

Project 61: A Consortium of Cook County Businesses Create On-line Resource to Help Visitors Navigate Highway 61 Road Construction

The on-line resource will highlight multiple road construction projects on Highway 61 along Minnesota's North Shore this summer.

The Cook County Chamber of Commerce, Visit Cook County and Boreal Community Media have created an on-line resource to keep the public informed on North Shore road construction. Named Project 61, the on-line website will report on the various locations and phases of the Highway 61 construction, including information on scope of work to be performed, schedules, details on road closing and detours, and how construction will impact community events and celebrations throughout the summer.

The public can access the on-line pages by clicking on the Project 61 banner displayed prominently on the home page at www.boreal.org. The site is mobile friendly so it can be accessed by users on their cellphone or other mobile device when they are away from home.

"When the folks at Boreal Community Media approached us about a Boreal home

for construction updates, it quickly became obvious that this should work very well for everyone. For the Chamber, updating online construction information is something to add on top of regular duties, whereas it meshed very well with the central mission for Boreal," said Jim Boyd, Executive Director of the Cook County Chamber of Commerce, "The Boreal team quickly put together a page that brings everything together in one place and does it very well. I am certain the page will continue to evolve through the summer, and I am hopeful it will make life in the middle of a construction project easier for everyone."

The on-line resource uses graphic design elements that complement other communication efforts such as rack cards and maps being distributed throughout Cook County by the Chamber of Commerce and its members. Thus far seventeen Cook County businesses have made financial contributions to help underwrite the costs of developing the site.

"We're delighted to be able to assist both Cook County visitors and businesses navigate the disruption created by the construction season. We hope people will use this on-line resource to learn what and when things are happening and give them tips on safety prior to arriving to their visit to Cook County," said Boreal Community Media Executive Director Lisa Bauer, "We encourage all area businesses to post links to the Project 61 pages on their own websites and social media pages."

There are three major construction projects now underway on Highway 61 on the North Shore: in downtown Grand Marais, on the east end of Cook County through the Grand Portage tribal lands to the Canadian border, and road re-surfacing on a section of Highway 61 south of Two Harbors.

Entering its second year, the downtown Grand Marais construction project is divided into two phases in 2021. The first phase - named The Dig - includes the removal of petroleum contaminated soil at the site of a former gas stations and is being overseen by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The first phase runs from early May through mid-August.

The website features maps such as these created by the Project 61 team. Image: CC Chamber

The second phase - called The Facelift - involves adding walking and biking trails, art installations, landscaping, trees and more. It is expected to run from early August into October.

The Grand Portage project will involve bridge replacement, road resurfacing and intersection improvements. The Two Harbors project will include road resurfacing and intersection improvements.

You can access the Project 61 Road Construction page by following this link: <https://www.boreal.org/pages/welcome-to-the-project-61-update-page>

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Group Living with Anxiety and Depression is online second and fourth Monday's at 6:30 pm. Contact North Shore Mental Health Group on Facebook or email: nsmentalhealth@gmail.com.

FAREWELL JUDY LARSON! Judy Larson, North Shore Area Partners' Volunteer and Service Coordinator is retiring! Judy has been with us since October of 2016 and has brought tremendous care and attention to her position and will be sorely missed by NSAP staff, clients and volunteers! Please join us for a send-off celebration for Judy on **Thursday, June 3, from 12 - 2 PM** outside the NSAP office. There will be cupcakes, cookies and coffee. If weather is inclement, we will move the event into the building. Masks will be required despite vaccination status as we are a healthcare facility.

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Covid Update: Students Start Vaccinations

By Kitty Mayo

Vaccinations continue slowly but surely along the north shore, with Lake County reaching sixty-four percent with a first dose of vaccine for those in the population over the age of sixteen, and in Cook County 80% of the over-sixteen population has had a first dose of the vaccine.

According to Greg Ruberg, CEO/president at Lake View Hospital and Clinics, every attempt is being made to keep the availability of vaccinations local. Shifting to a new strategy of creating mini pop-up vaccination clinics in coordination with Lake County public health, the clinics will be scheduled when enough people sign up. In this coming week it

is anticipated that a mini-pop-up vaccination clinic will be held in Finland.

"We want to keep vaccination options open in Lake County, and always keep vaccinations available locally," said Ruberg.

Last week a good response was given by students from 12+ getting their first vaccine dose at vaccination clinics in the Lake Superior School District. Students from both Silver Bay and Two Harbors participated, and will be scheduled for their next dose before the end of the school year. Additional students in Two Harbors were added to a waiting list for when more vaccine doses are available.

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