

# City of Lake Shore

## NEWSLETTER

Fall 2011

Cass County has a new program for uninsured or underinsured residents of the county for prescriptions. The Cass County Prescription Discount Card will be provided free of charge to all county residents through a partnership with TWRx LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Thrifty White Pharmacy. Cards are available at city hall. Residents should contact TWRx, LLC directly with any questions at 1-888-884-7713 or visit their website at [www.mytwrxcare.com](http://www.mytwrxcare.com)

### MAYOR'S REPORT JOHN TERWILLIGER

**Our** city administrator Teri Hastings, as well as the other employees, has again done a great job on the budget for 2012. Our 2012 budget is approximately 25,000 less than this year's budget.

**We** continued to work on city roads this summer. Dettbarn Road was paved, Miller Lane was resurfaced, and Pohl Road received a coating of class 5. Many of our gravel roads have been ignored and will be getting new surfaces as our budget allows.

**We** have two minor problems that citizens can assist with. Please help in keeping Fritz Loven Park clean by not leaving trash there. Also, we're getting more items in the recycling bins at city hall which should not be there. This includes small appliances, electronics, styrofoam, etc. Thank you to all of you who help in keeping Lake Shore beautiful by picking up roadside garbage. I hope you've taken time to enjoy the fall colors. Have a safe and enjoyable winter.

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## Fritz Loven Park

By John Poston, Park Committee

The fishing pier on Stony brook is completed. The pier is handicap accessible. It is a great spot to fish or just look at the stream.

**Reminder:** No fire arm hunting in the park.

**Reminder:** All trout fishing is catch and release.

The outhouse's at the park will be closed at the end of October for the winter and then will be completely refurbished next spring.

If you would like to attend a Park and Recreation meeting our next one is October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the city hall. Our meetings are always the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm.

### Land & Water Tour Receives Award

The Brainerd Area Environmental Learning Network has designated the Land & Water Tour as a recipient of one of their annual Lake Friendly Development Awards. This award recognizes projects that they feel are good examples of people trying to develop their land with a healthy respect for the environment. The tour focused on best management practices in the watershed and on the lake. The Land & Water Tour was a collaborative effort of the Lake Margaret Stakeholders, Leader Lions and the Crow Wing River Basin Forage Council.



# Minnesota's Year Around Playground on Gull Lake

## POLICE NOTES

### Be Aware of Phone & Internet Scams

The Lake Shore Police Department has had an increase in the number of scam related calls and emails being sent to our residents. Please be aware that it is nearly impossible to recover money that has been wired to another country.

**Scammers** come up with all kinds of convincing stories to get your money. And many of them involve you wiring money through companies like Western Union and Money Gram.

**Why** do scammers insist that people use money transfers? Because it's like sending cash: the scammers get the money quickly, and you can't get it back. Typically, there's no way to reverse a transfer or trace the money, and money wired to another country can be picked up at multiple locations, so it's just about impossible to identify or track someone down.

**Money** transfers can be useful when you want to send funds to someone you know and trust – but they're incredibly risky when you're dealing with a stranger. Remember:

**Wiring money is like sending cash; once it's sent, you can't get it back.** Con artists often insist that people wire money – especially overseas – because it's nearly impossible to reverse the transfer or trace the money.

**Never wire money to strangers or someone you haven't met in person.** That includes:

Sellers who insist on wire transfers for payment

An online love interest who asks for money or a favor

Someone advertising an apartment or vacation rental online

A potential employer or someone who says it's part of your new online job

Someone who claims to be a relative or friend in dire straits – often in a foreign jail or hospital and wants to keep it a secret from the family

**Never agree to deposit a check from someone you don't know and then wire money back.** The check will bounce, and you'll owe your bank the money you withdrew. By law, banks must make the funds from deposited checks available within a day or two, but it can take weeks to uncover a fake check. It may seem that the check has cleared and that the money is in your account. But you're responsible for the checks you deposit, so if a check turns out to be a fake, you owe the bank the money you withdrew.

