

# NEWSLETTER

2020

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## *Gull Lake Dam Road, New Bridge, Trail and Wastewater Project*

Since finding out the US Army Corps of Engineers decided in January of 2019 to close Gull Lake Dam to thru traffic by December 1, 2025, a number of details have become much clearer in regard to this project. Cass County has worked very hard to acquire funding for an alternative route and bridge. With a great deal of help from the Federal Government, Six (6) Million dollars has now been confirmed to build a new bridge and nearly three-quarters of a mile of new roadway. This will include potentially two roundabouts that will connect Cass County Road 70 to Cass County road 105 and Crow Wing County Road 125 (Gull Dam Road).

East Gull Lake will also be working with Cass County and the Federal Government to add a multiuse trail along the new route with the hope to extend through the land the city acquired from “The Harbor at East Gull Lake ” in 2016. If all goes as planned, the potential would be for a fishing park along the south side of the channel with a new multi-use bridge connecting the trail to the intersection of Squaw Point Road and Hillview Forest near Ernie’s on Gull Lake.

The concept plans ([See Map: CSAH 70 Gull River Crossing](#)) show current roads from City Hall to the dam and to Gull Lake Resort would be eliminated. Gull Lake Lane along the Gull River is deteriorating and with the changes planned for this project, will be rerouted. The entrance to Gull Lake Resort and access to residents along Gull Lake Lane will be moved to another location across from City Hall property. Another issue that needs to be addressed is the Squaw Point Wastewater plant which is 29 years old and will soon need a mandated update by MPCA. Our best and most economical solution to this problem is to create a bypass line which will follow the route of the new road being built and transfer the wastewater from the north side of the city to the Pine Beach Plant which received an upgrade in 2006. The Pine Beach Plant has the capacity and the required MPCA equipment to treat phosphorous. The City can also save considerable money in the future by only having one wastewater plant rather than two.

Preliminary engineering for the county road and bridge project has been underway since the summer of 2019 with Bolton and Menk Engineering doing most of the work. Currently the potential start of construction is the fall 2022 with completion sometime before the fall of 2023.

Our city plan is to combine the wastewater bypass project, additional trail and fishing park into one big project and do it at the same time as the Cass County new road and bridge project. The city will be working on plans jointly with Cass County to help with the efficiency and cost savings by working together.

## EAST GULL LAKE MEETINGS:

- ◆ Council: First Tuesday of the month, 6:30PM
- ◆ Planning Commission: Last Tuesday of the month, 6:30PM, no scheduled meeting in December
- ◆ Committee meetings determined as needed

Please check the City [website](#) for additional meeting information.



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## 2020 Achievement Award—Joel Jasmer



*Excellence in Training and Technical Assistance*

### Press Release - Minnesota Rural Water Association

March 19, 2020

Contact: Lori Blair, Executive Director – 800-367-6792

### Minnesota Rural Water Association presents Achievement Award to Joel Jasmer, City of East Gull Lake



**The Achievement Award:** The criteria for the Achievement Award is for a system and/or person who has applied innovative ideas, inventions, or procedures that has benefited the operation of a public water/wastewater systems and/or its customers.

Joel went to college to become a chemical engineer but found his passion in helping small cities. Joel invented 3 innovative wastewater inventions that have helped not only his city and his job, but has helped the entire wastewater community.

Joel was the first to foam insulate a small clarifier dome cover to keep heat inside the clarifier to promote better treatment for small systems with little flow from freezing in the winter when temperatures reach the negatives. Next, Joel invented a

hydromatic pump puller. This pump puller can be used at each hydromatic grinder station because of the light weight and strength of the puller.

Joel also designed a safety grate; a mixer motor puller over a mixer pit at a wastewater plant that not only keeps people from falling into the mixer pit, but allows the mixer to easily be pulled and cleared without much manual labor.

Lastly, Joel has worked in the resort-driven communities for years between the Nisswa & East Gull Lake areas and has brought his own ERC (equivalent residential connection) method of billing with him. It's built great relationships between the resorts and the city and has been looked at by many other resorts when trying to figure out a proper and reasonable water/ wastewater billing method from the city without using flow meters.

