Minnesota, and has worked as an Art Instructor at Mankato State and Gustavus Adolphus College and as the former Executive Director of the Waseca Art Center. Rachel looks forward to using her skills as a teacher and community organizer to help bring awareness to the impending Emerald Ash Borer problem. Her interest in nature stems from hobbies that include hiking, mushroom hunting, and gardening. In addition, Rachel is a current Master Gardener Intern in Nicollet County and spends most of her free time drawing, painting, and hiking with her dogs in area parks.



LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY TREES

OCTOBER 13 | 3:30 P.M.
Lake Eagle Park & Playground

COME OUT AND ADD A FEW MORE TREES TO YOUR POSITIVE ID LIST!

THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT WILL TEACH PARTICIPANTS THE BASICS OF TREE ID'ING

Did you know that most American children can only recognize a few tree species? A U.S. Department of the Interior study found that the **average American child can identify 1000 corporate logos but can't ID 10 plants and animals native to his or her hometown.** Come out and add a few more trees to your positive ID list!

This event is intended for children and adults. Participants will tie color-coded ribbons to trees to indicate species in the park and take green ribbons to mark Ash trees in their own neighborhoods. When the Emerald Ash Borer reaches Eagle Lake all the ash trees will be at risk. That's why it's so important to refrain from moving firewood this winter. Please get your firewood as close to home as possible! Learning how to identify trees is the first step in helping to prevent Emerald Ash Borer spread. It's also a great way to appreciate nature and a good skill for those interested in foraging!

What's the deal with the
GREEN RIBBONS
around town?



**THEY'RE ALL
ASH TREES!**

FALL CLEANUP

OPEN ONLY TO RESIDENTS THAT LIVE WITHIN EAGLE LAKE CITY LIMITS

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 16

8 A.M. - NOON
LAKE EAGLE PARK

ACCEPTABLE

WASTE

General Garbage

All Items Should be Boxed, Bagged or Contained in Some Manner

Furniture

Couches, Recliners, Tables, Chairs, Carpets

Pedal Bikes

Grill Without Propane Tank

Dried Out Paint Cans

NO ELECTRONICS

COLLECTION

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

UNACCEPTABLE

WASTE

Acids

Aerosol Cans

Appliances

Ashes

Bath Tubs or Hot Tubs

Batteries

Box Springs

Caustics

Cleaning Fluids

Concrete Rubble

Crankcase Oils

Demolition Debris

Drugs

Electronics

Explosives

Foundry Sand

Gravel or Construction Debris

Hazardous Waste

Human or Animal Waste or Remains

Incinerator Residue

Mattresses

Mining Waste

Liquid Waste

Paints

Pathological or Biological Waste

Pesticides

Poisons

Radioactive Materials

Rock

Sanitary Sewage

Sludge

Including Sewage Sludge, Septic & Cesspool Pump Outs

Solvents

Street Sweepings

Transformers

Trees



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.



MESSAGE FROM
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BRIAN GOETTL
AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEAF COLLECTION STARTS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

Approval was obtained at the September 13th meeting to purchase a new leaf vac unit. In addition to the new leaf vac unit, the Public Works Department will continue utilizing the old leaf vac unit around town as needed.

Residents are asked to please rake leaves to the boulevard and NOT INTO THE STREET OR GUTTER to help keep leaves out of the catch basins. Residents are encouraged to mulch leaves when possible.

PLEASE AVOID PARKING IN FRONT OF LEAF PILES

ALONG YOUR STREET DURING THE HOURS OF

7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

DURING THE TWO WEEKS IN WHICH YOUR RESPECTIVE STREET IS SCHEDULED FOR COLLECTION

Leaf collection is a time-consuming process, and we appreciate the community's cooperation and patience as we work to collect leaves.

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Note: Dates may be subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen factors

COLLECTION WEEKS	STREETS
Week of October 11 th and November 8 th	Linda Drive, Linda Circle, Linda Court, Blace Avenue, Diane Drive (between Blace Avenue and Linda Drive), Perry Street (between Blace Avenue and Linda Drive), and Peggy Lane
Week of October 11 th and November 1 st	Eagle Avenue, Johnson Street, Lakeview Avenue, North Second Street, North Third Street, and Cate Street
Week of October 18 th and November 15 th	LeSueur Avenue (from Agency Street to Linda Drive), Maywood Avenue, Ann Drive, Plainview Street, South Second Street, South Third Street.
Week of October 18 th and November 8 th	Creekside Drive, Creekside Court, Mathew Court, Brook Court, Rockwell Drive, LeSueur Avenue (from 598th to Linda Drive)
Week of October 25 th and November 22 nd	Thomas Drive, Joan Lane, Connie Lane, Hunters Court, James Drive, James Court, Cranberry Court, Timberidge Trail, Quail Court, Colodoro Lane, Concetta Trail, Foxborough Lane, Foxborough Court, and Perry (from Blace Avenue to Thomas Drive)
Week of October 25 th and November 15 th	Falcon Run, Falcon Court, Owl Lane, Hawk Avenue, Sparrowhawk Circle, Redhawk Court, 598th by Wangen Path
Week of November 1 st and November 29 th	Agency Street North and South (CSAH 27), Parkway Avenue (CSAH 17), and LeRay Avenue (CSAH 55)

MESSAGE FROM
POLICE CHIEF JOHN KOPP
AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

PLEASE BE AWARE OF SPEED LIMITS



School is in session again, and the police department would like to remind residents to obey the speed limit. **In residential areas, the speed limit is 25mph.** On county roads such as Agency Street and LeRay Avenue, the speed limit is 30mph. A few other streets in town have different speed limits, such as 598th Avenue which is 35mph. If the speed limit is different in town, there is a speed limit sign indicating such.

