

# City of Lake Shore

## NEWSLETTER

Spring  
2016

### CASS COUNTY BOARD TO MEET IN LAKE SHORE

The Cass County Board will meet at Lake Shore City City Hall on August 16th at 6:00pm for their regular meeting. Please join them!

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### Fine Ordinance Adopted

The Lake Shore City Council adopted an administrative fine ordinance that will be used for planning and zoning violations. Sample violations include, tree or vegetation removal, nuisance violations, stormwater violations, earth movement, and animal control infractions. Fines vary from \$100 up to \$1000 and can be issued by city staff.

### Mayor's Report JOHN POSTON

Every February or March, Steve Sundstrom, Chief of Police for the City of Lake Shore, starts thinking about Easter. Every Easter since 2004, Steve plans an Easter Egg Hunt for the City of Lake Shore that is held in the City's Fritz Loven Park.

Steve approaches local businesses for donations and it is not subsidized by the City. This year, Steve purchased 5,000 plastic eggs, candy and \$450 in coins to fill them. The Saturday before Easter, Fritz Loven Park is turned into a giant Easter Egg Hunt. The park is divided into 3 sections based on easy, medium and challenging egg hunting skills. This year, the weather cooperated, but it hasn't always been that easy! One year, there was so much snow that the eggs were divided up into paper bags and each child was handed a bag of eggs when they arrived. One year, the banks of Stony Brook over flowed turning the park into a huge mud puddle limiting the area for hunting eggs.

The City of Lake Shore is very fortunate to have Chief Steve organizing this huge event! He has carried on a tradition started in 1998 by John Bukovich who was the Chief of Police at that time. It is nice to see the residents of Lake Shore bring their children and grandchildren each year to participate. This year, there were approximately 250 kids who hunted for eggs- it just keeps on getting better!

As the Mayor of Lake Shore, I want to say a huge Thank You to Chief Steve!

*John Poston*



### Planning & Zoning

By: Teri Hastings Zoning Administrator

#### STEPS TO THE LAKE or SHORE- LINE WORK?



Are you considering constructing steps to the lake or creating a trail or pathway to the lake? Do you have ice damage this

year? The city requires a zoning permit for these items. Steps or a pathway to lake can only be four feet in width. Carpenter steps are the preferred method rather than steps cut into the earth and requiring alteration to the land. There is a limit on the amount of earth movement within the bluff and near shore area so it is best to check to see if your proposed path or steps to the lake is feasible.

If you have ice damage to your shoreline and would like to repair it, a permit is now required. A photo of the damaged shoreline is required for the permit and the fee is \$25. It is best to contact the Planning & Zoning Office before beginning a project at 218-963-2148.



# POLICE NOTES

## Illegal Fireworks Reminder

As a reminder to everyone as we prepare for the various July 4th celebrations, **explosive and aerial fireworks are illegal** in Minnesota. Minnesota Statute 62A.21 makes it illegal to possess or explode illegal fireworks. Fines can cost up to \$1000. Every year the Lake Shore PD receives and responds to illegal fireworks complaints. We ask that you *respect your neighbors* and abide by these laws and stay safe.

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## TZD (Toward Zero Deaths)

The Lake Shore PD 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.

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## Lake Shore Police & GCOLA Partnership

The Lake Shore PD 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. GCOLA is covering all costs of the officer and use of the squad.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Lake Shore PD would like to thank the following businesses and resorts for their generous donation to our annual Easter egg hunt on March 26th at Fritz Loven Park. Approximately 240 kids participated in the hunt thanks to Causeway on Gull, Nisswa Automotive, Sherwood Forest, Sandy Beach Resorts, Crocker Collision, MK Auto Body, Poston's Property Management, Gull Lake Motel, Frandsen Bank & Trust, Gammelmo, Qualley, Pearson & Mallak Law Office, Widseth Smith Nolting, 3 Cheers Hospitality, Bar Harbor, Zorbaz on Gull, Cowboys, Grand View Lodge and the City of Lake Shore & staff. A special thanks to the Lake Shore Park & Recreation Committee members for donating their time in stuffing eggs and assisting during the hunt.

## Gutters?

**Do** you have gutters? Gutters are great tool to control stormwater and they can also help protect your home if done property. If you have gutters, make sure they are not directing the runoff into the lake. Some people ask: "Why, it's only water?" Wrong! That water carries sediment and other pollutants that enter the lake which has harmful repercussions. If needed create a small swale in the yard for gutters to drain into or a mini-french drain system. If everyone does their part, we can make sure our lakes are kept as healthy as possible.



## TENT CATERPILLAR NOTICE

The Lake Shore Environmental Committee has endorsed a plan by the Tent Caterpillar Committee, to spray for tent caterpillars this spring. The spray is safe for plants, pets, people and pollinators. It is a bacteria common in our soil and *not* a chemical. It is recommended by the DNR. We encourage you to cooperate by paying your fair share and returning a letter indicating your permission to spray. It is estimated that the cost will be about \$15 an acre.