**To report suspicious or criminal activity, please call 911 or our dispatcher at (218) 547-1424. Do not leave urgent voice messages on the police line at city hall. Those messages are only checked periodically throughout the day or night.**

### Public Works and Sewer Emergencies

If you have a Public Works or City Sewer Emergency call City Hall at (218) 963-2148 extension 3 and listen to complete message to get the proper on call number as this number changes due to mutual aid with the City of Nisswa. Also if you have a City maintained pump station at your residence we require to leave the power on at all times to insure proper operation.

## Buckthorn Watch

As Lake Shore residents watch aquatic invasive species trying to gain access to our lakes, another invader is attacking from behind. Buckthorn has been found in our forests. One tree was found in the yard of a home very close to City Hall last fall. This invader has marched up from the south. Dense stands have taken over wooded areas in southeast Minnesota and wooded neighborhoods in the Twin Cities. Further south, dense buckthorn growth can be seen for miles along I-55 from Memphis to New Orleans.

**Buckthorn** is not hard to recognize because the leaves stay green for weeks after all the native trees and bushes have shed their leaves in October and November. Larger plants have black berries that cause them to be often confused with chokecherry.

**Brought** to America in the mid 1980's, this invader was often sold by nurseries because it could form a nice dense hedge very quickly. Herein lies the problem; it spreads through its roots, sprouting up shoots that grow into a thicket. Birds also spread the tree long distances when they eat the berries in the fall; saplings have been found in burn areas all the way to the Canadian border. Buckthorn trees can grow over twenty feet and as it spreads, native species are crowded out and native plants and trees are unable to repopulate. Habitat is lost and the land has less erosion protection.

**The** good news for this area is that it is not too hard to take out a single sapling or tree when it is the first invader in your neighborhood. Pulling out a sapling and its roots is effective; larger trees can be cut as long as the stump is treated with an herbicide such as Brush-B-Gone (Triclopyr) or Roundup (Glyphosate).

Once the invader has become established, it is very hard to eliminate. If the brush is merely cut away, it comes up even thicker and faster from the roots the following year.

More information can be found on the DNR website: (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/woody/buckthorn/index.html>). **By: Ron Faust, Environmental Committee**



**Buckthorn is one of the most invasive species found in Minnesota.**

## TENT CATERPILLAR NOTICE

By Sonja Larsen

If you received a letter in September about Tent Caterpillars, your property has been identified as having high potential for an infestation next summer. It is the land between Lake Margaret and Gull, stretching from Schaeffer's Point on the north to Pebble Beach at the south end.

