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Building and Grounds Committee Begins Review of City Hall Needs

Vern Gevik,
Building & Grounds
Committee Liaison

Mayor Stewart recently established a new committee for the City of Lake Shore: the Building and Grounds Committee. The committee has been tasked with conducting a comprehensive review of city-owned properties, with an initial focus on City Hall. Its goal is to assess the facility's current condition and develop recommendations that will best serve the city's needs well into the future. The original City Hall structure was built in 1969, with an addition completed in 1992. Over time, the facility has experienced normal wear and aging. A professional building assessment completed in 2016 determined the building to be in fair to good condition, while also identifying several areas of concern, including:

- Outdated interior layout
- Accessibility limitations for staff and visitors
- Reduced thermal efficiency involving walls, windows, and doors
- Aging windows and doors
- Various building code deficiencies



The 2016 assessment also noted that the current interior layout no longer supports the most effective day-to-day operations for staff or visitors. For example, the main entrance leads directly into the meeting area, and visitors do not have immediate access to city staff upon entering the building. At that time, a significant renovation was recommended to address these concerns.

The Building and Grounds Committee will now take a fresh and comprehensive look at the future needs of City Hall. This process will include detailed evaluations of both the exterior and interior of the building to determine necessary improvements and the long-term costs associated with maintaining the current facility.

As part of its review, the committee will consider all viable options, including but not limited to:

- Renovating the existing building, potentially with additions
- Constructing a new City Hall on the current site
- Constructing a new City Hall on another city-owned property

Throughout this process, the committee is committed to maintaining an open mind and focusing on solutions that best serve the Lake Shore community. Community input will be an important part of the discussion, and the city encourages residents to participate in this ongoing dialogue. Through thoughtful planning and careful evaluation, the City of Lake Shore aims to provide a safe, functional, and welcoming facility that will effectively serve both staff and residents for many years to come.



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Police Notes: *Message from the Chief*



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 please respect your neighbors and abide by these laws and stay safe.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Lake Shore PD would like to thank the following businesses and resorts for their generous donations to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th at Fritz Loven Park. Approximately 125 kids participated in the hunt thanks to SNK Carwash, First Western Bank & Trust, Nisswa Automotive, Sandy Beach Resort, American National Bank, Gammello, Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc, Zorbaz on Gull and the City of Lake Shore & staff. A special thanks to the Lake Shore Park & Recreation Committee members and members of the public for donating their time in stuffing eggs and assisting during the hunt.

Telemarketing & Internet Scams

The Lake Shore PD has taken reports from our residents of phone scams, internet scams and credit card fraud. When you send money to people you do not know personally or give personal or financial information to unknown callers, you increase your chances of becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud or identity theft. If you receive an email from a friend or relative asking you to wire them money, **this is almost always a scam**. Once money is wired, there's no getting it back. For more information on scams, please stop by City Hall for pamphlets.

Class 1 and Class 2 ATV Ordinance

The city has noticed an influx of Class 1 and Class 2 ATV use on our city streets. It is important to know and understand the Cass County ordinance on the use of these specific type of vehicles. A Class 1 ATV has a total width of 50 inches or less



from the outside of the tire rim to outside of tire rim (conventional ATV with handlebars). A Class 2 ATV has a total width greater than 50 inches but not more than 65 inches from outside tire rim to outside tire rim (side by side machines).

- All terrain vehicles shall be operated on county highways and city streets in the same direction as other vehicular traffic.
- Class 1 ATVs shall not exceed a speed of 30mph while Class 2 ATVs shall not exceed the posted speed limit.
- In order to operate any ATV on a city street or county highway, the operator must possess a valid driver's license and ATV certification if the operator is born after July 1, 1987.
- ATV operation laws do change as you enter Crow Wing County, so please refer to Crow Wing County website for more information.
- For more information there are Cass County ATV Safety Pamphlets at Lake Shore City Hall or go to www.casscountymn.gov

With the summer fast approaching, the population increases, therefore it is extremely important to minimize distractions, obey the speed limits and ensure all of your equipment is in good working order while driving or operating on the public roadways.

From Mayor *Andy Stewart*



Happy summer to everyone!! I hope that all of you had a great winter and spring. Overall, it was a pretty normal winter here in Lake Shore, other than a couple of storms that left us with very icy and treacherous roads. I want to thank everyone for their patience in dealing with the conditions.

On the activity front we have a couple of updates:

- As you may have noticed, work has begun on our final portion of the Gull Lake Trail. Work along highway 77 from the gravel pit to the Nisswa city line will be ongoing for most of the summer. The final boardwalk portion behind Gohman Construction will be completed next winter and the trail is anticipated to be completely done in the spring of 2027.
- The plans for the replacement bridge in Fritz Loven Park have been approved by all of the government agencies, and we are now waiting for funding from the State bond funding. We have no timeline for this funding, so we will keep you informed.
- We have formed a new Buildings & Grounds Committee to deal with maintenance and upgrades to City Hall. An update on their activities is included elsewhere in the newsletter.

Please have a very safe and enjoyable summer!

Roads Report

Update Provided By: Wayne Anderson, Liaison to Road Wastewater Committee

This summer the City will be doing a full depth reclamation of Birchwood Hills Road, while Hidden Lake Road and Whitney Court will be overlaid.

The City has been pleased with the results of the chip seal coating we have been doing for the last several years. Chip sealing needs to happen within two years of the new asphalt paving. This year chip sealing will be done on Timber Lane and Gullwood Road as they were paved last year.

Cass County is planning to resurface CR 29 this summer. Cass County did a traffic study of the intersection of CR29, CR78 and Jacobs Road and found the amount of traffic at that intersection would justify a round-a-bout so the County is considering installing one at that location.

The Fritz Loven Bridge Replacement Plan is approved and is awaiting funding.

Gull Lake Trail Phase 4A is under construction, which will complete the construction of the trail in the City of Lake Shore.

JUNE 29, 12-1PM
Paper Shredding Event
Lake Shore City Hall

JULY 3, DUSK
Nisswa Fireworks
Downtown Nisswa

JULY 3, DUSK
Pequot Lakes Fireworks
Downtown Pequot Lakes

SEPTEMBER 19, DUSK
Nisswa Fall Festival
Downtown Nisswa

CITY HALL CLOSURES
Juneteenth: Friday, 6/19
Independence Day Observed:
Friday, 7/3
Labor Day: Monday, 9/7



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the City Council are held the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.