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CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
PO BOX 159
705 PARKWAY AVENUE
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

- SUMMER READING** | June 20 - August 4
- REC ON THE GO** | WEDNESDAYS · July 13 - August 10
- JULY 13** | EL COMMUNITY PLANNING WORKSHOP · *Open House*
- JULY 14** | MUSIC ON PARKWAY · *Red Dirt Road*
- JULY 10-17** | EAGLE LAKE TATOR DAYS
- JULY 26** | PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY SURVEY · *Open House*
- AUGUST 2** | NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
- AUGUST 18** | MUSIC ON PARKWAY · *City Mouse*
- SEPTEMBER 9** | OUTDOOR MOVIE · *Sing 2*

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE NEWSLETTER

Summer 2022

Population: 3,278

According to the 2020 census data, Eagle Lake has grown 35.3% since 2010. Motorists will likely see updated population signs this summer.

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.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

Please let us know your questions and/or concerns directly so that we can do our best to promptly address your questions and/or concerns. City staff can be reached during business hours at City Hall, via phone, 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.



CENTERPOINT ENERGY COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANT

PRESENTED TO THE
Eagle Lake Fire Department



GRANT AWARD AMOUNT

\$2300

for Personal Protective Equipment

The Community Safety Grant program offers an opportunity for CenterPoint Energy to invest in the communities it serves. For over 150 years CenterPoint Energy has partnered with communities to support a shared commitment to safety while delivering, safe, reliable natural gas.

Since 2003, the program has awarded more than \$2.5 million in donations and provided funding to support 1288 projects in communities throughout CenterPoint Energy’s service area.

Through the grant program, CenterPoint Energy helps cities leverage local funds to purchase needed safety equipment or support safety projects that are important in the community.

“These funds will be used to purchase a second set of gloves and hoods for our members. We are grateful for the opportunity and donation from CenterPoint Energy!”

Spencer Kolles (pictured) with the Eagle Lake Fire Department



MOSQUITO CONTROL TREATMENT SCHEDULE

The City of Eagle Lake contracts with Clarke for mosquito control services. Nine treatments were scheduled for Eagle Lake this spring and summer.

Residents wishing to receive notification in advance of treatments can sign up using the following link: www.clarkeportal.com.

Click the “Register” hyperlink next to “Do not have an account?”. Then click the “I am a Resident” button.

www.clarkeportal.com

REMAINING TREATMENTS

July 5, 11, 18 & August 1, 15, 29

Dates may vary slightly due to weather or other factors.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



THANK YOU to everyone that attended the June 16th event. We hope to see you on July 14th and August 18th!

FREE EVENT | 6 - 9 P.M.

**JULY 14
RED DIRT ROAD**

**AUGUST 18
CITY MOUSE**

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the music!

Located on the City owned green space between the American Legion and Eagle's Nest along Parkway Ave.

Open to all community members to promote the collective enjoyment of music in the outdoors.



Registration is recommended for this **FREE ACTIVITY**

www.mankato.eleyo.com

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS IN EAGLE LAKE

JULY 13 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM
LAKE EAGLE PARK

JULY 20 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM
LAKE EAGLE PARK

JULY 27 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM
FRAZE PARK

AUGUST 3 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM
LAKE EAGLE PARK

AUGUST 10 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM
LAKE EAGLE PARK



STAY CONNECTED

@mankatocer

www.facebook.com/mankatocer

#CERMankato #FRESHSTART #SUMMERWITHUS!

FREE EVENT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

HOSTED BY
Epiphany Lutheran Church
in Partnership with
Eagle Lake Area Lions Club

AUGUST 2 | 5 - 7 PM
Epiphany Lutheran Church



INCLUDED
Fire Truck
Police Squad
Games & Prizes for the Kids

HOT DOG, CHIPS & POP
Free Will Offering

Proceeds will go towards the Little Pantry.



EAGLE LAKE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library and
Mankato Community Education

DATE & TIME

JUNE 20 - AUGUST 4

Mondays & Thursdays • 9 - 11 a.m.
Closed on July 4

LOCATION

EAGLE LAKE ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

Enter the school via Door #2
Cafeteria Entrance

This program is **FREE** and open to any child ages 0-18, however the entertainment and book choices are most appropriate for ages 0-12.

