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Manager



Newsletter

SPRING / SUMMER 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 24 Pet Clinic/Pet Licensing event at Lakes Veterinary Hospital 6:30-8 pm
April 28 Drug take back event at City Hall 10 am—2 pm
May 9 Beautify Battle Lake at Lakes Area Community Center 8 am
May 9 Walk/Bike to School Day
May 16 Bike Rodeo at the Battle Lake School parking lot 6 pm
June 6 Newcomers Picnic 6-7:30 pm @ Lions Park
June 9 National Get Outdoors Day (Free entry to Glendalough Park)
Thursdays - Turtle Races at the Lakes Area Center, 11 am (mid June-August)
Thursdays—June 1 to August 31 Free Concerts at the Lakes Area
Community Center 7:00 pm
June 16 Rocky's Fishing Friends—Phelps Mill County Park
June 16-17 Lions Walleye Tournament on West Battle Lake
June 16 Citywide Garage Sales
June 29 Outdoor Movie @ Lions Park 8 pm (Back to the Future)
June 29 150th Anniversary of Otter Tail County Historic Play 7:30 pm Royal S.
Broberg Auditorium
June 30 Monroe Crossing at the Prospect House Museum
July 1 150th Anniversary of Otter Tail County Historic Play 2:00 pm Royal S.
Broberg Auditorium
Saturday July 14th and July 28th Turtle Races at the Lakes Area
Community Center, 11 am
July 13 Outdoor Movie @ Lions Park 8 pm (Despicable Me)
July 14-15 Phelps Mill Festival, Phelps Mill County Park
July 20, 21 & 22 Art of the Lakes Studio Tour
July 23-29 DanceBARN Festival & Activities
July 28-29 Wenonga Days, more details at www.battlelakeparade.com
July 28 Civil War Celebration at the Prospect House Museum
July 29 Lions Pancake Breakfast, at Lions Park 8 am—1pm
August 3 Outdoor Movie @ Lions Park 8 pm (Beauty and the Beast)
August 11 41st Annual Art and Craft Affair, Battle Lake Railroad Park
August 20 Rescue Squad Turkey Feed at Lions Park 11 am—2 pm
August 25 Lions Club Pillow Cleaning at Lions Park 8 am—1 pm
September 1 Gathering of Airplanes at the Battle Lake City Airport

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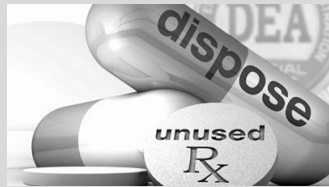
BEAUTIFY BATTLE LAKE—CITYWIDE CLEANUP! WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 8:45 AM TO 2 PM

Lakes Area Community Center, 112 West Main Street, Battle Lake

Due to limited volunteers there will be no residential pickup or cleanup.

Drop off large appliances and scrap metal west of Trosdahl's Body Shop, just off Hwy 210 west of Battle Lake. We will accept: stereo receivers, satellite receivers, laptop and desktop computers, flat screen monitors, flat screen TV's keyboards, external hard drives, printers/cartridges, computer/internet cords, Cat 5 cable/Romex electrical wire, and electric motors. Sorry, we can not accept tube TV's, microwaves, computer monitors or paint cans.

Volunteers are needed! Please join us at the Lakes Area Community Center Wednesday, May 9 by 8:30 am to get an assignment. Our thanks to the students at Battle Lake School for many years of participation! Call 218-864-0424 with questions. In case of bad weather Citywide Cleanup will be Thursday, May 10.



April 28, 2018, Saturday, is the National Drug Take Back Day.

The Battle Lake Police Department is again participating in this event. We encourage residents that have expired or unused medications to bring them to the Battle Lake City Hall on this date between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A police officer will be present in the lobby of City Hall during the event. Syringes and needles are not accepted. As always the box inside City Hall is available during the hours that City Hall is open. Last year this event

brought in approximately 62 pounds of medications. Any questions can be directed to Police Chief Kent Kortlever at 218-864-8989.

NOTICE TO AREA RESIDENTS:

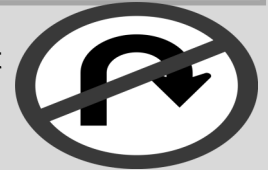
Groundwater contamination is a serious matter. All residents are asked to help maintain Battle Lake's safe drinking water supply. Please do not dump or spill anything outside that may cause harm to the environment. If you're not sure or you would like more information on Wellhead Protection, ask the 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

A NOTE FROM THE BATTLE LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A reminder from the Police Department to residents and travelers. Parking against the flow of traffic or on the opposite side of the roadway is prohibited unless it is a one way roadway. When motorists park illegally and then try to re-enter into the traffic lane it causes many hazards. Similar to U-turns these changes in traffic direction are very dangerous as other motorists are not expecting it. Legal U-turns can only be made when there is a 1000 foot view from each direction and the movement can be made safely and without interfering with other traffic. In downtown Battle Lake a 1000 foot distance is equivalent to approximately 3 blocks in each direction. The hills and inclines on MN State Hwy 78 in the downtown area make it nearly impossible to make a legal U-turn. Motorist are advised and encourage to drive around the block to find a safe place to turn around.



