

# City of Eagle Lake

January-February-March, 2011

Population 2229

## Drop Box Location

There is a utility bill drop box located on the east side of City Hall for your convenience. All utility bills are due on or before the 25th of each month. If the 25th falls on a holiday or a weekend, please use our drop box to avoid the \$5.00 late fee.

## 2011 Dog Licenses

Dog license fees for 2011 are due by January 31, 2011. The fee is \$10 per animal if purchased before **February 1**. Beginning February 1, the fee increases to \$15 per animal. Proof of rabies vaccination **is required** before a license can be issued so please bring proof of current rabies vaccination with you. If you do not have a copy of the certificate, please have your vet fax a copy to us at 507-257-3220. Tags are issued for one calendar year & will expire on Dec. 31, 2011.

## Email Notification

Would you like to receive e-notices about city updates, snow emergencies, watering bans, leaf vacuuming, spring clean-up, the quarterly newsletter, and other important City information? Log onto the City's website - [www.eaglelakemn.com](http://www.eaglelakemn.com) under City News, enter your name and email address to begin.

## Radio Read Water Meter System Update

Almost all of the new radio read water meters have been installed. We hope to have the remaining meters in place by spring. This new system gives us the ability to check for problems with your water usage, such as potential leaks, tampering, and unused water in your home. The new meters also eliminate the need for residents to supply their meter readings to the city office for billing. Therefore, if you have a new meter, it is no longer necessary to write your meter reading on your bill. If you still don't have the new meter, please contact City Hall to set up an appointment for installation. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Residential Information

If you have changed your phone number or have eliminated your landline and are exclusively using a cell phone, please contact the City Office to update your contact information. If your meter reading indicates a potential problem and we have your phone number on file, we can let you know of a potential problem. Most of the time it is something very simple and can be corrected by the property owner. If you have any questions or would like to update you contact information, please call City Hall 507-257-3218 or send an email to [adminasst@eaglelakemn.com](mailto:adminasst@eaglelakemn.com).



City Reminders

## Eagle Lake Directory

### Mayor

Tim Auringer  
[mayor@eaglelakemn.com](mailto:mayor@eaglelakemn.com)

### Council Members

John Ries  
Tina Marie  
Dennis Terrell  
Clete Frederick

### Administration

507-257-3218

### City Administrator

Sack Thongvanh  
[cityadmin@eaglelakemn.com](mailto:cityadmin@eaglelakemn.com)

### Deputy Clerk

Kerry Rausch  
[krausch@eaglelakemn.com](mailto:krausch@eaglelakemn.com)

### Administrative Clerk

Marian Mallory  
[adminasst@eaglelakemn.com](mailto:adminasst@eaglelakemn.com)

### Public Works

507-257-3424  
Director-Rick Reinbold  
[elpw@eaglelakemn.com](mailto:elpw@eaglelakemn.com)

### Police Department

507-257-3110  
Chief Phil Wills  
[elpd@eaglelakemn.com](mailto:elpd@eaglelakemn.com)

### Fire Department

507-257-3218  
Chief Alan Kleist  
[bkelfd@yahoo.com](mailto:bkelfd@yahoo.com)



## **Snow Emergency Policy**

The snow season has arrived and it is time to think about safety. Please refrain from shoveling or blowing snow onto the streets and alleys. This can create ice buildup in front of your property.

Residents are asked to PLEASE cooperate with the city during snow emergencies and remove all vehicles from the streets. If snow is expected in the forecast, please move your vehicles off of the street before hand. This makes it safer and easier for our plow drivers.

A snow emergency may be declared whenever a snowfall of 3 inches or more occurs. Vehicles not removed from the streets during a snow emergency are subject to towing. This includes all city streets and county roads within the city



limits. The city will air snow emergency announcements on KTOE, Z99, and KYSM radio stations.

As a reminder, all snow and ice must be removed from public sidewalks 12 hours after snow accumulation has stopped.

If you have any questions regarding the snow emergency policy, please feel free to call the City Office at 257-3218. Your cooperation throughout the winter is greatly appreciated!

### **Fire Dept Directory**

**Chief**

Alan Kleist

**Assistant Chief**

Jeff Smith

**Assistant Chief**

Tom Kleist

**Captain**

Dan Ruschmeyer

**Captain**

Vern Simpson

**Training Officer**

Galen Mastin

**Assistant**

Trent Talle

**Medical Officer**

Terry Olson

21 Volunteers

4 open volunteer positions

## **Hello from the Eagle Lake Fire Department!**

I would like to introduce myself as the new Fire Chief for Eagle Lake. My name is Alan Kleist and I have been a member of the Eagle Lake Fire Department for twelve years, serving as an Assistant Fire Chief for the past four years.

As a reminder—if you have a fire hydrant close to your property, please shovel or snow blow around it to keep it clear. This allows us to be able

to access the fire hydrant if there is a need.

I also wanted to let everyone know there are openings on the Fire Department and Daytime Rescue Squad. This is a great opportunity if you are looking to learn new skills and want to help people in need. Through the Eagle Lake Fire Relief Association, firefighters are also eligible for a \$1700 per year pension program.

Applications can be picked up at the City Office or are available online (under the “Employment” tab) at [www.eaglelakemn.com](http://www.eaglelakemn.com).

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [bkelfd@yahoo.com](mailto:bkelfd@yahoo.com). Thank you!

## **Winter Survival in your Car**

Everyone should be cautious about traveling in extreme winter weather. Cold, snow and ice are demanding on vehicles as well as drivers and their passengers.

Cold affects metal, rubber and other materials in your car. It can reduce the effectiveness of your vehicle's battery by at least 50 percent. It can freeze tires and keep them flat on the bottom for at least the first half mile of travel. It can thicken your vehicle's

lubricants, making the engine work too hard.

More importantly, extreme winter weather can threaten your life. Here are some tips to help you stay safe as you drive in Minnesota.

- Plan before you travel
- Prepare your vehicle
- Be aware of the weather

If you become stranded:

- Stay in your vehicle
- Avoid overexertion
- Keep fresh air in your vehicle
- Stay warm without fuel

- Make yourself easy to find
- Don't expect to be comfortable

### **Keep Cool — Two Ways**

1. Calm down and think. The storm will end and you will be found.
2. Don't work enough to get hot and sweaty. Wet clothing loses insulation value making you more susceptible to hypothermia.



### **Snowmobiles**

Snowmobiling around Eagle Lake can be fun, but you need to do your part to be safe and obey the rules. Our largest complaint every year is people driving on private property. In the City of Eagle Lake, you cannot drive on private or city property.

### **Skating Rink**

The skating rink is open as weather permits. Please check the hours and rules posted at the rink and on our website - [www.eaglelakemn.com](http://www.eaglelakemn.com). The warming house will not have an attendant. The police department will be checking it from time to time for any problems or concerns.

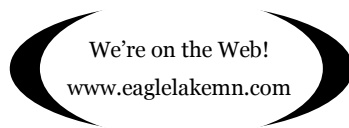


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Where opportunity  
soars.



## **City of Eagle Lake**

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Friday  
7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Office will be closed on  
Monday, February 21st  
in honor of Presidents' Day