Youth will be welcome to check out books from the Eagle Lake Library. Each day of the library program will feature entertainment, a great collection of books, prize incentives and a cool comfortable place to read! More information about the entertainment and prizes is available at the library or by emailing Melanie Schmidt at mschmi3@isd77.org.

This program is also open to daycare providers.



MOVIE UNDER THE STARS FREE OUTDOOR FAMILY EVENT AT EAGLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SING 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

* TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE *

6pm

**FAMILY
ACTIVITIES**

Dusk

MOVIE

THANK **YOU**



T-ball coordinator and Park Board Chair Jeremy Horkey and all the coaches that have donated their time to ensure another successful t-ball season in Eagle Lake!

3 on 3 basketball and street hockey coordinator and Park Board member Don Wesely and monitors that have donated their time to offer a new programming opportunity to youth in Eagle Lake!

To learn more about the 3 on 3 basketball and street hockey programming, contact City Hall or visit <https://eaglelakemn.com/parks-and-rec>.





EAGLE LAKE TATOR DAYS EVENTS 2022

BUTTONS

Purchase buttons for \$2 at local businesses. Show your button at the Legion for **FREE FRENCH FRIES** while supplies last! Starts at 2pm Saturday.

MEDALLION HUNT

Medallion Hunt Clues will be posted in town around noon, and on Facebook later in the day. **Find the Medallion and get \$50.** Thank you to Olson Chiropractic for hosting and sponsoring this event!

SUNDAY 7/10

4:00pm **Miss Eagle Lake Coronation** ▲

THURSDAY 7/14

6:00 - 9:00pm **Music on Parkway** ●
Featuring Red Dirt Road
ELFD will be serving hot dogs & brats - free will donation!

FRIDAY 7/15

6:00pm Registration **Pedal Pull** ●
6:30pm Start
7:00 - 11:00pm **Karaoke** ▲

SATURDAY 7/16

8:00am - 11:00am **Pancake Breakfast** ●
Free will donation
8:00am 5k **Tator Days 5K**
9:00am Kids Mile **Kids 1 Mile Race** ★
Register by 1:30pm Race to 21 Cornhole Tournament ▲
2:00pm Bags Fly See Facebook for registration details
1:00pm **Tator Days Parade**
See Facebook for route map
3:00pm **Hog Roast** ▲
\$8 meal tickets available

SATURDAY 7/16

2:00pm **Free French Fries** ▲
Show your button at the Legion for free french fries starting at 2pm and continuing while supplies last. Thank you to Denny Terrell and ReMax Dynamic Agents for your sponsorship!

2:00pm - 4:00pm **Bounce House** ●
\$5 wrist-band per child
Dunk Tank

3:00pm **Duke Burger Eating Contest** ●
Contact the Eagle's Nest to register in advance

3:00pm **Family Big Bucks Bingo** ▲

8:30pm **Street Dance** ●
Smokescreen

SUNDAY 7/17

9:00am - 12:00pm **Breakfast Buffet** ▲
\$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12

12:30pm Registration **Cribbage Tourney** ▲
1:00pm Cards Fly

12:00pm **Corn Hole Board Raffle** ▲
Raffle Drawing
Buy raffles for \$10 each to win custom corn hole boards donated by Oachs Custom Woodworking!
Drawing is Sunday at 12:00pm @ the Legion.

▲ American Legion
★ Eagle Lake Elementary

● Eagle Lake City Park
● Eagle's Nest

● Eagle Lake Fire Hall
● Parkway

COMMUNITY SURVEYS

OPEN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL SURVEY RESULTS

JULY 13 | 6 PM
Eagle Lake City Hall

The City of Eagle Lake received a \$10,000 Small Town Grant Program award from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to develop a Strategic Economic Development Plan and Initiative. The City is contracting with Region Nine Development Commission, an economic development organization located in Mankato, to create a strategic economic development plan. As part of the strategic planning process, a survey of Eagle Lake residents was conducted to gather opinions and suggestions about current and future city needs.

