

City of Eagle Lake

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Severe Weather Siren

The outdoor early warning siren system is intended to alert people of potentially dangerous conditions. However, one common misconception about the warning sirens is that they will alert people who are indoors to dangerous conditions outdoors. The sirens are not designed or intended to penetrate all indoor spaces. While some people may live close enough to hear the sirens indoors, this is not the intended purpose of the sirens. Sirens are designed to advise people who are outside that a hazardous condition exists or is approaching. The radio, television, internet or other portable communications technology is the recommended and most effective way to keep informed of dangerous weather conditions when indoors.



Reminder: the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm, the weather sirens sound as part of the statewide test of the emergency weather system.

Building & Zoning Permits



A Building Permit is required for most construction. This includes new homes, garages, additions, decks, sheds over 120 square feet, windows, fences over 6 feet in height, roofing, siding, etc. A Zoning Permit is required for sheds 120 square feet or less and fences six feet tall or less. In addition, a Building Permit must be acquired for any building being moved onto a lot or any building being demolished. It is always a good idea to contact City Hall if you are unsure as to whether or not you need a building permit.

If you are hiring a contractor to do the work, they must apply for the Building Permit on your behalf. ALL contractors are required to provide proof of their annual Minnesota Contractor's License.

It is the property owner's responsibility to find the property marker—the City does not provide this service. In addition, if you are going to do any digging, remember to call Gopher State at 800.252.1166 .

Building Permit applications can be obtained at City Hall during normal business hours. Please allow for 4-5 business days for processing. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (507) 257-3218.



Mayor's Message

Lemonade Day

Recently the Eagle Lake City Council approved a proclamation that established June 5, 2011 as Lemonade Day in Eagle Lake. This proclamation was also made in other area cities like Amboy, Lake Crystal, Madison Lake and Mankato. On that day, five hundred lemonade stands will be operated by children in these towns. This event is a national event that is being tried for the first time in our area this year.

The Lemonade Day event is designed to encourage children to explore their own entrepreneurship. Through this event, it is hoped that children will learn how to start their own business, a lemonade stand. Perhaps this will encourage them to one day truly establish a business in our region.

They'll get to learn how to set goals, plan for success, find an investor, select a site, advertise, build a stand, purchase supplies, make a product, run their business, do basic accounting and open a bank account. This is designed to be a community wide event, so if you don't have children, you can be on the lookout for lemonade stands on June 5.

Kids can take part in workshops at Bethany Lutheran College, the Home Depot and Mankato Area Community Development. These workshops will help to learn some tips to be successful. There are also contests with prizes for Best Business Plan, Best Stand and Best Tasting Lemonade.

I hope Eagle Lake will be well represented in this venture. We have lots of active children in town, and I for one will be out and about looking for lemonade on June 5. Encourage your children to get involved. You can check www.lemonadeday.org for more information.



City Administrator's Desk

The 2010 Census results have been released. 2,422 people now call Eagle Lake home. This is a 26% increase from the 2000 census of 1,787 people and a 30% increase from 1990's population of 1702. People are definitely finding out that Eagle Lake is a great place to live and a good community in which to raise a family.

With the community growing, I would like to encourage residents to become involved in the community; to help be the eyes of the community. We would encourage each of you to help us enforce city code violations. One area of concern to many residents is dog feces in City parks and on trails and sidewalks.

City Council wants to be proactive with code violations and is therefore looking into administrative fines for these violations. If authorized, this would mean that fines will be issued for persons violating city code, including dog feces not being picked up. As a City, we would need your help by asking that if you witness code violations to contact the City to report these violations.

Another spring is upon us. With that comes garden planning. There are many new things happening with the Eagle Lake Community Garden. The first is pretty major! The garden is moving to a new, more garden-friendly location south east of the Fire Hall. The new garden will be fenced around the entire perimeter so individual fences will not be necessary. This area will also be tilled in preparation for planting. More details will be coming soon, along with a plot map. I believe this will be a good move for the garden. There shouldn't be as many issues with weeds and soil conditions, making gardening much more enjoyable. Plot sizes (10x10) and price(\$22) will remain the same.