WATCH FOR SCHOOL BUSES



School buses are now on the roads again picking up children around our community.

When a school bus has its red lights flashing and its stop sign extended, YOU MUST STOP and wait until the bus is done picking up passengers and its lights go off.

If you violate this traffic rule and kids are present outside the bus, it's a gross misdemeanor offense as compared to a misdemeanor offense if no children are present.

MESSAGE FROM
FIRE CHIEF DAN RUSCHMEYER
AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

The public is invited to attend an open house at the Fire Hall
OCTOBER 3 | 1 - 3 PM

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 3-9, 2021

In a fire, seconds count.

- Practice your home fire drill with all occupants twice a year (visit each room and find two ways out)
- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms
- Teach children how to escape in case you can't help them
- Close doors behind you as you leave — this may slow the spread of smoke and fire
- Once you get outside, stay outside

Source: NFPA



DOG LICENSES

Per Eagle Lake code, all dogs within city limits must be 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.*

BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS

Building permits are required for almost all construction projects including but not limited to new homes, garages, additions, decks, sheds over 200 square feet, windows, roofing, siding, etc. A building permit is also required for any building being moved onto a lot or any building being demolished. A zoning permit is required for sheds 200 square feet or less, patios, and fences.



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.).

Please contact City Hall at 507-257-3218 with any questions.

**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).

METRONET

FIBER OPTIC INTERNET, TV, AND PHONE

EXPANDING TO EAGLE LAKE

Metro Fibernet, LLC (MetroNet) began construction in Eagle Lake in June of 2021. MetroNet is constructing an FTTP Network capable of providing voice, video, and internet fiber services to residents and businesses in the city of Eagle Lake. The FTTP network will be solely funded by MetroNet.

CONSTRUCTION WEBSITE

<https://construction.metronetinc.com/cct>

**CONTACT
METRONET DIRECTLY**

WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Customer Service Line
1-877-386-3876

or via their **ASK QUESTIONS**
online communication tool

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

HWY 14/COUNTY ROAD 56 IN EAGLE LAKE

CONSTRUCTION PLANNED FOR 2022

Following an analysis of intersection alternatives, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Blue Earth County, and the City of Eagle Lake are moving forward with a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (also referred to as a J-Turn) at the intersection of Hwy 14 and Blue Earth County Road 56 in Eagle Lake.

Construction is planned for 2022.

Additionally, MnDOT recently installed pavement markings on CR 56 to encourage motorists to stop closer to Hwy 14, which improves visibility for CR 56 traffic as they either cross or turn onto Hwy 14. MnDOT worked closely with the project partners, as well as collected input from the community prior to arriving at the selected alternative of an RCUT. The public was invited to share feedback on the proposed concepts through a virtual presentation and online survey. For a summary of the community feedback, visit mndot.gov/d7/projects/hwy14eaglelake/public-input.html.

Additional information about the intersection, including Frequently Asked Questions, is available on the project website at mndot.gov/d7/projects/hwy14eaglelake.



CSAH 27 RECONSTRUCTION IN EAGLE LAKE

Blue Earth County in partnership with the City of Eagle Lake began reconstructing the roadway and the underlying city watermain and sanitary sewer on CSAH 27 (Agency Street) from LeRay Avenue to Thomas Drive in May 2021.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2021 → **SUMMER 2022**
FINISH FINAL PAVING

FOR PROJECT UPDATES VISIT

<https://eaglelakemn.com/city/current-construction-projects>
or <https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/CSAH27>

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY STUDY

The City of Eagle Lake, as a member of the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO), will be undertaking a pedestrian connectivity study in June of 2022 to evaluate the feasibility, alternative layouts, right of way needs, and alternative costs for the provision of pedestrian services across and along CSAH 27 from Thomas Drive to 211th Street in Eagle Lake.

PROPOSED PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY

COLLECTIBLE IN 2022

The City Council adopted a resolution at its September 13th meeting setting the fiscal year 2022 preliminary city budget and property tax levy.

A Truth-N-Taxation hearing has been scheduled for **Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

	2021 FINAL	2022 PRELIMINARY
General Fund	\$608,936	\$696,904
EDA	\$51,000	\$51,000
Debt Service	\$151,792	\$144,997
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$811,728	\$892,901

The preliminary tax levy represents

AN INCREASE OF
\$81,173
OR 10%

over the final levy collected in 2021

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** → ESTIMATED CITY TAX **\$929.91**

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.

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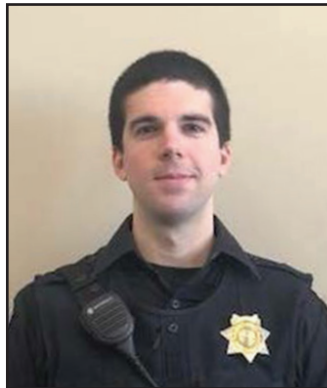


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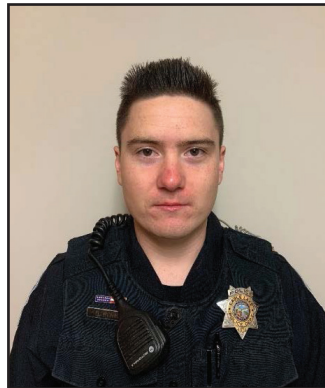
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