



CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS NEWS SPRING 2026

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CALENDAR

City Council

April 14, 6:00pm
April 28, 6:00pm
May 12, 6:00pm
May 26, 6:00pm

Local Board of Review April 9, 2:00pm

Severe Weather

Week: Apr 13-17

Statewide Tornado

Drills: Apr 16 @
1:45pm & 6:45pm

Arbor Day April 24

Hydrant Flushing:

May 3, alternate May 17

Memorial Day, City

Offices Closed: May
25th

NOTICE OF LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION

Thursday April 9th, 2:00pm, City Council Chambers

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, **YOU MUST MEET WITH YOUR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BEFORE THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS YOUR CONCERNS.** If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

The purpose of the Board of Appeal and Equalization is to provide a fair and objective forum for property owners to appeal their valuation or classification. The local board often serves as the first formal step in the appeals process for taxpayers. The goal of the Board of Appeal and Equalization should be to attempt to address property owners' issues efficiently, fairly and objectively. Always keep in mind that any changes made by the board must be substantiated by facts. Any value reductions must be justified because they have the effect of shifting the tax burden to other property in the jurisdiction. Further, any changes made by the board must meet statutory guidelines. The Assessor's Department does not determine the amount of taxes owed. Your property taxes are determined by each jurisdiction's budget. The parcel value and classification are what determine your share of that budget. While the Assessor's Department plays a crucial role in determining property values, the final tax is determined by various taxing authorities and collected by the Auditor/Treasure Office. If you have any questions or want more information about your property assessment, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assessor. You can find your Assessor by visiting the Otter Tail County website at: ottertailcounty.gov/contact-my-assessor.

NOTICE



City crews will be conducting the semi-annual hydrant flushing May 3rd from 7:00am-3:00pm. Alternate date: May 17th, same times. Some may experience a momentary loss of water pressure during this time. If, after flushing, your water becomes rusty, run your tap for a few minutes and the water should clear up.

HELP WANTED ~ LIFEGUARDS

The City of Pelican Rapids seeks summer seasonal lifeguards for the municipal swimming pool. Lifeguard Duties: Ability to safeguard swimmers, enforcement of pool rules, operation of safety equipment and to assist in the areas of promoting, operating and maintaining the Pelican Rapids Aquatic Center. Desired: Current Certification in American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, First Aid, CPR and AED, previous life guarding experience and ability to work through end of August. Possible training reimbursement, call City Hall. Applications accepted until positions are filled. Applications are available at the City's website, www.pelicanrapids.com, Departments, City Jobs. You can also call 218-863-7076 to request an application. Please return the application to our office at City Hall, 315 N Broadway, at our drop box in front of City Hall, by email to citypr1@loretel.net or mail to PO Box 350, Pelican Rapids, MN



2026 SUMMER LINEUP

MUSIC IN THE PARK

E L Peterson Park 5:30 – 7:30
Free Public Event!



Featured Non-Profit Food Vendor @ each Event

**JUNE
12**

Brianna Helbling

**JUNE
26**

Javier Quiroz

**JULY
10**

Elijah O'Sullivan

**JULY
24**

Jason Bruun

**AUGUST
14**

The Beatkeepers

**AUGUST
28**

Zach Thomas



Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness

Week is scheduled for April 13-17, 2026, featuring daily topics on safety and statewide tornado drills on Thursday, April 16, at 1:45pm and 6:45pm. Organized by the National Weather Service and local partners, the week focuses on preparing for tornadoes, severe storms, hail and floods, with specific safety themes for each day.

Daily themes for 2026: Monday, April 13: Alerts and Warnings

Tuesday, April 14: Severe Storms, Lightning, and Hail

Wednesday, April 15: Floods

Thursday, April 16: Tornadoes (including drills)

Friday, April 17: Extreme Heat

Go to Minnesota's Department of Public Safety's website to read more information on each daily theme:

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/programs/weather-safety/severe-weather-awareness-week>

Have you registered to vote?

Please register to vote through one of these online avenues:

<https://www.vote.org>

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us>

<https://register.rockthevote.com>

<https://ottertailcountymn.us/content-page/voter-registration>

Pelican Rapids is excited to announce the launch of **new e-bike rentals** this spring, thanks to a generous grant from West Central Initiative. This fun and eco-friendly option is perfect for both residents and visitors looking to explore the area. Bikes are stored in convenient storage lockers at the library and feature cashless pay for easy access. Helmets are available, and all riders must complete a waiver and rental agreement. Rental rates are **\$35 for a full day, \$20 for a half day, and \$10 per hour**, with a **subsidy program** available for qualifying participants. Contact the library to learn more and get ready to ride!



2026 Pelican Pool Rates:

Daily Single Pass: \$6.00

Daily Family Pass (up to 8 immediate family): \$30.00

Daily Group (10 or more): \$60.00

Season Pass—Child (under 18): \$64.00

Season Pass—Adult (over 18): \$75.00

Season Pass—Family : \$150.00 (up to 8 immediate family members)