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Grow a Pollinator Garden

If you create habitat, nature will come to you. Who knows how they do it, but a monarch butterfly can find a single purple coneflower as soon as it blooms. A pollinator garden can add color to your home, life to your landscaping, and give the bees another place to find the pollen they transport among the flowers. A pollinator garden is an easy place to start to help these busy little field workers. Pollination is an essential step in the life cycle of the food we eat and the trees and flowers we see. Pesticides, herbicides and loss of habitat have led to significant declines in pollinator populations.

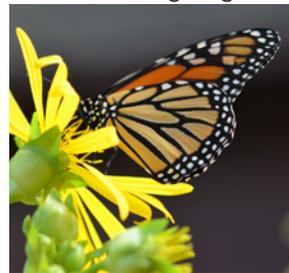


The native plants the bees like will give you a succession of wildflowers blooming from spring to fall. Even if you don't have a "green thumb," you can clear a small spot around your home, maybe even a patch of lawn or part of an existing flower bed. Sunshine is essential. Existing weeds

will compete with what you plant, so the ground must be prepared. Then the pollinator garden can be planted by seed or plugs. Some flowers might bloom the first year, but with plant plugs you can speed up the maturation of the garden, saving a year. Two local growers are Sunshine Gardens in Pine River sunshinegardens.tripod.com, and Minnesota Native Landscapes, <https://mnnativelandscapes.com>.

The basics of growing a pollinator garden are covered on multiple web sites and publications from the Minnesota DNR. There is a lot of information on the details at: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/pollinators/index.html>. There are over 400 bee species native to Minnesota and there are hundreds of plants that the pollinators like. An extensive plant list is on the Restore Your Shore page: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/rys/index.html>.

While a pollinator garden can be created in one year if plant plugs are used, a larger garden can be started less expensively with seeds grown from local suppliers. These seed packs are selected for "pollinator gardens," not just "wildflower" gardens. Using plants or seeds harvested from growers within 200 miles decreases the risk of introducing varieties of plants that won't do well or will be overly aggressive in your garden. A sunny patch is best for growing flowering plants that attract the bees. If you have trouble telling a "bad" weed from a good one, wait until it blooms so that it can be more easily identified.



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Short Term Rental Ordinance

The Lake Shore City Council recently amended their ordinance regarding short term rentals. Property owners who are renting their properties for less than 30 days are required to obtain a short term rental permit from the city. The number of short term rentals is limited to six rentals per year (previously this number was four). For additional information on the ordinance or a copy of the ordinance please contact the Planning and Zoning office at (218) 963-2148 or thastings@cityoflakeshore.com.

Save the Date!
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, JUNE 20
6:00PM
LAKE SHORE CITY HALL

Police Notes

Emergency Services Appreciation Day

On Thursday, May 16th 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 Memorial Ambulance and other area departments. 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. Please bring your kids and come out for the evening. Barbecued pulled pork sandwiches, chips, s'mores and refreshments will be provided.

Driveways Along the Gull Lake Trail

Please be aware that if your driveway abuts the Gull Lake Trail that you (driver) must yield to all users of the trail. Please treat the trail like an uncontrolled intersection to your driveway and stop and look for pedestrians and bicyclists before proceeding.

TZD (Toward Zero Deaths)

The Lake Shore PD is 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.

Easter Egg Hunt-Thank You

Warm weather brings out a record crowd to our annual Easter egg hunt. Over 300 kids packed Fritz Loven Park for our annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20th. Everyone had a great time and collected lots of eggs filled with candy, coins and

certificates from Zorbaz, Cowboy's and the Iron Waffle.

A special thanks to the Lake Shore Park & Recreation Committee, Pequot Lakes Eagles 4H Club and Nisswa royalty including Miss Nisswa Madelynn Lundgren, Miss Congeniality Laura Atwater and First Princess Courtney Boller.

Thanks to the following businesses for their generous donation toward our Easter egg hunt. Nisswa Automotive, Sherwood Forest, Sandy Beach Resort, MK Auto Body, John Poston, Poston's Property Management, Kids Against Hunger, Iron Waffle, Salon 77, SNK Car Wash & Oil Change, Frandsen Bank & Trust, BlackRidge Bank, Widseth Smith Nolting, Gammello Law Office, 3 Cheers Hospitality, Zorbaz on Gull, Cowboys, and the City of Lake Shore & staff.

Roads & Wastewater: *Spring 2019 Update*

The Roads and Wastewater committee meets once a month on the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM. The committee is charged with advising the City Council on items related to the City's roads and also its wastewater system.

WASTEWATER

The City of Lake Shore constructed the current wastewater treatment system in 1991. The system serves the Bar Harbor, Zorbaz, and Causeway area plus the residential areas to the north and east of there. The system consists of 6 major lift stations and 3 minor lift stations, as well as two drainfields. One field is on County Road 78 and the other is off of Point Narrows Road. The users are assessed a connection and user fee for connecting to this system.

Two years ago the City updated two of the major stations, stations 4 & 5. Station 4 is across County Road 77 from Bar Harbor and station 5 is on County Road 78 near the old Rainbow Resort. These updates cost over \$100,000 each.

