

City of Lake Shore

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

Noxious Weeds in your Woods

New invasive weeds sprung up in Lake Shore last summer due to the increase in sunlight in our woods. By blowing down many trees that had once created deep shade, powerful storms enabled more sunlight to hit areas of the forest floor. Early detection and rapid removal of these weeds are important to control their spread. These weeds, labeled “noxious” on many lists of invasive plants. Much more information on identification and control can be found on a number of sites such as that of the DNR and the DOT: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/index.html>



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BITS AND PIECES FROM MAYOR EGAN

Our City has plenty of things going on this Spring-----

Gravel Pit

As many have noted, the Anderson Brothers gravel pit along Highway 77 was the site of much activity during the past year. This activity will continue during the construction season, with much truck traffic moving gravel to Highway 77 construction; there will even be a portable asphalt plant at the pit for a few days during the summer.

More importantly, the pit itself is almost “played out”, which means that the site will soon be reclaimed and then rezoned by the City for future use. This provides Lake Shore with the opportunity to define the 32-acre site in a way that provides the City with something of a “downtown”, visible to all using Highway 77.

This opportunity for the creation of a mixed-use development at our front door is the most exciting zoning opportunity that Lake Shore has ever had; more information will follow as we work with Anderson Brothers on timing issues.

Fiber Optic Broadband

As noted on page 3 in the Newsletter, our Broadband Committee is working hard to bring high-speed fiber optic services to Lake Shore, at the same level enjoyed by the residents of the City of Nisswa and Fairview Township. Thanks to the Committee for all of its efforts; please fill out and return the Committee’s survey to aid in this effort.

New City Hall

Progress continues to replace our old facilities with a new building that will serve the residents of our City for years to come. Toward that end, we purchased roughly a one (1) acre parcel of land behind the existing City Hall; the new building will be located there. Our Building Committee carefully evaluated several other sites, but it made both financial and operational sense to acquire this land.

The City Council has more recently retained the local firm of Widseth, Smith and Nolting to supply architectural services for the new City Hall. The Building Committee is working carefully with WSN to produce a design to be both cost-efficient and effective for the future. In order to assist in cost projections, the City has also retained HyTec of Brainerd to work with our architect to develop reasonable cost projections for the project.

When the design is finalized and cost parameters are identified, we will host a series of public meetings to field questions from our residents and showcase the new building. Once this is finished, Lake Shore, with WSN’s assistance, will bid the project and the City Council will make its final decision to accept or reject the bids returned from area contractors.

Lake Shore Road Improvements and Comprehensive Plan

This summer the city will see improvements to Point Narrows and Whitstrom Roads. Road work will consist of reclamation and resurfacing. Additional gravel and calcium chloride will be applied to the gravel roads this summer.

Lastly, work is being done on updating the city's Comprehensive Plan. A public hearing is planned for late summer or early fall on the plan.

“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.



CSAH 77 (Interlachen Road) IMPROVEMENTS- April 2018

Cass County in partnership with the City of Lake Shore is excited to get construction underway again on the County Road 77 project. Work was performed on the south end of the project from Pebble Beach to Sandy Point Road during the Fall of 2017. This project in its entirety extends from Sandy Point Road (South City Limits) to County Road 78 for approximately 4 miles. The Prime Contractor is Tom’s Backhoe Inc. of Brainerd.

The current plan is to start in the area of Bar Harbor (County Road 78) to Robinhood Way (Stage 1) on May 7th at this time (once frost is out of the ground) and then work to the south. The contractor is allowed to work on one stage at a time, or until the stage they are working on is at least complete with curb and gutter and the gravel surface to facilitate traffic. Tom’s Backhoe plans to work consecutively starting with the north end and move south with Stages 1, 2, and 3 to the area of Agate Lake Road for the 2018 season. Coinciding with the work on Stage 1 will be the reconstruction of the Bishop’s Landing roadway along with the finishing of the trail work and driveway work south of Agate Lake Road to Sandy Point Road (Stage 4)



The 4-mile project remains set up to be constructed in four stages, each approximately 1 mile in length. The stages are as follows:

