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Council Member

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Police Officer
- Chris Estes,  
Police Officer
- Josh Pesta,  
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Works Technician
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- Adam Freyholtz,  
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- Jack Uselman,  
Assistant Liquor Store  
Manager



# Newsletter

SPRING / SUMMER 2020

## Calendar of Events

We usually include a calendar of events with this newsletter but due to the pandemic, many events have already been canceled. We urge you to watch social media and the local newspaper for events that might be happening in the future. Please keep safe and enjoy the summer.

**Wenonga Days** as we know it has been canceled but stay tuned! A group has been working on some activities for the weekend. Keep your eyes on social media and the newspaper for further information. Let us know if you want to be involved!

## Battle Lake Businesses and Community Members have donated bikes for kids – Nominate Someone in Need

Several businesses and individuals have made the decision to donate bikes to kids in need. With the school closing and no summer recreation, there is limited activities for our kids. They are trying to do what they can to help kids be more active. Please nominate a kid in the Battle Lake area that is in need of a new bike and without financial resources to purchase one. Nominations can be directed to Terry Haviland [vikingfootball@hotmail.com](mailto:vikingfootball@hotmail.com) or call him at: 218-405-0326. If you want to nominate someone and have that child remain anonymous, send it to Val Martin at [blcity@arvig.net](mailto:blcity@arvig.net). Random drawings to award the bikes will be held in June. We would love to announce winners publicly but can also keep names private if someone chooses that. Here are the donations so far: Ben's Bait – 2 bikes, Ben's Ice Castle – 2 bikes, Granny's Pantry – 2 bikes, Mickelson Hydraulics – 1 bike, Gene and Pat Kelm – 1 bike, Cenex – 2 bikes, Shoreline Restaurant -1 bike, Brittany Solting– 1 bike, Tim Hauser, Inc. – 1 bike, Todd Ukkelberg/Keller Williams Realty – 1 bike, Richard and Patricia Bullard – 1 bike, Battle Lake City Staff – 1 Bike, Sandra Gruhl Thimgan – 2 bikes, Battle Lake School – 2 bikes, and Larry's Foods-2 bikes. Jay Olson Sports—1 bike.

**Battle Lake COVID-19 Emergency Fund Please consider a donation.** The Battle Lake Community Fund, assisted by the Battle Lake EDA is continuing their work on an emergency fund to assist residents and businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. We see this as an on-going crisis that will affect members of our community now and several months into the future. We are asking for your help in this endeavor by doing what you can to donate or by spreading the word. We are currently taking donations through the Battle Lake Community Fund. Funding will be dependent on the amount of donations we receive and will be distributed to businesses and individuals directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can make your tax-deductible donation to West Central Initiative and note Battle Lake Community Fund-COVID-19 in your check's memo. Checks can be sent to BL Emergency Fund, PO Box 386, Battle Lake, MN 56515. You can also donate on-line using this link and designating the COVID-19 Emergency Fund: <https://www.wcif.org/give/funds/bat.html>

## 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, July 28, 2020 and close Tuesday, August 11, 2020 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 4, 2020.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be available and received weekdays beginning Tuesday, July 28, 2018 at 8:00 am at Battle Lake City Hall, 108 Main Street East continuing during regular business hours until 5:00 pm Tuesday, August 11, 2020. 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 3, 2020 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

### 10 Minutes of Your Time = 10 Years of Benefits for Us

#### Would you take 10 minutes to help Battle Lake?

We need you and everyone in your household to be counted in the 2020 Census from newborns to any relatives or friends living with you. Everyone!

#### The results of the 2020 Census will impact us for the next 10 years.

Census results impact funding and guide decisions for our state and county – and for every business, nonprofit, and government organization in our community. Census data are used to determine how over 245 billion dollars (each year) in federal funding are spent on medicare/medicaid, education, medical funding, emergency response, employment programs, highway funding, food programs, and more. Census data also impact our representation in Congress and the state legislature.

**You and your family matter to us. Be counted.**

**Go to [2020Census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or call 884-330-2020**

**THE CAMPER DUMP** formerly located at the corner of Highway 78 and Lake Shore Drive is closed during construction. It is being relocated to a new location on Holdt Street and should be open in the fall.