Joel has created these inventions without getting a patent and without taking payment for them because he's giving back to the wastewater community.

Congratulations Joel Jasmer, public works director, City of East Gull Lake from the Minnesota Rural Association Board and staff.

*Photo above from left to right: City of East Gull Lake Public Works Director Joel Jasmer and Minnesota Rural Water Association Chairman Les Anderson.*

PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR JASMER  
RECEIVES  
MRWA 2020  
ACHEIVEMENT AWARD

## *Employee Update*

Jeremy Ament was hired after Joshua Kelliher accepted a position in Colorado. Jeremy was born and raised in Wadena, MN. He graduated from Wadena Deer Creek High school in 1995 and shortly after graduation enlisted in the United States Navy. He served in Virginia, Florida and retired out of Japan. In the 20 years of service he was deployed to areas such as the Mediterranean Sea, Persian Gulf, Black Sea, Caribbean and Pacific Ocean. He has visited 50 different countries around the world and lived in Japan for three years. He mainly has a cooking and mechanical background.

**NEW EMPLOYEE**

**JEREMY AMENT**

Jeremy currently lives in Lake Shore, MN with his girlfriend, two children, ages 13 and 15, and stepson, age 20. They have five dogs and two cats and enjoy the outdoors, camping, bonfires, hunting, fishing and various winter activities. Jeremy says he is excited to work at East Gull Lake and looks forward to serving the community.



## *Councilor Dennis Lang Resignation – Tim Bergin Appointed*

Dennis Lang and his wife Kathy purchased a home on Green Gables Road on August 1st of 2000. This was to be their retirement home as they really enjoyed the Gull Lake area. Little did Dennis know that a boat house remodeling issue starting in June of 2001 and ending in November of 2002 would start him on the path of city service for the next 17 years. After Dennis spent 17 months attending planning commission meetings working on getting what he wanted for a boathouse, I happened to be chairman of the planning commission and we needed another member for the commission. I told Dennis after attending meetings for 17 months and doing all the research about boathouses, he would be the perfect candidate for serving on the commission.

**CITY COUNCILOR**

**DENNIS LANG**

**RESIGNS -**

**TIM BERGIN**

**APPOINTED**

Dennis agreed to be appointed to P & Z and this started his city service in 2002. Dennis also agreed to serve on the Budget Committee around 2004 as well. Eight years later in 2010, Dennis and I decided to run for City Council together. We both received enough votes and we took the positions in January of 2011. Dennis continued as a counselor until June of 2019 serving on the Wastewater and Road committee. Dennis decided it was getting difficult to make all the council meetings with his busy schedule in the winter and he spoke to me about resigning.

Mayor Dave Kavanaugh and I discussed future options and we both agreed that another person that was already serving on the Budget Committee would be a perfect choice to serve out Dennis Lang's term until January of 2021. That person is Tim Bergin, a resident of the East Pointe Townhouse Association in East Gull Lake.

*Councilors—Continued*

Tim Bergin grew up in Cloquet and earned a BA degree in accounting at UMD in 1977. He took a position at Larson Allen Weishair accounting firm in Minneapolis and transferred to the Brainerd Office in 1989 .Tim spent 38 years at LAWCO (now called Clifton Larson Allen) recently retiring.

Tim is married to Ann Bergin and they have two children, Ryan Foss of Tonka Bay and Jenna Ude also of East Gull Lake. Tim and Ann also have 4 grandchildren.

