

City of Lake Shore

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2013



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MAYOR'S REPORT JOHN TERWILLIGER

Yes, it is Fall and that means it is budget time again! This year the Lake Shore Preliminary Budget was set at \$858,353 and the preliminary levy at \$797,872. This is an approximate 3% increase from the 2013 levy. However, it should be noted that the 2014 proposed budget is still lower than the 2010 and 2011 budgets. The preliminary budget does include money for several road projects that include an overlay for Diana Drive, patching on Jacobs Road, and placement of calcium chloride on the gravel roads along with the potential of an assessed project on 72nd Street. The Truth in Taxation meeting has been set for Monday, December 23rd at 7:00 pm, Lake Shore City Hall; this is the meeting you may voice concerns with the budget.

Why Should I Have a Working Smoke Alarm?

A properly maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is on alert, constantly scanning the air.

A smoke alarm that isn't working because of age or because it has batteries that are dead or missing is just like not having a smoke alarm at all.

The Big Trees of Lake Shore

The results are in! In the last newsletter we asked if anyone had a large tree on their property or in their neighborhood and here is who responded!

The largest tree reported was by Bill Radovich and he says there are two White Pine trees on Lost Lake Trail, one has a 10'6-1/2" circumference and the other is 10'2". Pat Baldwin reported that there is a White Pine on Gullwood Road that boasts a 9' circumference and Deb Grehl said there is a White Pine on Nottingham Road that is 8'3" around.

Minnesota's Year Around Playground on Gull Lake

Four Artists, Four Seasons: Fritz Loven Park

Four Artists, Four Seasons: Fritz Loven Park is an exhibition featuring visual art by Judith Kuusisto, Carol Hanson, Mona Warren, and Mary Hendricks, at The Crossing Arts Alliance Q Gallery, 1001 Kingwood St. #222, Brainerd MN. Fritz Loven Park in Lake Shore MN is a meaningful place of natural beauty and inspiration chosen for a deep artistic study of all of the seasons.

"The last time I was at Fritz Loven Park, there was a moment when I couldn't see anyone else and all I could hear was the trout stream tinkling like the upper range of a piano. All I could think was how lucky we are not to have to travel far."--Artist Carol Hanson

Opening artist's reception: Friday, December 6, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Q Gallery. Come and engage with the artists, enjoy the exhibition, mingle with other art lovers, and have an opportunity to tell what Fritz Loven Park means to you.

Exhibition: December 17 to 31, Tuesday to Friday, noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by apt. @ 218-833-0416. Free and open to the public.



Mosquito Season

By: Ron Faust, Environmental Committee Chair

Did we have a good one or what? One Lake Shore resident wrote in to City Hall this summer when she was surprised to find out that Lake Shore had no mosquito control program. Other towns and cities, including East Gull Lake, fog to control mosquitos. In addition to the old fashioned annoyance mosquito's cause, the serious dangers of encephalitis, West Nile virus, and Lyme's disease from mosquitos and ticks are pretty well known. On the other hand, cost and effectiveness of a spraying program based on a truck driving down the road could be questioned. Also, what effect would a weekly spraying program have on other parts of the ecosystem? How would the spraying affect the populations of bees and other pollinators, which are essential to our food supply and the flowers in your garden? Are we sure the fogs they use are safe for adults and children as they say they are? What about the lakes? So the Environmental Committee is looking into this and trying to determine the best thing for Lake Shore to do. We welcome public input. Just call or email or send a note to City Hall to give us your opinion.

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. 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.