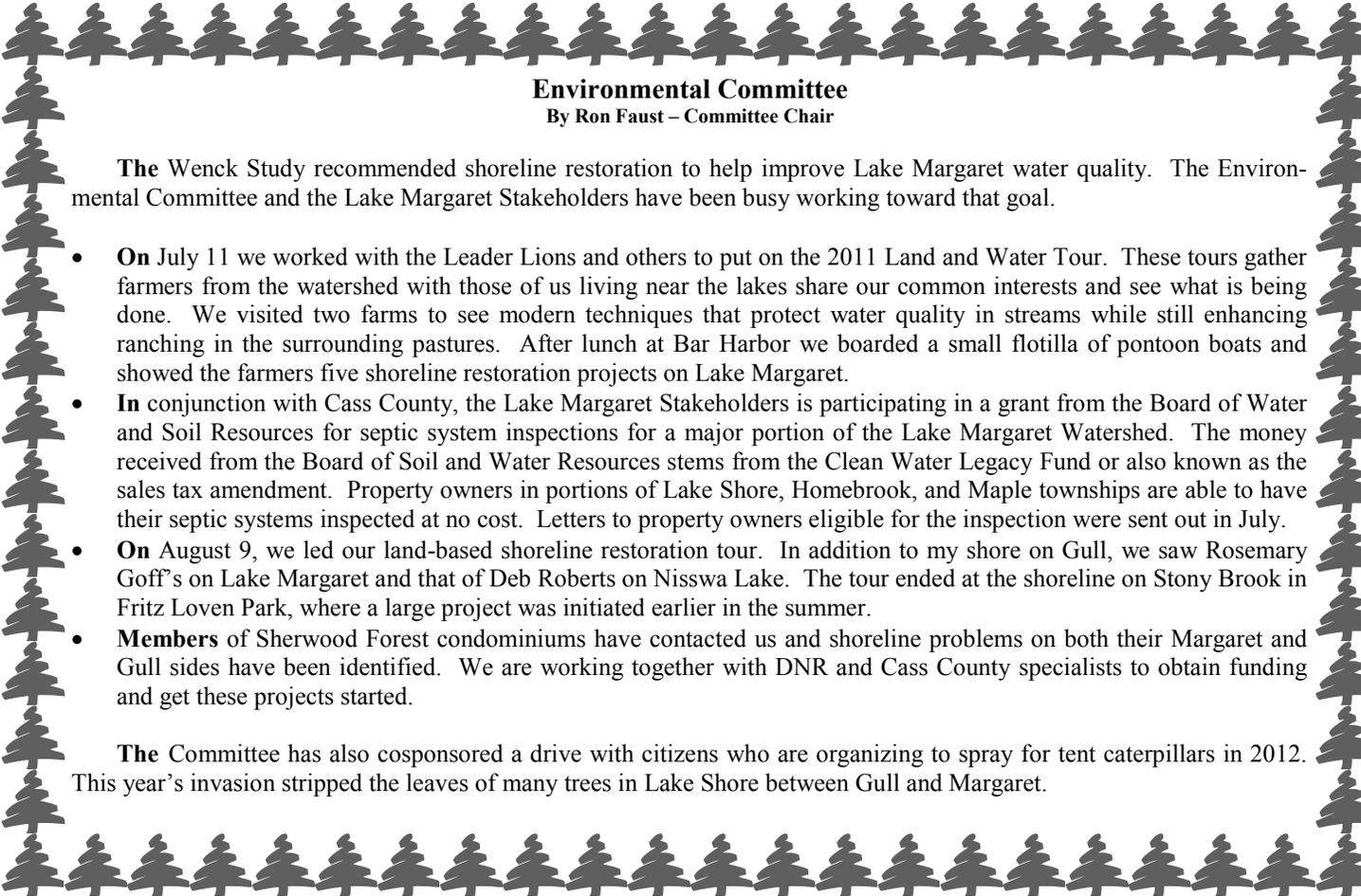
**Why this area?** Because it's between two bodies of water, giving it a milder winter/spring than surrounding properties. Thus, caterpillars are more likely to survive winter here. Also this area has their favorite foods: dogwood, linden, aspen and birch. Caterpillars also attack maples and oaks -- all very valuable.

**What will happen?** If everyone cooperates, we will hire a licensed helicopter pilot to spray ecologically safe b.t. twice. This treatment has been used about every 6 years since the 1990's and is proven safe and effective. It is a bacteria found naturally in soil. Spraying is safe for other insects, birds, pets, etc., but kills the caterpillars in their first feeding stage of development from eggs.

**Why not let nature take its course?** If nothing is done, the DNR estimates that about 6 to 8% of a healthy stand of trees will be killed. But much of this area has been stressed by two summers of caterpillar infestation. Having all the leaves eaten and being forced to re-leaf later in the spring will cause much further damage -- and make more trees vulnerable to summer predators.

**Who is the Tent Caterpillar Committee?** It's an ad hoc group of neighbors who mobilize every 6 or 7 years to handle this infestation. This year the committee has been endorsed by the Lake Shore Environmental Committee and has had substantial support from Teri Hastings and Patti McDonald at City Hall. This year's committee member volunteers are: Carol and John Greaves, John Ingleman, Ron Faust, Goodie and Peter Schmitz and Nancy Witta.

