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2026 Election News & Reminders

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Voting hours on election day are 7am-8pm.

Information about the candidates running for the Lake Shore City Council can be found on our website at www.cityoflakeshore.gov/elections.

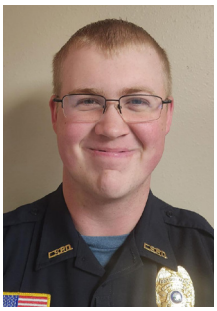


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Welcome Officer Kocak!

The City of Lake Shore would like to welcome Quinten Kocak as our new full-time Police Officer. Officer Kocak has been interning with the City for over a year. Please welcome him to the community if you see him!

Address Sign Reminder



As part of your preparations for winter, make sure that your blue address sign is visible to emergency personnel. Clear overgrown brush so the sign is clearly visible. During the winter months, please make sure snow piles do not cover the sign. If the sign is damaged; a replacement sign can be purchased through city hall.



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Police Notes: *Message from the Chief*

ALARMS

If you have an alarm system at your residence or business, make sure your alarm is registered with Cass County. The Lake Shore police department responds to nearly 120 residential/business alarms each year. We ask that you have a key holder available to respond to your alarm. Have your alarm system maintained regularly to help prevent false alarms.

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND CRIME

The Lake Shore Police Department wants to remind residents to report suspicious 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 or a neighbor from becoming a victim of a crime. If you see suspicious or unusual activity report it immediately by dialing 911. Any delay in reporting can significantly reduce the likelihood of catching the criminal. Do not leave a voice mail on the police department answering machine. Just dial 911 to get the Cass County Sheriff's Office dispatcher on duty. 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.

COMBATING FRAUD

With the wonders of the internet, social media and rising technology come new ways to try and swindle people out of their hard-earned money. Senior citizens are the prime target for cons and scams. These thieves will not hesitate to steal your identity, bank accounts and social security number. These thieves may work days to weeks setting up a victim by pretending to be a family member or friend to gain trust. Don't be fooled, if it sounds too good to be true, it is too good to be true. Hang up and never give personal information over the phone. If you need more information regarding phone scams and avoiding identity theft, stop by City Hall for more information. Let's keep citizens safe from scams by knowing.

PROPERTY WATCH

Property Watch forms are available at the Lake Shore Police Department or online at www.cityoflakeshore.gov. A new property watch form needs to be filled out each time you are away on vacation or leaving for the winter season. This information notifies the police department that you will be away from your residence during a specific period and allows the Police Department to have contact information in the unfortunate event that something happens.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Lake Shore Police Department will enforce all traffic laws. These laws include unsafe equipment, seat belt, speed, passing on the right and DWI enforcement. Please remember to always buckle up, have a sober driver, and travel the posted speed limit. Remember to slow down during inclement weather and Please Be Safe!

SNOW PLOWING

Fall is here and Lake Shore residents are reminded that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways onto or across city streets or county roads. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. Accidents and damage caused by snow piles placed in the roadway may result in liability to the property owner. Piles of snow increase the chances of snow drifting onto the roadway which can create a hazard for motorists and the snowplows.



From Mayor *Andy Stewart*



It was another great summer in Lake Shore.
We continue to see lots of construction on residences with remodeling, landscaping and complete rebuilds. All of this bodes well for our City as we continue to be a vibrant lakes community.

City News

- Phase 5 of the Gull Lake Trail has been under construction all summer and is still on track to be completed next spring. The boardwalk portion of the trail is scheduled for winter construction through the marshy area. Also, some final paving will need to be done after the embankments that were placed this summer have gone through a complete winter cycle.
- On another very positive note, we received a letter from the State and have been granted full funding for the Fritz Loven Park bridge replacement. The City's final cost for the replacement is $20,000, which represents a major cost savings for us. We are in the process of getting everything ready to go out for bids and be able to begin work on the replacement project next spring and summer. We will keep our website up to date on the actual dates as we get more information.

Finally, thanks to all our residents for the safe summer we enjoyed. It is time to get all things lake related put away and get ready to enjoy all the wonderful winter activities that are available to us.

Building & Grounds Committee — *City Hall Update*

In the Spring Newsletter, we announced the formation of the Building & Grounds Committee. Since its establishment, the committee has been actively addressing general maintenance and repair needs at City Hall. Recent work has included repairs to the sidewalk, railing, and garage doors. In the near future, the service doors on the north side of City Hall will also be replaced, as the existing doors do not close properly during the winter months.

The City Council recently approved a feasibility study by Widseth Engineering to evaluate City Hall and provide recommendations regarding options for the building's future. As part of the study, Widseth will conduct a comprehensive review of the existing building and site, including:

- Site access, utilities, accessibility, and the condition of impervious surfaces.
- The structural condition of the foundation, floor, and roof framing.
- Mechanical systems, including heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.
- Building code, accessibility, and life-safety requirements and deficiencies.
- Electrical systems, power capacity, lighting, low-voltage systems, security, smoke detection, and fire alarm systems.
- The ways in which the existing building and site currently serve, and may continue to serve, the needs of the community.
- The building envelope, including exterior walls, foundation walls, windows, doors, insulation, cladding, and roofing.

On September 3, Widseth Engineers completed their inspection of both the interior and exterior of City Hall. As part of the evaluation, they also conducted detailed interviews with City Hall staff to better understand the building's current operations, needs, and challenges.

Once the feasibility study is completed, the findings and recommendations will be shared with the residents of Lake Shore. This information will help provide a clearer understanding of the condition of City Hall and the options available for addressing the community's future facility needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 27, 2026
Nisswa City of Lights Celebration
Downtown Nisswa

FEBRUARY 6, 2027
Brainerd Jaycee Fishing Extravaganza
Hole-In-The-Day Bay, Gull Lake

FEBRUARY 12-14, 2027
Nisswa Winter Jubilee
Downtown Nisswa

FEBRUARY 27-28, 2027
Frozen Four
Gull Lake

CITY HALL CLOSURES

Thanksgiving:
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27

Christmas:
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25

New Year's Day:
Friday, January 1, 2027

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

City Hall Business Hours
Mon – Thur 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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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.

Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission
Darcy Peterson - Liaison
PJ Smith - Chair
Sean Weldon, Alex Kuhn, Dave Riegert, TJ Graber
Alternates: Steve Hensel, Kevin Egan

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Alternate: Bill Schultz

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Steve Sundstrom
Alternate: Mary Kay Larson

Building and Grounds Committee
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Todd Peterson