

# City of Lake Shore

## NEWSLETTER

Fall 2012

**2012 ELECTIONS**  
GENERAL ELECTIONS  
**TUESDAY**  
NOVEMBER 6, 2012

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
DAILY AT CITY HALL  
8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 3, 2012  
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

### MAYOR'S REPORT JOHN TERWILLIGER

I hope everyone had a chance to get out and enjoy the fall colors. They were especially beautiful this year!

**The** City had several roads resurfaced this summer and will continue to work on both paved and unpaved roads in the coming years.

**Some** Lake Shore residents are members of the Nisswa Area Historical Society. Preserving area history is a goal of the NAHS. If you aren't already a member, please join to show support and volunteer some time if you can.

**Wild** turkey numbers are increasing. They sometimes fly up in front of a moving vehicle so please slow down when you see them in the road ditches.

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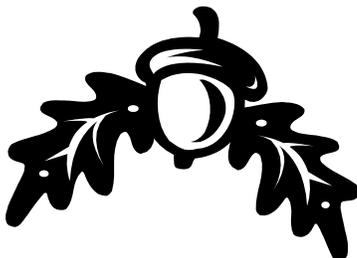
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### ATTENTION SHORELINE PROPERTY OWNERS

**Please** be aware that removal of understory and brush within the bluff or shore impact zone (within 38 feet of most lakes) is prohibited except to accommodate stairways, lifts, landings, and footpaths for access to the lake or stream. In addition, vegetation removal is limited to select cutting for shoreline properties which is defined as the removal of dead, diseased or damaged trees or shrubs, or removal of trees for placement of structures and drives, and further removal of only individual trees to uniformly thin up to 25% of the trees and brush prior to development. Up to 50% of the understory and brush may be removed outside of the shore impact or bluff impact zone. Any questions regarding vegetation removal may be directed to Teri Hastings at [thastings@cityoflakeshore.com](mailto:thastings@cityoflakeshore.com) or by phone (218) 963-2148.

### Congratulations to John and Cindy Terwilliger

**Recently** John and Cindy Terwilliger were recognized for their volunteer work for the area. They were named the 2012 Nisswa Citizens of the Year. John is currently mayor of Lake Shore and Cindy is a member of the Lake Shore Park and Recreation Committee. John and Cindy are members of the Gull Lake Drifters snowmobile club and the Nisswa Area Historical Society. Cindy is also the organizational leader of the Black Bear 4-H Club which John helps with as well. The Terwilliger's have spent countless hours helping with Fritz Loven Park. Congratulations!



# Minnesota's Year Around Playground on Gull Lake

**Environmental Committee**  
By Ron Faust – Committee Chair

**Rain Gardens Completed at Sherwood Forest**

**Volunteers** from the City of Lake Shore and the Gull Chain of Lakes Association planted two rain gardens below Sherwood Forest Tavern on September 25th. Planning for this project started in 2011. A member of Lake Shore's Environmental Committee had noted a paved right of way where rainwater could drain all the way from the crest of Interlachen Road to Lake Margaret. The rain gardens will collect runoff into shallow ponds which hold the water until it can soak into the ground. Decreasing storm water runoff is recommended as one of the best ways to improve water quality in the lakes.

**City Administrator Teri Hastings** had worked for 14 months to get this project accomplished. DNR Shoreline Specialist Heather Baird added technical expertise and selected the plant list, which included 32 species. Both finished the job by joining the volunteer planting team. 1000 plants were used; thirty two species of wild flowers and grasses were planted.

Photo:  
GCOLA and Lake Shore volunteers finish planting on two rain gardens at Sherwood Forest. From left to right: Ron Faust, Linda Naley, Teri Hastings, and Ike Halliwill. Photo by Heather Baird.



**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 the 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 you to leave the power on at all times to insure proper operation.

**POLICE NOTES**  
**Reporting Suspicious Activity and Crime**

The Lake Shore Police Department would like to remind residents to report suspicious and unusual 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 a crime or possible crime being committed, 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, and don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions turn out to be unfounded. Think about what could happen if you **don't** act.

**Be** alert for suspicious activity, examples include such things as:

- Someone running from a car or a residence.
- Someone screaming, even if you can't determine what the screams are.
- Any unusual or suspicious noise that you cannot explain, such as breaking glass, pounding, sound of gunfire or an aggressively barking dog.
- Foul odors or smells that you cannot explain.
- A business transaction conducted from a vehicle.
- Offers of merchandise or services at ridiculously low prices.
- Strangers carrying property from a residence or a closed business.
- Strangers going into the side or backyard of a neighbor's house.
- Suspicious vehicles or people that seem out of place.
- Abandoned vehicles or property left unattended.
- A burglar alarm sounding.
- Excessive traffic to and from a residence, especially during unusual hours.
- Any person who seems to have no purpose wandering the neighborhood.

**These** are only some examples. Please do not hesitate to **call 911** and report all suspicious activity. With your help, Lake Shore will continue to be a very safe community.

**Notes**

The Lake Shore Police Department will once again be participating in TZD (*Toward Zero Deaths*) enforcement campaigns. These campaigns include seat belt, speed, and DWI enforcement. Please remember to always buckle up, have a sober driver, and drive the posted speed limit. Remember to slow down during inclement weather.





The City of Lake Shore and the Trail 77 Team are excited to announce that a grant application for Phase One of the Lake Shore trail was submitted to the Minnesota DNR Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program in September. Phase One of the trail will be located on the south side of CSAH 77 and will start at Sandy Beach Road and continue as far as grant funding allows, the goal being to reach Sherwood Forest in Phase One. The planned location of the trail is along the CSAH 77 corridor. Maps of the corridor are posted at City Hall and on the City website ([www.cityoflakeshore.com](http://www.cityoflakeshore.com)).

