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## Do You Have an Old Photo of City Hall?

The City is researching the history of City Hall and would like to find photos that display the original building.

Please call Maureen at 218 828-9279 if you can help.

## EGL Roads to Get a Facelift this Spring!

Plans to repave and improve several city roads are moving forward. Bids for the work are expected in March with reconstruction starting in May. The roads to be completed this summer include: Gull River Road, Hillview Forest Road, Squaw Point Road, 120th Street S.W., Gull Lake Road, Red Oak Drive, and Norway Pine Drive. The Road Committee now meets regular to insure East Gull Lake roads are properly maintained.



Both City Hall and the city website will have the specific information on the schedule in May when plans are finalized.

*Your Road Committee: Dave Kavanaugh, Marty Carlson, Jerry Stromberg*

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## Council Considers City Hall Addition

City Hall was built in 1900 as a school . Since 1900 it has served the city well as City Hall. Minor updates and remodeling has been done to maintain the building, but there are several issues that cannot be resolved by just updating.



The City Council has discussed the possibility of an addition to the building and more extensive remodeling of the existing space. These discussions have always proceeded with the understanding that it is vital to maintain the character of the building that residents have come to love.

With maintenance of City Hall’s character as a priority, the council has these thoughts on the possible addition/remodel:

**1) ADA accessible.** The current ramp does not meet federal and state guidelines. There are no bathroom facilities available for handicapped residents.

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## Council Considers City Hall Addition (con't.)

**2) Meeting Room.** The current space is not large enough for meetings with large numbers of people. There have been several meetings in the last few years where residents have stood out in the entryway. This room would also be available for residents to use and for community events.

**3) Productive working environment.** Currently meetings take place in the same (only) room the staff works in. The staff cannot work productively when

meetings are occurring. The current space would be remodeled for office staff use.

The Council will be discussing these plans in upcoming Council meetings. A sketch of a possible design will be available to review in the near future at City Hall.

If you have any comments please call City Hall.

## Wastewater News

Now that the initial wastewater expansion project is complete the wastewater committee has started working on the Ruth Lake extension. This extension will allow the remaining houses on Ruth Lake without city sewer to hook-up in the near future.

A couple of note for those residents new to city sewer. First, garbage disposals are allowed with city sewer.

Second, the Wastewater Committee will be mailing out customer service letters to those residents who have had a service call. The wastewater committee wants to insure

that response times are good and that the city is providing quality service.

Finally, if your light flashes on your wastewater box, try pushing the reset button on the box before calling for service. Sometimes the button has just been tripped and nothing is wrong with your system. If the light doesn't come back on after you have reset it your system is working fine.

*Marty Carlson. Wastewater Chair*

## 2007 City Budget

A new Budget Committee was formed in 2006 to formalize the City's budgeting process. The committee consists of **Councilor Jim Ruttger (Chair), Councilor Carol Demgen, Mike Blanch, Dennis Lange, Orris Rodahl, and Nadine Wittkopp.**

The Committee first defined the process, created guidelines and reviewed past expenditures versus budget. Once this work was complete they created a 'citizen-driven budget'. The creation of the budget was well documented for future use. This will allow the Committee to provide informed oversight of the City's financial performance relative to the final adopted budget.

The total adopted budget was set at \$471,921. The

2006 budget was \$536,000. Most of the savings came from the elimination of the East Gull Lake police officer. The breakdown of the 2007 budget is:

General Fund: \$238,814

Parks & Trails: \$61,000

2007 Road Improvement Project: \$90,000

City Hall Building Fund \$14,500

**The City Council would like to extend a large 'Thank You!' to the entire committee.** Their work was handled very professionally and in a timely manner. They put in many hours to complete a detailed and well thought-out budget. The next budget will be much easier to create because of all the background work the Committee completed this year. Thank You!

## Multi-use Trail Plans Proceeding



The City of East Gull Lake is currently constructing a paved surface multi-use trail that when completed will provide twelve miles of multi-use trail. The construction is planned in five phases with the initial phase (with a beautiful view

of Dade Lake) already complete. The next phase will be constructed this Spring and will connect Phase One to the Gull Lake Dam Park.

Plans call for the trail to become an integral part of two proposed trail systems. The south end of East Gull Lake's trail system will connect to a proposed extension of the City of Baxter's trail, which currently has 16 miles of paved surface trails. This will give East Gull Lake a much sought after connection to the Paul Bunyan Trail. The main portion of the trail will become part of a proposed trail that will extend around the west side of Gull Lake connecting the Paul Bunyan Trail in Nisswa to the Paul Bunyan Trail on Wise Road in Crow Wing County.

Much of the trail has been designed to utilize cooperative private easements as well as City property to minimize the amount of trail to run on Cass County Road Right of Way. This portion of the trail system will provide both residents of East Gull Lake and guests of the resorts a safe walking and biking surface rather than the road shoulders currently used by many. The trail has been proposed as multi-use to include hikers, bikers, as well as golf carts to help service the need for residents to travel between the many golf venues in the City.

Funding for the project comes from a combination of sources including a \$100,000 Cass County grant, Kavanaugh development fees, and Park & Trails funds. The committee is currently working on additional grant applications.

A map of the proposed trail route is available to view at City Hall. Further updates will be available in future newsletters and the East Gull Lake website.

Your Park & Trail Committee,  
*Councilor Gaalswyk, Mark Kavanaugh, Ike Halliwill,  
 Nadine Wittkopp, Rob Mason, Chris and Sue  
 Norskov.*

### First Responders—A Vital City Resource

The East Gull Lake First Responders provide much needed quick-response to emergency situations in the City. They are usually the first people to respond to a local emergency call.

The First Responders is a volunteer organization that provides a vital City service. Because it is a volunteer organization it is always in need of new citizens to join. Please consider becoming a First Responder! If interested call Dave Kavanaugh at 829-4876.  
 Thank You!

Please send all letters of support to:  
 The East Gull Lake First Responders  
 East Gull Lake City Hall  
 10790 Squaw Point Road  
 East Gull Lake, MN 56401



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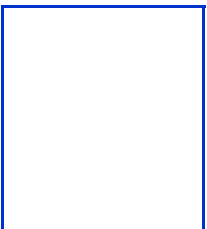
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## Notable Happenings!



Maureen Cirks, our City Administrator, has started her fifth year with the City. She has brought a professionalism to City Hall with her ??? years of experience in city government.



Jim Ruttger was re-elected this November to his ??? term as councilor. Also elected to his first full-term in November was



Marty Carlson. Marty was appointed councilor in 2004 when Councilor Dave Kavanaugh was elected Mayor.

### East Gull Lake Contact Information

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## Calendar of Events

**Council Meeting:** First Tuesday of month, 7:00 p.m., March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, & May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Planning & Zoning:** Last Tuesday of month, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Safety:** First Tuesday of month, 5:30 p.m. as needed.

**Wastewater:** Third Tuesday of month, 4:00 p.m., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, & April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Road:** Last Friday of month, 3:00 p.m. as needed.

**Budget:** Fourth Thursday of month, 5:30 p.m., as needed.

**Park & Trails:** As needed, watch website or call City Hall.

**Call City Hall or check the website for additional meetings and updates.**