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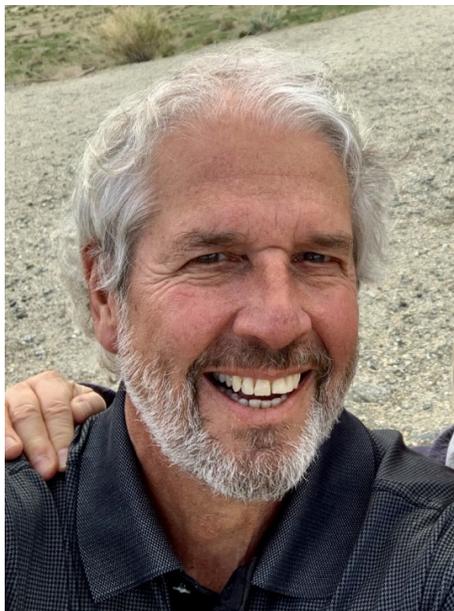
Besides currently serving on the East Gull Lake Council and Budget Committee, Tim has also served and is still serving on many other area organizations including the Brainerd Lake Community Foundation, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Brainerd Lake Sunrise Rotary Past President, Junior Achievement Instructor, East Pointe Homeowner Association Past President, and a Volunteer Tax and Financial Consultant to several local nonprofits.

Tim and his family enjoy golfing, hiking, running, fishing and boating along with enjoying their cabin on the Gunflint Trail near Grand Marias, MN.

Tim enjoys being a resource to the community with his experience and background in business and finance. Tim intends to serve in a fiscally responsible way while conserving the tax base and the environment. Tim enjoys helping the citizens of East Gull Lake enjoy the great quality of life while balancing the growth and adapting to the ever-changing times.

The City of East Gull Lake would like to thank Dennis Lang for his many years of service to our community. Dennis continues to serve the City as a member of both the wastewater/road and budget committees. I personally want to thank him for his friendship and support as I transitioned from a City Councilor to the City Administrator. We both enjoy fishing together and hopefully will for many years to come.

We should consider ourselves very blessed to have an extremely qualified person like Tim Bergin step forward to serve as a City Councilor and it is my hope he will consider filing for re-election in November.



## *Cragun's Legacy Village Update*

East Gull Lake's newest housing development, Cragun's Legacy Village, is located on County Road 70 just north of Cragun's Legacy Golf Course Clubhouse. Looking for a way to continue to expand the resort lifestyle into new avenues, Cragun's is undertaking the development of this new community. The residential development features 38 single family homes mostly 1 level with 2-3 bedrooms featuring maintenance free living.

Cragun's has secured commitments for 12 of the 38 lots. As of this spring, five of the homes will be completed plus the model home. By early summer, 3-4 more homes will be under construction. There will be an Open House in June with an opportunity to tour the model home and

discuss the various lots available and building options. This will be a busy summer for the Legacy Village as the landscaping will be completed including the irrigation systems, grass for the lawns and extensive tree coverage.

Legacy Village is the place to Live and Play. Providing a resort community lifestyle with maintenance free living will ensure you'll have plenty of time to do the

things you love instead of worrying about the things you don't. For more information on Legacy Village and to arrange a personal tour, please contact Eric Peterson at 218-833-2353 or [epeterson@craguns.com](mailto:epeterson@craguns.com).

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**EAST GULL LAKE'S  
NEWEST HOUSING  
DEVELOPMENT,  
CRAGUN'S LEGACY  
VILLAGE**



*CRMC Championship—Mackenzie Golf Tour*

**CRMC  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
HOSTED BY  
CRAGUN'S LEGACY  
COURSES**

Cragun's Legacy Courses is primed to host the inaugural CRMC Championship as a part of the Mackenzie Tour -- PGA Tour Canada Aug. 17-23, 2020. The event will be the first Mackenzie Tour tournament to be played on United States soil and the second PGA-sanctioned event in the state of Minnesota for 2020.

"This is a historic day for us. We are thrilled at the opportunity to expose American golf fans to the level of play on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada," Mackenzie Tour Vice President Scott Pritchard said. "Brainerd is a community that we feel is a perfect fit for one of our tournaments and will be for many years to come."

Cragun's Director of Golf Chuck Klecatsky will act as Tournament Director for the CRMC Championship. The players will play the Dutch Legacy course which has hosted the CRMC Brainerd Lakes Tour Showcase the past two years.

"We're fortunate to host an event of this caliber at Cragun's Legacy Courses. The event should generate millions of dollars in economic activity to benefit the community," Klecatsky said. "The course itself will

be a formidable test for the players, who we know will be thrilled with the conditioning thanks to our hardworking agronomy team."

