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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

FEBRUARY 3 - MARCH 24

8 Weeks of Friday Family Fun at Eagle Lake Elementary

FEBRUARY 4 • 2 - 4 P.M.

4th Annual Winter Activities at Lake Eagle Park

NOTABLE DATES

JANUARY 16 | City Hall Closed

FEBRUARY 20 | City Hall Closed

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE NEWSLETTER

Winter 2023

Population: 3,278

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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.



THANK YOU

TIM AURINGER

For 19 years of dedicated service as an elected official. Tim served two years as a council member and 17 years as mayor.



THANK YOU

RON ROSE

For 17 years of dedicated service as a member of the Eagle Lake Planning Commission.



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

Jan 17 • Feb 21 • March 21
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

HOLIDAY WINTER EVENTS RECAP

MEDALLION HUNT WINNERS

THANK YOU CONTEST PRIZE SPONSORS
COMMUNITY BANK AND CORNERSTONE STATE BANK



Kenzie and Raif Wempen

Congratulations to the Wempen family for finding this year's winter medallion!
The prize for finding the medallion is \$125.

5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS

CONTEST SPONSOR
SPX SPORTS AND EAGLE LAKE PARK BOARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS

THEMED	CLASSICAL	GRISWOLD	PEOPLE'S CHOICE
103 Blace Ave	521 LeSueur Ave	317 S. 2nd Street	103 Blace Ave

The Eagle Lake Parks and Recreation Board invited community members to help light up Eagle Lake this year with the 5th Annual Holiday Lights Contest.

Winners received a sign in their yard, bragging rights, and a small prize.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

113 Creekside Drive	200 Cranberry Court	101 Diane Drive	330 Falcon Run	201 Joan Lane
208 Lakeview Drive	209 Lakeview Drive	714 Linda Circle	532 LeSueur Ave	684 Maple Lane
124 Mathew Ct	252 Oak Drive	102 Sparrowhawk Cricle	106 Sparrowhawk Circle	

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

If you have a Community Happening to share that is free and open to the community, please contact City Hall and we will do our best to help spread the word.

DONATIONS

If you or your business are interested in becoming a donor of an activity or event that is and free and open to all community members (e.g., Music on Parkway, Outdoor Movies, Holiday Lights Contest, Winter Activities at Lake Eagle Park, etc.), please contact City Hall for more information.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

The ice at the pond at Lake Eagle Park is not maintained by the City and is **NOT SAFE FOR ACTIVITIES** such as playing or skating, and the same applies to all stormwater ponds in Eagle Lake.

Thank you for your cooperation!



ICE RINK RULES & SCHEDULE

PLEASE READ THE RULES AND FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE



- No tobacco products allowed
- No fighting
- No hockey pucks on the ice during family skating hours
- No foul language
- **BE SAFE.** Use of rink is at your own risk

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

3PM - 6PM – Hockey

6PM - 9PM – Family/Open Skating

TUESDAY, THURSDAY

3PM - 6PM – Family/Open Skating

6PM - 9PM – Hockey

SATURDAY

9AM - 1PM – Open

1PM - 5PM – Hockey

5PM - 9PM – Family/Open Skating

SUNDAY

9AM - 1PM – Open

1PM - 5PM – Family/Open Skating

5PM - 9PM – Hockey



THANK YOU

to Anthony White, Andrew Cline, and Brady DesLauriers for the many hours spent prepping and maintaining the ice rink!

BE KIND AND RESPECTFUL TO OTHER USERS OF THE RINK.

8 WEEKS OF **FRIDAY FAMILY FUN**

FRIDAYS, FEBRUARY 3 - MARCH 24 • 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

All activities are FREE and open to the Eagle Lake community.

Beat cabin fever with 8 weeks of Friday Family Fun! This winter, Mankato Area Public Schools Community Education Enrichment staff (in partnership with the City of Eagle Lake Park Board and Eagle Lake Elementary School) will be opening Eagle Lake Elementary School from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Friday evenings (February 3-March 24).



A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES ARE BEING PLANNED, INCLUDING

Open Gym

Library & Maker Space Activities

BINGO

Trivia

Each week, different activities will be offered for families to enjoy together. There is NO COST to participate and families are welcome to DROP IN as there is no pre-registration required.



PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLY TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS A VOLUNTEER

The Planning Commission meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall. This is a great opportunity to become involved in local government. To obtain an application or for more information about this volunteer opportunity, contact Eagle Lake City Hall at 507-257-3218.

STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The City of Eagle Lake obtained matching funding in 2021 from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's Small-Town Grant Program to conduct a Strategic Economic Development Plan. Region Nine Development Commission (RNDC) was hired to create and design a plan informed by community and business input with specific implementation components that can strengthen the local economy and guide economic development efforts toward long-term sustainability. The final Strategic Economic Development Plan was presented to the Eagle Lake City Council at its December 9th meeting and accepted. The Strategic Economic Development Plan can be found on the City of Eagle Lake website at www.eaglelakemn.com.

STORMWATER CORNER

Salt pollutes.

When snow and ice melts, the salt goes with it, washing into our lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater. Once in the water, there is no way to remove the chloride, and it takes only one teaspoon of road salt to permanently pollute five gallons of water. Less is more when it comes to applying salt because at high concentrations, chloride can harm the fish and plant life in our waters.



Follow these simple rules to protect our clean water

There are many ways to reduce salt use while maintaining high safety standards.

Shovel. The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be. Whether you use a shovel, snow blower, snow plow, or ice scraper, get out there as early as you can and keep up with the storm. You may even decide that salt isn't needed.

15 degrees is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand instead for traction (but note that sand does not melt ice).

Slow down. Drive for the conditions and make sure to give plow drivers plenty of space to do their work.

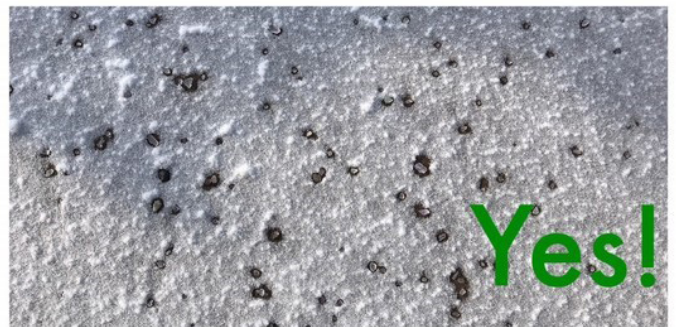
Be patient. Just because you don't see salt on the road doesn't mean it hasn't been applied. These products take time to work.

More salt does not mean more melting. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet). One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. You may consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help you apply a consistent amount.

Sweep up extra. If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt or sand somewhere else.

Visit the MPCA chloride web pages for more information:

www.pca.state.mn.us/water/salt-and-water-quality



SNOW EMERGENCY & SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

During an emergency, it is unlawful for any person, as driver or operator of a vehicle, or as the registered owner of such vehicle, to park, stop or leave standing, or cause, allow, or permit to be parked, stopped, or left standing, whether knowingly or unknowingly, any such vehicle upon any street within City limits until the emergency has been lifted.

SECTION 4.100 EMERGENCY PARKING REGULATIONS

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this section, the term "Emergency" shall mean any condition upon any public street, including the presence of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice or other phenomenon, which condition creates or is likely to create any hazardous road condition or impedes or is likely to impede the free movement of traffic, when such conditions have been declared by the Public Works Director or in his absence, the on-duty Maintenance Worker.

DECLARATION

Upon the existence of an emergency as defined herein, the Public Works Director or in his absence, the on-duty Maintenance Worker, declares that an emergency exists, whereupon such person shall notify the media (radio and TV) and request that such media cooperate with the City in giving notice to such emergency to the community. The emergency regulations set forth below shall become effective one (1) hour after such notice has been given by the City to such news media.

UNLAWFUL ACTS

During an emergency, it is unlawful for any person, as driver or operator of a vehicle, or as the registered owner of such vehicle, to park, stop or leave standing, or cause, allow, or permit to be parked, stopped, or left standing, whether knowingly or unknowingly, any such vehicle upon any City street until the emergency has been lifted.

TOWING

Upon the existence of an emergency as defined above, the City may tow vehicles in violation of this ordinance as authorized in Minnesota State Statute 169.041.

SIDEWALKS

Eagle Lake property owners are responsible for keeping all sidewalks along their property clear of snow and ice. City Code states that snow and ice should be cleared from sidewalks within 12 hours after a snow or precipitation event. City crews are responsible for clearing sidewalks at City facilities. Snow removed from sidewalks and driveways should be placed in the boulevard area or on private property and NOT in the public roads.

