



Newsletter

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Lake Shore Adopts Revised Zoning Ordinance

In November of 2023, the Lake Shore City Council adopted a revised zoning ordinance which includes changes to the bluff setback from 30' to 50' which was required by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The ordinance does contain a provision to allow additions on structures constructed prior to 1990 provided they meet the following:

- They were permitted and constructed after July 6, 1990;
- Are not located in the bluff impact zone;
- Do not encroach further into the required setback;
- Comply with other applicable setback requirements of the underlying district;
- Do not exceed allowable impervious surface coverage standards of the shoreland district.

The MN DNR also required the city to limit the size of guest quarters above garages to 700 square feet. The city also placed a limitation on "shouses" (large storage buildings with living quarters). The storage area of a building may not exceed 150% of the living space in shoreline zone (R-2) or 200% in the low-density residential zone. To exceed these percentages a conditional use permit would be required. A complete copy of the Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance may be found on the city website along with a Zoning Summary of the ordinance.



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The Benefit of Snags

Some people see my snags and say, why don't you cut them down? Usually I just say, they're beneficial and leave it as that. I never have to explain to the birds. If they're truly wondering, I tell them they are a clear perch for raptors, the cavity nesters (chickadees, nuthatches, woodpeckers) have an insulated home from intense cold and heat. The birds are hiding seeds in the bark preparing for winter or looking for insect food to feed they're chicks. It's a perch when needing to quickly escape the berry filled understory or wait their turn at the feeder. The other reason? I love all the interaction happening in front of me. That's why I leave the snags.

Written by Kris Driessen

Photo credit of the nuthatch to Carolyn Matt



Police Notes: *Message from the Chief*



Spring is here and snow is finally gone

Winter was not what it seemed this year. We had one heavy round of snow in late March equaling 15.5 inches. It is important that your 911 address sign is visible and standing upright so Police, Fire and EMS can always easily find your address. Sometimes the wet, heavy snow that is being plowed away from the streets can bend the signs to make it hard for emergency services to see. Please make sure your sign is upright and visible.

Lake Shore Easter Egg Hunt

The Lake Shore Police Department annual Easter Egg hunt was held on Saturday, March 30 in Fritz Loven Park. There were 150 happy little hunters that attended to seek and find 5,000 eggs that were filled with candy and coins. The Police Department wants to thank all those who helped with donations, stuffing and hiding the eggs. The city received donations from Crocker Collision, Schaefer's Foods, Nisswa Automotive, Sandy Beach Resort, SNK Carwash, Gamello & Pearson, Widseth, Smith & Nolting, M K Autobody, First Western Bank and Trust and American National Bank. Each participant received a mini pizza from Zorbaz on Gull and a kids meal from Cowboys. A special "thank you" to Pequot Lakes Eagles 4H Club and the Lake Shore Park and Recreation Committee. Thank you all for making this year a huge success.

Roads Report

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

The Road/Wastewater committee has a busy 2024 planned.

This year we will overlay or reconstruct several streets which include Balsam Lane, Woodland Road, Abbey Way and Lincoln Green. Also included are some Wastewater projects at Harold Lane, Esther Lane and at County Road 78. This work will be completed by Anderson Brothers based on their low bid of \$390,557.44. The engineer's estimate was \$443,241.30.

In 2024 we will chip seal the roads that were overlaid or reconstructed in 2023 which included Nottingham Road, Fernmont Road, Bent Arrow Road and Waseya Woods Drive. We have been pleased with the performance of the chip sealing on past new road projects.

Distracted Driving and Pedestrian Safety

Lake Shore officers will continue to be very proactive on enforcing laws on our city streets. Please pay attention while driving the streets for people who are walking and biking. We encourage those who walk and bike to use the designated path. With spring being in season there will be several pedestrians who walk and bike along our city streets. Let's pay attention so that we all can be safe on our streets.

Emergency Services Appreciation Day

On Thursday, May 16 from 6pm to 8pm 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 law enforcement. 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. This is a community event, so please bring your kids and come out for the evening. Barbecued pulled pork sandwiches, chips, s'mores and refreshments will be provided.

