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## 2024 Election News & Reminders

General Election Day is November 5, 2024. Voting hours on election day are 7am-8pm. Absentee voting opened on September 20, 2024. You are welcome to vote early Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm.

Our offices will be open extra for **absentee voting** the Saturday before election day November 2, 2024 from 9am-3pm and the day before the election until 5pm.

## Lake Shore Adopts Revised Zoning Ordinance

In November of 2023, the Lake Shore City Council adopted a revised zoning ordinance which included the allowance for water oriented accessory structures.

Property owners will be given the option to have a combination of 250 square feet of water oriented accessory structure (deck, shed or patio) with restrictions which include:

- No habitation,
- A 10' setback from the OHW
- Not located within a bluff.
- A maximum size of 120 square feet and a maximum height of 10 feet for sheds.
- Elevation drawings and a site plan are required.
- A permit must be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Office.

  
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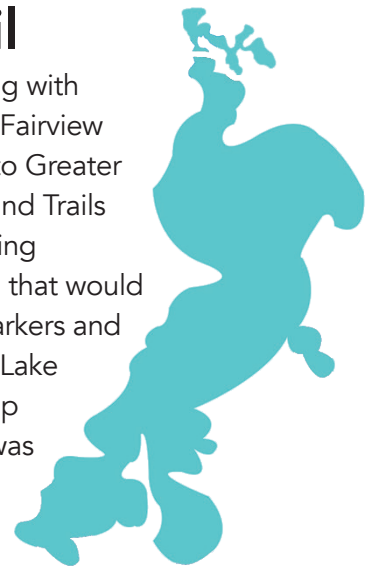
## Address Sign Reminder



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, make sure snow piles do not cover the sign. If the sign is damaged; a replacement sign can be purchased through city hall.

## Gull Lake Trail

The City of Lake Shore along with Nisswa, East Gull Lake and Fairview Township recently applied to Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission for an "Emerging Opportunity Legacy Grant" that would pay for map kiosks, mile markers and a cohesive map of the Gull Lake Trail. The cities and township learned this grant request was fully funded so be on the look for the new kiosks and mile markers in 2025!



# Police Notes: *Message from the Chief*



## Political Sign Tampering

Each election year, the Lake Shore Police Department takes a handful of complaints regarding the theft or tampering of political signs or flags. A theft of a political sign is no different than the theft of any other personal property. If someone is caught damaging or stealing campaign yard signs the offender may be charged with theft, damage to property and trespassing.

In Minnesota, the penalty for stealing or destroying yard signs and campaign flags depends on their value. If it's \$500 or less, the maximum penalty under Minnesota law is 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine. If someone steals a lot of signs over several months, he or she can be prosecuted for the lump sum value, which could raise the offense from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor or even a felony.

## Property & House Watch

The Lake Shore Police Department offers property checks to all property owners in Lake Shore. While you are away on vacation, a family emergency, or a snowbird in the south, officers will periodically stop by your home to check for unusual activity, open doors, broken windows or any other suspicious circumstances. This is another added security precaution you can utilize to safeguard your possessions and assure your peace of mind while you are away. This is a free, but invaluable service provided by the police department. House Watch requests can be submitted online at [www.cityoflakeshore.com](http://www.cityoflakeshore.com) or by completing a property watch form at Lake Shore City Hall.

## From Mayor *Andy Stewart*

It is a great honor to continue to serve our fantastic City as your Mayor, I love this City, and it is wonderful to be a part of the Lake Shore Team. We are extremely fortunate to live in a city where so many of our residents take immense pride in our community. Keeping this keen sense of community in mind is important while addressing the occasional concerns that do crop up. Often, these concerns can be efficiently and effectively addressed with a friendly neighbor-to-neighbor chat, while others require action from the City. We all love our community for a variety of reasons and we will continue to make living here a great experience.

As we enter the election season, I am pleased to announce that after being appointed by the City Council as your Mayor last November, I am on the ballot running for the position of Mayor. It has been a year of learning about all the duties of being Mayor and I must say it has been very rewarding. I am asking for you for continued support and look forward to serving the City of Lake Shore.

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.

## City News

- At our last City Council meeting we approved a resolution recognizing the efforts of Bar Harbor and Zorbaz restaurants in hosting the 2024 International Antique Boat Show. Their efforts were outstanding from organizing the event, to parking and moving the tremendous crowds around the City. We as a City are fortunate to have such a wonderful event open to the public and to be able to showcase the attributes of the City of Lake Shore.
- Phase 5 of the Gull Lake Trail, which will complete our portion and connect to Nisswa's portion, has submitted a grant application to secure funding for the remainder of the project.

## 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 from becoming a victim of crime.

If you see suspicious or unusual activity report it immediately by dialing 911. Even a five-minute delay in reporting can significantly reduce the likelihood of catching the criminal. 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. Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other.

## Hunting

Firearm hunting is regulated within the city of Lake Shore. Because of the varying densities of homes, a map has been developed to identify where firearm hunting is allowed. Depending on density, certain areas are prohibited from firearm hunting while other areas allow for the discharge of shotguns. State law still applies to the discharge of any firearm within the city. The city does not regulate the taking of game by bow & arrow. Bow hunting is governed by state law. Landowner permission should always be obtained for any activity including hunting. The Firearms Hunting map is available at City Hall or at [www.cityoflakeshore.com](http://www.cityoflakeshore.com).



