

# SILVER BULLETIN

City of Silver Bay

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Fall/Winter, 2011



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#### ECO-Industrial Business Park

The City hosted a "Groundbreaking Ceremony" at 1:30pm on October 24, 2011 for the Biofuel/Food Greenhouse project to be located in the Eco-Industrial Park. Senator Tom Bakk and Representative David Dill attended the ceremony, at the construction site, along with other Representatives from organizations who have been instrumental in helping this project get underway, such as the University of Minnesota – Duluth (UMD), Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB), MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), just to name a few.

The designs have been completed by LHB, Inc. and contracts have been awarded to Ray Riihiluoma, Inc., out of Cloquet, and to our local business, Lakeside Masonry. We hope to have the project substantially completed before the end of year and the project operating by next summer.

#### Banks Boulevard Reconstruction and Housing Project

The City continues to seek funds to help offset the \$2.2 million engineering estimate for the replacement of the high pressure line that services our community.

The first home that the Arrowhead Equal Opportunity Agency (AEOA) and the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (LCHRA) are renovating is located at 53 Garden and is coming along nicely. Anyone who is interested in purchasing this home should contact Leah Hall at the AEOA to determine qualifications. She can be reached at 1-800-662-5711 ext. 264. And finally, we continue to work with the LCHRA and the AEOA to identify opportunities for new construction housing throughout our community. As additional information becomes available, we will update you.

#### Gitchi Gami Bike Trail

The long awaited Gitchi Gami Bike Trail is finally here! The project was delayed due to the Government shutdown, but

the project should be substantially completed before winter. The paving of the trail will not be completed until Spring 2012. The trail access will be located next to the Silver Bay Arena and connect to the trail in Beaver Bay.

#### City Economic Loan Programs FOR BUSINESSES!!!

**Minnesota Community Capital Fund:** This is a non-profit loan fund that offers customized, flexible financing solutions to meet most business needs and fill almost any financing gap. This program helps provide customers with the capital they need to support their growing business and offers small business customer's working capital loans to help them continue fuel their growth on an operational level. The maximum City loan is \$250,000. In addition, there are two new programs being introduced through MCCF: a First Mortgage Loan Program that will provide loans up to \$1.5 million and will work in conjunction with the SBA 504 Loan program; and a new Energy Loan Program offering a loan of \$50,000 - \$250,000.

**Community Business Partnership Loan Program:** This program provides a small loan to businesses who wish to improve energy-efficiencies, accessibility, and other general improvements to a place of business. The funds for this program have been provided by Iron Range Resources.

**Storefront Renovation Loan Program:** This program provides a small loan to businesses who wish to improve their storefront appearance. The funds for this program have been provided by Iron Range Resources.

If any business is interested in further information about these loan programs, please contact city hall at 218-226-4408. Applications and program information can also be located on the City website at [www.silverbay.com](http://www.silverbay.com).

Should you have any questions regarding any of the "Hot Topics", please contact City Hall.





## Arena/Parks & Recreation Department



The Parks & Recreation Department had a busy summer once again, helping host many very successful activities: Prairie Fire Theatre, Silver Bay Blue Line Club Hockey School, Bay to Bay Run, Volleyball Camp, MSF District VI EE Softball Tournament, and Summer Recreation Programs. The Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank the instructors, umpires, and workers for their dedication to the programs. Also, special thanks to the coaches and people who volunteered their time & services.

2012 New Projects plans are being developed for improvements to the Outer Drive Flag Display Park and the Mary Mac Ballfield and Playground Area. The Silver Bay Community Events Sign (2011 New Project) is scheduled to be completed by the end of November. The Gitchi Gammi Bike Trail is making its way to Silver Bay from Beaver Bay. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the Spring of 2012.

Rukavina Arena will open on Sunday October 30, 2011. The Arena Schedule is posted on the City of Silver Bay website ([www.silverbay.com](http://www.silverbay.com)). The Silver Bay Blue Line Club will host the Girls 12U B Regional Tournament March 2-4, 2012. The Arena will host 26 home High School Boys & Girls games this year. Come watch a game and support Mariner Hockey your support is greatly appreciated.

