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PO BOX 159
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EAGLE LAKE, MN 56024



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

- OCTOBER 9** | Fire Station Open House
- OCTOBER 10-13** | Hydrant Flushing
- OCTOBER 15** | Fall Cleanup
- OCTOBER 17** | Leaf Pick-Up Begins

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NOTABLE DATES

- NOVEMBER 11** | City Hall Closed
- NOVEMBER 24-25** | City Hall Closed
- NOVEMBER 25** | Garbage & Recycling Pick-Up

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2022

Population: 3,278

City Hall
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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

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.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES FOR EAGLE LAKE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

To view candidate biographies, please visit www.greatermankatoelections.com.

Candidate biographies should be online on or around October 8th

Upcoming 2022 **CANDIDATE FORUM**

HOSTED BY THE
Eagle Lake Community Development Foundation (ELCDF)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
6:30 P.M.

EAGLE LAKE CITY HALL

The candidate forum is open to the public

You can also watch the forum on the City’s YouTube channel. To access the City’s YouTube channel, visit the City of Eagle Lake website at eaglelakemn.com and click on the “City of Eagle Lake MN City Council Meetings” icon (shown below) on the home page of the website.



EAGLE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 9
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Fire Prevention Week
OCTOBER 9-15



FREE HEALTHY MEALS

Thanks to a grant from Second Harvest Heartland and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture

ELIGIBILITY

Anyone in Minnesota, who is 18 years or older.

You can pick up meals for others in your household

ABOUT MEALS

Receive bundles of 10 individually portioned meals at each pick-up event.

First-come, first-served basis

WHEN & WHERE

Oct 18 • Nov 22 • Dec 20 • Jan 17
3:00 p.m.

Pick-Up Location
Eagle Lake City Hall

If you have questions contact Samantha Travaille | 1-218-304-2026 | samantha.travaille@lssmn.org

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE FALL CLEANUP

Saturday, October 15 • 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. 15th**.*

DOG PARK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

EAGLE LAKE GIRL SCOUT TROOP 34497

Lexi G and Olive P are Cadettes in Eagle Lake Girl Scout Troop 34497 and have been working to earn their Silver Award (the 2nd highest a Girl Scout can earn) by helping to make improvements to the local dog park! So far, they have done some painting, added mulch, and built a play structure.

They were able to purchase supplies with many generous donations from local businesses & organizations: Allied Overhead Door, Bella's House of Doodles, Community Bank, Eagle Lake Fire Department and Olson Family Chiropractic and Massage. They also were given some good advice and suggestions from local businesses: Doggie Diva's and Bella's House of Doodles.



A huge THANK YOU to those businesses and organizations, as well as to Brian Goettl and Mike Guentzel for their time, patience, and expertise!

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 periods 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.

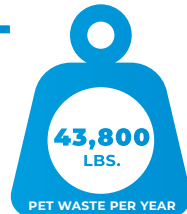
No matter how cute your dog is, it is contributing to the pollution problem if you are not actively on dog 'doo-dy'. Dog owners can easily and economically manage dog waste by cleaning up after your dog. By doing so, you help keep our waters safe and aesthetically pleasing.

DID YOU KNOW

One 40 lb. dog generates

0.6 LBS WASTE PER DAY → **219 LBS** WASTE PER YEAR

The City of Eagle Lake has
200 LICENSED DOGS
If the average dog weighed
40 lbs. that would equate to



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.**

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.

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.