The course won't go through any major new construction for the CRMC Championship. However, some basic tree trimming, and basic maintenance will happen to make sure the course is in the best shape for the Mackenzie Tour.

Klecatsky said there will be a Pro-Am Wednesday, Aug. 19, followed by four days of tournament golf giving the experience of a true PGA Event. Throughout the week there will be charitable events that will benefit the community.

The Mackenzie Tour is a series of tournaments played across Canada -- and now Minnesota -- with the top-10 money-winners at the end of the season earning Korn Ferry Tour status which is a step below the PGA Tour. The full 2020 Mackenzie Tour schedule has yet to be announced, but the CRMC Championship will be the 10th event of the year out of 13 events total according to Pritchard.

"It's two steps away from the big show," Klecatsky

said of the Mackenzie Tour. "They are definitely accomplished players and we will have 156 players and it's at the end of their season so they will just be a couple of steps away from graduating up to the next level. We are very excited to see how they handle the Dutch Legacy."

Ron Sanders is credited for founding the CRMC Championship in the Brainerd lakes area in 2017 and helped get a PGA-sanctioned event to Cragun's. "When we started this in 2017, we had a five-year plan," Sanders said. "I promised my time, getting a title sponsorship, which we got with CRMC, and then developing a relationship with the PGA Tour up in Canada. And here we are instead of five years it only took three years."

Sander's passion for bringing the PGA Tour to Brainerd did not go unnoticed with Pritchard. "Ron was super passionate about bringing an event to Brainerd," Pritchard said. When Sanders first reached out to the PGA the goal was a Korn Ferry Tour event, however, the Korn Ferry Tour did not have any schedule availability, and he was introduced to the Mackenzie Tour.

Sanders went to Winnipeg to recruit Mackenzie Tour players to play in the Brainerd Lakes Tour Showcase event last August. That's where Pritchard met with Sanders to begin talks about bringing the Mackenzie Tour to Brainerd. "We introduced him to the Mackenzie Tour and broached the idea of bringing a Mackenzie Tour event to Minnesota," Pritchard said. "Which was in line with some of the thoughts we had in breaking into the U.S. and lo and behold we had an agreement in principle and were able to get CRMC on board. Things fell into place quite quickly which is a testament to Ron, Cragun's and CRMC."

In 1989, Sanders was the chairman of a committee that put together the first proposal to host what would become the 3M Championship. Now, the 3M Championship is a PGA Tour event and Sanders thinks the CRMC Championship will benefit both tournaments in Minnesota.

Since the Tour Showcase ended last year, Klecatsky and Sanders have been in contact with PGA Tour and CRMC to make this tournament happen. The agreement is a six-year deal.

"We are excited to bring the community together, to be able to pool together our resources in order to donate some money to charity and to also showcase some players of the Mackenzie Tour," Klecatsky said. "We are looking forward to helping the community with the economic impact of these events."

"We are excited for people to come into town, rent hotel rooms, eat at the restaurants and enjoy the recreational aspects of Brainerd. The second component is the charity aspect and donating some money back to the community and helping the causes the tournament is going to support." The charity pieces are still in the works according to Klecatsky but is an important piece about hosting a PGA-sanctioned event.

Pritchard visited Brainerd for the first time in October and left feeling confident the area and Cragun's could put on a great event. "I was super impressed with the resort itself and how long it has been around, the number of Canadians that actually come there for the summer," Pritchard said. "I was there in October, so I did not see it in all its glory,

but it was still pretty stunning. When I got back to the office after the trip, I got even more excited knowing that was going to be a perfect fit."

For more information about the CRMC Championship or to find out how you can get involved in this exciting event, checkout the website at [www.CRMCChampionship.com](http://www.CRMCChampionship.com) or give Chuck Klecatsky a call at 218-825-2737.

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PGA TOUR CANADA,  
AUGUST 17-23,  
2020



## THE HARBOR At East Gull Lake Update

MODEL HOMES  
AVAILABLE TO  
TOUR  
CALL  
218-820-4668

### **Spring 2020 update from THE HARBOR at East Gull Lake**

Dave Mernin

Welcome to Gull Lake's most exciting community in years. We are ready for spring 2020 with the completion of our 10th home. It is our goal to have 1-2 model homes available to tour at all times. To date, no one model has been the same design, and several have sold to residents looking for immediate use.

