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Mayor's Message

Your City staff and Council have stayed very busy this summer working on the 2012 budget, road projects and a nice extension to our multi-purpose trail. You can learn more about the trail extension elsewhere in this newsletter. This message will focus on the 2012 budget plans and give you a brief update on road projects.

The Budget Committee has once again worked hard to complete a proposed budget for FY12 that maintains city services without much, if any increase to the levy. The preliminary budget numbers compared to last year's budget are below. Please note that the preliminary levy is the maximum the final levy can be and I expect our certified levy finalized in December to come in slightly lower.



Three road projects were also completed this summer coming in under budget. The roads included Shady Lane, Squaw Point Rd and Pine Beach Drive South. The final hearing in October will share slightly lower than projected assessments.

Hope you had a wonderful summer and were able to spend extra time with friends and family. Fall is in the air and while I love fall weather it also seems like summer went by too fast. Consider freeing up some time to get out and use our newly extended trail system during these short-lived fall days.

Sincerely, Dave Kavanaugh, Mayor

2012 Preliminary Levy Information

FUND	2011 CERTIFIED LEVY	2012 PROPOSED CERTIFIED LEVY
General Fund	\$ 98,721.00	\$ 97,771.00
Public Safety	\$ 68,462.00	\$ 63,040.00
Roads, Streets, & Highway	\$ 84,801.00	\$ 78,340.00
GO Bond 2007 Road Improvements	\$ 77,846.00	\$ 67,846.00
GO Bond 2008 Road Improvements	\$ 87,426.00	\$ 87,426.00
GO Bond 2011 Road Improvements	\$ - 0-	\$ 40,000.00
Planning & Zoning	\$ 50,950.00	\$ 40,318.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 18,250.00
City Hall Building	\$ - 0-	\$ -0-
W.W. Plant Expansion	\$ 67,607.00	\$ 67,607.00
TOTAL CERTIFIED LEVY	\$ 554,063.00	\$ 560,598.00

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Interested in Becoming More Involved in Your City?

The City is looking for two new members for the Planning and Zoning Commission. These members meet monthly to ensure growth in the City is planned well. We are also looking for a new member for the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee meets four to five times a year to review city expenses and recommend a preliminary budget to the City Council.

If interested in one of these positions call City Hall and speak with City Administrator Brenda Thomes.

EGL Trail System Expands



After more than three months of construction and overcoming massive rains in July, government shutdowns and threatened funding problems, as well as other various challenges, we have finally completed our most recent addition to the East Gull Lake Trail system.

We now have nearly 9 miles of trails and thanks to Cass County's partnership and financial assistance, together we have built the trails to the boundaries of our neighbors in Fairview Township and Sylvan Township. Where the trails will go from there has not been decided at this point in time, but if the dream to circle Gull Lake and connect to the Paul Bunyan trail is to be a reality, it will take some creativity and some funding from our neighbors to do so. Please encourage your neighbors in those two Townships to view the activity that the trails have brought to this area and encourage their elected officials to

explore what sources of funding that they can come up to move this project along. Many options exist, but it takes some local funding to get grants from other sources that encourage healthy recreational opportunities.

I see many smaller children riding their bikes, families with strollers enjoying the beautiful fall weather and many other forms of healthy recreation being enjoyed that would not exist without the safety of a separate trail away from a very busy Cass County highway 77.

I hope you all enjoy the new trails and the wonderful fall weather we are having.

Best Wishes,

Rob Mason

East Gull Lake City Council and Trail Committee

City Hall Gets a Facelift

Recently several much needed updates were completed at City Hall to bring the facility up to code and to improve energy efficiency in the building. First, the old chimney was removed and new insulation was added in the walls. Both improvements will lower heat loss substantially. Second the restroom facilities and the entrance were improved to allow for handicapped accessibility. Also, the layout inside the building was altered to provide a better office environment and improve traffic flow for visitors. Finally new sidewalks were installed.

Stop in and visit. You will notice the improvements!

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November 8th is Election Day

**City Hall will be open for voting from
7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

The only items on the ballot this year are two questions for Brainerd School District 181.

The first question is a request for a renewal of a current \$199.24 per pupil unit operating levy. Voting yes on this question raises no new taxes.

The second question on the ballot asks for an additional \$200 per pupil unit for the district. On a \$200,000 property the tax impact of the second question is \$77.76 per year.

To see the tax impact on different amounts or to learn more about why the District is asking for these dollars visit www.brainerdlevyinfo.org. If you do not have internet please call the District Offices at 218-454-6900. The district will also be sending out an informational mailing to all district residents.

Remember to vote on November 8th

Calendar of Events

Council Meeting: First Tuesday of month, 7:00 p.m.; Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th, Jan. 3rd and Feb. 7th and March 6th.

Planning & Zoning: Last Tuesday of month, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 25th, Nov. 29th, Jan. 31st, Feb. 28th, & March 27th.

Public Safety: As needed, see calendar on website.

Wastewater and Roads: Third Wednesday of month as needed, 3:00 p.m., see calendar on website

Budget: As needed, 5:30 p.m., Thursday. See calendar on website.

Park & Trails: Last Tuesday of month as needed,

See the Calendar section on the website for additional meetings and updates.

Residents Clean Up the City



Ron and Rose Niemann were introduced to **Xocai** "The Healthy Chocolate" in April of 2010 by their pastor's sister in Florida. Since they have been using Xocai it has changed their lives physically and financially. They feel blessed by being introduced to Xocai chocolate and wanted to give back to the community, so they decided to help keep our City beautiful by cleaning up Gull Lake Dam Road and Squaw Point Road.

The City would also like to thank **Clark's Mosquito Control** for cleaning up along the City Trail System this summer. Employees of Clark's spent many hours this summer walking the trails and picking up litter.

Thank you to both **Clark's Mosquito Control** and Ron and Rose of **Xocai**.

Staff Corner

Direct debit is now available to pay your East Gull Lake Utility bill. Direct debit allows you the convenience of paying your bill electronically through the Automated Clearing House (ACH). If you are interested in this option please read the enclosed letter for more information.

Please don't dump your leaves or other lawn debris on your neighbors or city property:

The City of East Gull Lake invites city residents to use the leaf drop off site for fall clean-up of seasonal debris. The site is located at the Pine Beach Peninsula Wastewater Plant. Follow south on Cass County Road 18, look for the sign on the left and follow the arrows to the drop site.



It is that time of year to protect your grinder station. Please try

and put leaves or grass over your system to help protect it in case we don't get any snow this winter. Also make sure you keep the power on at your lift station, even if you leave for the winter. If you have questions please contact City Hall.

Ten reasons to try Xocai:

1. Loaded with Antioxidants that fight free radicals
2. Helps provide natural energy
3. Helps Promote Cardiovascular Health
4. Improves Sleep
5. Supports Healthy Response to Inflammation
6. 6. Increases your Sense of Well-Being
7. May Help you Lose Weight
8. Unique Cold Processed Formulation
9. All-Natural or "Clean Product"
10. Diabetic Friendly



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Ribbon Cutting for the Expanded EGL Trail System



The official opening of the expanded bike trail system was scheduled to coincide with the Crow Wing County Buddy Walk. The Buddy Walk began at the Confidence Learning Center and participants walked one mile on the new part of the trail by County Road 18.

The trail was expanded from The Classic south to 120th Street and from Cty Rd 77 by the airport west to the City line.

Pictured in the photo at left:

From the City are Councilor Rob Mason, Park and Trail Committee members Mark Kavanaugh and Nadine Wittkopp and Mayor Dave Kavanaugh.

From the Buddy Walk is