The Eagle Lake residential survey is now closed. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to complete the survey! We collected 393 responses. On July 13th at 6:00 pm, we will be conducting an open house at Eagle Lake City Hall to share the survey results and conduct a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis. Light refreshments will be provided. A final plan will be made available to all residents once the resident engagement portion concludes and all the collected information is evaluated.



Registration is not required, but highly encouraged.
You can RSVP using the QR code or the following link:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ej9mq4kd7cffd062&llr=w9g4rbhab>



YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY STUDY

OPEN HOUSE

JULY 26 | 5 - 7 PM
Eagle Lake City Hall

The purpose of the study is to gather input on preferred alternatives for walking and bicycling facilities along CSAH 27 between 211th Street and Thomas Drive, including crossing opportunities to and from housing developments east of the study area.

The Eagle Lake-CSAH 27 (Agency Street) Pedestrian Connectivity Study is intended to examine and provide a recommendation for a pedestrian and bicycle accommodation and crossings along CSAH 27 (Agency Street) between 211th Street and Thomas Drive in the City of Eagle Lake. The study was undertaken to evaluate the feasibility, alternative layouts, right of way needs, and alternative costs for the provision of pedestrian services in this area. The study is being completed through the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO), of which the City of Eagle Lake is a member, in coordination with the City of Eagle Lake and Blue Earth County.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS PARK NEEDS SURVEY

**GET STARTED
BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE**



The Eagle Lake Park Board has engaged a licensed landscape architect with Bolton and Menk for the purpose of obtaining a valued, accessible, and sustainable park plan that can help guide future development of Lake Eagle Park, resulting in a cohesive, complimentary design. As part of this process, a survey of Eagle Lake residents is being conducted to gather your opinions and suggestions about current and future park needs. Please take 10-15 minutes to complete this survey.

Your input is important and will help guide decisions made about improvements to the park. Your responses will remain confidential. The survey is available until **AUGUST 15TH**. If you are unable to complete the survey on-line, please contact City Hall and we will provide you with a hard copy of the survey.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6924654/Lake-Eagle-Master-Plan-Survey>



MANKATO FAMILY YMCA FEASIBILITY SURVEY

The Mankato Family YMCA needs your help as they determine the feasibility of opening a new branch on the east side of Mankato. You can access a survey by using the URL <http://tiny.cc/YMCA2022> or QR code below.

Thank you for your help as we explore this exciting possibility!

John Kind

Executive Director, Mankato Family YMCA



MESSAGE FROM **POLICE CHIEF JOHN KOPP** AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs)

The speed limit for ATVs in City limits is **10 mph**. ATVs should not be operated in a careless or reckless manner. A helmet is required to be worn by anyone under the age of 18 riding on an ATV. All applicable state statutes and laws regarding ATV usage apply within the boundaries of the City of Eagle Lake.



FIREWORKS

We have received numerous complaints about illegal fireworks being set off within city limits. **Fireworks that are aerial and explosive are illegal in Minnesota.** If you are caught with illegal fireworks, you may be subject to a fine and/or jail time.



POSTED SPEED LIMITS

Please be aware of posted speed limits within city limits and be extra cautious with more children outside riding bikes and scooters. Speed limits are actively enforced to keep everyone safe.

TALL GRASS

It is a violation of City Code to have grass taller than **6 inches in height**. Please cut your grass before it gets taller than 6 inches to keep the community looking nice.

DOGS

Keep dogs on leashes and pick up after them. It is against code to allow a dog to run at large. All dogs should be leashed when not restrained on private property. You must pick up your dog waste. If you fail to do so, you may be cited for failing to obey the city ordinances.



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.

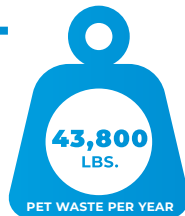
No matter how cute your dog is, it is contributing to the pollution problem if you are not actively on dog 'doo-dy'. Dog owners can easily and economically manage dog waste by cleaning up after your dog. By doing so, you help keep our waters safe and aesthetically pleasing.

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.

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).

TREE PLANTING AT LAKE EAGLE PARK



Eagle Lake's Community Forestry Corps member with the AmeriCorps, Rachel James, recently planted 10 trees at Lake Eagle Park. Pictured is Rachel planting a Hackberry tree. Other tree varieties planted include St. Croix Elm, Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, and Espresso Kentucky Coffee.

