

SILVER BULLETIN

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SILVER BAY "HOT TOPICS"

Governor's Fit City

The City of Silver Bay has been recently designated as a "FIT CITY" under the Minnesota Governor's Fit City program. This designation means our city has made a commitment to support and encourage its residents to be more physically active and to improve the overall health of the community. **Watch for future events!**

ECO-Industrial Business Park

There will be a public informational meeting at **7:00 PM on May 13, 2010** at the William Kelley High School Auditorium to present the ideology of the proposed Eco-Industrial Park. Citizens are encouraged to attend to learn how the city has been partnering with other agencies for the purpose of diversifying the employment base, creating a stronger tax base, and developing a renewable energy source for future economic growth.

A temporary testing site for wind funneling has been developed in the park. We will be collecting wind data to determine future capabilities of electrical production and to determine the best layout of buildings within the park to maximize the use of this natural resource.

Assisted Living Center

Only a few items remain to be completed before construction begins on the Assisted Living Center. These items include the finance commitment, the variance and special use permits, and the land appraisal, which are all a part of the development agreement. The City has received a grant in the amount of \$350,000 from the Iron Range Resources to help with infrastructure and site development. The proposed project will be for a 28 bed facility, which 16 beds will be used for assisted living and 12 beds used for memory care. There will be approximately 20 jobs created (both FT and PT), and an expanded tax base for our community. Application and job information will be coming soon, so watch for this information in the near future. If all continues on schedule, construction could begin as early as May 24th with an opening by Thanksgiving!

Banks Boulevard Reconstruction and Housing Project

The City is in the infancy stages of developing a comprehensive utility and housing project. The proposed project will replace the high pressure water main that services the entire community, while upgrading the street, curb, gutter, and sidewalks along Banks Boulevard. In addition, the housing component will develop housing options that include new construction, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, purchase-rehabs/new construction, and homeown-

ership assistance. The City is partnering with the Lake County HRA and the AEOA to help in grant writing, grant administration, and development. The goal of this project is to begin upgrading the community infrastructure and create housing options to sustain our economic and educational future.

Gitchi Gami Bike Trail

The City of Silver Bay entered into a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota DNR for the Gitchi Gami Bike trail to be connected to Silver Bay. The trail construction is expected to begin this summer and will connect Silver Bay to the existing trail in Beaver Bay. Citizens will be able to access the trail next to the Silver Bay Rukavina Arena. Watch for further information!

Mary MacDonald Rehabilitation Project

The Mary MacDonald Business Center Rehabilitation Program has been completed. The City has recently been notified of approval for an additional \$100,000 to be used for rehabilitation, primarily on the boiler system. This work is expected to begin summer 2010.

New City Economic Loan Programs

Minnesota Community Capital Fund: This is a nonprofit 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 to fuel their growth on an operational level.

Community Business Partnership Loan Program: This program is similar to the storefront loan program; however, the funds from this program can be used to improve appearance, energy-efficiencies, and accessibility to a place of business. The City received \$25,000 from Iron Range Resources to develop this program and matched existing loan funds to create a \$100,000 loan portfolio.

If any business is interested in further information about these loan programs, please contact city hall at 218-226-4408.

City Finances

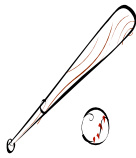
The City received fantastic remarks on the 2009 year-end audit and improved its financial position. The 2010 budget accounted for the unallotment of Local Government Aid (LGA) in the amount of \$110,000; however, an additional \$55K supplemental cut was approved by the Legislature this month. The City is continuing to identify ways to cover this additional loss of revenues for 2010 while preparing for the 2011 budget.

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Library News



Parks & Recreation Department



The Rukavina Arena was a busy place this winter as the Silver Bay Blue Line Club and the City of Silver Bay hosted tournaments & jamborees every weekend in 2010. The City of Silver Bay would like to thank the Silver Bay Blue Line Club and all of their volunteers for making Silver Bay a great place to play hockey.

The Parks and Recreation Department is getting ready for a busy summer in 2010. Summer recreation programs begin June 7th and end July 22, 2010. Baseball & softball programs will start practice in May.

The summer recreation schedule will be posted on the City of Silver Bay website (www.silverbay.com).

The Bayside picnic area will have a new look in 2010 as new picnic tables are being installed; pavilion areas and paths to bathrooms will also be paved.

2010 activities and dates:

June 7-July 22	Summer Recreation Programs
July 3 & 4	Rocky Taconite Softball Tournament
July 17 & 18	Superior Salmon Classic Fishing Derby
July 24-Aug 1	Silver Bay Blue Line Club Hockey School
August 2-7	Prairie Fire Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream
August 9-12	Volleyball Camp-Grade 4th-8th

EXCHANGE DAY

The Silver Bay City Council has designated Saturday, May 22nd as a citywide exchange day. This is a day designated for residents to place unwanted items on their boulevard. Please be sure to remove all items from the boulevard by Monday, May 24th, otherwise items will be picked up and disposed of at resident's expense.