In 2019 the City is completing the update of two other lift stations as well as the replacement of various components at the drainfield sites for a cost of about \$216,000.

ROADS

The City of Lake Shore maintains 28.91 miles of roads, including 6.4 miles of gravel roads and 22.51 miles of asphalt paved roads.

In 2019 the City is overlaying the asphalt on Bass Lake Road (.57 miles) and Bass Lake Trail (.24 miles) and is reclaiming the existing asphalt and repaving Schaeffers Point Road (.48 miles). Along with this work the City is installing about 1400 lineal feet of asphalt gutter on roads where rain water runoff has been washing

out the gravel along the side of the asphalt paving. This work will cost about \$250,000.

The City has established a policy of replacing mail box posts while work on roads is being done. The posts are a breakaway type that will swing out of the way if hit by a snow plow. You will notice this type of post on recent City road work, as well as CR 77 where the county installed this type of post.

The biggest challenge facing the committee currently is Jacobs Road. Asphalt was installed on the road about 15 years ago. It was determined at that time that Jacobs Road was a rural residential road with minimal residential type traffic. A traffic study conducted from September 6 to September 19, 2018 showed an average of 469 vehicles per day using Jacobs Road, with many being large, heavy vehicles. This traffic is destroying the asphalt surface of the road. The road needs to be rebuilt with a wider driving surface, shoulders, striping, and to be capable of supporting the heavier loads. The bond issue to pay for rebuilding this road failed at the November election. An application for a grant from the state LRIP (local road improvement program) has been submitted and we are waiting to see if this project will be accepted for the program, and when funding for LRIP work might become available. In the meantime the City is patching the ever increasing number of holes in the asphalt using gravel. Rebuilding Jacobs Road is estimated to cost upwards of \$1 million for this one mile stretch of roadway.

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OF ROADS!**

From Mayor *Kevin Egan*



What does *infrastructure* mean to a small city like ours?

We certainly understand when those in Washington talk of crumbling infrastructure and the need for vast infrastructure improvements. I note that, just last week, both parties agreed to a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure plan. Those in Saint Paul are likewise negotiating to assemble an infrastructure plan to fund needed improvements to things like our roads and broadband networks in out-state Minnesota.

Of course, Lake Shore is not without its own infrastructure controversies. Just last fall, after the City Council had voted to issue bonds to fund infrastructure needs, the voters blocked this effort. Consequently, those identified needs remain unmet.

Your elected representatives and the City's committees will be considering a number of infrastructure projects during the next few months. There is no shortage of need for expenditures on infrastructure projects; the question is how the Council wants to prioritize them. Among the projects we will discuss during the rest of the year include:

- A broadband network throughout Lake Shore
- Needed road improvements
- A sewer line to link portions of Lake Shore with existing sewer treatment facilities owned by the City of East Gull Lake
- A solar power project, perhaps in conjunction with Region Five
- The replacement of the existing City Hall
- The completion of the final leg of Lake Shore's portion of the Gull Lake Trail

I have no feeling as to whether any of these projects will move forward, but I do know that they will be thoughtfully discussed and prioritized by your representatives on our Council in the coming months. If you are interested, please make sure that you attend the workshops and committee meetings that will consider these important matters.

One final note regarding how towns typically finance infrastructure improvements is useful. Municipal bonds are most always issued by cities, counties and states to finance major infrastructure improvements. For example, Cass County used bond proceeds to pay for the \$6,000,000 reconstruction of Highway 77.

Hopefully, as we move forward prioritizing Lake Shore's infrastructure needs, our community will become comfortable with the decisions made by their elected representatives.

AREA EVENTS

MN FISHING OPENER

Saturday, May 11, 2019

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Many area restaurants and resorts offer wonderful Mother's Day brunches and lunches. Find out more on our Facebook page!

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Lake Shore City Hall

PAPER SHREDDER AT CITY HALL

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Bring your documents to get shredded at City Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m..

LAKES JAM MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019

Thursday, June 27-29, 2019

Held at Brainerd International Raceway, Lakes Jam is an annual event that unites rock and country music fans from all walks of life and brings them to the beautiful Brainerd Lakes area.

NISSWA FREEDOM DAYS

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Activities throughout the day including Turtle Races, Water Wars, live music, food vendors and more. The Freedom Days parade starts at 7 pm. More information at nisswa.com

PAUL BUNYAN EXTREME RACE

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Join us at Mount Ski Gull for OVER 20 insane obstacles spread out over a course covered in hills, mud, and challenges! This race is a fundraiser for Mount Ski Gull and is guaranteed to be a good time!

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PLEASE JOIN US AT A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Come and learn about a 4.4 mile trail connecting the City of Lake Shore to the tunnel in downtown Nisswa.

Thursday, May 23rd
5PM-7PM

Nisswa Community Event Center
25628 MAIN STREET, NISSWA, MN 56468

Host: Nisswa Gull Lake Trail Steering Committee & City of Lake Shore



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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.**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE FOR MAY:
Due to Memorial Day, the City Council will meet
on Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 24, 2019

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