

# City of Lake Shore

## NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017



### Paper Shredding Event

Do you have boxes filled with old paperwork...sensitive or confidential paperwork? Well, now is the time to get rid of it. The city will host Paper Storm, a mobile paper shredding service that brings its state-of-the-art truck to your location and shreds your material right outside your door. They will be at Lake Shore City Hall Parking Lot on June 27th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Paper can be stapled, paper clipped or rubber banded. No cost to Lake Shore Residents.



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### BITS AND PIECES FROM MAYOR EGAN

**Spring** has sprung and the City has several initiatives that will hopefully benefit our community during the coming year. Some details---

#### Trail 77

As many have noticed, contractors recently removed trees on the west side of County Highway 77, in preparation for the construction of our new bike trail. The new trail stretches from Lake Shore's southern boarder at Sandy Beach Road to Bar Harbor. The trail south of Sherwood Forest will be mostly off-road, extending into the tree line; if you look carefully, you can see it's planned location. Note also that the trail will be separated from the Highway by existing trees in many spots, so that we can preserve much of Highway 77's much-loved tree cover.

**When** finished, Lake Shore will have a safe and convenient bike and walking trail stretching for nearly four miles. However, it not yet connected to the fine trail system in East Gull Lake nor the Paul Bunyan Trail to our northeast. To remedy that difficulty, we have begun to work with Fairview Township and Cass County to develop a link between our trail and those in East Gull Lake. Likewise, we will dialogue with Nisswa to urge the development of a link between our expanding trail system and the Paul Bunyan.

#### Highway 77 Reconstruction

**In** early July, work will begin on the complete reconstruction of Highway 77 from Highway 78 on the north to the southern boundary of Lake Shore, near Agate Lake. The multi-million dollar Cass County project will include a widening of the road itself, the elimination of dangerous curves and the construction of curbs and gutters to control drainage problems. Work will commence at the south end of the City and gradually move north, with completion expected by the end of the summer/fall of 2018. Please drive with care as you navigate Highway 77 once construction starts and expect delays.

#### New City Hall

**The** City's current city hall was built in the 1960s and has developed a series of problems including radon, mold and asbestos contamination. When constructed, Lake Shore had only roughly 300 residents and the municipal services provided were minimal.

**Over** the past 50+ years, our city has grown to over 1,025 people and now provides a solid base of public safety and municipal services out of a core-building erected in the 1960s. Not surprisingly, with the gradual expansion of services provided to a growing number of Lake Shore residents, the current building is no longer efficiently sized nor laid out, yielding a space perhaps most kindly described as dysfunctional.

**In** response to these problems, former Mayor Poston convened an *ad hoc* Building Committee, which has worked diligently during the past year. The Committee met on numerous occasions, weighing its options, visiting other municipal facilities and working very closely with the city's engineering and architectural firm, Widseth, Smith & Nolting, to reach a conclusion as to what will most prudently serve the Lake Shore community over the next number 50+ years.

**The** Committee, consisting of myself, a pair of members of the City Council, a retired City Council member, the current chair of the City's Planning Commission and several members of the City's staff anticipate making a formal recommendation to the City Council in the next few weeks. **Please stay tuned, as changes are coming!**

**“But I didn’t know I needed a permit UP here...”**

**By: John Ingleman, Chairman, Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission**

How many times have we gone past the sign pictured above as we drive through Lake Shore? I’m guessing that we can all say that we have passed it thousands of times in just the past year. I wonder how many of us recognize that the sign was erected to give us notice of the fact that the City of Lake Shore, like most all municipalities, controls land use, construction and development in a manner designed to benefit us all. Teri Hastings, the City’s Planning Administrator, will note that she has been told time and time again that, when people move to our area, they assume they are moving “up north” and that specific zoning rules, typical of larger cities, do not exist in our community. However, that is not the case.

The City of Lake Shore possesses the same legal authority to regulate land use, development and construction, as do the larger municipalities in the State. In fact, Lake Shore has a 138 page zoning ordinance which was adopted by our City Council in 2009; it creates a series of zoning districts and identifies acceptable standards for land use and construction. Teri Hastings also serves as our Zoning Administrator and, in conjunction with our Planning Commission, administers the zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission generally meets monthly, on the second Monday of each month, and typically considers a variety of applications for variances, conditional use permits and the like. The City’s Zoning Ordinance classifies regions of the City into various zoning districts; controls land uses within them, and specifically regulates more unique concerns, such as shore land conservation.