Commissioner's Corner

By: Neal Gaalswyk, Cass County Commissioner, District One

Recently five of my six grandsons were at Kathy's and my house. Only one of the Moms came along, so we had quite the busy and fun time. Between rain showers, we spent some time in the lake, some time on the trails, and some time listening to the sounds of fall in the woods. I was reminded of how blessed we are to live in this part of the state. A little known fact about Cass County is that over 50% of the land area of the county is publicly owned. An additional fact I was surprised to learn is that the State of Minnesota is the third largest landowner in the United States, behind only the Federal government and the State of Alaska. Much of that State owned land is right here in our county. Many of us take free and unfettered access to public land as a birthright. Others question if any land should be publicly owned. Cass County has a "no net gain, no net loss" policy regarding county owned or managed land. We believe county owned land should pay its own way and return value to the taxpayer on par with what the land would provide if held privately. In pursuit of these goals, the county, in partnership with conservation organizations, strategically acquires land from willing sellers that enhances our management plan, improves access to existing public land and consolidates our land holdings for more efficient and effective forest and timber management. At the same time, we actively divest ourselves of land that is better suited to private ownership. Much of the public land in Cass County came into public ownership through tax forfeiture or homestead failures. Other large tracts of land have been gifted to the county or state, and other parcels are under Federal ownership. Examples of gifted public land in our area are the Pillsbury State Forest and the 200 acre parcel just south of Ski Gull donated by the Cote family in 1983. Cass County's public land is managed for timber, wildlife, recreation and hunting. Management of the land is the responsibility of our land commissioner who works under the direction of the County Board of Commissioners. The land department is completely self-supporting through timber sales, easement fees, state payments in lieu of taxes, and the strategic sale of un-needed or unwanted property. No county levy dollars are used to fund operations of the department or to underwrite the cost of our public land holdings. In 2011, the land department distributed \$1,201,930 to local governments through the tax forfeiture fund using money earned on our public land. In 2012, the figure was \$1,021,682. Another item of local interest is the proposed reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 77 as it passes through the City of Lake Shore. The county has recently engaged an engineering firm to begin the design work on this locally famous section of highway. Working with the City of Lake Shore, our goal will be to retain as much of the unique character of the road as possible while at the same time improving numerous design flaws and improving safety for drivers and pedestrians alike. Construction is scheduled for 2017. The interim will be used to gather public input, propose and revise design plans and secure funding. Thank you so much for the faith and confidence you have placed in me. Serving in this capacity for the past three years has truly been an edifying, humbling and pleasant experience. In a little over a year, I will be asking you for your support once again. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do for you, or if you have a concern you believe I should be aware of, please contact me at 218-829-7208; 218-839-1841, or by email at neal.gaalswyk@co.cass.mn.us.

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. Do not leave a voice mail on the police department answering machine. Just dial **911**.

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.

Notes

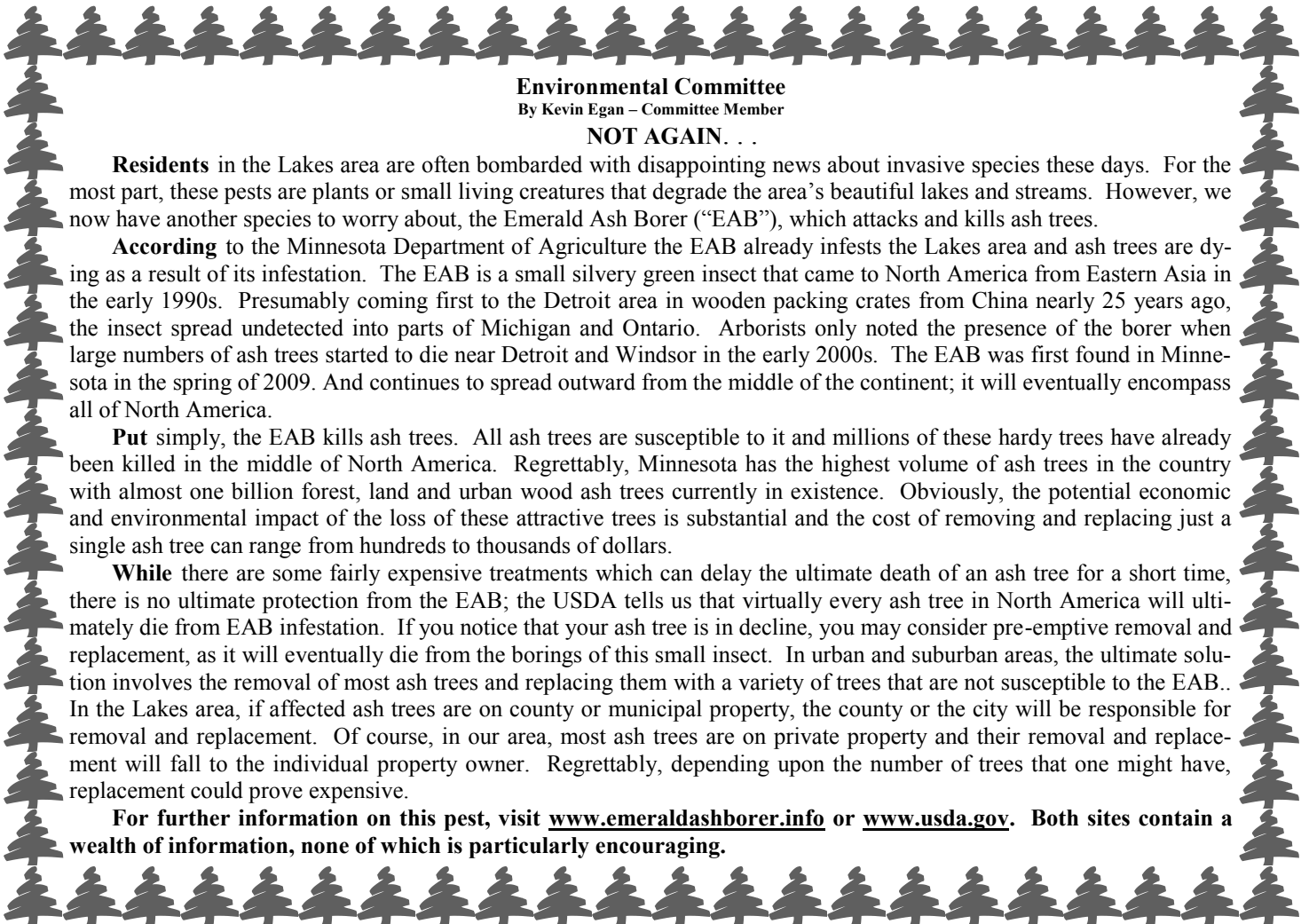
The Lake Shore Police Department will once again be participating in TZD (*Toward Zero Deaths*) enforcement campaigns. These campaigns include seat belt, speed, and DWI enforcement. Please remember to always buckle up, have a sober driver, and drive the posted speed limit. Remember to slow down during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