## City Budget/Tax Levy

The City Council has passed the proposed 2012 City Budget and Tax Levy at \$1,073,650. (Resolutions 2011-31 & 2011-32)

### PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET

	Est. Expenditures
General Fund	\$1,867,035
Library	\$206,300
Cemetery	\$4,075
Airport	\$38,800
Arena	\$185,925
Parks & Recreation	\$176,650
Community Bldg	\$18,300
Mary MacDonald Bldg	\$160,220
Economic Development	\$201,000
IRR Community Business Partnership	0.00
Capital Borrowing	\$28,360
Public Works	\$588,000
Iron Range Resources Storefront	0.00
Marina	\$153,780
Water (Enterprise Funds)	\$754,100
Sewer (Enterprise Funds)	\$621,100
Liquor (Enterprise Funds)	\$924,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,930,895</b>

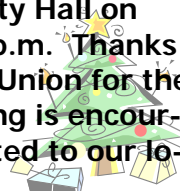
\*Includes depreciation expense

### City Finances

At the September 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, the City Council set the proposed 2012 Budget and the 2011 Levy payable in 2012 at an 8% increase. The increase is primarily due to the loss in Local Government Aid and from the unexpected elimination of the Market Value Homestead Credit. The Council will have a budget workshop meeting on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm prior to the Council meeting. In addition, the Council will be taking public input on the budget and levy at their December 5, 2011 regular meeting @ 7:00pm. Anyone wishing to comment regarding the budget is encouraged to attend the meeting or provide their comments, in writing to City Hall. Should you have questions regarding your property valuation, you are encouraged to contact the Lake County Assessor's office.

### CITY TREE LIGHTING AND CAROLING

Please join the Boy Scouts and PTSO in celebrating the Holiday Season as the beautiful city tree is lit and members of Northshore Voices lead us in traditional caroling. The fun evening will be held in front of City Hall on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Thanks to the Northshore Federal Credit Union for the holiday treats. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring an item to be donated to our local food shelf.



#### RESOURCE GUIDE FOR RESIDETS

Emergency Assistance—Food Shelf	(218) 226-4443
Salvation Army—Utility Assistance (Mrs. Josephson)	(218) 226-3048
North Shore Horizons—Abusive Cases	(800) 834-5923
AEOA—Senior/Energy/Housing	(800) 223-1850
North Shore Collaborative—Intervention & Prevention	(218) 834-8538
United Way 2-1-1—(Free confidential 24-hr community information and referral services to people in need of food, shelter, job resources, healthcare, childcare and other vital community services.)	(218) 834-8538
Lutheran Social Services—Fraud Consultation, free budget and debt counseling	(888) 577-2227

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, November 6 will mark the end of daylight savings. Remember to turn your clocks back Saturday night.

This is also a great time to check/replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.





## Silver Bay Marina

The Silver Bay Marina would like to thank all of the people who helped make this year a great year. The Salmon Classic went very well, the boat lighting during Bay Days was bigger and better

this year, and we had our first annual veteran's appreciation luncheon to honor those who served in the armed forces.

The marina still has some seasonal openings for the 2012 season; please make sure to reserve your slip for next year before December 31 to take advantage of the discounted prices. See you next season.

Check us out on the web at [www.silverbay.com/marina.html](http://www.silverbay.com/marina.html) or like us on Facebook .



## UTILITY BILLING

Water, sewer and garbage services are billed on a quarterly basis. Bills are processed and sent out in January, April, July and October.

Payments are due in the City Administrator's office no later than 4:00 p.m. the last working day of each quarter. A late fee of \$15.00 will be incurred and water shut off will occur if payment is late.