2019 proved to be a great year for residents' enjoyment of their new lake homes, the swimming pool is getting much more use than thought, residents enjoy their private storage garage and of course, the Harbor/Marina. The Marina is proving to be quite the asset as we have a variety of boats from pontoons, wakeboard boats, larger I/O's and everything in between. In late 2019 the final 14 storage garages were built, in spring 2020 the floors will be poured, interior walls constructed, and the final lift of asphalt will be finished. At this time, the final lift on "Harbor Place" road will be completed as well.

In anticipation of 2020 demand, we have a 3rd model home under

construction (our first walkout) and have two ready for your tour.

***Model's and office are open Saturday 1:30-3:30 and Sunday 11-1, as well as Monday- Friday with a simple phone call (218-820-4668).***

### **What has been developed?**

The Harbor at East Gull Lake is a single-family home community located on the Gull Lake chain of lakes. Homes in this development are a combination of both year-round and seasonal use residents. We anticipate these built homes in the \$475k-700k range. Included with each home is a 30' harbor slip with permanent docks and ready for your boat and or lift. Also included is a 20'x40' storage garage, community pool with pool house facilities, putting green, central irrigation system, common grounds, shared well water system and city sewer service. A home owner's association is responsible for the maintenance and operation of community property, as well as for the individual homes' lawn and snow removal needs. Homeowners own, design and control their own lot, landscape and home.

Want to enjoy Gull Lake in Summer 2020, now is the time to act.

We can reserve a lot, work on your lake home plans, and begin the building process now. All community amenities are completed or in process. Your private tour is just a phone call away.

### **Who is involved in the project?**

***Baratto Brothers Construction, Inc.*** is the general contractor and home builder for the development, bringing its reputation & ability to deliver meticulous craftsmanship, designs and attention to details to the project.

***David Mernin of Edina Realty*** is the sales contact and brings years of real estate knowledge and Gull Lake living to the development. For further information or an update on our plans, contact David @ 218-820-4668 or email him at: [dave@lakesareahomes.mn](mailto:dave@lakesareahomes.mn)

If you haven't visited The Harbor @ East Gull Lake you are in for a surprise. If it's been a while, stop back as we have a new model to tour. See you soon.



*THE HARBOR*



POOLSIDE,  
LAKE ACCESS  
AND MARINA



*Pillager Area Fire Protection*

**East Gull Lake renewal of Pillager Area Fire Protection contract for 2021 and beyond**

Rob Mason

**PILLAGER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
CONTRACT FOR  
PROTECTION  
SERVICES**

On January 1, 2015 East Gull Lake terminated the contract with the City of Brainerd for fire protection service. This decision was made due to the continued rising cost from the Brainerd Fire Department for East Gull Lake. Our last annual contract with Brainerd was \$60,372 for 2014.

We contracted with the Pillager Area Fire Protection Association in 2015 after looking at all other area options. Pillager had recently expanded service by building a new substation in Fairview township. They also have a great group of volunteers and some of the newest equipment in the area. Our first contract for two years was \$25,000 per year as a non-member of the association. Our experience in the first year was very good and the response times were basically the same as Brainerd (around 12 to 15 minutes). Upon renewal of the contract in 2017, Pillager and its other area members were concerned about our low rate and decided to raise our rates incrementally from \$32,000 per year in 2017 to \$46,000 per year in 2020. Recently we signed a contract for 2021 and beyond that starts at \$57,500 per year again as a non-member, but future rates will only increase by the percentage of increase for all members of the association. Before signing the contract, we asked for another quote from Brainerd to see if Pillager was competitive and they proposed \$74,322.98 for the same type of service.

Here some interesting statistics in regard to the service that we receive:

Runs per year	2017	2018	2019
Total runs for Department	288	258	268
Structure fires all areas	4 (.013%)	2 (.007%)	12 (.044%)
Grass Fires and others	11 (.038%)	14 (.054%)	15 (.055%)
East Gull Lake runs only	14	20	15
Medical runs all areas	177 (61.4%)	139 (53.8%)	189 (70.5%)

Since East Gull Lake has not had any Medical Aid with either Brainerd or Pillager, we decided against this service as North Memorial Ambulance Service covers our area in the same amount of time for response.