The Community Garden Group is hoping to raise funds to build a shed for tools and garden items. Any ideas or help in this area is greatly appreciated. Please contact Bev at bevg@hickorytech.net or 507-469-9075 to let her know if you are interested in gardening this season.

City Meeting Hours

City Council

6:00 p.m.

1st Monday of each month

Park Board

6:30 a.m.

3rd Tuesday of each quarter

EDA

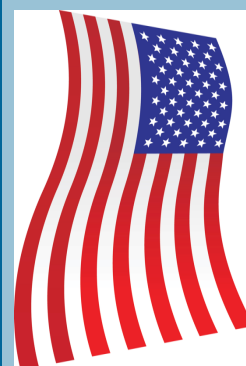
7:00 a.m.

3rd Thursday of each month

Planning

6:00 p.m.

Last Monday of each month



Public Works

The winter of 2010-2011 has been a challenge to say the least. We would like to thank residents who adopted a fire hydrant and kept it clear from snow this winter—it does make a difference. The cooperation we received with keeping vehicles off the streets during a snow event was tremendous. We had very few snow emergencies because of that fact.

We will be flushing water mains on May 17th and 18th. The purpose of this is to flush out the natural sediment that occurs in the water lines. The water may become cloudy or rusty for a period of time during flushing. Washing clothes is not recommended during this time. You may also notice a reduction in water pressure during flushing.

The Eagle Lake water quality report will be post in the Lake Region Times and on the city web site this summer. This is an annual report required by the Minnesota Department of Health. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect our water resources.

Storm Sewers Are Not For Grass Clippings!

Please mow your lawn **AWAY** from the street so your grass clippings do not end up in the city's storm sewers. The storm sewers are not designed to handle quantities of leaves and grass clippings from residences. This extra material may cause back-ups which could result in flooding.

Save the City and yourself problems and money by being responsible and disposing of your grass clippings and litter/debris in a responsible manner. Yard waste can be taken to SMC Compost, located on 3rd Avenue in Mankato.

Let's work together to show our children that protecting the environment is important.

Street Light Outages

If you notice a street light that's out or not working properly, please notify us at the City office so we can report the outage for repair. The property address nearest the light as well as the nearest cross street will help us identify the light when we report it.



Did you know...
The DNR stocks
the pond at the City
Park every Spring

City Notices / Reminders

Utility Bill Drop Box: For your convenience there is a drop box located at City Hall.

Email Notification: To sign up for email notification, log onto our website at www.eaglelakemn.com. Click on News and enter your email address. You will receive City reminders, watering bans, quarterly newsletters and snow emergencies notices.



Are you moving? Please be sure to notify the City if you are moving. It is important to provide us with your move out date, forwarding address and final water meter reading(s) so that you and the new homeowners are billed appropriately. Upon occupying a property, the resident has 7 days to notify the City to establish their utility billing. If the City is not notified, the resident risks immediate disconnection of service. A \$50 reconnection fee must be paid before service is restored.



Eagle Lake Tator Days: July 14-15-16

This year's *Eagle Lake Tator Days* events will include many activities, such as 5K Fun Run/Walk, Golf Tournament, parade, etc. Watch for more details to come!

Grand Marshal Nominations

Do you know of an Eagle Lake resident who has contributed to the community and should be recognized? The Eagle Lake Tator Days Committee is currently accepting nominations for the 2011 Grand Marshal. Please submit all entries to tatordays@hotmail.com or drop it off at the City Office in an envelope marked "Grand Marshal" with the following information. The entry deadline is Friday, May 13th.

1. Name of the individual(s) who have contributed their time and/or talents to our community.
2. Explain the reason that you are nominating them.
3. Provide the name of the person submitting the nomination.

Vote for the 2011 Button

Be sure to stop by the City Office through Friday, April 29th to vote on the drawings submitted for this year's 2011 button contest. Drawings were submitted by Eagle Lake Elementary students.