One of the quick links on the City’s website is a link to Planning Zoning which contains the “Zoning Ordinance Summary”. It lists how our residents can interact with the City when developing property, constructing a new home, or adding to an existing structure. It also sets out, in a clear way, the various requirements and standards dictated by our Zoning Ordinance.

Remember that the sign pictured above is there for a purpose—to let us all know that the City has a set of rules regulating zoning and land use that may require us to seek permission from the City when constructing a structure or adding onto an existing building within city limits. When in doubt, please call Teri at 218-963-2148, or stop City Hall to see how your potential project will be administered by the City so as to assure the continuing quality of our community. If you have any further interest in seeing how our zoning process works, stop by at the next meeting of the Planning Commission.



## COUNTY ROAD 77 UPDATE - April 2017

CSAH 77 (Interlachen Road) City of Lake Shore, Cass County, MN - Good news as progress continues to move the County Road 77 project forward to construction. The final roadway plans are in for approval by MnDot and the Federal Highway Administration. The acquisition of 75 parcels of right of way is nearly complete for this project, a special thank you to all of those involved in working with the project team in doing this work. Cass County did move forward to clear what trees were needed to be removed for construction prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to minimize impacts to the nesting and pupping of the Northern Long Eared Bat. The clearing contract is nearly complete and a few trees that were questionable for removal were left in place for now as to attempt to further minimize these impacts. The current schedule is assuming bids for the project would be taken in mid to late June and then construction would begin the week following July 4<sup>th</sup>. Construction is planned to be in four stages in the four mile corridor and work would more than likely begin on the South end of the project north of Sandy Point Road, along with the work on the road in the wetland area just north of Agate Lake Road to address some settlement issues. It is anticipated that the majority of the work will now occur in the 2018 construction season. More updates will follow as the project moves forward and the successful bidder/contractor is brought on board to perform this work, including coordination on business and resident access.

Please feel free to contact Ron Bray, WSB Project Manager, at 612.360.1280 by phone and [rbray@wsbeng.com](mailto:rbray@wsbeng.com) by email or, Darrick Anderson, Cass County Engineer, at 218.547.1211 and [darrick.anderson@co.cass.mn.us](mailto:darrick.anderson@co.cass.mn.us) by email, if you have questions related to this project. As it becomes available, additional information will be on the project website at [cass77project.com](http://cass77project.com).



### Easter Egg Hunt-Thank You

The Lake Shore PD would like to thank the following businesses and resorts for their generous donation toward our annual Easter egg hunt on April 15th at Fritz Loven Park. Approximately 260 kids participated in the hunt thanks to Nisswa Automotive, Sherwood Forest, Sandy Beach Resort, Crocker Collision, MK Auto Body, John Poston, Poston’s Property Management, Sherwood Forest, SNK Car Wash & Oil Change, Frandsen Bank & Trust, Wiseth Smith Nolting, 3 Cheers Hospitality, Zorbaz on Gull, Cowboys, Grand View Lodge and the City of Lake Shore & staff. A special thanks to the Lake Shore Park & Recreation Committee members for donating their time in stuffing eggs and assisting during the hunt.

## Burning Permits

Are available at City Hall.  
Stop at City Hall during regular business  
hours – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



# POLICE NOTES

## Illegal Fireworks Reminder

As a reminder to everyone as we prepare for the various July 4th celebrations, **explosive and aerial fireworks are illegal** in Minnesota. Minnesota Statute 624.21 makes it illegal to possess or explode illegal fireworks. Fines can cost up to \$1000. Every year the Lake Shore PD receives and responds to illegal fireworks complaints. We ask that you *respect your neighbors* and abide by these laws and stay safe.

## TZD (Toward Zero Deaths)

The Lake Shore PD is partnering with the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety and the Cass County Sheriff's Office in providing additional patrols enforcing seat belt use, watching for distracted drivers, speeders and arresting DWI offenders on selected roadways throughout Cass County. The city receives full reimbursement for the costs of providing the additional enforcement. TZD is driving Minnesota *Toward Zero Deaths* on our roads by reducing serious injuries and deaths through enforcement, education, engineering and emergency medical & trauma services.