*Whose property is involved?* If you receive a letter about Tent Caterpillars, your property was sprayed in 2012 and has been assessed as having high potential for an infestation this summer. *See the map below.* It is a strip of land between Lake Margaret and Gull, stretching from Schaeffers Point at the north end to Pebble Beach at the south end.

*Why this area?* Being between two bodies of water gives this area a milder winter than the surrounding properties. Tent caterpillars are more likely to survive winter here. Also it has the caterpillar's favorite foods: basswood, oak, aspen and birch.

*What will happen?* If everyone cooperates, we will hire a licensed helicopter pilot to spray ecologically safe b.t. This treatment has been used every 4 to 6 years since the early 1990's and is proven safe and effective.

*Why not let nature take its course?* If nothing is done, the DNR estimates that about 8% of a healthy stand of trees will be killed. Our forest has been stressed by last July's storm. We've lost enough trees. Having all the leaves eaten and being forced to re-leaf in early summer will cause further damage — and loss.

*Who is the Tent Caterpillar Committee?* An ad hoc group of neighbors who mobilize every 4 or 6 years to handle this problem. The only person who gets paid is the helicopter pilot.

## Cass County News

By: District 1 Commissioner Neal Gaalswyk

**Season's Greetings!** That phrase seems more appropriate this time of year than it does around the time of the winter solstice. The thinking of the day is that we should be concerned about climate change-that may be, but I sure do like this warm weather!

**One** thing I have learned in 5 years as your county commissioner is that we ought to be grateful for the hard and dedicated work that is done by our county employees. In that vein, I want to take time to thank our department heads who have served with distinction and who are now retiring.

**Robert** Yochum, our first and only county administrator, will be leaving in November after 19 years at the helm. Thank you Bob, for your vision, your steady hand and for the calm, reassuring way you have navigated the challenges of your job. I appreciate your ability to keep others (me) from picking fights that don't need to be fought-focusing instead on progress and problem resolution.

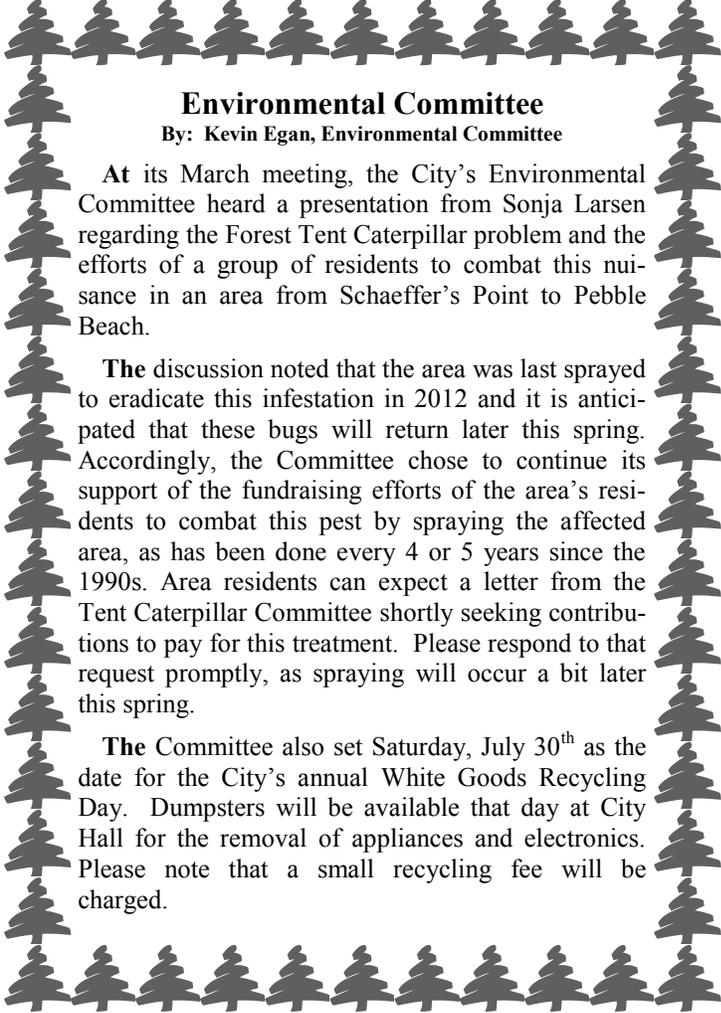
**Larry** Wolfe, our Chief Financial Officer, will be leaving in May. Larry's grasp of the intricacies of county finance is amazing. In 5 years, I have never heard a question asked at a County Board or budget meeting regarding finances that Larry was not able to answer accurately and on the spot. I'm going to keep trying, but time is getting short.