The mission of the Trail 77 Team is:

**To establish a multi-use recreational trail system along the Co. Rd. 77 corridor, providing a safe environment within the City of Lake Shore that may save lives and prevent serious injuries. We will work with property owners to determine the best trail routing, while preserving and enhancing the scenic and economic environment in Lake Shore.**

The Lake Shore City Council tasked the Trail 77 Team to work on achieving a trail in 2011. The Trail 77 Team formation was the culmination of several previous City trail efforts including the goal of establishing a recreation trail system as set out in the 2006 City Comprehensive Plan, a 2007 Community Survey in which 77% of respondents favored establishment of a trail, and a 2010 Cooperative Agreement with Cass County, Crow Wing County, Fairview Township, and the City of East Gull Lake committing to coordinate trail-wide administration.

The Trail 77 Team has been working on the project since 2011 and has sought public input throughout the project. The public is invited to all Trail 77 Team meetings which are posted at city hall and on the city website. Public meetings were held in May and August of 2012. In addition to the meetings, the team has worked to keep the public informed through the website, newspaper articles, and through door-to-door efforts. All recommendations made by the Trail 77 Team are taken to the City Council for review and approval prior to proceeding with any work.

The City of Lake Shore has not expended any funds on the trail as of the writing of this article. Trail efforts to date have been funded through grants from Cass County Fund 73 (\$20,000) and The Initiative Foundation (\$3,000). These grants allowed the City to hire SEH (Short, Elliott, Hendrickson, Inc.), an engineering firm based in St. Paul with an office in Brainerd, to help with the preliminary work and grant writing that has enabled the City to prepare and submit the Minnesota DNR Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program grant application. It is the intent of the City to fund the great majority of the cost of the trail through grants. In addition, a Trail 77 Team sub-committee has been formed to work on fund-raising from private sources such as family and corporate foundations. To date private in-kind donations have been received to support Trail 77 Team logo de-

velopment, t-shirt, bumper stickers, and other design work, and hundreds of volunteer hours have been contributed.

Since the construction schedule of the trail will largely be dictated by the availability of funding, the project has been broken into three phases. The goal is to begin Phase 1 construction sometime in 2013. Subsequent phases will follow as funds become available and this will be a multi-year project.

While increasing safety along CSAH 77 is a major goal of the trail, preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of CSAH 77 and the City of Lake Shore is also in the forefront of goals for the trail. During the design phase, the engineering firm will be directed to preserve as many of the trees and natural features along the trail as possible.

The long-term goal, as outlined in the 2010 Cooperative Agreement, is the realization of a trail around the entirety of Gull Lake with connections to the Paul Bunyan State Trail. Fairview Township is not currently working on a trail; however, the City of Nisswa has a trail in planning that will connect with the City of Lake Shore boundary on CSAH 77. The Trail 77 project began as a vision of Lake Shore government and citizens. Lake Shore strongly promotes this project as a community effort and wants citizens to become and stay involved. To get started, contact the people listed below.

The Trail 77 Team and the City Council and staff, as well as the City's consultant, SEH, can help you:

City Administrator: Teri Hastings, 218-963-2148

Police Chief: Steve Sundstrom, 218-963-2148

### Buckthorn Watch

By: Ron Faust, Environmental Committee

Buckthorn has been found again in Lake Shore. This time it is at the edge of Zorbaz' parking lot. Buckthorn is an extremely aggressive invasive species that grows as a small tree or bush. It is spread by seeds, often carried by birds, and also through the roots to form a dense underbrush which prevents other trees and native species from emerging. Buckthorn has overtaken forests from southern Minnesota all the way to Louisiana; at that stage it is very difficult to clear.

Luckily, the spread of buckthorn can be put in check fairly easily in our area because it exists in only scattered locations. It can be identified easily during late fall because the leaves stay green for weeks after other trees and brush in the woods are bare. Although buckthorn looks very much like chokecherry, the berries distinguish these two species. The berries are dark purple in the fall and contain two to four small seeds instead of the one large pit found in the chokecherry.

Small plants can be pulled, but larger trees must be cut. The stumps must then be painted with Roundup or Tryclopypyr (Brush-B-Gone) to prevent buckthorn from sprouting up from the roots again in the spring. More information can be found on the DNR web site.



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**City Hall Business Hours**  
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Mayor**  
John Terwilliger

**Council Members**

Doug Miller  
Susan Amacher  
John Poston  
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 for  
3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Doug Miller, Liaison -Ron Faust

Elaine Leach, Melinda Re,

Jerry Swenson , Rosemary Goff

Alternates - Open

**Wastewater Committee**

Posted Monthly for  
3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

John Bukovich, Liaison Ray Rasinski

Dave Pohl, Justin Stanke,

Wayne Anderson, Bill Schultz

Alternates - Mike Wagener, Chuck Bergquist

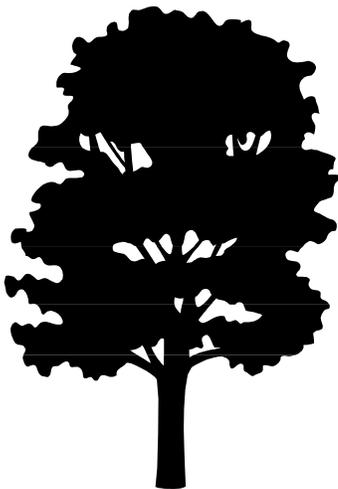
**Park Committee**

Posted Monthly for  
3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

John Poston, Liaison - Don Hoger,

Steve Hanousek, Bob Wilmes

Alternate - Cindy Terwilliger



GET INVOLVED IN  
YOUR CITY AND JOIN  
US FOR A MEETING

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[www.cityoflakeshore.com](http://www.cityoflakeshore.com)