DRIVEWAYS

Snow moved by a snowplow blade has no place to go but in the road right-of-way, which includes driveways. Many times, snowplowing forms snow drifts across driveway approaches, which may create hardships for some residents. However, the City possesses neither the personnel nor equipment to clear driveway approaches within the City. Snow removal of the driveway approaches are the responsibility of residents.

TRAILS

Some paved sections of the City's trail system will be cleared of snow by City crews as time allows. The trails are the last priority and will be cleared after all other roads in the City have been addressed.

MAIL BOXES

In most cases, damage occurs during the plowing process because aged posts or improperly mounted boxes are unable to withstand the rigors of the winter plowing season. The City will replace the mailbox and/or post if it is struck and damaged by a snowplow. Mailboxes should be installed to withstand heavy or wet snow coming off the end of the plow. The final cleaning adjacent to mailboxes is the responsibility of the property owner. If damage occurs due to snow discharge or snow storage, the City will not be responsible for repairs.



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.

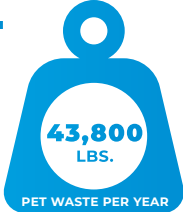
No matter how cute your dog is, it is contributing to the pollution problem if you are not actively on dog 'doo-dy'. Dog owners can easily and economically manage dog waste by cleaning up after your dog. By doing so, you help keep our waters safe and aesthetically pleasing.

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).

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. 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. A concept plan and preliminary well assessment for a future water treatment facility have been completed. 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. Low interest loans and grant funding are actively being sought to construct a centralized water treatment facility.

WATER TOWER REHAB PROJECT

Competitive bids received for the Water Tower Rehabilitation Project were presented at the December 9th City Council meeting. Upon the recommendation of the City's engineer with Bolton and Menk, the lowest responsible bid received in the amount of \$463,000 from Maguire Iron, Inc. from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was accepted. The bid is approximately 15 percent below the engineer's estimate of \$550,000. **Weather permitting, the project has an anticipated start date of April 15, 2023 and a completion date of July 10, 2023.**

Project updates will be made available this spring/summer on the City's website at www.eaglelakemn.com.

The City has been advised that residents should not notice any change in service as the system should operate with no disruptions to service during the project.

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY STUDY

Christopher Talamantez with the Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) attended the November 7, 2022 City Council meeting to present the CSAH 27 (Agency Street) Pedestrian Connectivity Study findings and recommendation. For purposes of providing background, the City of Eagle Lake requested that a pedestrian connectivity study be undertaken 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. The study was completed through MAPO, of which the City of Eagle Lake is a member. The goals for the study included pedestrian and bicycle access, safety for all users, environmental compatibility, and financial responsibility. A shared path with boulevard on the east side of CSAH 27 from Thomas Drive to 211th Street was the recommended alternative. The City is now in the process of submitting a grant application for this project through a competitive transportation alternatives grants program.

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FINAL TAX LEVY

The Eagle Lake City Council adopted the 2023 budget and tax levy at its December 5, 2022 meeting.

	2022 FINAL	2023 FINAL	DIFFERENCE
General Fund	\$696,904	\$769,952	\$73,048
EDA	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$0
Debt Service	\$144,997	\$152,310	\$7,313
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$892,901	\$973,262	\$80,361 OR 9%

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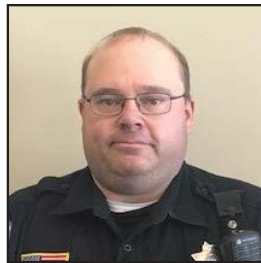
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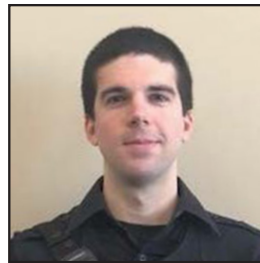
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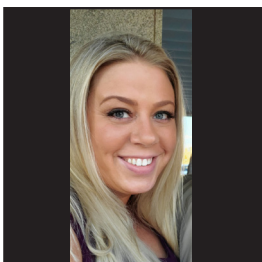


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EAGLE LAKE ELECTED OFFICIALS



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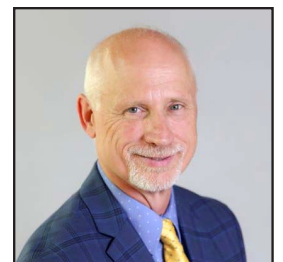
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