The County inspected the Fritz Loven Bridge and determined that it needs to be replaced or removed based on its condition. A 22-foot-wide bridge will be necessary to meet state requirements for funding. The City received approval of 5 variance requests submitted to the state variance committee. In receipt of the approval letter Widseth will finalize the bridge plans and submit the plans to the State Bridge Engineer for approval.

Work is underway to finish the Gull Lake Trail along CR 77 from CR78 to the City Limits, where Nisswa will finish the trail to connect to the Paul Bunyan trail in Nisswa. Fairview Township will complete their last segment this year. The segment from the quarry to the city limits still needs to be completed and a funding application to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails will be submitted this summer to fund this segment.

From Mayor *Andy Stewart*



This is my first time writing an update about our City as your Mayor. After serving on City Council starting in January of 2023 and with the unfortunate circumstance surrounding the passing of Mayor, John Poston, the City Council voted unanimously for me to step in to the role as the Mayor of Lake Shore. It is a great honor and I do have to say that I love this City and it is wonderful to be a part of the Lake Shore Team! Lake Shore is a wonderful home for my wife Dorothy and myself!

City News

- At our last City Council meeting we approved an update to the City of Lake Shore Comprehensive Plan to encourage the local production of wind and solar energy while continuing to reinforce the lake orientated and rural development brand. We also approved an ordinance for the installation of small-scale renewable energy sources such as wind and solar. We see this as a way to support efforts intended to allow the state to realize the goals of reducing its carbon footprint and emissions of green house gases.
- We have begun a process of succession action as well as planning for key members of our city who will be retiring in the near future! On the action front, we hired Laura Fussy as our new City Clerk, she started in her role in February and has been a welcome addition to our staff. If you have a reason to stop in at City Hall, please stop and say hello to Laura. We held a retirement farewell for Patti McDonald, our long time City Clerk in early April and we wish her all the best in retirement.
- We are now in the planning phases of preparing for the retirements of Teri Hastings, City Administrator and Steve Sundstrom, our Chief of Police, both have approximately 25 years of tenure and continue to serve our city well. They will be very difficult to replace.
- Work on Phase 4 of the Gull Lake Trail that began last year will be wrapping up in the next few weeks as the Contractor completes items that could not be accomplished during the winter. Phase 5 of the trail that will complete our portion and connect to Nisswa's portion is in a re-design mode and we are also working diligently on securing funding for the remainder of the project.



Welcome Laura!



Best wishes Patti!

Finally, Happy Spring to all of our residents! It is time to get all things lake related moving ahead and enjoy a very happy and safe summer with family and friends.

Golf Cart Ordinance Reminder

Please remember that Lake Shore has their golf cart ordinance in effect. All golf carts need to have a permit which are good for three years. You can get your applications for the permits at Lake Shore City Hall.



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

MAY 11

MN Fishing Opener

MAY 16

Emergency Services Appreciation Day

6-8PM at Fritz Loven Park

JUNE 14, 1-2PM

Paper Shredding Event
Lake Shore City Hall

You have boxes filled with old paperwork...sensitive or confidential paperwork? Well, now is the time to get rid of it. The city will host Paper Storm, a mobile paper shredding service that brings its state-of-the-art truck to your location and shreds your material right outside your door. Paper can be stapled, paper clipped, or rubber banded. No cost to Lake Shore Residents.

2024 Election Reminders

Primary Election Day is
August 13, 2024.

Absentee voting opens on
June 28, 2024.

General Election Day is
November 5, 2024.

Absentee voting opens on
September 20, 2024.

Candidate filing period opens
for the city on
July 30, 2024 and closes
August 13, 2024.



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Andy Stewart

City Clerk

Laura Fussy

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John Terwilliger - Liaison
Jim Woll - Chair
Pat Hastings, Gene Hagen, PJ Smith, Sean Weldon, Alex Kuhn
Alternates: TJ Graber, Dave Reigert

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Teri Hastings

Police Chief Steve Sundstrom

Public Works Roger Olmscheid

Road/Wastewater Committee

Wayne Anderson - Liaison
Jim Woll, Bill Schultz, Jim Halverson, Justin Stahnke, Terry Hansen
Alternate: Troy Magnuson

Park Committee

Henry Cote - Liaison
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Greg Schwanbeck, Cindy Terwilliger, Steve Sundstrom, Kiley Armitage
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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.