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

Museum Pass Program: **FREE PASSES TO SELECTED REGIONAL EVENTS or MUSEUMS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY.** Rediscover your Northland through the Library and Museum Pass program—come to the library and check out a FREE museum pass and exchange the pass for admission tickets for Arrowhead museums and events! All museum passes must be used by May 30, 2011. All tickets and passes are available in limited numbers and will be checked out first come-first serve.

How it works:

- Pick up a large pass from the display stand and take it to the Circulation Desk.
- Checkout desk staff will give you the free tickets for the museum, event or historic site. (**Example:** to get admissions for a family of four, check out four large passes)
- Before you go to the museum, fill out the survey question on the front of the ticket.
- Limited to Minnesota residents
- Museum passes are available at most Arrowhead Library System libraries

Free tickets with your library card to the following museums, historic sites and special events: ♦ Duluth Depot ♦ Great Lakes Aquarium - Duluth ♦ Carlton County Historical Society - Cloquet ♦ Cook County Historical Society - Grand Marais ♦ Judy Garland & Children's Museum - Grand Rapids ♦ Lake County Historical Society Museums—3M Museum, D&IR Depot Museum, Edna G Tugboat Tour, Two Harbors Light Station ♦ Minnesota History Center - St. Paul ♦ North Shore Commercial Fishing Museum - Tofte ♦ Palkie Grist Mill - Esko ♦ Split Rock Lighthouse Historic Site

The museum pass project is sponsored by the Silver Bay Public Library and the Arrowhead Library System. This project was funded in part or in whole with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008, which dedicated funding to preserve Minnesota's arts and cultural heritage.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 7-July 30, 2010
(For children birth-12th grade)

Summer Events

There are MANY programs lined up for the summer. For a full listing of summer events, please follow our library link at www.silverbay.com "library - news and events".

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library book program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library for all children, birth to five, that live in the Silver Bay area, encompassing zip codes 55601, 55603, 55607, 55614

Donations needed: 30" or larger square unfolded cardboard for upcoming puppeteer workshop.

ELECTIONS

State Primary Election Tuesday, August 10, 2010
General Election Tuesday, November 2, 2010



As some of you may have noticed we had two boats in the water over the winter. This in-water storage was a test project to see if it was feasible to store boats in the marina year round. It was a successful test and we will be offering in-

water winter storage, which will benefit the marina and our boaters alike.

We have limited slips still available for this season, so please call to reserve yours today for the summer season.

The 2010 Lake Superior Salmon Classic will be held July 17-18 this year; hopefully the fish will be biting this year with the warm and early spring. See you on the water.

The staff at Silver Bay Marina

STREET DEPARTMENT

Spring is here, which means the Street Department will be out sweeping streets, filling in pot holes, and cleaning up from winter. Again, we would ask that you **do not** rake the debris from your boulevard into the street. This creates problems not only with the street sweeper being able to pick up the piles but also with rain washing the sand, leaves and grass into catch basins and pipes. If you need a place to dispose of sand from winter sanding, please call the Street Department at 226-4552.

Sidewalks will be replaced again this year as well as storm sewers. Caution should be used in these areas as there will be open holes in street and sidewalk areas.

If you are replacing, repairing or adding a new driveway approach (sidewalk to street) the City requires that you apply for a driveway approach permit available at City Hall.

If you are planning to drain your yard, do not tunnel under the sidewalk, this could cause the sidewalk to crack or heave. Contact the Street Department and we will try to work with you on a drain.

Have a Safe Summer, Silver Bay Street Department



Water Department

Over the winter a \$40,000 computer system upgrade was installed at the water plant. This spring we will again be flushing hydrants. The introduction of a water meter calibration program for all commercial water accounts will begin soon. Plans for the summer will include the ten year annual inspection on the 750,000 gallon water storage tank.

Wastewater Department

Projects for this summer include installation of a new trickling filter, repairs on the grit unit and we will resume the sewer jetting program.

Mike, Jerry, Larry & Jason

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.

The payments are due in the City Administrator's office no later than 4:00pm the last working day of each quarter, if late you will incur a \$15.00 late fee and be in danger of having your water shut off.