Reminder

ATV's are **not** allowed anywhere within the 80 acres of Fritz Loven Park. Please operate your ATV's with respect to your neighbors and community.

Property Watch

Property Watch forms are available at the Lake Shore Police Department or online at www.cityoflakeshore.com. A new property watch form needs to be filled out each time you are away on vacation or leaving for the winter season. This information notifies the police department that you will be away from your residence during a specific period and allows us to have contact information in the unfortunate event that something happens.



Environmental Committee

By Kevin Egan – Committee Member

NOT AGAIN. . .

Residents in the Lakes area are often bombarded with disappointing news about invasive species these days. For the most part, these pests are plants or small living creatures that degrade the area's beautiful lakes and streams. However, we now have another species to worry about, the Emerald Ash Borer ("EAB"), which attacks and kills ash trees.

According to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture the EAB already infests the Lakes area and ash trees are dying as a result of its infestation. The EAB is a small silvery green insect that came to North America from Eastern Asia in the early 1990s. Presumably coming first to the Detroit area in wooden packing crates from China nearly 25 years ago, the insect spread undetected into parts of Michigan and Ontario. Arborists only noted the presence of the borer when large numbers of ash trees started to die near Detroit and Windsor in the early 2000s. The EAB was first found in Minnesota in the spring of 2009. And continues to spread outward from the middle of the continent; it will eventually encompass all of North America.

Put simply, the EAB kills ash trees. All ash trees are susceptible to it and millions of these hardy trees have already been killed in the middle of North America. Regrettably, Minnesota has the highest volume of ash trees in the country with almost one billion forest, land and urban wood ash trees currently in existence. Obviously, the potential economic and environmental impact of the loss of these attractive trees is substantial and the cost of removing and replacing just a single ash tree can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars.

While there are some fairly expensive treatments which can delay the ultimate death of an ash tree for a short time, there is no ultimate protection from the EAB; the USDA tells us that virtually every ash tree in North America will ultimately die from EAB infestation. If you notice that your ash tree is in decline, you may consider pre-emptive removal and replacement, as it will eventually die from the borings of this small insect. In urban and suburban areas, the ultimate solution involves the removal of most ash trees and replacing them with a variety of trees that are not susceptible to the EAB. In the Lakes area, if affected ash trees are on county or municipal property, the county or the city will be responsible for removal and replacement. Of course, in our area, most ash trees are on private property and their removal and replacement will fall to the individual property owner. Regrettably, depending upon the number of trees that one might have, replacement could prove expensive.

For further information on this pest, visit www.emeraldashborer.info or www.usda.gov. Both sites contain a wealth of information, none of which is particularly encouraging.

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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 9:00 a.m.

Environmental Committee

Posted on website calendar

Wastewater Committee

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Park Committee

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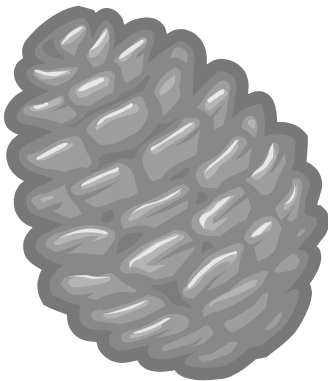
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