As you can see from the statistics above, fire issues are less than 1% of the calls received. Insurance companies have an ISO rating for fire issues of 10 (based on a scale of 1 to 10) for East Gull Lake from either fire department due to our distance from the fire departments exceeding 6 miles. Fairview Township spent the extra money to build a substation and it did not change their rating from a 10. I have been told insurance rates don't rely on fire ratings due to the fact that storm damage is the bigger factor in determining your rates. A difficulty for East Gull Lake in having its own fire department is the average age of residents and the need to find volunteers for a volunteer fire department, not to mention the cost of a building, training and equipment. We receive excellent service from the Pillager Fire Association and they have a great group of volunteers.

## Gull Lake Trail Update 2020

*Rob Mason*

Some very good news for 2020: Fairview Township has received \$1.7 Million in Legacy Funding and other sources to have enough money to start the engineering and construction of 7.8 miles of new trail. This will connect the existing nine (9) miles of trails in East Gull Lake to the four (4) miles of trails recently built in Lake Shore. If all goes as planned, the multiuse trail will take you from the Gull Lake Dam in East Gull Lake to Bar Harbor in Lake Shore by the fall of 2020.

Unfortunately, the application for \$2.6 Million in Legacy Funding to finish the trail from Lake Shore to the Nisswa City Park was not approved in 2020. Both Lake Shore and Nisswa will re-apply for 2021. Meetings were held with officials from Region 5, Sylvan Township and Baxter about the possible link to the Gull Lake trail in East Gull Lake. This would provide a very extensive trail system connecting the Gull Lake Trail to the Paul Bunyan trail system on the North and South end of Gull Lake.

As I sit here writing this in the middle of the COVID19 crisis, I think we will all have a much better appreciation of these trails in regard to our health and wellness in the future. Fresh air and exercise will be crucial to our family's mental health and the trails will also be a financial benefit to our property values in the future as people re-evaluate where they wish to live.

LEGACY  
FUNDING  
PROVIDES FOR  
7.8 MILES OF  
NEW TRAIL



*Recycling No-No's—Guidelines Explained*

**Understanding the Ramifications of Incorrect Recycling**

In some areas, Cass County utilizes what is called “single stream” recycling. That means all recyclable material (containers, paper, glass, plastic, etc.) is all collected together. We are currently moving to “dual stream” recycling where paper is separated out.

NO PLASTIC  
BAGS,  
“TANGLERS”,  
HOSES,  
STYROFOAM,  
PLASTIC FILM

In 2019, Cass County collected 3,249 tons of single stream recycling at our 27 recycling bin sites and three (3) transfer station locations. This material gets hauled to Pine River Transfer Station and the loaded aboard “walking floor” trailers. The trailers haul this material to Recycle America, a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Brooklyn Park, MN where the material is separated by magnets, gravity and wind tunnel separators. The separated material is then sold on the commodity markets. Each trailer can haul between 15-20 tons of material, so around 200 hauls were made from Pine River to Recycle America last year.

Now here’s where it gets interesting. By weight, about 20% of the single stream recycling is mixed glass, 63% is mixed paper and cardboard, 3.5% aluminum and steel, 5% mixed plastics and about 8.5% is garbage. The glass has very little to no recyclability and costs \$21.25 per ton to dispose of. Garbage costs \$60 per ton. Some material has commodity value and we get credit for paper, cardboard, aluminum and steel and some plastics. Interestingly the milk jug plastic is currently worth more per ton (\$1,180) than aluminum (\$885). However, milk jug plastic only makes up about 1% of the single-stream material by weight.