**What can you do?** Please send in your check, covering \$60 per acre, to the Tent Caterpillar Committee, % Lake Shore City Hall. If you have any pictures of past infestations, please share them with newcomers who may not realize how awful these critters can be. Encourage your neighbors to learn more about the devastation they can cause by visiting the DNR website or contacting one of the committee volunteers. In order to eliminate these pests we need the cooperation of *everyone* in this area.



### Environmental Committee

By Ron Faust – Committee Chair

The Wenck Study recommended shoreline restoration to help improve Lake Margaret water quality. The Environmental Committee and the Lake Margaret Stakeholders have been busy working toward that goal.

- **On July 11** we worked with the Leader Lions and others to put on the 2011 Land and Water Tour. These tours gather farmers from the watershed with those of us living near the lakes share our common interests and see what is being done. We visited two farms to see modern techniques that protect water quality in streams while still enhancing ranching in the surrounding pastures. After lunch at Bar Harbor we boarded a small flotilla of pontoon boats and showed the farmers five shoreline restoration projects on Lake Margaret.
- **In conjunction** with Cass County, the Lake Margaret Stakeholders is participating in a grant from the Board of Water and Soil Resources for septic system inspections for a major portion of the Lake Margaret Watershed. The money received from the Board of Soil and Water Resources stems from the Clean Water Legacy Fund or also known as the sales tax amendment. Property owners in portions of Lake Shore, Homebrook, and Maple townships are able to have their septic systems inspected at no cost. Letters to property owners eligible for the inspection were sent out in July.
- **On August 9**, we led our land-based shoreline restoration tour. In addition to my shore on Gull, we saw Rosemary Goff's on Lake Margaret and that of Deb Roberts on Nisswa Lake. The tour ended at the shoreline on Stony Brook in Fritz Loven Park, where a large project was initiated earlier in the summer.
- **Members** of Sherwood Forest condominiums have contacted us and shoreline problems on both their Margaret and Gull sides have been identified. We are working together with DNR and Cass County specialists to obtain funding and get these projects started.

The Committee has also cosponsored a drive with citizens who are organizing to spray for tent caterpillars in 2012. This year's invasion stripped the leaves of many trees in Lake Shore between Gull and Margaret.

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**Mayor**  
John Terwilliger

**Council Members**

Doug Miller  
Susan Amacher  
Lyle Kline  
John Bukovich

**City Clerk**

Patti McDonald

**City Administrator/Planning & Zoning**

Teri Hastings

**Police Chief**

Steve Sundstrom

**Public Works/Wastewater**

James Thomes

**Regular meetings of the City Council are held the fourth  
Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

**Committee Meetings**

**Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission**  
2nd Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Susan Amacher, Liaison **Members**

Earl North-Chairman  
Dave Baldwin, Dick Miles  
Mark Nelson, Lee Martin

**Environmental Committee**

Posted Monthly

Doug Miller, Liaison -Ron Faust

Elaine Leach, Melinda Re,  
Jerry Swenson , Rosemary Goff  
Alternates - Open

**Wastewater Committee**

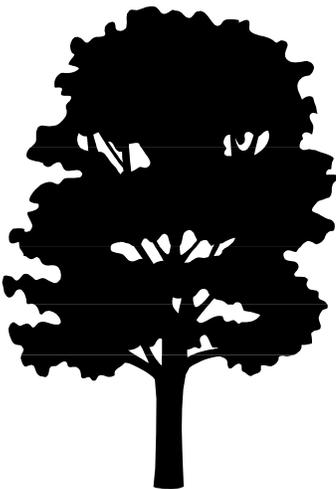
Posted Monthly

John Bukovich, Liaison Ray Rasinski  
Dave Pohl, Justin Stanke,  
Wayne Anderson, Bill Schultz  
Alternates - Mike Wagener, Chuck Bergquist

**Park Committee**

Posted Monthly

Lyle Kline, Liaison - John Poston, Don Hoger,  
Steve Hanousek, James Brown, , Bob Wilmes  
Alternates - Mike Wheeler & Cindy Terwilliger



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