

Rich Sve Joins County Leaders from Across the Country to Advance Local Priorities

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Lake County Commissioner and Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) 2020 President Rich Sve and AMC Executive Director Julie Ring joined county leaders from across the country in the nation's capital last week to discuss issues important to America's counties.

During a meeting of the National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE), a group affiliated with the National Association of Counties (NACo), Sve and Ring met with members of President Trump's administration and congressional leaders to strengthen local-state-federal partnerships and advocate for counties' federal policy priorities, including infrastructure, federal regulations, emergency preparedness and recovery, and the substance abuse epidemic.

"Federal policies have direct, long-lasting and often costly impacts on county government, our states and our residents," Sve said. "Last week's meeting was an opportunity to strengthen our partnership with federal leaders and share information about how federal decisions can help us achieve results for our residents."

Sve met with Eighth District Congressman Pete Stauber to discuss statewide and regional priorities including jail health costs, transportation funding, and federal lands.



Lake County Commissioner and Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) 2020 President Rich Sve meets with Eight District Congressman Pete Stauber. (Submitted photo)

They also discussed the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) reappraisal issue that affects Lake, Cook and St. Louis Counties.

"We appreciate Congressman Stauber's commitment to county priority issues," Sve said. "As a former St. Louis County Commissioner, he understands the impact of decisions made in Washington, D.C. on the ground in northern Minnesota."

Attendees also visited the George Washington Leadership Institute at Mount Vernon for a seminar on the integration of leadership, strategy and management, led by Dr. Peter Cressy, RADM (Ret.) and Dr. Joseph Stolz, co-directors of the Institute.

AMC has been serving Minnesota's 87 counties since 1909. AMC is a voluntary statewide organization that assists the state's 87 counties in providing effective county governance to the people of Minnesota. The association works closely with the legislative and administrative branches of government in seeing that legislation and policies favorable to counties are enacted. In addition, the association provides educational programs, training, research and communications for county officials.

Get Outside, Cuddle up and Embrace Life's Simple Pleasures



The Danish concept of "hygge" (pronounced hoo-gah) refers to the ritual of embracing life's simple pleasures. Since this means something different to everyone, Cook County offers a variety of choices. If sitting by a crackling fireplace while indulging in a good book isn't exciting enough, visitors can head outside for an evening snowshoe along a candlelit trail in Tofte, Minn., listen to live music at Papa Charlie's in Lutsen, Minn. or try a specially themed foodie menu at one of the local establishments.

Here are some local events that will occur during the week of the Hygge Festival:

- Cloud Cult at Papa Charlie's – 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020. Cloud Cult is an experimental indie rock band from Duluth, which has earned national acclaim. Tickets are available in advance for a discount. This show has sold out the past 4 years, so advance tickets are recommended.
- Fiber Week at North House Folk School - Tue, Feb 11 - Mon, Feb 17, 2020. Take a retreat north and relax with an entire week of hands-on textile exploration. Choose from a dozen multi-day courses on felting, weaving, dyeing, knitting, spinning, and more. There will be speakers, classes, demonstrations and open studios. Register now at northhouse.org.
- Luminary Candle Holder Class at the Grand Marais Art Colony-- 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Friday Feb. 7, 2020. Invite the Danish concept of Hygge into your home this winter with your own clay luminary candle holder. Learn basic hand-building techniques to form luminaries and carve shapes and holes that will reveal light and cast interesting shadows. Students will decorate with colorful underglazes and luminaries will be glazed, fired, and available for pick-up one week later. Dessert and cozy beverages will be provided and all supplies are included in the \$35 fee.
- Pincushion Ski Festival – Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020. A full day for the whole family to enjoy the beauty and the splendor of the northwoods. There will be music, food, ski rentals, guided pro tips on skiing, games, ski races, skijoring races, a huge bonfire and more! You can register in advance for the races here.

A full schedule of daily activities, sales, events, and more is available at visitcookcounty.com/Hygge.

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Silver Bay & Surrounding Area

- **36 Adams Blvd, SB** MLS6086742: 2 BR, 1 BA house w/full basement & det'd 1 car garage on level site w/glimpse of Lk Superior. Improvements incl: vinyl windows, good landscaping, & 8x10 shed. **\$80,000**
- **11 Aiken Cir, SB** MLS6087425: 3 BR, 1 BA house, 1 level living close to rec. trails, Adventure Park & health center. Updates: central air, water heater, siding, windows, shingles, deck & breezeway between the house and garage. **\$76,500**
- **57 Edwards Dr, SB** MLS6087274: 3 BR, 1 BA house with a det'd 1 car garage & attached workshop on lg level site. Features: vinyl siding, wood frame windows & staired access to the attic. **\$65,900**
- **18 Gibson Rd, SB**, MLS 6086911: Don't miss this 3 BR, 2 BA, basement house w/attached garage, rear deck, garden hot house, shed, & gardens. It's ready for you & your ideas. **REDUCED \$91,500**
- **104 Hays Cir, SB** MLS6086058: 2 BR, 2 BA, w/remod. Kit. & BA's, new shingles, fresh paint & some new flooring. Move in condition. **\$152,500**
- **29 James Rd, SB**, MLS6087414: 3 BR house w/ull basement & det'd 2 car garage on level site. Updates: shingles, interior paint, some flooring, BA updates, stainless fridge, new front door. **\$76,500**
- **XX Marks Dr, SB**: 5 – Large residential building sites w/city water, sewer, curb & gutter, back to woods **\$45,000 each** or **\$205,000 for all 5**.
- **61XX Little Marais Rd** MLS #6076208: Lot B, Silver Bay, MN: 10 acre lot w/ views of Lake Superior near Little Marais. reduced to **\$69,900**
- **6754 Riverside Dr, Finland** MLS6084175: 3BR, 1 BA, rear deck, att'd 2 car Gar, shed & compliant septic on level site. **\$113,000**
- **XXX Hwy 61 & Onion River Rd.** MLS6005052: 18 Acr. comm. resort bldg site between Tofte & Lutsen on Onion River Rd. Views of Lk Sup. High ground w/ pwr at rd. Close to Sup. Hiking trl & rec. activities. **\$173,500**
- **605 Windsong Drive, BB**, MLS6087878: Move in ready furnished 3 BR, 3 BA home w/views of Lk Superior. Updates incl: Kit. appliances, wood blinds thru-out, carpet on 2nd level & staircase, furniture in master BR, dresser & night stands in 2nd BR, LR furniture & LR rug. There is an end unit w/wrap deck, access to pool, & sauna, outdoor firepit & Gitchi Gammi Bike Trail too. **\$425,000**
- **626 Windsong Dr., BB** MLS6083680: Well maintained move in ready 3BR, 3BA furnished townhome w/view of Lk. Superior. Close to many activities including Gitchi Gammi bike trail, Superior Hiking trail, indoor pool all within walking distance. **\$320,000**

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