After processing the material in the MRF, getting credit for materials that have a market and paying for materials that need to be discarded, the net cost Cass County currently pays to Recycle America is \$30.25 per ton for processing the material in the MRF and separating everything that can be recycled. Add a cost of approximately \$40 per ton for hauling from Pine River to the Twin Cities and **our current cost is about \$70.25 to recycle a ton of single stream material.**

Now, even though we are docked for the 8.5% garbage that is standard, we also get dinged when our loads get “downgraded”. Downgrading occurs when there are plastic bags (**a “no-no”**), tangles like extension cords and hoses, styrofoam, plastic film, small, broken pieces of material and other things that shouldn’t be put in the recycling bins by the public. We get a percentage downgrade (usually 25-35% by weight of the entire load) for which we pay \$150 per ton. For example, if we deliver a 20-ton load with 25% downgrade, we pay \$150 for 5 tons and \$30.25 for 15 tons. This can add significantly to our cost. **When including the downgrade, we paid \$50.22/ton this month (March 2020).** Add the \$40 dollar cost of transportation and the **cost now jumps to over \$90 per ton to recycle** – an increase of about \$20 per ton when we send contaminated recycling to Recycle America. *That’s why it is important for citizens to do their best at keeping plastic bags, plastic film like in some food containers, plastic shrink wrap and sheet material as well as other household garbage out of the recycling bins.*

## Recycling Guidelines Explained

We are currently moving to “dual-stream” recycling, whereby mixed paper will be collected in the white bins and containers- plastic, aluminum, and metal in the blue. There is a market for clean paper and it has a positive value to the program. The weight of the materials we have to haul to the MRF could decrease by over 50%. Hopefully this will result in significant savings to Cass County.

Don't forget, there is also a cost to the County to pick up the recycled material from the drop-off sites. Recycling costs are covered by a county assessment on property tax statements (\$66 per residential property, slightly more for businesses) One might ask, “why recycle if it cost so much?” The answer is, because, by recycling we are reducing the amount of waste that goes into landfills. It can also reduce our need for costly raw materials, of which there is a limited supply. The hope is that as markets get stronger and more developed, the value of the recycled product will increase and recycling will be less expensive. We do it because Cass County and America feel it is the right thing to do. Remember, in addition to single-stream recycling, Cass County also takes appliances, tires, cardboard and Household Hazardous Waste at no additional charge for residents, and this material can be recycled as well.

So, to reiterate, **Please Do Not** put plastic bags into recycling containers! When bringing your recycles in a plastic bag, empty recycles into container, but keep the bag!

Small amounts of cardboard are acceptable in white container. Please put large amounts of cardboard in the separate cardboard container.

For more Information contact: Cass County ESD (Environmental Services Department) (218) 547-7241 .

John Ringle, Director  
Cass County Environmental Services

FOR MORE  
INFO: CALL  
218-547-7241



## GCOLA—Gull Chain of Lakes Association

### Gull Chain of Lakes Association (GCOLA) Membership Drive 2020

*If you use the Gull Lake Chain for any activity or just appreciate its natural beauty, consider joining the Gull Chain of Lakes Association (GCOLA).*

*Join us as we work to preserve, protect and defend these beautiful lakes and the wonderful memories we have around them.*

### SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES, AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

#### East Gull Lake residents are an important part of GCOLA

GCOLA members and East Gull Lake residents care deeply about the quality of the waters of the Gull Lake Chain. Sand-bottom, spring-fed chain lakes are gems of the central Minnesota landscape. The lakes you enjoy are truly a gift. They need to be used and cared for in a manner that allows them to sustain themselves. Whether you enjoy fishing, boating, swimming, eating lakeside at a local restaurant, wake boarding, or just sitting and watching a sunrise or sunset, it can't be enjoyed to its fullest if the lakes become unhealthy. Help us protect this valuable resource by becoming a member.

#### **Our Mission Statement:**

*...GCOLA is devoted to the restoration and continued preservation of the highest water quality and environmental standards achievable, promotion of the responsible use of land and water resources and recreational safety on the Gull Lake Chain.*

#### What does GCOLA do?

GCOLA's lake saving and family programs include youth safe boating classes, lake water monitoring, loon protection programs, lake shore restorations and boat landing aquatic invasive species (AIS) inspections. Also, our buoy system is second to none with 120 total buoys. The buoy system is not funded or installed by local or state law enforcement, but by GCOLA. We invite you to read the infographic, "Protecting the Future for You, Your Family, and Your Business" in this newsletter to learn more about GCOLA's numerous activities.

