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SPRING/SUMMER 2022

Cass County Historical Society

The Cass County Historical Society Museum will be opening for the season on May 3rd. The object of the society is to collect, preserve and disseminate knowledge about the history of Cass County and relate it to the history of the State of Minnesota. The museum, located in Walker, MN, will be open Tuesday-Friday through October 15th. Admission is \$5 for adults and children are free. Wednesday and Fridays are free to the public, paid for by local sponsors. **The City of Lake Shore has sponsored, Friday, July 8th for anyone that would like to attend at no charge.** If you're interested in sponsoring a free day, the cost is \$150 - call 218-547-7251 for more information.

Plan your visit and get more information at www.casscountymuseum.org.



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Do you know when you need a zoning permit?

Zoning permits are required for **all** structures - even prefabricated storage sheds. Permits are also needed for shoreline alterations which include riprap, retaining walls and earth movement within the shore or bluff impact zone. The city also requires short-term rental permit if you rent your property. Permits are not needed for replacing windows, new siding or shingles. If you are in

doubt of whether or not you need a permit; please call City Hall at 963-2148 extension 2 or email: thastings@cityoflakeshore.com.

AVOIDING SCAMS

The Lake Shore Police Department would like to announce that City Hall will soon have pamphlets and literature on the various types of scams/identity theft that are affecting our community. Information will cover the types of scams that could involve your phone, internet, email, etc. Please stop by during business hours to get this information and please share it with family and friends. We encourage citizens to report all possible scams to the local Police so we can continue to keep our community safe. - Sgt. Mike Heldt

Police Notes: *Message from the Chief*



Severe Weather Awareness

Knowing what to do during severe weather and having a safety plan in place is crucial. Listen to NOAA weather radio, local TV and radio for the latest forecasts. Pay attention to Watches and Warnings that have been issued for our area. Have your NOAA weather radio set for automatic activation during severe weather. Keep your cellphone charged and with you at all times.

Outdoor weather warning siren activation will take place during Tornado Warnings issued for our area and will also be activated during Severe Thunderstorm Warnings if straight line winds are forecasted to exceed 70 mph.

Visit the Police Department page for a link to helpful Tornado Safety tips. cityoflakeshore.com/departments

TZD (Toward Zero Deaths)

The Lake Shore Police Department 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.

Lake Shore Police & GCOLA Partnership

The Lake Shore Police Department is continuing its partnership with the Gull Chain of Lakes Association (GCOLA) to provide an officer to be stationed at the DNR public access on selected dates and times throughout the summer months. The officer will be educating and enforcing laws regarding the illegal transfer of aquatic plants and invasive species. State AIS enforcement funding is covering all costs of the officer.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Lake Shore Police Department held their annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16th. The weather was a little chilly, but the sun came out making it a perfect day. Approximately 200 kids had a great time and collected lots of eggs filled with candy & coins.

A special thanks to the following businesses and individuals for their generous donation toward our Easter egg hunt. Nisswa Automotive, Sandy Beach Resort, MK Auto Body, Linda Martin, John Poston, Poston's Property Management, Salon 77, Any Occasion Pyrotechnics, SNK Car Wash & Oil Change, Crocker Collision, Schaefer's Foods, Frandsen Bank & Trust, First Western Bank & Trust, Widseth Smith Nolting, Gammello-Pearson Law Office.

A special thanks to the Lake Shore Park & Recreation Committee, Pequot Lakes Eagles 4H Club, Nisswa Congeniality and all the volunteers who helped make this event so successful.

Roads Report: *Spring 2022 Update*

Update Provided By: Wayne Anderson, Liaison to Road Wastewater Committee. The committee is charged with advising the City Council on items related to the City's roads and also its wastewater system.

The Roads and Wastewater committee has a busy summer ahead again. We will be repaving 4 streets; some will be overlaid and some will be reconstructed. The four streets are Upper Roy Lake Road, Christy Drive, Springside Drive, and Niemi Circle. We will also be replacing the wastewater lift station on Upper Roy Lake Road to take advantage of the road work being done there at the same time.

