



City Administrator's Update

WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 2018

Upcoming Events:

July 24, 4:15 pm
Library Board Meeting
Library

August 1, 8:00 a.m.
EDA
City Hall

August 6, 4:30 p.m.
Parks Commission
City Hall

August 7, 5:30 p.m.
Council Work Session
City Hall

August 7, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting
City Hall

August 14th
Primary Election Day

August 15, 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission
City Hall

August 15, 6:00 p.m.
CAFD Board

August 21, 5:30 p.m.
Council Work Session
City Hall

August 21, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting
City Hall

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Administration/Finance

The Council has started the process of reviewing the 2019 budget. It has been presented with a 0% levy increase but with several potential items that could be added back in which could increase the levy amount. The Council is also reviewing our Capital Improvement Plan that includes several infrastructure and construction projects over the next 10 years.

The Council had a good discussion with citizens on animal control at our July 17th Council meeting. At this time, the City's only option is to rescind our stray animal ordinance and hope that our local shelter reopens soon. The City and County will continue to communicate with Friends of Animals during their reorganization in hopes that they can reopen and provide this service again in the future.

Human Resources

We have finally received our Delta Dental cards and they are being distributed this week by your supervisor. Please look them over and let James know if you see any errors on your card.

Public Works/Parks

Utility staff have been spending a large amount of time coordinating projects on the Lake Superior Waterline over the past two weeks installing water taps for leak detection, reinstallation of refurbished pump #6 and removal of pump #7 for diagnosis of a vibration issue.

The street department was busy with sidewalk and curb repairs around Churchill and Washington schools this week. Once these miscellaneous concrete repairs wrap up, work will begin on our annual street patching program.

With the Dunlap Island and Broadway project winding down, construction season continues to progress at a rapid pace. A ground-breaking ceremony was held at the new skatepark and work kick-off along Cloquet Avenue in the center medians between 8th Street and Highway 33. The Water Treatment Plant Project and 2018 Overlays are also expected to break ground in the next two weeks.



The new singletrack bike trail at Pine Valley officially opened for bicycle traffic on Wednesday, July 18, 2018! Thanks to the members and coaches of the CEC Mountain Bike Team for volunteering to be in these photos of the first riders on the trail. Remember to use standard trail etiquette, don't ride when it's wet, ride to your ability, and wear a helmet. The trail is purpose-built and optimized for mountain biking, but it's also open to hikers and runners, plus snowshoes and fat bikes the winter months.



Dave Hallback, Mayor

City Council Members:

Jeff Rock, Ward 1
David Bjerkness, Ward 2
Roger Maki, Ward 3
Kerry Kolodge, Ward 4
Steve Langley, Ward 5
Barb Wyman - At Large

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Community Development

Economic Development

This week, City Engineer Peterson, Building Official Munter, City Planner Cottingham, and Community Development Director Hansen spoke to the Realtors Association about Cloquet projects and permitting and development issues realtors should be aware of when listing properties. The City Council approved upgrades to Wentworth Park to help improve its current functionality and aesthetics which will align with efforts to clean up the West End.

Planning and Zoning

The Site Plan for the new Members Cooperative Credit Union was approved by Council this week. The trees on the site were cleared earlier in the week which generated many questions and phone calls.

The Council approved the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to no longer guide the former Middle School building as public institutional property and to rezone the property from public institutional property to multifamily. Roers Investments owner, Brian Roers, attended the meeting and spoke about the importance of this project to the community as well as his company which has \$150 million in projects underway in the Midwest and to the

Staff is now focusing on the Site Plan review for the City's Water Treatment Plant to be constructed near the City's Public Works Facility.

Building Inspections

Staff has been busy with residential projects, mainly framing, roofing, and mechanical inspections. Staff continued roofing inspections at the elementary schools and continued monitoring on the cleanup progress for water damage that occurred at Larson Commons after a fire which set off the sprinklers. Various plan review projects are underway for upcoming commercial and residential projects. Laurie has been busy creating account codes and entering information for the new PermitWorks software.