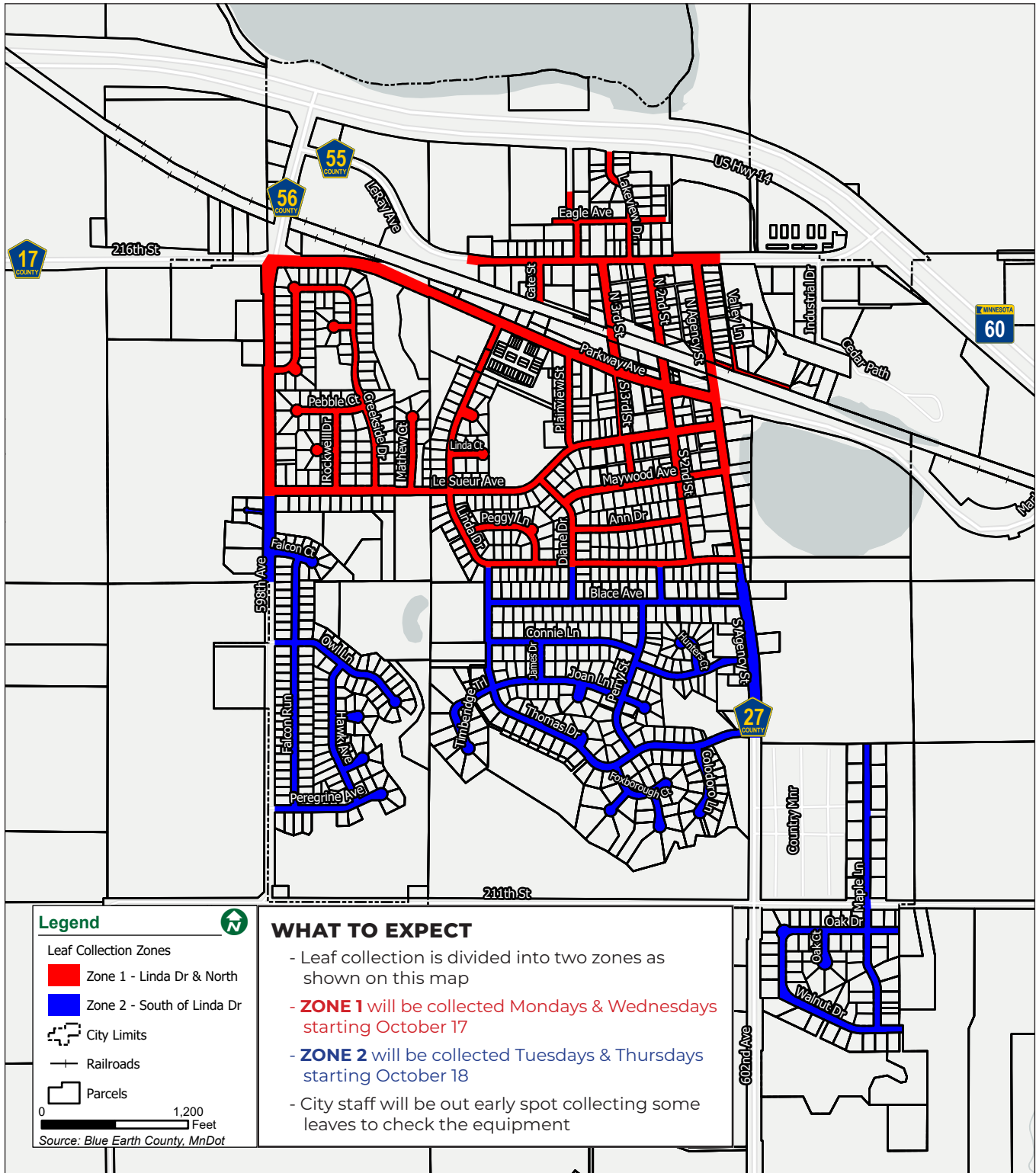
Thick layers of leaves left on the lawn throughout fall and winter can be problematic, shading the turf and increasing the likelihood of snow mold. The best way to know if you have too many leaves on your lawn is to take a few passes with your mower and observe how well the mulching is working.

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.



LEAF COLLECTION

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 days in which your zone is scheduled for collection

STORM DRAIN STENCILING

The City of Eagle Lake would like to extend a **THANK YOU** to the Eagle Lake Area Lions Club, Eagle Lake Girl Scouts Troop #34497, and other community volunteers for participating in a recent storm drain stenciling activity in Eagle Lake.



Because storm drains do not treat stormwater, hazardous pollution is transported directly into local waterways. To prevent further contaminants from entering the drains, we need to spread awareness to our community. The stencils - highly visible to neighbors on sidewalks and streets - will cause residents to think twice before dumping their waste down the drain. By stenciling messages directly next to storm drains, we are increasing residential awareness about the connection between stormwater and local waterways.

