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Planning 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. In addition, docks should be placed 10' from the side property line where the dock enters the water.

If you have ice damage to your shoreline and would like to 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.

Want a better view of the lake?

Before cutting the trees and brush to the lake, please check with City. Below are the city's regulations pertaining to vegetation removal

Vegetation removal:

Removal of dead, diseased or damaged trees or shrubs, or removal of trees for placement of structures and drives, and further removal of only individual trees to uniformly thin up to 25% of the trees and brush prior to development is allowed.

- Up to 50% of the under-story and brush may be removed outside of the shore impact or bluff impact zone.
- Removal of understory and brush within the bluff or shore impact zone (37 ½' from the shore) is prohibited except to accommodate stairways, lifts, landings, and footpaths for access to the lake or stream.
- Diseased or dead trees within the shore impact zone that pose a hazard may be removed provided the following:
 - i. The property owner documents that the trees are diseased and/or dead and provide said documentation to the City,
 - ii. The removed tree is properly disposed of,
 - iii. Within 180 days, the tree is replaced with a native tree species, which is maintained to maturity. Selective pruning and limbing of trees is allowed for a view to the lake. Open and clear cutting are prohibited on shoreline property.

2020 Election Year



2020 is an election year, but we do not know how the state primary or general elections will be run at this time.

Lake Shore is familiar with voting early/absentee and this is still an option for anyone that wouldn't be comfortable voting in person (if that is still allowable).

We recommend that you keep up to date by checking the elections tab on the Cass County website: www.co.cass.mn.us/services/elections_voting/index.php

Or, follow COVID-19 election developments at the MN Secretary of States website: www.sos.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/elections-calendar/2020-elections-and-covid-19/



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Police Notes: *Message from the Chief*



Lake Shore Residents, In light of the unique and challenging circumstances facing our community and our nation as a whole, I wanted to take this opportunity to talk to you about how our officers are working to safeguard our city and continuing our community policing efforts while protecting themselves and you from COVID-19. Most importantly, Lake Shore officers will continue to patrol our city's streets and neighborhoods, proactively addressing crime and public safety issues and responding to calls for service from our residents. However, to do all we can to prevent the spread of this virus and to keep residents and officers safe, some new safety measures have been implemented. Residents who call our dispatch center in Cass County will be asked specific questions regarding COVID-19. These questions include- 1) Have you experienced a fever, body aches, coughing or flu-like symptoms in the past 14 days? 2) Have you had contact with anyone who has exhibited the above symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19? Asking these questions allows first responders — police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel — to take proper precautions when responding to any scene. During calls for service and especially medical related calls, our officers will be wearing proper protection equipment which includes

gloves, facemasks and shields to prevent you and us from contacting COVID-19. Secondly, when our officers respond to a home or business on a non-emergent call for service, residents may be asked to meet with the officer outside rather than inside. Again, this is a safety precaution designed to follow the CDC's social distancing recommendation of keeping six feet of distance to reduce the potential for any spread of COVID-19. These are certainly challenging times for everyone including our business owners. Please support our local restaurants and businesses, they need it. Stay safe and healthy, and we will all work together to get through this challenging time.

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.

Speeding, Distracted Driving and Pedestrian Safety

Lake Shore officers will continue to be very proactive on enforcing traffic laws on our city streets and roads. Even with fewer drivers on our roads, Minnesota has seen a jump in fatalities on our roads. Excessive speeding and careless driving have been the main contributors. Summer is just around the corner and we expect to see large amounts of traffic throughout the lakes area. Driving smart will save lives. Watch for joggers, walkers, and bicyclist. Slow down and put the phone down-it is the law.

TZD (Toward Zero Deaths)

The Lake Shore PD will continue 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.

Roads Report: *Spring 2020 Update*

BY: Council Liaison Wayne Anderson. The committee is charged with advising the City Council on items related to the City's roads and also its wastewater system.

The year 2020 is going to be a big one for work on roads in the City of Lake Shore.

We will be doing asphalt crack sealing for the roads from near Bar Harbor south to the Lincoln Green area. We are doing crack sealing of about one third of the roads each year. Last year we did crack sealing for the roads from the Bar Harbor area north to CR29.

We will be doing chip sealing for recently installed asphalt surfaces at Pohl Road, Point Narrows Road and Whitstrom Road. The City has not done chip sealing before but it is intended to extend the life of recently installed asphalt. We partnered with Crow Wing County to combine the purchase and installation of the chip seal. This capitalized on the volume purchase of the County. The County anticipates starting the chip sealing on July 6.

The major road work for 2020 involves 5 roads in Lake Shore. This work has been designed and was bid out. Anderson Brothers was the successful low bidder for the work.

West Portview Road: Residents of West Portview petitioned the City to have asphalt installed on their currently graveled road. This work will be assessed with 60% of the cost to be assessed to the residents with property adjoining the Road.