Facebook

"Like" Tator Days on Facebook and keep updated on all of this year's upcoming events. Want to get involved? E-mail tatordays@hotmail.com, call 327-7159 or send us a message on Facebook.

When are Utility Payments Due?

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 in the drop box no later than 8:00 a.m. the next business day.

Fire Department 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

Fire Department

Join the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department

We have openings on the Fire Department and Daytime Rescue Squad. Being a firefighter is a great opportunity to learn new skills as well as assist people in the greatest time of need. In addition, through the Eagle Lake Fire Relief Association firefighters are eligible for a \$1700 per year pension program. Applications are available online at www.eaglelakemn.com or at the City office (507) 257-3218. If you have any questions, please email Chief Alan Kleist at elfdchief@charter.net.



Recreational Fires



As a reminder, recreational fires are allowed within the City limits. The City Code defines a recreational fire as a fire that is 3 feet squared and a maximum of 3 feet in height (including flame). Please use common sense when having a recreational fire in terms of spacing from nearby structures. In addition, an exterior water source should be nearby the fire as well. One final note, make sure the fire is completely extinguished before you leave the site.

Our New Fire Truck!



Police Department

Well, summer is just around the corner and the kids are going to be getting out of school soon. That means that there will be more kids out running around the streets and we, as a community need to be watching for them. Kids have a tendency to not pay attention to where they are riding their bikes when they are talking and playing with friends. I ask that with more children out and about we all watch our speeds and keep a close eye on kids riding bikes. You never know what they will do.

Curfew

All children under the age of 15 must be off the city streets by 9:30 pm though the end of school and then 10:30 once school out. We as a police department will be strictly enforcing the curfew ordinance this summer because of the numerous complaints that we have received over the years. Please inform you children of this ordinance. As parents you should know where you children are and what they are doing.



Ordinances

I would like to remind everyone that all boats, campers, or any trailers cannot be left upon a roadway for more than 48 hours.

Fireworks

We know that the 4th of July is a fun time of the year for everyone. And everyone one wants to join in on the fun by lighting off firework. Please keep in mind that only some fireworks are legal in Minnesota. If you would like a list of legal fireworks feel free to contact the police department.

Legal fireworks include: snaps, glow worms, fountains, sparklers, and pin wheels.

Illegal fireworks include: bottle rockets, firecrackers, roman candles, mortars, and **ALL** aerial displays. **Any fireworks that fly or explode are NOT legal.**



Dog Ordinance

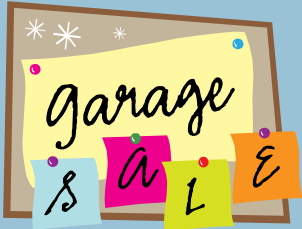
I would like to remind everyone that your dogs must be licensed through the City of Eagle Lake and need to be on a leash at all times. We also as that you pick up all waste left by your dog. If you would like a copy of the Eagle Lake City Ordinance, contact the Eagle Lake City Office or the Eagle Lake Police Department.

ATV Ordinance

We have had many calls regarding the Eagle Lake ATV Ordinance. The City of Eagle Lake **does** allow ATV's to be driven on city streets. They must be driven on the right hand side of the road and no faster then 10 miles per hour. All Minnesota Laws must be followed also. For a complete copy of the city ordinance or Minnesota Laws, contact the Eagle Lake Police Department.



If you wish to speak with a police officer, please feel free to call our office at 257-3110. If we are not there and you have an emergency, please hang up and call 911. We do not staff our office 24 hours a day and all calls from 911 will be responded to right away.



City-wide Garage Sale

Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th

**General Sale Hours: Friday 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Are you planning to participate in this year's Eagle Lake City Wide Garage Sales? Then you will want to be included in the Tator Days sponsored advertisements! We will be running ads in local newspapers and providing street maps to all shoppers! The ad will include general information about the Eagle Lake City Wide Garage Sales and give locations where maps can be picked up.

Individual addresses, specific sale items, etc. will only appear on the map—not in the ad.