IT IS TIME TO LICENSE YOUR ANIMALS FOR 2018

- Dogs and Cats over 6 months of age must be licensed.
- A copy of the current rabies certificate must be submitted with the application.
- Licenses must be renewed by May 31st each year.
- All Dogs and cats must have a collar with the City's pet license and rabies tag.
- **Pet owners are reminded to please clean up after your pets and dispose of the waste properly. This includes all public road right of ways within city limits.**
- All dogs and cats are required to be on a leash when off of the owner's property.
- License Fees per year for Dogs and Cats:

\$10 - Spayed or neutered animals \$20 - Non spayed or neutered

Licenses will be available at City Hall during regular office hours. Licenses will also be available at the Pet Clinic hosted by Lakes Veterinary Hospital on April 24th from 6:30-8 pm.



MAY IS BIKE MONTH



I RIDE BECAUSE IT MAKES MY BUSINESS RUN BETTER.



I RIDE TO TURN MY COMMUTE INTO A WORKOUT.



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BATTLE LAKE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

- ⇒ Friday, June 29, 2018 10 AM to 2 PM
- ⇒ County Highway Garage, 601 W. Holdt Street



Accepted Materials Include: Paint (Latex & Oil), Pesticides & Cleaners, Automotive Fluids, Gasoline, Oil and Filters, Rechargeable Batteries, (NO CAR LAWNMOVER OR RECREATIONAL BATTERIES), Florescent Bulbs (Max of 10 florescent tubes/CFL per household per year) NO BUSINESS WASTE ACCEPTED.

BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION—On April 16th, about forty business owners and community residents gathered in the Battle Lake School Media Center to hear the outcome of the Battle Lake Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Program. The project started just over a year ago with the Leadership Team of Gene Kelm, Val Martin, Jeff Drake, Scott Duberowski, Candace Heathington and Ed Pawlenty leading the way. The Leadership Team’s responsibilities are vast and vital to the success of the program. These responsibilities include identifying businesses to visit, providing survey input, performing business visits, coordinating milestone meeting, building community awareness and recruiting the Task Force. The BR&E program is available through the University Extension and it was also sponsored by West Center Initiative, Network Battle Lake, City of Battle Lake, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and Battle Lake Community Fund.

Once the Task Force was recruited, training was provided using a specific survey guide to interview targeted businesses. 56 businesses were interviewed by 30 volunteers, in teams of two, over a six week period last fall. The results of the interviews were compiled by the University of Minnesota Extension and presented to the Task Force at a Retreat in January.

From this retreat, five specific projects were chosen:

- Collaboration between Network Battle Lake and the Economic Development Authority
 - Training and career pathways for retail and hospitality employees/develop apprenticeship programs
 - Making the Childcare Center happen and support a business stipend for childcare
 - Better utilize land use/consider options to address the lack of land for development
 - Broadband issues/appoint representatives to serve on the Otter Tail County Broadband Taskforce
- Each of these tasks has 4 to 5 individuals committed to moving forward on completing them. The success of completing and implementing the tasks will solely rest on the interest and participation of all of us who have a vested interest in seeing a healthy and vibrant Battle Lake in the years ahead. The program doesn’t end here. Committees will continue to work on the specific projects chosen at the retreat and the final report will also be used as a tool by Network Battle Lake and the City of Battle Lake Economic Development Authority. If you would like more information, or a copy of the report, contact Val Martin by -mail blcity@eot.com or 218.864.0424.



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!



ATTENTION City of Battle Lake Residents:

Pay utility bills electronically

Go online to: www.ci.battle-lake.mn.us

Download “PSN Payments” from the App Store® or Google Play™

Call 877-885-7968

Pay immediately or schedule a payment through PSN.

Convenience fees apply:
\$1 for checks; 2.75% (+50¢ if under \$100) for credit cards.



BATTLE LAKE LIQUOR STORE Samplings happening every Friday afternoon so hop on down and try some of our great selections of wine, beer and spirits! **BATTLE LAKE LIQUOR** is open from 9 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday with the closing time extended to 10 pm May through September. Sunday hours are 11 am to 4 pm May through September.



Did you know that by making purchases at our local municipal liquor store helps out 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. Additionally, if you have additional natural gas appliances such as a pool heater or emergency generator, etc., the additional 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, on the residential line. 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 Steve Seufert, Public Works Director at 218-864-0424 or pubwrks@arvig.net.



HYDRANT FLUSHING— The City of Battle Lake Public Utilities Department will be flushing hydrants on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 8 thru May 10. Doing laundry during these designated times is not recommended. When flushing is underway within a two-to-three block area of your home, it is common to experience discoloration and sedimentation in your water supply. If this occurs, turn on an outside tap and let the water run for a few minutes until it clears. We apologize for any inconvenience this work may cause, however it is a necessary component of our water distribution systems maintenance. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

Newcomers & Neighbors Meet and Greet Event

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018 6:00 TO 7:30 AT LIONS PARK

If you are new to the Battle Lake area or would like to the Battle Lake area and meet others, come join us for a free meal and some informal table talk. This will be an opportunity to learn what's going on in to connect with the community.

Current Residents are asked to invite a newcomer and bring them at the picnic!
Let's help them feel welcome in Battle Lake!