#### Who are GCOLA members?

Many of your neighbors and friends in East Gull Lake, as well as local businesses that you know and trust, belong to GCOLA. Our membership includes fishermen and women, visiting paddle boarders and kayakers, resort guests, lakeside dining foodies, summer water sport enthusiasts, and winter snow sports fans. Seasonal and permanent residents who care about the Gull Lake Chain and want to protect it. Anyone can join GCOLA. No need to be a property owner.

#### Volunteer opportunities

Exciting volunteer opportunities include assisting with youth safe boating classes, lake water monitoring "End of Dock" programs, loon surveying, and annual GCOLA Gala event. Members may also become involved by participating on our many committees, such as

Government Relations, AIS, and the Communications committee.

#### The benefits of membership

Members receive a quarterly newsletter, can stay in the know through our website and Facebook page, are invited to our annual GCOLA Gala and annual meeting each summer, are always welcome to attend board meetings, and are encouraged to volunteer on our many committees.

#### Membership Information

Annual membership extends from January 1 to December 31. Annual membership fees are only \$50. Please complete and return the annual membership invitation that was mailed in January to all lake area residents, including the families and businesses on the Gull Lake Chain. You may also visit us at [www.gcola.org](http://www.gcola.org) and click "Join/Donate" to become a member.

Questions? Contact Jane Edwards via email at [jedwards3718@gmail.com](mailto:jedwards3718@gmail.com). Thank you!



GULL CHAIN of LAKES  
ASSOCIATION

## Stewards for the Gull Lake Chain

### Protecting the Future for You, Your Family and Your Business

#### OUR ENVIRONMENT



- Lake Stewards preserve lake environment
- Programs to protect our loons
- Shoreline restoration and water testing programs

#### YOUR SAFETY & ENJOYMENT



- 110 navigational buoys across the Gull Lake Chain
- Boat Safety classes 75+ kids
- Partner with local sheriff departments

#### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



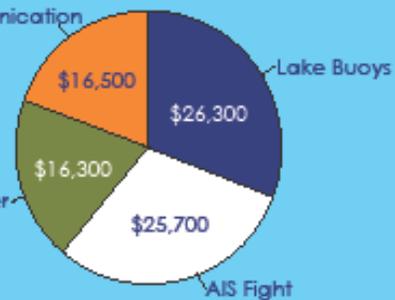
- Advocate for lake issues with state legislators
- Interface with county, city, and township governments
- Share with neighboring lake associations

#### WHAT IT COSTS ANNUALLY

Education/Communication



Habitat/Water  
Quality



#### AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) FIGHT



- Protect our lakes from AIS
- Educate stakeholders on AIS
- Maintain technical knowledge of AIS

#### GET INVOLVED!



- 950+ family & business members strong
- Exciting volunteer opportunities
- FUN! Annual Summer Gala Event



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**SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS:**  
[www.eastgulllake.govoffice.com](http://www.eastgulllake.govoffice.com)

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## Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Mobile Collection

**Lake Shore City Hall**  
**Thursday, June 25, 2020**  
**1:00 pm—4:00 pm**

For Cass County Residents Only  
No appointment necessary

**Examples of accepted wastes:**

- Unwanted or unusable paint and paint products
- Adhesives, mercury products, corrosives, pesticides, oven cleaners, batteries
- Cleaning products, old gasoline, automotive products (except motor oil)
- Also accepting fluorescent bulbs

**Do NOT bring these items:**

- Explosives or radioactive wastes
- Used motor oil, oil filters or antifreeze—these can be taken to any county transfer site at no charge year round
- Unusable joint compound—this should be dried out and disposed of in regular garbage

If you have questions, or need to make an appointment to drop off our wastes at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility north of Pine River at other times call: Cass County HHW facility at Pine River: 888.910.2425, ext 2

Cass County Environmental Service Department at Walker: 218.547.7241

You can also check out information on the Cass County [Website](#).