Ebert Road and Wenzel Point Roads: These roads will be overlaid, with some excavation on Wenzel Point Road to insulate the sewer line that runs under the road and freezes during the winter. There will be no assessment of this work as this has been previously assessed.

Jacobs Road and Pamela Drive: These two roads will be reconstructed. In both cases the asphalt will be removed, the existing inadequate aggregate base will be removed, and new aggregate base with a geotextile filter fabric installed under the new aggregate base. There will be no assessment of this work as this has been previously assessed.

This road work will be started in late summer.

CASS COUNTY BOARD TO MEET IN LAKE SHORE

The Cass County Board will meet at Lake Shore City Hall on August 25th at 6:00pm for their regular meeting. Please join them!

From Mayor *Kevin Egan*



What an incredible few months we have endured in Lake Shore—a pandemic unlike any since the Spanish Flu of 100 years ago, followed by a declaration of an emergency by the State.

Where we go from here is somewhat uncertain. For the time being, City meetings will continue to be held electronically, using Zoom technology. Remember that anyone can join one of these meetings following the simple instructions found on our website or our Facebook page. City Hall remains closed, although we are working on ways to configure it in a manner to require social distancing designed to limit the spread of the Covid 19 virus.

Our valued businesses will be opened gradually, following the State's guidelines. As we have seen, some in our region are already returning to business, but often in a different manner than in the past. Lake Shore is all about its fine restaurants and, as this is being written, these establishments provide only carry-out service. It seems reasonable to look toward an opening date around of the end of the month of May for our restaurants and bars. Even when opened, my sense is that social distancing will once again change how these vital businesses operate.

From what I understand, absent a viable vaccine or effective therapeutics, the threat of Covid 19 will be with us for some time, with the ultimate outcome uncertain. All that we can do in Lake Shore is protect ourselves in ways that make sense to all.

Finally, thanks so much to the City's staff for all the extra time and work put in on behalf of all during the past several months. We have an incredible team guiding us.

A Note from Lake Shore's Chief Medical Officer, *Betsy Egan*

What is a city's chief medical officer?

In January 2020 I was appointed to this role because my background included 15 years as an infection control nurse in several health systems. We have no job description for the role, but I saw the function designed to inform, educate and empower Lake Shore's residents about health issues. Pretty easy job, I thought, living in the delightfully quiet town of Lake Shore.

Then, unexpectedly, Covid -19 arrived and everything changed. Much has been written about this virus, and much remains unknown. What more can be said? I will simply offer my reasons for wearing a face mask in these uncertain times. While my personal cloth mask, which I made for myself (and for many friends) is not as effective as an N95, it does offer a form of protection. Wearing my mask helps me feel like I am contributing in a small way to prevent the spread of the virus, while keeping my friends and family safe.

Right now, we all have a choice. My choice.....I will wear a mask.

Curbside Recycling? *Yes!*

Noah Brogle of One Earth Recycling will begin curbside recycling (for all materials currently allowed at the Lake Shore recycling site) in Lake Shore. Pick up will be weekly on Wednesdays for \$15 a month. Seasonal rates are available for snowbirds. Service comes with one durable recycling bin, however, no limit on the amount you may recycle. If interested, leave your contact information with Teri or Patti at City Hall, 218-963-2148.



BROADBAND COMMITTEE UPDATE

To help verify the disparities in internet access within the city, visit: www.goctc.com/lakeshore and complete a simple speed test and short survey about how you use internet at your home or business.



This web-based data collection effort is one of many activities currently underway by the Broadband Committee.

Data, Deliverables and Dollars

The city has partnered with ctc to more scientifically report internet access and usage of all residents. Visit www.goctc.com/lakeshore to offer in your household's perspective. Data collected will be used to prioritize potential infrastructure builds within the city and better clarify neighborhoods that could be eligible for state or federal grant programs.

The committee is investigating the best vendors to provide the deliverables of building the expansive infrastructure needed to reach all Lake Shore properties. Such a community build-out may involve a phased approach, targeting select geographic zones. Many ideas are being explored.

Unique financing options, including those that offer a public-private investment partnership, are also being explored. If you have interest in investing in a broadband project, please contact City Administrator Teri Hastings or Mayor Egan.

Equitable Broadband Access is the Goal

After dozens of meetings and engaging discussions, as well as a visioning session by city leaders, the Lake Shore City Council has committed to providing all property owners equal access to broadband, as recommended by the broadband committee.

The access to broadband, or high speed internet, is critical for the education of our youth, access to telemedicine, ability to working from home and the long term quality of life for residents. Broadband has also been shown to increase property values up to 7%.

To learn more about types of internet services and suggested broadband speeds based on typical usages, visit

CityofLakeShore.com/broadband



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

The City Council will hold its regular meeting on
May 26, 2020 beginning at 7:00 PM by ZOOM
because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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