

City of Lake Shore

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2017



We are always striving to improve our ability to keep our citizens informed and updated with what's happening in the city.

Check out our website update. It is still cityoflakeshore.com. We are working on updating the minutes and working out the kinks from the transfer.

Watch for a tab where you will be able to add your email address to a database for distribution of the city newsletter.



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BITS AND PIECES FROM MAYOR EGAN

A busy fall is upon us, with all sorts of things keeping everyone in Lake Shore busy with one thing or another, while the trees around us turn brilliant colors.

A couple of items of note:

High Speed Broadband—Preliminary discussions have occurred with CTC regarding the provision of fiber optic Internet and phone services to Lake Shore residents; Century Link will also come into this discussion shortly. Lake Shore is something of a fiber optic desert, as we lack these desirable services, which are now available to those in Fairview Township and the City of Nisswa. Let us know if you are interested in serving on the Broadband Committee.

Highway 77---Construction continues in the area near Pebble Beach Road and the area to the south; some curbs and gutters are now in place as I type these notes. Did anyone ever think that we would have curbs and storm sewers in town? Work will continue as long as weather permits and will resume in the spring, starting at Bar Harbor and proceeding south.

Burial of Power Lines---Challenging discussions with Minnesota Power regarding the burial of power lines along Highway 77 continue. State Representative John Poston recently facilitated a meeting with the Minnesota Power folks, including its lobbyist. Most agree that buried lines would reduce chronic power outages caused by downed power lines along Highway 77; the question is who will pay for burial.

2018 Budget---In September, the City Council approved a draft budget for the coming year which will see our levy increase by roughly 7%; last year, Lake Shore's levy declined by 3.5%. It is fairly typical to see the levy of a small town like ours go up and down from year to year. Additional road improvements are anticipated for the coming year and are provided for in the new budget.

New City Hall---The Building Committee is currently evaluating building sites for the new structure. Once the Committee makes its choice as to where to locate the new building, the architectural/engineering firm engaged by the City will begin to design and cost the new structure. Only at that time, will the Committee be in a position to make a final recommendation regarding the new City Hall. Public hearings will be held once the Committee has details to share .

Minnesota's Year Around Playground on Gull Lake

CSAH 77 (Interlachen Road) IMPROVEMENTS Cass County, City of Lake Shore, MN

Cass County in partnership with the City of Lake Shore is excited to have construction underway on the County Road 77 project. Work began on July 28th on the south end of the project from Pebble Beach to Sandy Point Road. 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 as they were the successful low bid contractor at \$5.32 Million. In addition, Anderson Brothers of Brainerd is one of many subcontractors on this project and will provide the gravel and blacktop surfacing work for Tom's Backhoe.

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

- Stage 1: From the area of County Road 78 (Bar Harbor) to Robinhood Way
- Stage 2: Robinhood Way to Lincoln Green (Sherwood Forest)
- Stage 3: Lincoln Green to Agate Lake Road (Gull Lake Motel)
- Stage 4: Agate Lake Road to Sandy Point Road (So. City Limits of Lake Shore)



Work includes the reconstruction of the existing 24-foot roadway, adding a minimum of 6-foot shoulders on both sides, 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, and some improvements to the horizontal and vertical alignment.

The Contractor is limited to work on one stage at a time and cannot begin the next stage until the stage they are working on is near completion. 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. A detour

is set up using State Highway 371 for access to the area on either end of the work area. Cass County is also discussing the use of other local routes like County Roads 78, 107, and 15 for business access/signing for 2018.

Construction for the fall of 2017 is focused on completing the roadway from Sandy Point Road to Agate Lake Road. Work this fall also includes for repair/surcharge work just north of Pebble Beach Road for approximately 700 feet. We anticipate that there will be some work to complete on the trail in this area for 2018. Also, **the surcharge repair area just north of Pebble Beach Road will remain gravel for the winter** and early spring as this continues to settle.

The remaining work from the area on the North end of Pebble Beach Road to Bar Harbor is planned to continue over the spring to the fall of 2018 in 3 different stages. The current plan is to start in the area of Bar Harbor (County Road 78) to Robinhood Way in April or May of 2018 (once frost is out of the ground) and then work to the south. Work in the Fall of 2018 is planned to be completed in November for all four stages.



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.

POLICE NOTES

Stray Animals/Lost & Found

The Lake Shore Police Department no longer contracts with HART (Heartland Animal Rescue Team) for animal impounds. Any resident who brings an animal to HART may have to pay fees associated with dropping off the animal.