Currently the quarterly rate is \$247.79. Beginning 2012 quarterly billing rates will increase to \$253.52 except for the summer quarter (July Bill) which will be \$259.88. The difference is due to the State mandated fee of \$6.36 for safe drinking water and landfills.

### Although we bill quarterly, please feel free to pay MONTHLY!!

There is a drop box available in front of City Hall for your convenience. Just place your payment and the small card stub together in an envelope and drop them in the box. The box is emptied daily.

NOTE: Any payments received after 4:00 p.m. or received on the weekend will be credited to your account the next business day.

**\*\*\* For those needing financial assistance, please contact City Hall for the names of agencies that may be able to help.\*\*\***

## Library

Once again the summer reading program was a huge success with over 100 children reading 2,055 hours. There was a great turnout by teens this year: 26 teens read 602.5 hours and 36,517 pages! Way to go readers! The winter reading program will begin in January 2012. Stop in the library after Christmas for more details.

Come join us for Toddler Story Time held on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the library. Fall session will run from September 21 – December 14, 2011.

New technology for library readers: Ebooks are now available for kindles and free kindle apps! Follow these steps to download audio and e-books available:

- Go online to the digital media catalog at <http://arrowhead.lib.overdrive.com>
- Check your device on the compatible devices list
- download any applicable software for your device
- login using your library card
- browse the catalog
- check out your items (or request items to download in the future)
- download to your computer or device



Volunteer your services on the Friends of the Library Board. Meetings are typically held the last Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the public library. If interested, call the library at 218-226-4331.



## DANCE PERMITS

Anyone planning to host a dance at the Silver Bay Reunion Hall is required to purchase a Dance Permit at City Hall for \$10.00. Please plan appropriately to allow time for processing prior to your scheduled event.

## SCAMS

Please contact the Silver Bay Police Department immediately should you become suspicious of any activity related to internet, email or USPS mail scams.

## Commission Thanks

The City of Silver Bay would like to thank all the volunteers who have served on various boards and commissions this year.

We appreciate your dedication and hard work. Volunteer's help make this a better place to live. Thank you!

We currently have openings on various boards/commissions. Anyone interested in serving on any of these boards or commissions, please pick up an application at City Hall or call 226-4408 to have an application mailed to you.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

This summer the Utility Department resumed their sanitary sewer jetting program, completing the lower half of town. We also dug and repaired a number of gate vales in the water system. This fall we are replacing the boiler heating system at the waste water plant. We are also hauling about 20,000 gallons of bio-solids out to the dumpsite. Fire hydrant maintenance and repair has also been a priority for our department.

## STREET LIGHT OUT?

Periodically a city street light may go out, work intermittently, or "blink" quite continuously.

Should this happen, just give the Street Department a call at 226-4552, and explain the problem and give them the location of the street light. They will in turn notify MN Power.

## MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

Mon-Thur 9:00—Midnight; Fri—Sat—9:00—1:00 a.m.

Wireless Internet Now Available!

WATCH YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS ON HIGH DEFINITION TV'S

## Dog & Cat Licenses

Current dog and cat licenses will expire on February 1, 2012 and a late fee will be applied if not renewed by February 28, 2012.

### 2012 Rates:

\$ 6.00 for spayed/neutered (with papers)

\$15.00 for all others

\$10.00 late fee (after February 28, 2011)

Please remember to bring proof of **CURRENT** rabies vaccination. Also, in order to get the discounted rate you must bring **PROOF** that your pet has been spayed/neutered.



We're on the web!  
[www.silverbay.com](http://www.silverbay.com)

## Winter

### PARKING REMINDER

The winter parking ordinance goes into effect on October 15th. Parking is not permitted on the streets between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from October 15 to May 15 to allow for snow plowing of the streets. Parking will be allowed on the streets during these hours until the first snowfall. After that, no parking on the streets will be permitted the remainder of the winter season.

## CITY HALL CLOSINGS

Thursday, November 11—Veteran's Day  
Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25—Thanksgiving  
Friday & Monday, December 23 & 26—Christmas

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