### 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](mailto:pubwrks@arvig.net) or visit the City's web-site at [www.ci.Battle-Lake.mn.us](http://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

## Take A Moment To License Your Dog!

### “Why does the City require me to license and vaccinate my pet?”

Many people living in countries without rabies control die each year from contracting this disease. Untreated rabies is almost always fatal. It is our responsibility to protect our citizens, which includes ensuring our public doesn't contract rabies from domestic animals. The only way for Cities, Counties and States to ensure the animals within their jurisdiction are vaccinated is to mandate that every animal be vaccinated. Cities have no way of obtaining proof that their residents have complied with the law unless we have a record. In order to obtain a record, cities must require residents to license their pets with the caveat being they cannot license their pet without first supplying proof of rabies vaccination. The City of Battle Lake can then ensure that all dogs licensed in our jurisdiction have proof of rabies and are in compliance with city ordinance.

### What You Need To License Your Animal

In order to license your pet, you must have proof of current rabies vaccination. You can get the rabies vaccine from your local veterinarian.

A rabies tag is separate from a license tag. The issuer of the rabies tag will not license your pet. It is the owner's responsibility to license their pet with the City.

Your pet's license will be a lifetime license. We just ask that you keep us updated regarding your pet's rabies record.

### Has Anything Changed For Your Current License?

#### Updating Your Pet's Record When You Move

It is important that we have your most current address and phone number in our database. If you move or change phone numbers, please call the City office and we will update the information in your pet(s)' records. It is important especially if you move outside the city limits, to notify us immediately. If you move outside the limits of the City, it is still recommended that you maintain your pet's license if you plan to bring the pet into town.

#### Lost, Stolen, Given Away, or Deceased Pets

If your pet becomes lost, stolen, given away, or is now deceased, please let us know as soon as possible. We will update the pet record immediately.

#### Transferring Ownership of a Pet

If you relinquish ownership of your pet to someone else who resides within our licensing jurisdiction, the City will need to transfer the pet to the new owner. The license cannot be transferred from person to person. The new owner will be required to obtain a new license for the pet.

### REMEMBER:

If you witness a crime or strongly suspect one is about to occur:

Without putting yourself in danger, carefully note any details which might be helpful to police.

These include:

- \* type of crime: *automobile theft, burglary, theft from an automobile, etc.*
- \* location: *the street address or nearest cross street.*
- \* description of the suspect(s): *note height, build, color of skin, eyes, and hair, clothing description.*
- \* disguises, or special marks, such as: *unusual features, scars or tattoos, and any weapons, tools, or vehicles being used.*
- \* description of property of person(s) being subjected to criminal activity.

Don't try to deal with the situation yourself. Call 911 *the sooner the better.* But even if some time has passed, it's not too late to call the police.

**See it. Hear it. Report it!**



**CALL BEFORE YOU  
DIG!**

Phone 1-800-252-1166



**HRA GRANT** The City of Battle Lake has been notified that the grant application for housing and commercial rehabilitation has been funded. This is dependent on the state receiving their expected funding from HUD. A number of steps will need to be completed prior to any work being done. We anticipate that construction will start in the fall.



**BATTLE LAKE LIQUOR STORE** is open from 9 am to 10 pm Monday through 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](mailto:pubwrks@arvig.net).

**MAHUBE-OTWA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC  
ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

COVID-19 RELIEF THROUGH ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
THE MINNESOTA ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HAS RELEASED **REVISED** INCOME GUIDELINES & PROGRAM EXTENSION EFFECTIVE APRIL 1ST, 2020

# OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	GROSS INCOME PER MONTH	
1	\$2253	Please call or email <a href="mailto:info@mahube.org">info@mahube.org</a> with questions to download an application. Applications and income proofs can be emailed or mailed to 1125 West River Rd., PO Box 747, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502 *** Additional household sizes & income levels. Please contact MAHUBE-OTWA for more Information at (218) 739-3011.
2	\$2947	
3	\$3641	
4	\$4334	

**2019 Consumer Confidence Report**

The 2019 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/ybskgw9c> or you can request a printed copy by calling 218-864-0424.



ATTENTION City of Battle Lake Residents:

**Pay utility bills electronically**

- Go online to: [www.ci.battle-lake.mn.us](http://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.