



Newsletter

SPRING / SUMMER 2022

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- Adam Schwartz, Public Works Technician
- Dennis Pederson, Public Works Employee
- Adam Freyholtz, Liquor Store Manager
- Jack Uselman, Assistant Liquor Store Manager

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HATCHERY ROW? - Even though you are not seeing much activity at the site, things are still in motion to move forward with the construction of the new Hatchery facility. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held soon after some minor details are ironed out. We look forward to this project! The development will consist of 12 to 15 apartments with 12,000 to 15,000 square feet of commercial space. If you have any questions, please call Val Martin at City Hall.



BUILD THE *future* OF BATTLE LAKE

The foundation for the future of Otter Tail County and Battle Lake begins with expanding housing opportunities and reinvestment.

Otter Tail County's Big Build initiative can provide financial support to new housing projects. The low inventory of housing in the city has made it challenging to welcome newcomers and meet the needs of existing residents. You can help expand housing opportunities, increase the tax base, and grow our community.



BUILD

Up to \$15,000 property tax rebates available when you build a new single-family home



SELL

Selling an empty lot will create an opportunity to grow housing options for the residents of Battle Lake



CONTRIBUTE

New housing will increase the tax base, which is your contribution to a better Battle Lake

Contact Val Martin at the City of Battle Lake for more information on The Big Build.

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BEFORE YOU
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NOTICE TO AREA RESIDENTS: - Groundwater contamination is a serious matter. All residents are asked to help maintain Battle Lake's safe drinking water supply. Please do not dump or spill anything outside that may cause harm to the environment. If you're not sure or you would like more information on Wellhead Protection, ask the Public Works Department. Call 218-864-0424, email pubwrks@arvig.net or visit the City's web-site at www.ci.Battle-Lake.mn.us Help protect Battle Lake's groundwater supply; it's important to all of us. — Battle Lake Public Works Department

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City of Battle Lake - Notice of Filing for City Election

PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE 205.13, SUBDIVISION 2, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that filing for Mayor and City Council will open Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and close Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:00 pm. OFFICES TO BE FILLED: One (1) Mayoral position for a two-year term and two (2) Council member positions for a four-year term. All terms begin January 2, 2023.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be available and received weekdays beginning Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 8:00 am at Battle Lake City Hall, 108 Main Street East continuing during regular business hours until 5:00 pm Tuesday, August 16, 2022. You must state which seat or position you are filing for on the Affidavit.

The following criteria must be met for the mayor or council seats. The candidate must affirm:

I am eligible to vote in Minnesota;

I have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming primary or general election (except as provided in M.S. 204B.06, subd. 1 (2));

I am, or will be on assuming office, 21 years of age or more;

I will have maintained residence in this district for at least 30 days before the general election; and

Must pay the **\$2.00 filing fee** at the time of the filing.

The Election for these City Offices will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. in the City of Battle Lake, County of Otter Tail, State of Minnesota between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Valerie J. Martin—City Clerk, City of Battle Lake

BATTLE LAKE LIQUOR STORE is open from 9 am to 10 pm Monday through Saturday

Sunday hours are 11 am to 5 pm May through September.

Profits from the Battle Lake Liquor Store are poured back into the community. Funds from the liquor store are used to help pay for many items that normal tax dollars would need to pay for, such as park improvements, street lights, economic development, and trail projects. It has also helped past projects such as the Glendalough Trail and Safe Routes to School.



EXCESS FLOW VALVE (EFV) CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

As of April 14, 2017 the Federal Government set a new regulation requiring Battle Lake Natural Gas to notify their customers to notify about the Excess Flow Valves (EFV) and install an EFV if the customer requests one.

An Excess Flow Valve (EFV), is a device that we can install on your natural gas line. This line runs from the main gas line (located in the street) to your meter. EFV's are designed to shut off, or significantly reduce, the flow of natural gas in the event that a service line becomes damaged and that damage causes a sudden and significant increase in gas flow. In this case the EFV may prevent the buildup of natural gas reduce the risk of fire, explosion, personal injury and/or property damage.

EFV's are not designed to close if a leak occurs beyond the gas meter (in house piping or appliances). Also, EFV's may not close in the event that there is a small leak on the service line. If you have additional natural gas appliances such as a pool heater or emergency generator, etc., the added gas flow may cause the EFV to close.

EFV's will not be installed on your service line if:

- ◆ The service line does not operate at a pressure of 10 psi or greater throughout the year;
- ◆ The EFV could interfere with proper operation or cause loss of service;
- ◆ The EFV could interfere with necessary operation or maintenance activities; or
- ◆ The capacity of the meter on the service line meets any of these conditions.

