

Fall 2010

Newsletter



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# City of Eagle Lake

## Eagle Lake Volunteer

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Park Board

- The Park Board meets the third Tuesday in January, April, July, and October at 7:00 a.m. and is in need of both adult and youth members. Youth members must be between the age of 14-18. Positions are appointed by Council to four year terms for adult members and one year terms for youth members.

If you would like to serve on the Park Board, please pick up an application at City Hall or go to the City's website [www.eaglelakemn.com](http://www.eaglelakemn.com) under Boards/Commissions. If you have any questions in regards to these position, please contact Sack Thongvanh at City Hall, (507)257-3218.

### City Reminders and Updates

#### Elections

The November 2nd General Election will be held at City Hall at 705 Parkway Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Email Notification

To sign up for time critical issues such as snow emergencies, watering bans, quarterly newsletters, or other important City information please go to our website [www.eaglelakemn.com](http://www.eaglelakemn.com). City News to enter your name and email address.

### Eagle Lake Directory

#### Mayor

Tim Auringer

#### Council Members

Aaron Hager

Scot Quist

John Ries

Tina Marie

#### Administration

507-257-3218

#### City Administrator

Sack Thongvanh

#### Deputy Clerk

Kerry Rausch

#### Public Works

507-257-3424

Director-Rick Reinbold

#### Police 507-257-3110

Chief-Phil Wills

#### Fire 507-257-3218

Chief-Tim Rock

#### Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Drop Box Location

East side of the City Hall building.

#### Website

[www.eaglelakemn.com](http://www.eaglelakemn.com)

#### Holiday Closings

**City Hall will be closed on the following dates:**

November 11th-Veterans Day

November 25th and 26th-Thanksgiving

December 24th-Christmas Holiday

December 31st—New Year Holiday

#### City Council Minutes

Minutes are available online at [www.eaglelakemn.com](http://www.eaglelakemn.com)

# City Administrator's Desk

The City of Eagle Lake Staff and City Council has diligently prepared and set a Preliminary Tax levy and 2011 City Budget. The Preliminary Property Tax Levy is 0% or \$508,940. The City Council adopted the Preliminary Tax Levy and 2011 City Budget at the September 13, 2010 City Council meeting. The City Council will be adopting the Final Property Tax Levy in December. At that time, the Council can reduce the property tax levy, but cannot raise the property tax levy. Shown below, you will find levy history and the percent increase from the prior year.

| Year          | Levy History | % Increase |
|---------------|--------------|------------|
| 2007          | \$364,586.00 | 9.46%      |
| 2008          | \$421,816.00 | 15.70%     |
| 2009          | \$463,998.00 | 10.00%     |
| 2010          | \$508,923.00 | 9.7%       |
| 2011 Proposed | \$508,940.00 | 0.0%       |

The City of Eagle Lake has not been sheltered from the economic downturn with lower than expected building permit revenues, higher delinquency on property tax and utility collections, higher cost of services and goods, and a loss of \$112,639 in 2010 from Local Government Aid (LGA). The City has been diligently reducing costs with an emphasis on maintaining quality services. The City has cut overtime, modified police coverage, minimized contract services, and paid off certain debt services.

The City of Eagle Lake prides itself on reducing costs and maximizing efficiency. If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact me at City Hall at (507) 257-3218 or email at [cityadmin@eaglelakemn.com](mailto:cityadmin@eaglelakemn.com).

Your City Administrator,  
Sack Thongvanh

## Fire Department

Established 1951



**Attention Eagle Lake  
Residents...**

**Fire Department Annual  
Open House**

Sunday, October 3rd  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join the Fire Department for their  
Annual Open House.

See City website for more details:  
[www.eaglelakemn.com](http://www.eaglelakemn.com)

Chief: Tim Rock  
Asst Chief: Jeff Smith  
Asst Chief: Alan Kleist  
Captain: Darryl Metzler  
Captain: Galen Mastin  
Training Officer:  
Dan Ruschmeyer  
Asst: Vern Simpson  
Medical Officer: Terry Olson  
20 Volunteers  
**5 open volunteer positions**

# Public Works

**Water Main Flushing:** Water mains will be flushed October 12th and 13th. When the mains are being flushed and shortly thereafter, the water may become cloudy and rusty for a time as sediment is disturbed. Washing clothes is not recommended at this time. You may also notice a reduction in water pressure while the lines are being flushed.



**Leaf Vacuuming:** The annual leaf vacuuming will take place this fall. Public Works will divide the city streets into two sections. **PLEASE DO NOT RAKE YOUR LEAVES INTO THE STREET UNTIL NOTIFIED.** We will be sending a separate flyer later in the fall.

## Radio Read Water Meters

We are actively installing the last group of radio read meters in town. If we have not installed them in your home, please contact the City Office at 257-3218. Once you have had the new meters installed, you will no longer need to read your meter. Instead, the Public Works Department will drive by your home on the 20th of each month and get your meter read. The new system gives us the ability to check any problems with your water usage, such as potential leaks in your home and the meter being tampered with. This is an excellent tool for us now and in the future.

If you have not had the new meters installed, please call the City Office at 257-3218 to schedule a time. We are scheduling appointments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between the hours of 7:30 and 3:00. We will need to have someone home at the time of the installation, which should take less than one-half hour. Again, thank you for your cooperation and help.

If you are unsure if you need to read your meters, you can refer to your last water bill. If there is a “B” in the box labeled Section, you no longer need to read your meter. If your phone number has changed or is not listed in the phone book, please contact the City Office with updated contact information. This way we can contact you if there is a question or issue with your water service.

# Police Department

**Halloween is on Sunday, October 31st.**

## Halloween Safety Tips:

- Kids Carry flashlight—
- Walk, Don't Run—
- Stay on sidewalks. If no sidewalk, walk on left side of road facing traffic—
- Make sure costumes don't drag on ground—
- Avoid wearing masks—
- Wear clothing with reflective markings/tape—
- Eat dinner before going out—
- Parent should accompany young children.
- Homeowners make sure yard is clear of obstacles. Keep pets safe so they do not escape.



**Snow Removal:** Eagle Lake Residence, Per Minnesota State Statute it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways or private property onto or across public streets and right-of-ways. This means you may not push any snow from your driveway or property onto or across any part of the street even if you plan on removing it. We have issues with this every year and are trying to curb the issue early. So please do not push snow out on the road.



**City of Eagle Lake**  
**705 Parkway Avenue**  
**P.O. Box 159**  
**Eagle Lake, MN 56024**

#### **Utility Payments Due Date**

As stated in the City Code all Utility Payments are due on or before the 25th of each month. If the 25th falls on a weekend or a holiday it is due the business day before the due date. For example: May 25th is a holiday and the due date. To avoid a late fee the payment must be in our office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22nd.

# Important City News!!