The \$3.00 listing fee will go towards advertising in the *Home Magazine* and the *Lake Region Times* and the cost of printing the flyers.

NEW THIS YEAR: *The maps will be distributed by Eagle Express and Casey's beginning Thursday, May 5th @ 8:00 a.m. through noon on Saturday.*

Don't miss out! Return the completed form (below) and your \$3.00 payment to the City Office in an envelope marked "Garage Sale" or mail to the address below. Please make checks payable to **Eagle Lake Tator Days**.

Eagle Lake City Wide Garage Sales
PO Box 274
Eagle Lake, MN 56024

**Application Deadline
is
Friday, April 29th!**

If you have any questions, please e-mail tatordays@hotmail.com or call 257-2111.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ (Used only if additional info. is needed for map)

Hours of your Sale: Friday, May 6th: _____

Saturday, May 7th: _____

Brief Description of Sale Items (12 Words or Less):

Be sure to indicate if you will not be open for sale on Friday and/or you do not want "early birds" coming before the sale starts. If you would like to be more specific in your ad and want to include additional words, please include an additional \$3 for every 12 words submitted.

City Wide Clean Up

The City of Eagle Lake will have its annual Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 14, 2011. This pick-up is for Eagle Lake residents only! You must live in Eagle Lake in order to participate.

- No construction materials, paints, chemicals, or hazardous materials will be accepted
- Have your old appliances picked-up at the same time. The cost to have an appliance picked up is (non refundable) \$15.00 per appliance. Appliance tags must be purchased no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 13, 2011 at City Hall. ***Appliances without the required tag will not be picked up.***
- All items, including appliances, must be on the boulevard by 7:00 a.m.
- Appliances that will be accepted include: clothes washer and dryer, hot water heater, heat pump, furnace, trash compactor, range & stove, conventional and microwave oven, refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, humidifier.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Recycling of electronic equipment will be available! A drop site will be set up in the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, May 14 from 8 am—12 noon. ***Items must be presented to the attendant at the site during these times only—do not leave items at the site. Fee(s) are due when you bring your item(s) in.*** Cost varies by type of equipment—see price list (to the right).
- Unable to participate on this day? Year round disposal is available through Green Tech, 205 W Spring Street, Suite 100, Mankato; phone: 507.344.1315; website: www.RecycleMN.com. Please contact them directly to make arrangements for your specific needs.
- For information on household hazardous waste disposal, please call the Blue Earth County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility Hotline at 507.304.4242. The facility is located at 651 Summit Ave., Mankato. They are open seasonal hours April through October of each year: Tuesday 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., and the 2nd Saturday of each month (during the season) 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Electronics Recycling Price List

Computer Tower CPU\$7 per piece
Monitor:	
17".....	\$.8 per piece
19".....	\$.10 per piece
Printer/scanner (home use)\$5 per piece
Commercial copier/large Printer. . . .	\$25 per piece
TV:	
19"-20"	\$10 per piece
25"-27"	\$15 per piece
32"-36"	\$20 per piece
Console. . . .	\$30 per piece
Big Screen. .	\$.35 per piece
DVD/VCD/VCR\$5 per piece
Audio receiver/Stereo\$5 per piece
Phone/Misc. small Electronics. . .	\$.2 per piece



Easter Egg Hunt—5,000 eggs!!!

EAGLE LAKE CITY PARK

Saturday, April 23, 2011

10 am SHARP!

There are three specially marked prize eggs for each age group: 3 years and younger; ages 4-6; 7 years & older

- Meet at the park's picnic shelter by the ball diamond
- Bring a container to put your eggs in

SPONSORED BY:

Eagle Lake American Legion Auxiliary and Post Children and Youth Program and "Give 2 U" - an organization with part of its mission to support families and youth in our local area. Contact: 507-420-4023





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City of Eagle Lake **Office Hours**

Monday—Friday
7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Office will be closed on
Monday, May 30 in observance of
Memorial Day and Monday, July 4 in
observance of Independence Day