You may request that Battle Lake Natural Gas install an excess flow valve on the gas line to your property. **Residential meters located in the City of Battle Lake's natural gas system already have these EFV's in place. Meters that are 1 inch or larger (usually commercial applications) currently do not have these EFV's in place at this time.** You will be billed for the cost of installing the EFV. To obtain an estimate of the cost of installation of an EFV please contact Chris Johnson, Public Works Director at 218-864-0424 or pubwrks@arvig.net.

Consumer Confidence Report

The 2021 Consumer Confidence Report for The City of Battle Lake's drinking water will not be mailed to individuals or published. It is either available on-line at: <https://tinyurl.com/muc8d8h2> or you can request a printed copy by calling

218-864-0424.

Experience Battle Lake 2022—Calendar of Events

Websites: BattleLakeReview.com; BattleLakeParade.com; DanceBARNCollective.org; ProspectHouseMuseum.org; for Glendalough Park: www.dnr.state.mn.us/stateparks; artofthelakes.org; PhelpsMillFestival.com; MoreThanATrail.com; LakesAreaCommunityCenter.org; Battle Lake Community Education <https://sites.google.com/isd542.org/battlelakecommunityeducation/home>

Visit Facebook pages: Art of the Lakes; City of Battle Lake; LIVE LOVE LAKE Battle Lake; Battle Lake Wenonga Days; BL Farmers Market; Dance Barn; Glendalough Trail; Glendalough Park; Phelps Mill Festival; Prospect House and Civil War Museum

MAY

Thursday, May 19	Paint and Sip at ABC Brewing 6-8
Monday, May 23, 2022	Bike Rodeo - Battle Lake School See Community Education web-site above
Thursday & Friday, May 5 & 6	Silversmithing Workshop 10-12 at Art of the Lakes
May 27 & June 3	Watercolor Class 9-4 at Lakes Area Community Center
May 30 through June 4	Prairie Fire Children's Theater - Peter Pan at Battle Lake Public School

JUNE

Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm	Battle Lake Farmers Market - Railroad Park
Thursdays at 11 a.m.	Turtle Races - across from Lakes Area Community Center
June - Date TBD	Spring Tea at Prospect House Museum
June 6 - July 25	Battle Lake School Open Library 9-11:30 includes storytime and checkouts
June 6 through July 14	Summer Rec at Battle Lake Public School: Baseball, softball, tee-ball, toss ball
June 6, 8 & 10	Hardanger Class 9-Noon - Art of the Lakes Gallery
Wednesday, June 8	Wild Wednesdays Family Nature Program 1-3 at Glendalough State Park
Saturday, June 18	Opening Reception - 2022 Prairie Lakes en Plein Air
Sat. & Sun. June 18&19	Art of the Lakes Summer Solstice Celebration - The Longest Day of Art
Tuesday, June 21	Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection at 605 W. Holdt Street 10-2
Fri. and Sat. June 24 & 25	Battle Lake All-Town Rummage Sale
Mondays, June 27 & July 25	Sculpt a Torso in Clay Class 9-3 - Williams Studio on Stuart Lake
June 27-July 1 & July 11-15	Community Education Swimming Lessons at Otter Tail Lake Amor Park
Wednesday, June 29	Wild Wednesdays Family Nature Program 1-3 at Glendalough State Park
Thursday, June 30	Concert at LACC - Teddy Bear Bank Kids 6 pm & Rich and the Resistors 7:30 pm

JULY

Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm	Battle Lake Farmers Market - Railroad Park
Thursdays at 11 a.m.	Turtle Races - across from Lakes Area Community Center
Sat. & Sun July 9 & 10	Phelps Mill Festival
Wednesday, July 13	Wild Wednesdays Family Nature Program 1-3 at Glendalough State Park
Thursday, July 14	Community Education's Ceramic Painting
Friday thru Sunday, July 15 - 17	Art of the Lakes Studio Tour
July 18-22 & July 25-29	Community Education Swimming Lessons at W Battle Lake/Lions Park Access
July 18-24,	DanceBARN Festival
Wednesday, July 20	Intro to Silkreen Printing 6-8 p.m. at Art of the Lakes Gallery
Saturday, July 23	Movie Night in Art Alley - West Side Story
Friday thru Sunday, July 22-24	Wenonga Days - Events include Kids' Activities, Craft and Vendor Fair, Civil War Museum Activities, Turtle Races, Fireworks, Street Dance(s), Tractor Pedal Pull, and more!
July 25 thru 28	Acrylic Painting for Beginners - 8+ years - 9 to noon - Lakes Area Community Center
Wednesday, July 27	Wild Wednesdays Family Nature Program 1-3 at Glendalough State Park

