



Upcoming Events

North Shore Community Night

Split Rock Lighthouse

Thursday, May 26

6:30 - 10:00 PM

Join us for a free community night and see the lighthouse beacon lit for the first time in 2022!

Beacon will be lit at dusk.

Live Music & Food

Two Harbors Farmers Market

Saturday, May 28

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Homemade goods fresh from your neighbors!

Live Music at Castle Danger Brewery

Friday, May 27: Adam Moe

Food Truck Oasis Del Norte from 4-8 PM

Saturday, May 28: The Lindula Brothers

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Live Music at Harbor Rail Pub

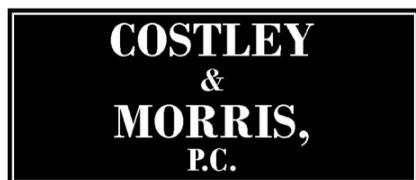
Saturday, May 28: Tony Thomas

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Knife River Heritage & Cultural Center Open House

Stop to thank our Lake County veterans at the new granite memorial.

9:00 AM - Noon



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reserve Mining built a well planned town. The young families that moved here with adventurous spirits as well as longtime area residents, with strong work ethics, and high hopes for good paying jobs and promising futures for their families built the community. To continue supporting working families and their retiree parents and grandparents, #1 - we need to get ahead of the crisis in affordable housing, #2 - we need to promote investment in business that pays wages in line with the cost of living and raising families in the area. This is our time and our responsibility to ask the hard questions as we look to the future of this area and community - the long term costs vs short term gains. The very things we most appreciate about our small town communities and living in the northland are threatened by the double whammy of high end development and tourism with low wage jobs. It seems counterintuitive to use tax forgiveness or grant money to incentivize high end development at a very real threat to the affordability of property and housing for working class families. As the most beautiful areas all around the country grow in popularity for high end vacation and retirement homes, working families are displaced. Adjoining properties are appraised and taxed at higher rates making housing less affordable. We stand to lose a great deal of the very reasons both working families and tourists are drawn to life in the north woods - our sense of community and the beauty and soul restoring solitude of undeveloped and untrampled lakeshores and forests. The backbone of our community depends on working families sustaining our schools and neighbors supporting neighbors. Attracting young, working families also depends on the affordability of our community, and prospects for better wages - full time and year round. Businesses that revolve around tourism are already having difficulty filling job openings. We see a steady loss in mom and pop small businesses and resorts, camping areas and amusements that working families can afford to enjoy; replaced by high end hotels and resorts. High end development is also less sustainable - putting an out of proportion pressure on the environment, utilities and infrastructure, and the cost of building material resources. All taxpayers end up paying more for the higher costs of expanding infrastructure needs while a few benefit. Change will happen for better or worse. For the sake of the builders of this community, the heritage of our beautiful north country, and the future working families that will sustain and support our schools and neighborhoods, let's pay attention and ask the hard questions. Let's require the most thoughtful stewardship of this place we call home; and with the spending decisions of our tax dollars, whether local, county, state or federal.

Carolyn Hudyma
Silver Bay, MN

Emerald Ash Borer found in Two Harbors

Tim Byrns, MN DNR Forester

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle from Asia. It was first discovered in Detroit Michigan in 2002 and has since quickly become one of the most destructive and costly forest insects in recent history, killing millions of ash trees. It has established strongholds in all other Great Lake States, much of the eastern states, and as far south as North Carolina and Alabama. However, it was not discovered in Minnesota until 2009 in St Paul, and since then EAB has been slow to spread across the state. The reason for this is suspect. Perhaps firewood restrictions (the primary transport and spread of this pest) has slowed the infestation. Maybe our frigid climate kills off a significant percentage of EAB larvae as they overwinter. One thing that is for certain is that Minnesota cannot ward off the spread of EAB forever. Infestations are reported every year. It was found in Duluth in 2015, and just this year it has been identified in Two Harbors.

Northern Minnesota is home to over 1 billion black ash trees. These forests survive in extremely wet conditions. Their presence there help control the water table and provide valuable habitat. Once they succumb to EAB, vast acreages of wooded habitat will be converted to poor quality cattails and brush. In urban areas the prospect is also bleak. Ash trees make up a significant percentage of boulevard and park trees. Cities and towns across the state will be burdened with the cost removing and replacing these trees.

EAB larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees which disrupts the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Once an ash tree is infested, it has almost zero chance of survival.

For more information on how to identify EAB and where to report infestations, please visit <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialanimals/eab/index.html>

Lake County Veterans Services

Assisting Veterans and their families

Are you a Lake County Veteran with a discharge above dishonorable?

If so, contact your Veterans Service Officer for federal and state benefits eligibility and details.

Two Harbors (Main) Office:

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Silver Bay Office:

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