If you are looking for a community service opportunity such as storm drain stenciling, **contact City Hall at 507-257-3218.**

Storm drain stenciling will be an ongoing effort as it is not possible to stencil all storm drains at one time due to the overall number of storm drains.

EAGLE LAKE WATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

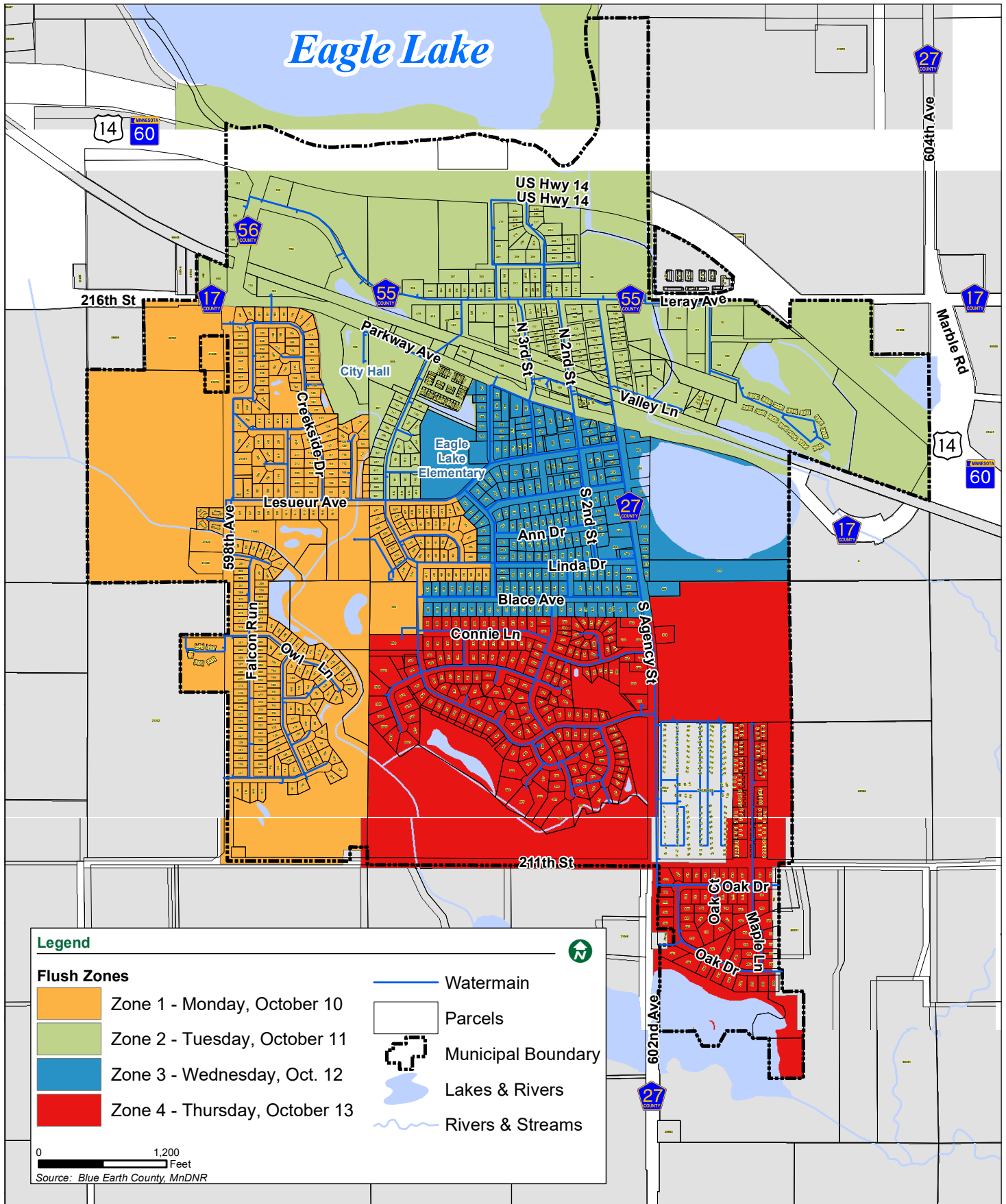
The City of Eagle Lake engaged Bolton and Menk in the fall of 2020 to complete a water system study to provide information needed to establish priorities, plan, fund, and implement required future water system improvements necessary to address ongoing water quality and color and odor concerns and accommodate future long term growth.