Currently, the quarterly rate is \$242.24 except for the summer quarter (July bill) which is \$248.60. This 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!!!**

We have provided a drop box in front of City Hall for your convenience. Just place your payment and small card stub together, in an envelope, or staple or paper clip them together, and drop them into the box. The box is emptied daily.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Silver Bay Nuisance Committee has evaluated properties within the city for junk and junk vehicles. The police department will be sending letters to property owners that have been determined to be in violation of the junk and junk car ordinances. The city is requesting property owners clean up any junk and junk vehicles from their property to avoid prosecution for these violations. Your cooperation to keep our city looking pleasant is very much appreciated.

CONSTRUCTION REMINDER

Before beginning any construction, please be sure to contact City Hall. Additions, new garages, sheds, fences, storage buildings, new construction, etc. will most likely require a permit. Before constructing any of the above, you must first obtain a land use/building permit from City Hall. The Zoning Administrator will make a site visit to make sure that the project meets the necessary setbacks and zoning regulations. The zoning regulations are necessary to insure that our homes and yards within our City continue to look aesthetically pleasing.

Thanks to all the volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions.
If you are interested in serving, please contact City Hall.

Silver Bay City Code

City Code Chapter 5 Nuisances & Offenses

Section 540-Open Burning

Please do not burn garbage or refuse in your wood burning stoves. This is a violation of the City Code and is punishable by law. Please be mindful of your neighbors as well as the environment.

Section 550-Weeds, Grass, and Junk

Spring is here and it is the time of the year that a lot of yards in the City need to be cleaned up. Junk in yards is one of the most common complaints received by the police department. Please help Silver Bay keep Clean and keep Seagulls at bay by covering your garbage.

City Code Chapter 6 Animals

Section 600.01 License Required

All dogs and cats over six months old must have a license, which can be obtained at City Hall with proof of rabies vaccination.

Section 600.03, Subd. 1 At Large or Running at Large

Means an animal that is not in a proper enclosure or under the control of the owner or keeper of the animal. Animals off the property of the owner or keeper shall be on a leash of such length that the dog may be properly controlled so as not to cause fear or apprehension of harm on the part of the public. Please keep your animals under control.

Section 600.15 Dog & Cat Excrement

It is your duty to clean up after your animal. Please be a kind and responsible pet owner.

City Code Chapter 8 Building & Housing

Section 820.02 Address Numbers. Subd. 1 Requirements.

Address numbers shall be displayed on houses or principal buildings in

numerals not less than four (4") inches high and of contrasting color to the background.

City Code Chapter 10 Traffic & Vehicles

Section 1000.05 Subd. 10. Oversize Vehicle Parking

No person shall park any vehicle, or combination of vehicles, including but not limited to Motor Homes, Campers and other Recreational Vehicles, that is Twenty-two (22) feet or more in length, or any vehicle that is more than six and one-half (6½) feet in height or width, on any Street in the City of Silver Bay for more than Forty-eight (48) hours, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Silver Bay Police Department 226-4486. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Read the City Code on our site: www.SilverBay.com

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Greetings to an early Spring in Silver Bay. It was not too long ago we were focused on cleaning up after the "ice storm" of March 2009. We will continue replacing damaged trees this summer.

We are close to breaking ground for an assisted living facility on the sight of the Bell Circle apartments. We should be grateful to a number of local people who have brought this concept to a reality. What I find fulfilling is that we are close to bringing this condemned property back on the tax rolls with additional jobs in the community.

Our business park is moving along as an "eco-industrial" park. We are hoping to do things no one else is trying to accomplish and that will hopefully make us more attractive to potential tenants. We secured funding with the help of Rep. David Dill to use as seed money to help construct a bio-fuel energy green house facility. We have had a number of people, including our Economic Development Authority working on various attractive concepts for the park. Come learn more about this project at the May 13th public information meeting at the William Kelley Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

You are undoubtedly aware that Silver Bay has been hit with cuts to our budget from the State. This situation applies to most communities and counties. Due to hard work of our department heads, citizens have not had to realize many cuts to City services. This will be the biggest challenge to Silver Bay in the near future.

The Mary Macdonald Center continues to be fortunate in finding funding to upgrade and improve the efficiency of the building. We have been able to find money to improve the out-dated boilers. The energy efficiency of the building has been vastly improved since the City took it over. Our goal is for the facility to operate at no cost to the taxpayers of the City.

I wish again to thank people for the support for our great "little city". Your comments and participation are always welcome.
Mayor Scott Johnson

BOULEVARD TREES

The City will continue to replace boulevard trees this summer. Your assistance in keeping the newly planted trees watered and protected from damage is greatly appreciated and will help insure the survival of the young trees.

Silver-Beaver Bay Days

Mark your calendars—July 23 - 25, 2010

Please visit www.silverbay.com for details on events and times

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Miscellaneous Topics

The city owned campground has been put on hold at this time due to the lack of funding resources available at this time. We will review as new resources are identified as the City continues to view this as a great revenue source and need for our community.