



Eagle Lake Improvement Association (ELIA)

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2024 Annual Meeting

Friday, January 17, 2025 | Spicer American Legion  
5:30 pm Social hour | 6:30 pm Dinner | Annual meeting to follow

All dues-paid members are invited. Any others wanting to become members may pay dues at the registration desk at the annual meeting. Payment for 2025 dues will be welcomed as well. The cost of the dinner will be \$12.50 per person. The remaining balance of the meal will be paid by the association. The following beverages of your choice: pop, milk, & coffee will be provided. A cash bar will be available for those who wish to purchase other beverages.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Recognize new Eagle Lake members
- Recognize deceased Eagle Lake residents
- Introduction of board members
- Recognition of retiring board members
- Election of three new board members
- Events
- Speaker: Mel Odens, Kandiyohi Highway Department
- Speaker: Durel Carstensen, DNR Representative
- Speaker: Emily Wolf – Dam Update
- Open Forum / Q&A



What a Difference One Year Makes

For the calendar year of 2024, it seems we'll have two ice-ons! The first was at the beginning of the year on January 7, and the second will be soon here in December. Ice-on for the end of 2024 has yet to be determined and will be posted on Facebook when it occurs.



Board Members Needed

We are seeking 3 three-year term positions.

If you're interested in joining the Eagle Lake Board, please let us know prior to the annual meeting so we can have ballots ready. Voting will take place during the annual meeting.

We would like to thank Myron Macik for serving on the board as our President. He has served in this position for multiple years and his contribution is greatly appreciated.

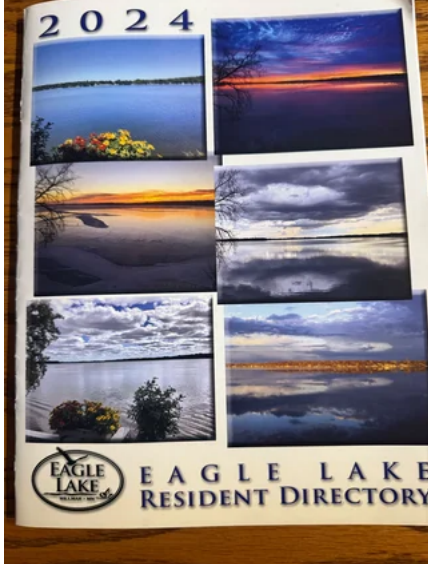


A Look Back on 2024

Eagle Lake Resident Directory

The Eagle Lake Board distributed the Eagle Lake Directory. Ads were sold by the board of directors to pay for the cost of printing and distribution. Please support these vendors/businesses when possible.

- Ace Barge Co.
- Bar Path Crossfit
- Barney's on Eagle Lake
- Bonnema Runke Stern Inc.
- Bridge Realty
- Country Stop
- Eagle Lawn & Labor Inc.
- Eric Newman Coldwell Banker
- Family Marine
- Fenstra Insurance
- Home State Bank
- I&M Landscaping Nursery Inc.
- John's Sales
- Kandiyohi Power Cooperative
- Kevin Hanson Edina Realty
- Kyle Marks Handyman LLC
- Lindsay Marks Edina Realty
- Madden Upholstery Inc.
- Manz Auto Inc.
- Midwest Mortgage
- Motor Sports of Willmar
- Paul Ryan ReMax
- Print Masters
- Quality Title of Willmar
- Restorative Sleep Solutions
- Stacy's Nursery
- Steffi Drilling and Pump
- Steinbeisser Auto Repair
- Turbo Turf
- Uncommon USA Inc.
- Walt's
- Willmar Auto



Rough Fish Removal

We received a matching AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Grant for \$5,650. The matching funds were supported by generous donations of our Eagle Lake residents. This allowed us to remove 96,835 lbs of rough fish!



Annual Garage Sale – May 11

It was a HUGE success!  
[Click here to see photos of Facebook](#)



Boat Parade – August 31

The 4th of July Boat Parade was rained out and rescheduled for Labor Day weekend. The reschedule resulted in less participation; therefore, moving forward, we will always have the parade during the 4th of July weekend.  
[Click here to see photos on Facebook](#)



Summer Picnic – July 26

We had record attendance. The board is seeking a larger facility for next year's Summer Picnic which can accommodate a larger crowd. We are looking at the possibility of combining the Summer Picnic and Annual Meeting into one event and would appreciate your input. By doing so, the association would save over \$1,000 in expenses.  
[Click here to see photos on Facebook](#)



Leaf Pickup – November 2

Thanks to those who helped participate with the leaf pick-up. We removed 400-450 bags.



AIS Grant Money for Carp Removal

The application was submitted. We received notice mid-November that we were awarded the max amount of \$7,500 for the year of 2025. This is a matching grant and we will be asking our residents for their support.

Membership Dues

- Pay online: [Click here](#) to pay via Venmo & fill out the online form.
- Pay by check: [Visit our website](#) to download the membership due form.

Upcoming Events

- 2024 Annual Meeting – Friday, Jan 17, 2025
- Garage Sale – Saturday, May 10, 2025
- Boat Parade – Friday, July 4, 2025
- Summer Picnic – TBD
- Leaf Pickup – Saturday, Nov 1, 2025

Mission Statement

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing, preserving and protecting the quality of Eagle Lake and its watershed. In cooperation with public agencies, we will promote responsible environmental practices and provide information and opportunities to unite the Eagle Lake community through recreation, social and civic activities.