The police department uses the Babinski Foundation, located off Co Rd 29 just west of the City of Lake Shore, for all dogs that impounded for their safety. The dogs are transported to the foundation and are held until for their safety. If the owner does not claim the dog within 7 days, the dog will be adopted out. Residents may also drop off stray dogs and cats at the foundation with no costs. If you have a lost or found animal please call the foundation at (218) 568-7387. You can also check out their website at www.babinskifoundation.org or “like” them on facebook.

Reporting Suspicious or Unusual Activity

The Lake Shore Police Department wants to remind residents to report suspicious or unusual activity. With your help and action, we will continue keeping this community safe from crime. When you help the police department, you are helping yourself from becoming a victim of crime.

If you see suspicious or unusual activity report it immediately by dialing 911. Even a five-minute delay in reporting can significantly reduce the likelihood of catching the criminal. Don't hesitate to call if you think something may be wrong or out of place. Think about what could happen if you delay or don't make the call.

Snow Plowing Across Roads

Lake Shore residents are reminded that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways onto or across city streets or country roads. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snow-plows. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles left in the roadway may result in liability to the property owner. Piles of snow increase the chances of drifting snow onto the roadway.

Fritz Loven Park & Trails - An Update on Restoration and Reforestation Efforts

A group of Lake Shore residents have been working hand-in-hand with the Park Committee to repair damage done to the park and trail system from the August 2016 high wind event. First, a Forest Management Plan was developed and approved by the Minnesota Land Trust. Next, the Restoration Team began meeting with the MN DNR to prioritize the recommendations from the plan into manageable projects that can be executed over multiple years.

The first step identified in the restoration process was to remove timber that would create an unnecessary risk of bug infestation, disease, stress on trees from future winds and, of course, wildfires - all while also protecting the zone in and around Stony Brook, a designated trout stream. Under the supervision of Al Sharp of Sharp's Forestry Consulting, a contract was established with Fletcher Trucking to facilitate a very defined timber harvest, which concluded in early September.

The Fritz Loven Trails that were disrupted during this process are being re-established. The trails have been prepped for erosion control and marked with flags and a basic cover crop, as recommended by the MN DNR. The trail system is now re-open for public use, and it will be monitored throughout the fall, winter and spring to ensure that the natural trail pathways are re-established.

The next step allows for the natural regeneration of these “blow down” timbered areas. Involved foresters are recommending the harvested site regions have two complete growing cycles/years before artificial regeneration efforts are utilized.

The long-term goal for this restoration effort is to develop a multi-year phased approach to reforestation for these lands, driven by our Forest Management Plan with the guidance of the MN DNR, and supported by a Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grant. These planned plantings will be critical components of the series of projects planned for the next 10+ years to ensure forest diversification.

In the meantime, with the support of the MN DNR, the Park Committee is hoping to educate a group of volunteers to help monitor the forest growth for invasive species. To become involved in this monitoring process or for more information about the Fritz Loven Park Forest Management Plan, contact Lake Shore city hall at (218) 963-2148.



Shoreline Restoration Grants Increase to 75%

The City of Lake Shore has been sponsoring a grant program to encourage and assist residents to restore their shorelines to natural conditions. New funding is available from Cass County which could raise the reimbursement rate to 75%. Funds have come for residents in other townships through the Gull Chain of Lakes Association.

Planting native species and other shoreline methods can prevent erosion, in addition to creating habitat. Restored shorelines also attract pollinators and help improve water quality by filtering runoff, creating a buffer between our lawns and our lake.

While the program has been reimbursing pre-approved projects at the 50% level, Cass County Soil and Water has obtained additional money which could increase the funding level to 75% of homeowner costs. As before, projects must be pre-approved, and riprap will not be reimbursed. Planning and pre-approval must come from either Heather Baird (heather.baird@dnr.state.mn.us) of the DNR, Kelly Condiff or John Ringle (john.ringle@co.cass.mn.us) of Cass County Soil and Water District. More information and a visit to your shore can be obtained by contacting one of these experts or Ron Faust (ronfaust@mac.com) or Teri Hastings at Lake Shore City Hall (thastings@cityoflakeshore.com).

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Teri Hastings

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Steve Sundstrom

Public Works/Wastewater
Bob Heidelberg

Council Members
Krista Knudsen
Doug Miller
Wayne Anderson
John Terwilliger

City Clerk
Patti McDonald

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

Environmental Committee
Posted Monthly

Wastewater Committee
Posted Monthly

Park Committee
Posted Monthly

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

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Glen Gustafson, Earl North
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