Stage 1: County Road 78 (Bar Harbor) to Robinhood Way – May to July 2018

Stage 2: Robinhood Way to Lincoln Green (Sherwood Forest) – July to end of August 2018

Stage 3: Lincoln Green to Agate Lake Road (Gull Lake Motel) – Late August to October 2018

Final Surfacing (second Blacktop lift) and Striping on Stage 1 to 3: Fall of 2018

Stage 4: Agate Lake Road to Sandy Point Road (So. City Limits) – Fall of 2017, finish 2018

Work includes the reconstruction of the existing 24-foot roadway, adding a minimum of 6-foot shoulders on both sides with an off road 10-foot trail from Sandy Point Road to the Sherwood Forest area for about 2.25 miles, curb and gutter for a majority of the project area on the North 2.4 miles, storm water and drainage improvements including treatment alternatives along the corridor.

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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

Weather Siren Activation

The National Weather Service has announced a change to the criteria of when the weather siren will be activated. The siren will now be activated during a *Severe Thunderstorm Warning* when straight line winds of 70 mph or higher are possible. In the past, the siren was only activated for Tornado Warnings. Monthly civil defense testing will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1pm.

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.



3rd Annual Emergency Services Appreciation Day

On Thursday, May 17th from 6p.m. to 8p.m. 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. Barbecued pulled pork sandwiches, chips, s'mores and refreshments will be provided.

The contractor is allowed to close the road in the area they are working on but must provide access to residents and businesses in the work area. The official detour is set up using State Highway 371 for access to the area on either end of the work area. Cass County is okay with the use of other local routes like County Roads 78, 107, and 15 for business access/signing for 2018. WSB staff, along with City and County staff, will work to communicate the progress of the construction along with updates of the current work status to businesses and residents.

The surcharge repair area just north of Pebble Beach Road will remain gravel for the summer as this continues to settle and is planned now to be completed with Stage 3 in the Fall of 2018. The goal is to still complete this project by the late Fall of 2018.

Please call Ron Bray, WSB Project Manager, at 612.360.1280 and email at rbray@wsbeng.com or Steve Merten, Tom's Backhoe Superintendent at 702.250.7156 and email (steve@tomsbackhoe.net if you have questions or comments. The Project website at cass77project.com is being updated to incorporate moving forward with construction information. Information may also be found at the Cass County website at <http://www.co.cass.mn.us/> as posted.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET?

Like the "slow spring" weather that we are all experiencing, some residents in the City of Lake Shore have slow internet speed and are well below the FCC definition of broadband, which is 25 MB download and 3 MB upload. In an effort to bring things up to standard, a committee has been formulated to address the slow speed issues and find a solution to give the residents and businesses of Lake Shore the option to receive high speed internet service that meets the definition of broadband access. The committee has met several times, as well as met with several possible providers that could service the City of Lake Shore with broadband service.

To select the best option, the committee has developed a survey that we would like the residents and businesses of Lake Shore to complete. You can do this online using this link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W5ZWG3T> or stop by Lake Shore City Hall and complete a survey via hard copy. All data will be kept confidential to the City of Lake Shore. We appreciate your input as the results of the survey will help determine the best option to get the City of Lake Shore connected with a High Speed super highway!

Easter Egg Hunt-Thank You

Due to cold weather and a snow storm the hunt was postponed from March 31st to April 14th. Weather conditions on April 14th were not much better, however, approximately 75 kids came out to brave the cold & windy weather conditions. Everyone had a great time and collected lots of eggs filled with candy, coins and certificates from Zorbaz, Cowboy's and the Iron Waffle.

A special thanks to the following businesses for their generous donation toward our Easter egg hunt. Nisswa Automotive, Sherwood Forest, Sandy Beach Resort, MK Auto Body, John Poston, Poston's Property Management, Iron Waffle, Salon 77, SNK Car Wash & Oil Change, Frandsen Bank & Trust, Wideth Smith Nolting, Gammello Law Office, 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

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Doug Miller
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John Terwilliger

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Kevin Egan

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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

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Patti McDonald

Public Works/Wastewater
Bob Heidelberg

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

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