## Lake Shore Police & GCOLA Partnership

The Lake Shore PD is continuing its partnership with the Gull Chain of Lakes Association (GCOLA) to provide an officer to be stationed at the DNR public access on selected dates and times throughout the summer months. The officer will be educating and enforcing laws regarding the illegal transfer of aquatic plants and invasive species. GCOLA is covering all costs of the officer and use of the squad.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Emergency Services Appreciation Day



On **Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** from 6pm to 8pm at Fritz Loven Park, the Lake Shore Park & Recreation Committee will be hosting an *Emergency Services Appreciation Day* at the park. Please come out and meet the members of the Lake Shore Police Department, Nisswa Fire & Rescue, North Ambulance and other area departments. Police vehicles, fire trucks, ambulance and other emergency vehicles will be on display for the public. Emergency personnel will discuss and demonstrate the equipment and services they provide. Please bring your kids and come out for the evening. Brats, chips, s'mores and refreshments are provided.

## STEPS TO THE LAKE or SHORELINE WORK?

Are you considering constructing steps to the lake or creating a trail or pathway to the lake? Do you have ice damage this year? The city now requires a zoning permit for these items. Steps or a pathway to lake can only be four feet in width. Carpenter steps are the preferred method rather than steps cut into the earth and requiring alteration to the land. There is a limit on the amount of earth movement within the bluff and near shore area so it is best to check to see if your proposed path or steps to the lake is feasible.



If you have ice damage to your shoreline and would like to fix it, a permit is now required. A photo of the damaged shoreline is required for the permit and the fee is \$25. It is best to contact the Planning & Zoning Office before beginning a project at 963-2148.

## GUTTERS?

Do you have gutters? Gutters are a great tool to control storm water and they can also help protect your home if done properly. If you have gutters, make sure they are not directing the runoff into the lake. Some people ask: "Why, it's only water?" Wrong! That water carries sediment and other pollutants that enter the lake which has harmful repercussions. If needed create a small swale in the yard for gutters to drain into or a mini-french drain system. If everyone does their part, we can make sure our lakes are kept as healthy as possible.

## Dog Licenses

In accordance with Lake Shore Ordinance Chapter IX, Part 4 – An Ordinance Licensing and Regulating the Keeping of Dogs, all dogs over six months of age, except in those areas zoned agricultural, and open areas, must be licensed. Dog owners may license their dog at the office of the city clerk. Applicants must show current certificate of rabies vaccination. The license fee for a two year period is \$10.



**Lake Shore dogs at large.** Off the premises of the owner and not under the immediate control of the owner or other accompanying person, either by leash or otherwise. In order to be considered under the immediate control of the accompanying person, the dog must at all times be within at least fifteen feet of said person, be responsive to the commands of said person, and not be endangering or causing damage in any way to any person or property.

City of Lake Shore  
8583 Interlachen Road  
Lake Shore, MN 56468

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CURRENT RESIDENT OR



# Minnesota's Year Around Playground on Gull Lake



**City Hall Business Hours**  
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Council Members**

Krista Knudsen  
Doug Miller  
Wayne Anderson  
John Terwilliger

**Mavor**  
Kevin Egan

**City Administrator/Planning & Zoning Administrator**  
Teri Hastings

**Regular meetings of the City Council are held the fourth  
Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

**Police Chief**  
Steve Sundstrom

**City Clerk**  
Patti McDonald

**Public Works/Wastewater**  
Bob Heidelberg

**Committee Meetings**  
**Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission**  
2nd Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

**Members**  
Wayne Anderson, Liaison     John Ingleman-Chair;  
Glen Gustafson, Earl North  
Roger Smeby, Arla Johnson  
Alternates - Pat Hastings & Gene Hagen

GET INVOLVED IN  
YOUR CITY AND JOIN  
US FOR A MEETING

**Environmental Committee**  
Posted Monthly

Doug Miller, Liaison     Arla Johnson -Chair  
Lowell Naley, Ron Faust,  
Robert Eliason, Todd Amerman  
Alternates - Rosemary Goff & Steven Burdick

Need to Contact Us:  
Phone: 218-963-2148  
Fax: 218-963-7562

**Wastewater Committee**  
Posted Monthly

John Terwilliger, Liaison     - Ray Rasinski-Chair  
Gene Hagen, Bill Schultz  
Andy Swift, Terry Hansen  
Alternate - Chuck Bergquist

Website  
[www.cityoflakeshore.com](http://www.cityoflakeshore.com)

**Park Committee**  
Posted Monthly

Krista Knudsen, Liaison     - Betsy Egan-Chair  
Steve Sundstrom, Mary Kay Larson, Todd Peterson  
Wesley Roberson & Alternate - Cindy Terwilliger