Findings of the water treatment study were presented to the City Council in 2021. Water treatment alternatives presented included regionalization, construction of a new water treatment facility, or do nothing. Water regionalization was explored and found not feasible. Construction of a treatment facility is being explored further.

The City's current system consists of two active wells and one emergency well. There is not a centralized treatment facility. Low interest loans and grant funding are actively being sought to construct a centralized water treatment facility. Construction of a water treatment facility is estimated to cost approximately \$12.5 million, and would include a new well and well house, a new treatment facility with aeration and detention for iron oxidation, use of potassium permanganate for manganese oxidation, filtration for iron and manganese removal, chlorine for disinfection, as well as the addition of fluoride and a corrosion inhibitor. At the present time, a concept plan and preliminary well assessment for a future water treatment facility is currently underway. This is an important step forward as the City works to identify and secure funding needed for the project. A potential treatment plant location has been identified and an option to purchase land needed has been secured.

WATERMAIN FLUSHING

Watermains are routinely flushed to clean the distribution system. Residents are encouraged to avoid or limit water usage during flushing. Although the water is safe to drink, it may stain laundry.



NOTE: Flush Dates are approximate and are subject to change

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).

UTILITY RATE INCREASE

SCHEDULED FOR 2023

Following a utility rate analysis, the Eagle Lake City Council approved a water, sewer, and storm water rate increase for 2023. The rate increases are due to inflation, operating costs, debt service, and necessary improvement projects such as the upcoming water tower rehabilitation project in 2023.

The new rate increase will take effect for January's usage, which will be billed in February.

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES	2022	2023
Base Fee	\$6.30	\$6.62
0 - 6,999 Gallons	\$5.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.25 per 1,000 gallons
7,000 - 9,999 Gallons	\$6.65 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.98 per 1,000 gallons
10,000 + Gallons	\$8.30 per 1,000 gallons	\$8.72 per 1,000 gallons

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES	2022	2023
Base Fee	\$7.00	\$7.28
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$7.26	\$7.55

STORM WATER RATES	2022 Rate	2023 Rate
	\$3.16	\$3.63

Included is an illustration of the projected monthly increase for an average residential customer.

According to utility billing records, the average residential customer uses approximately



4,300 GALLONS
OF WATER A MONTH

Based on this scenario, the average residential utility customer will see an increase of

\$3.40 Monthly for water, sewer, and storm water → **\$40.80** Increase per year (approximately)

If you would like to know how the rate increase will impact your monthly utility bill based on your average usage, please contact Administrative Clerk Mandy Auringer at mauringer@eaglelakemn.com

PROPOSED PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY

COLLECTIBLE IN 2023

The City Council adopted a resolution at its September 26th meeting setting the fiscal year 2023 preliminary city budget and property tax levy.

A Truth-N-Taxation hearing has been scheduled for **Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

	2022 FINAL	2023 PRELIMINARY
General Fund	\$696,904	\$769,952
EDA	\$51,000	\$51,000
Debt Service	\$144,997	\$152,310
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$892,901	\$973,262

The preliminary tax levy represents

AN INCREASE OF
\$80,361
OR 9%

over the final levy collected in 2022

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Below is an illustration of the estimated City tax impact on a residential home valued at \$300,100.

RESIDENTIAL TAXABLE MARKET VALUE OF	→	ESTIMATED CITY TAX
\$300,100		\$1,112.52

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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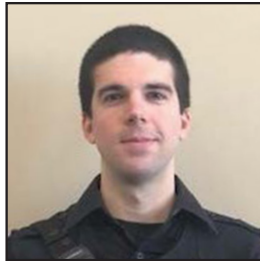
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Retiring 2/10/23



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NOW HIRING

*Public Works
Worker*

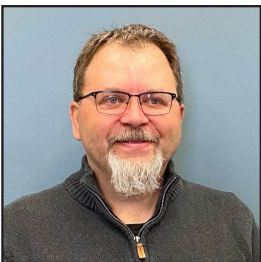


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