**Reno** Wells, the epitome of a dedicated public servant, will be retiring early next year. Reno has served his country and county well. A Sergeant Major in the Army National Guard, a former deputy sheriff, probation officer and now head of our Health, Human and Veteran's Services Department, Reno is a change agent, a man of integrity and one who manages to greet you with a smile, no matter how tense he may be.

**Dave** Enblom, our highway engineer, will be leaving next spring. Motorists and residents of our area will be able to enjoy Dave's latest project, the 2017 reconstruction of County Road 77 for years to come. Dave's approach to this project epitomizes his dedication to his work and the people he serves. Inclusive, relational, engaging and professional, Dave knows how to get the right people at the table and knows how to move them along once they are there. The next time you are out enjoying one of our top-notch roads, thank Dave.

**Melanie** Wolfe, our Director of Finance at Health, Human and Veteran's Services will be retiring at the about the same time as her husband Larry. I'm not sure, but I have a sneaking suspicion that one of the reason's Larry is as good as he is, is that Melanie checks his work for accuracy! Melanie ensures that the myriad rules and regulations that accompany our Federal and State monies are met and can withstand audit. Thank you Melanie for keeping us out of trouble with the Feds and for ensuring that our money is properly accounted for.

**Your** County Commissioners have known about these changes for some time and have engaged in succession planning to ensure that all county services continue to be delivered in an uninterrupted and efficient manner. Our goal is to replace these men and women with individuals of commensurate character and ability. As our outgoing administrator often says, "Good boards make good staff and good staff make good boards." These folks have made my tenure as your commissioner easy, productive and enjoyable. Thank you, each and all.



## Environmental Committee

By: Kevin Egan, Environmental Committee

At its March meeting, the City's Environmental Committee heard a presentation from Sonja Larsen regarding the Forest Tent Caterpillar problem and the efforts of a group of residents to combat this nuisance in an area from Schaeffer's Point to Pebble Beach.

The discussion noted that the area was last sprayed to eradicate this infestation in 2012 and it is anticipated that these bugs will return later this spring. Accordingly, the Committee chose to continue its support of the fundraising efforts of the area's residents to combat this pest by spraying the affected area, as has been done every 4 or 5 years since the 1990s. Area residents can expect a letter from the Tent Caterpillar Committee shortly seeking contributions to pay for this treatment. Please respond to that request promptly, as spraying will occur a bit later this spring.

The Committee also set Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> as the date for the City's annual White Goods Recycling Day. Dumpsters will be available that day at City Hall for the removal of appliances and electronics. Please note that a small recycling fee will be charged.

## Park & Recreation Committee

### Emergency Services Meet & Greet

On Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm at Fritz Loven Park, the Lake Shore Park & Recreation Committee will be hosting an *Emergency Services Meet & Greet* at the park.

Please stop out and meet the members of the Lake Shore Police Department and Nisswa Fire & Rescue. Police vehicles and fire trucks will be available for the public to view and members will discuss and demonstrate the equipment and services they provide. Please bring your kids and come out for the evening. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

## Wastewater/Road Committee

By: Council Liaison John Terwilliger

Two of the city's wastewater lift stations will get major repairs and updating this spring. The lift station across from Bar Harbor and the one west of the Lake Margaret bridge are both in very poor condition.

After advertising for bids, Pratt Excavation was selected to do the work. The current lift pumps will be shut down and bypassed while new equipment is installed. Please be cautious when driving by these sites as work is being performed. Repairs are scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day.

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**Council Members**

Krista Knudsen  
Doug Miller  
Earl North  
John Terwilliger

**City Clerk**

Patti McDonald

**Committee Meetings**

**Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission**  
2nd Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

**Environmental Committee**

Posted Monthly

**Wastewater Committee**

Posted Monthly

**Park Committee**

Posted Monthly

**Mayor**

John Poston

**City Administrator/Planning & Zoning**

Teri Hastings

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

**Police Chief**

Steve Sundstrom

**Public Works/Wastewater**

Bob Heidelberger

Earl North, Liaison

**Members**

John Ingleman-Chair;  
Roger Smeby, Glen Gustafson, Kevin Egan  
Alt - Pat Hastings & Wayne Anderson

Doug Miller, Liaison

Kevin Eagan - -Chair  
Lowell Naley, Arla Johnson,  
Robert Eliason, Rosemary Goff  
Alternate - Ron Faust

John Terwilliger, Liaison

- Wayne Anderson-Chair  
Gene Hagen, Bill Schultz  
Andy Swift, Terry Hansen  
Alternate - Chuck Bergquist

Krista Knudsen, Liaison

- Betsy Egan-Chair  
Steve Sundstrom, Terry Frovik, Todd Peterson  
Alternates - Bob Wilmes & Cindy Terwilliger