Community Forestry Corps members like Rachel serve communities such as Eagle Lake with a mission to preserve and protect Minnesota's environment, with a focus on preserving and increasing tree canopy. This is Eagle Lake's second year utilizing a Community Forestry Corps member.

The City of Eagle Lake received a \$7,500 matching grant from the MN DNR Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer Grant Program to begin removing and replacing ash trees on public property. Grant funds have been used to remove and replace ten ash trees from Lake Eagle Park.



MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR ASH TREES

Written By: Rachel James, Community Forestry Member

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. While EAB has not been observed in Eagle Lake yet, Blue Earth County is currently under a quarantine of ash trees and it is a matter of time before it is confirmed in city limits. Best management practices should be followed in managing ash trees in Blue Earth County, especially during the active period of **May 1st-September 30th**.



ACTUAL SIZE
1/2" Long

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

STORMWATER POLLUTANTS

KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS AND YARD WASTE OUT OF THE STREET AND GUTTERS
PLEASE DO NOT BLOW GRASS CLIPPINGS INTO THE STREET

Yard waste is a major source of pollution in surface waters. That is because it is filled with phosphorous — both artificial and naturally occurring — that feeds algae. Algal blooms can cause health problems for humans and wildlife and create some unsightly and foul-smelling water bodies.

PLEASE REMEMBER

The only thing that should be going into storm drains is **water from rain and melting snow.**

BASIC FACTS ABOUT STORMWATER PONDS

- Stormwater ponds are used in an area where land is altered, and additional runoff is generated due to a reduction in permeable surface.
- Ponds that are in neighborhoods or backyards generally serve a larger area than just the adjacent properties, by means of collecting street runoff with underground pipes and directing all the runoff from a development or neighborhood to one location.
- The ponds help to treat stormwater and water quality (pollutants within the water). This is based on federal, state, and local regulations. The overall goal of these regulations is to help protect our natural resources and to prevent downstream impacts.
- The main purpose of ponds is to help control and treat stormwater. They are not intended for aesthetics but can serve this purpose as an added benefit.
- Ponds are inspected on a regular basis (every 5 years, or as needed) to ensure functionality. The inlets, outlets, depth, and other attributes are reviewed to confirm that they are working properly.

Property owners that are directly adjacent to these ponds are asked to leave a

10 FOOT BUFFER AROUND THE POND

This buffer helps to slow down water, catching sediment, fertilizer, and other types of runoff/contaminants.

- **STORMWATER PONDS ARE NOT INTENDED FOR RECREATIONAL USE.** The contaminants collected in these areas are not suited for swimming.

Working together and understanding the purpose for stormwater ponds helps protect the environment and benefits neighborhoods.

HELP KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAN

Keeping contaminants out of stormwater requires effort from everybody. You can help by keeping grass clippings out of the street, using phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer, picking up litter when you see it, and by not disposing of any hazardous materials in storm drains.



BETTER CAR WASHING PRACTICE

When possible, consider taking your car to a commercial car wash. Commercial car washes are required to dispose of their wastewater properly, ensuring that it's cleaned and treated. If you wash your car at home, try to do it in a grassy area where the water will soak into the ground instead of running into the street and eventually into the storm sewer.

EAGLE LAKE STAFF MEMBERS

CONTACT US

Please contact
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with questions.

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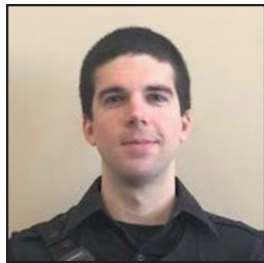
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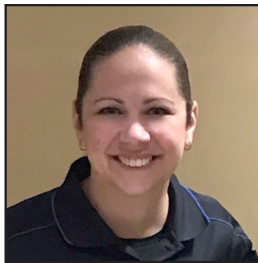
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Connor Guillemette
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**NEW HIRE
IN PROGRESS**
Full-Time Officer

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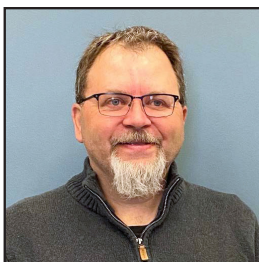


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