# Meet the 2024 Lake Shore City Council *Candidates*

## **Wayne Anderson**

My name is Wayne Anderson and I live with my wife Janet in Lake Shore. We have also owned a cabin at Sherwood Forest Resort Condos for 32 years. We have lived in Lake Shore full time for 12 years and love this city.

I have served the City continuously for the last 13 years. I served first on the Roads & Wastewater Committee as a member, then chairman, then I added service on the Planning and Zoning committee. I had to resign from these committees when I was elected to the City Council in 2016 and currently am a Council member. I have served as the Council liaison for the Roads & Wastewater Committee for the last 8 years.

While serving as Roads Committee liaison, we have updated and improved a major portion of the roads in the City. We are currently working with the County to replace the bridge in Fritz Loven Park.

While serving as Wastewater Committee liaison, we have upgraded and maintained our nine lift stations and two drain fields. We have finalized a new service contract with the City of Pequot Lakes.

I recently oversaw the remodel of the staff offices and entry area. This provides a more functional work area for the staff, a safer place for the staff to work with the addition of bullet resistant mesh in the walls between the office area and the entry area, and we made the entry area handicap accessible. This was funded fully by Covid funds.

## **Henry Cote**

I moved from Colorado full-time in 2018 to plant roots in lake country and am not looking back any time soon. I have had the benefit of spending many of my childhood summers in the Nisswa/Lake Shore area and very much enjoy the small town atmosphere. Over the past 4 years I have enjoyed learning more about the inner workings of Lake Shore as well as getting to know more of the local residents while on City Council. Helping at Ski Gull during the winter keeps me busy until the beautiful summer months on the lakes.

## **Darcy Peterson**

I am excited to run and campaign for the seat I was unanimously appointed to by the City Council in January 2024 after our mayor John Poston passed away in 2023. I am a native of the Brainerd Lakes Area, having lived in Lake Shore since 2009 with my husband Todd. We love everything about our little city and have been involved in multiple community events and projects over the years which led me to want to play a bigger role in Lake Shore.

I have worked for RE/MAX in Nisswa since 1997 as the business manager. I also ran a successful home improvement business with a partner for 17 years. The combined understanding of real estate, building and management gives me a wide scope of experience that fits well with City Government.

I have learned a lot in the past nine months and look forward to continuing my work with the Council and City employees

to support our residents and business owners to provide a strong and thriving community.

I am endorsed by our current Mayor Andy Stewart as well as former Mayor Kevin Egan.

## **Karri Stodolka**

I am running for a seat on the Lake Shore City Council. I am truly honored and excited to be running for this position. The desire to become more involved in local government has been tugging at my heart strings for some time now and I finally made the decision to take the leap.

I am originally a farm girl from Central MN, born and raised. My husband and I have a beautiful blended family. We've raised 4 wonderful adult sons and are currently busy with our 6th grade boy/girl twins. Lord help us, the teenage years are upon us- haha!!! In addition to our 6 children, we also have been blessed with two daughter-in-laws, two grandchildren, and four grandpups. We are beyond grateful for the many blessings!

My love for this area started many years ago as a child, when my family would travel "up north" for a day trip to the original Paul Bunyan Land- ohh, the memories! As I continued to travel here with friends and family throughout the years, it was very apparent, the BLA gave me a sense of peace and community - I LOVED this and wanted to experience even more. In 2013, my husband and I made the decision to purchase a cabin on Lake Margaret. We spent EVERY weekend that we could there. We did this for five years before considering a more permanent move. We fell in love with the attractions, the scenery, the shopping, but most importantly, we fell in love with the community and THE PEOPLE. In 2018, we decided to make Lake Shore our HOME and can whole-heartedly say it was THE best decision we could've made. Not only for my husband and I, but for our children and their families! The amount of memories we have made over the last 11 years here is unimaginable. It is truly a little piece of heaven!

My desire to run for City Council has increased tremendously in the last 4-5 years. My agenda is simple, there isn't one. I am not seeking this position to make major changes. I am seeking this position to preserve what I love about the City of Lake Shore. I want our children and so many others to enjoy it for years to come. I plan to have an open mind on local concerns, whether it be infrastructure, economic growth and development, or preserving our natural resources. I welcome all discussions and challenges, as I believe this can only make us stronger, more united, and more knowledgeable as a community. Even though I am new to local government, being a small business owner and a dairy farmer's daughter, I know what it takes to work hard and remain dedicated to the tasks at hand. I plan to dive in and do the same for the citizens of Lake Shore. I am beyond grateful for this opportunity and ask for your vote this November.



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## **Council Members**

Henry Cote  
Darcy Peterson  
Wayne Anderson  
John Terwilliger

## **Mayor**

Andy Stewart

## **City Clerk**

Laura Fussy

## **Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission**

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

## **City Administrator/ Planning & Zoning Administrator**

Teri Hastings

**Police Chief** Steve Sundstrom

**Public Works** Roger Olmscheid

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## **Road/Wastewater Committee**

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

## **Park Committee**

Henry Cote - Liaison  
Todd Peterson - Chair  
Greg Schwanbeck, Cindy Terwilliger, Steve Sundstrom,  
Kiley Armitage  
Alternate: Mary Kay Larson, Wesley Robertson

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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