On April 18 we received competitive bids for the 2022 Road Work. We received two bids and both were slightly above the engineers estimate. With the current market condition, we were unsure how the bids might come in and were comfortable with the results and will be proceeding with the work.

We have been pleased with the result of the Chip seal coating we have been doing the last couple years. Chip Sealing needs to happen within two years of the new asphalt paving. This year we will be chip seal coating Robin Hood Way, Bass Lake Road, and Bass Lake Trail. Previously we have chip sealed Pohl Road, Jacobs Road, Portview West, Pamela Drive, and Ebert Road.

We have been making significant progress on keeping our roads up to applicable standards and will continue to do so. We have been budgeting accordingly.

We have received the 2021 Bridge Inspection Report from the Cass County Highway Department for bridge L5920 in Fritz Loven Park. They have placed this bridge on their bridge replacement priority list due to its condition and sufficiency rating. The bridge is the property of the City of Lake Shore. We have been doing some research the last couple years for a replacement bridge. Some things that dictate what we can do are 1) Stoney Brook Creek runs under the bridge and is a Designated Trout Stream so the DNR has some jurisdiction over what can be done, 2) if we get state money involved we have to build by their standards which becomes quite expensive, 3) the park is in a land trust which impacts what can be done, 4) there is some thought about eliminating the bridge, 5) the bridge seems to be beyond reasonable repair.

From Mayor *Krista Knudsen*



Happy 75th Birthday, Lake Shore! This year, we celebrate the 75 years that Lake Shore has been a city. We are blessed to live in such an extraordinary community with a diverse combination of newer residents and residents with decades of deep-rooted familial history. To honor all families and the history of our city, we would like to make a compilation of stories, memories and family histories of our residents.

Please take a moment to share your story and email it to pmcdonald@cityoflakeshore.com or drop it off at city hall! And join us at Fritz Loven Park on June 9, 6-8p, for Lake Shore's 75th Celebration!

Though this is not a fun topic to have to address, I believe it is necessary... Many residents have reached out with concerns regarding their recently received estimated property values. Shocking is the theme of these conversations. I want to take a minute to explain these values and how they relate to city taxes. These values are determined by our County Assessors. They are based on the housing market in our city and our county. In the last two years, we have seen an increase in the number of people buying property in Lake Shore at a premium and sometimes paying more than asking price. This causes the market value of most properties in the area to increase. In addition, Cass County increased building values by 40% county-wide due partially to the increase in building material replacement costs. However, the rate of increase in your estimated property value does not necessarily correspond to a same rate of increase in your property taxes. The easiest way to envision how this works is to think of our tax levy as a pie. Every property owner in Lake Shore is responsible for a piece of that pie. The amount is determined by the classification and the value of the property that is owned by each property owner. In years such as this, almost everyone has seen an increase in their estimated property values. But the city only collects taxes to match what is needed for the levy, nothing more. The county and school districts also use a similar collection process.

This summer, our city council will begin our budgeting process for our 2023 levy. We will set our preliminary levy by the end of September. Lake Shore continues to have one of the lowest tax rates in our area. We plan to continue to work to keep our rate low while providing necessary services and continuing to maintain our infrastructure, i.e., road projects. Every member of our city council understands the concern that an increase in estimated property values causes the property owners of our city. I can assure you that our council is and will continue to be very financially conservative in our budget planning.

Curbside Recycling? *Yes!*

One Earth Recycling provides a curbside recycling service in your area. We pick up your household recyclables, including plastic, glass, paper, and cardboard. Only \$15/month.

Call 218-513-3996 to schedule!



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

MAY 14

Minnesota Fishing Opener

JUNE 9, 6-8PM

*City of Lake Shore 75th
Anniversary Celebration
Fritz Loven Park*

JUNE 23, 1-4PM

*Cass County Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection
Lake Shore City Hall*



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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.