GO TO

www.ci.battle-lake.mn.us
for the updated Event Calendar

Experience Battle Lake 2022—Calendar of Events Continued

AUGUST

Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm	Battle Lake Farmers Market - Railroad Park
Thursdays at 11 a.m.	Turtle Races - across from Lakes Area Community Center
Wednesday, August 10	Wild Wednesdays Family Nature Program 1-3 at Glendalough State Park
August 10 & 11	Watercolor Batik Intensive 10 - 4 Glendalough State Park www.ArtoftheLakes.org
August 12 and 13	PRCA Rodeo at Silver Sage Ranch - 5:30 p.m. Tickets at www.rodeotickets.com
Saturday, August 13	Art and Craft Affair 9-4 Railroad Park
Friday, August 19	Landscapes in Oil Pastel 10-4 Glendalough State Park www.ArtoftheLakes.org
Saturday, August 20	The Hollo Gravel Classic -Bike Race/Ride www.hollogravelclassic.com
August 23 & 24	Art of the Lakes Expressive Watercolor Class 10 - 4 Glendalough State Park Trail Center
Wednesday, August 24	Concert at LACC - Jennifer Grimm & Joe Cruz 6pm

FALL AND WINTER

Saturday, September 3	The Gathering of Airplanes - Battle Lake Airport
Sunday, September 4	Lions Pancake Breakfast - Lions Park
Saturday, September 17	Woodstack Concert @ Prospect House
September 19 - 23	Homecoming Week at Battle Lake School
Fri. & Sat. September 23 & 24	Plein Air Awards Ceremony and Quick Paint Competition and Awards Ceremony
Saturday, September 24	BL 542 Tastes, Toasts & Traditions at Stub's www.542foundation.com
October, 2022 - TBD	Fall Tea at Prospect House Museum
Saturday, December 3	Battle Lake Craft Fair - Battle Lake School See Community Education website
Saturday, February 11, 2023	Battle Lake Annual Ice Fishing Derby

Follow City of Battle Lake & Lakes Area Community Center on Facebook for up to date Schedule of Events

UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS WITH THE CITY OF BATTLE LAKE

Ach payment is free and easy to set up. Call or stop in for more details.

You can also make payments by check, debit or credit cards for a nominal charge through the City's website at www.ci.battle-lake.mn.us

GRASS AND WEED MAINTENANCE— City Ordinance

Chapter 98 covers the responsibilities of the property owner and occupant to maintain their property within the City of Battle Lake. The ordinance states that grass and weeds shall not be allowed to grow to more than 10 inches in height. If the requirements are not met, the City will take action to correct the problem. Notices will be sent to property owners and they will be charged for cleanup services performed. The full ordinance can be found on the City's website at www.ci.battle-lake.mn.us.

The Camper Dump

is available for use year 'round at 610 Holdt Street West for a fee of \$10 per use.



WHAT IS A BASE RATE AND WHY IS IT ALWAYS ON MY BILL? The base rate covers the cost of everything that is needed to bring water, sewer, and natural gas service to you. All residents pay a base for Water and Sewer services. Residents that have Natural Gas also pay a base rate for that service. These charges ensure that even if you are not using the services, they will be ready when you turn on the faucet or turn up the thermostat.

To provide some perspective, the base rate is like owning a vehicle. Even if you are not driving the vehicle every day, you still have expenses for that vehicle. Insurance, tabs, maintenance expenses and fuel, along with the initial cost of the vehicle, need to be paid regardless of the number of miles you drive.

Consider this, rural property owners pay for the installation of a well or septic system when building the home and then also cover the maintenance expenses associated with those systems. The base rates cover these types of charges.

The base rate charge pays for the lines, meters, maintenance, safety equipment and training programs, meters, insurance, technology, water testing, system improvements, employees, and 24/7 service in case of emergency.

SMART ROOM AVAILABLE FOR USE IN BATTLE LAKE - NO CHARGE. With a bigger appreciation for WIFI and internet service after 2020, Otter Tail County and community partners have utilized CARES Act and Blandin Broadband Community funds to invest in projects with the goal of increasing equitable access to digital services. One of the projects was to outfit "Smart Rooms" for the public to use. Some of the ways Otter Tail County residents, visitors, and businesses can use the smart rooms include for job searching and online interviews, accessing virtual trainings and classes, for participating in or leading virtual or hybrid meetings, or to connect virtually with family and friends. New smart room spaces include the Battle Lake City Hall meeting room in partnership with Arvig Communications and the City of Battle Lake. Go to the City's web-site to get the forms and policy: www.ci.Battle-Lake.mn.us Some ideas for use include: job interviews, client meetings, zoom meetings with family, etc. The smart room is equipped with a large monitor, computer, keyboard and camera. Just need access to WIFI and/or the computer? No problem! Give us a call if you have any questions!