Library

Please join the public and the library staff in wishing Brenda Fryc a happy retirement from the library. Her last day is July 19th. Brenda joined the library in April of 2011 and has been a cheery face at the circulation desk, helping patrons find the materials they need. She has been instrumental in getting furniture for the teen area and providing programming for the teens through Teen Cafe. She and her husband, John, have held an annual Bike Repair workshop and coordinating bike safety course at the library. She has also assisted with children's programming, processing books and helping out wherever there is a need. We wish Brenda a bright and relaxing retirement.

Congratulations to Mark King on his new position with the Carlton County Historical Society. Mark started in January of 2011 as the Adult Services Librarian, providing programming, reference services, computer assistance and supervision of the circulation staff. Mark's last day will be Wednesday, July 25th. We wish him well on his new endeavors.

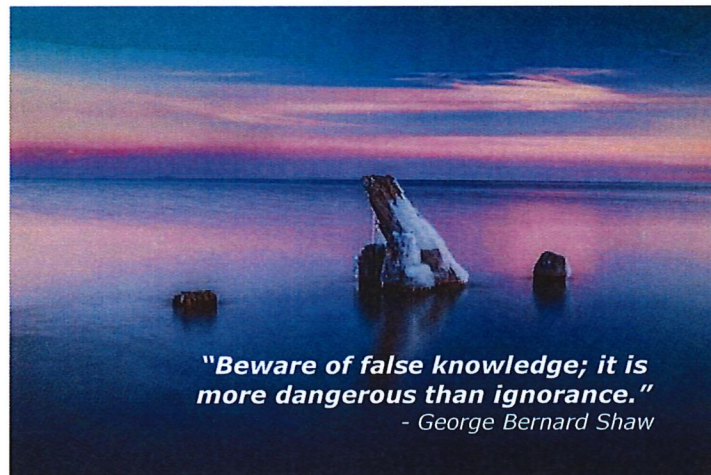
Our library has been getting a little face lift these last couple of weeks. Shawn, Steve and Austin from the city crew have been replacing light bulbs and batteries, removing dead branches and pine needles, replacing hardware and generally sprucing up the place. Thank you for your efforts!

On Monday, July 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. Norwegian-American musician, Arna Rennan will be playing the dulcimer and telling traditional stories. This program is funded by the Sons of Norway and is for all ages.

On Tuesday, July 24th and Tuesday, July 31st, there will be two different panel discussions on End of Life Planning. Father Fish from Queen of Peace, Curt Trisko, attorney from Rudy Law Firm and Kory Deadrick from Edward Jones will begin the panel discussions each with a 20 minute segment followed by an audience led Q&A. On July 31st, the discussion will continue with Rob Nelson from Nelson Funeral Home, Dawn French of St. Croix Hospice, and Kim Schlicting, Living Simply with Kim. Anyone is welcome to attend one or both sessions.

Other Information Attached:

* June 2017 and June 2018 Permit Reports



Monthly report of June 2017

City of Cloquet

Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADDITION/REMODEL COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL	1	130 000.00	1 126.75
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	5	858 705.00	6 355.05
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	6	64 008.00	247.91
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	1	34 760.00	812.93
BUILDING PERMIT DECK	1	7 000.00	182.75
BUILDING PERMIT NEW COMMERCIAL	1	664 914.00	6 953.50
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	4	60 428.00	1 223.21
MECHANICAL PERMIT	10	0.00	470.00
PLUMBING	3	0.00	575.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	17	0.00	1 717.00
SIGN	2	0.00	109.00
ZONING - Accessory Building Site Location	1	0.00	25.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	7	0.00	175.00
Total	59	1 819 815.00	19 973.10

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City of Cloquet

Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	3	2 381 792.00	13 545.24
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	7	29 706.00	733.36
BUILDING NEW RESIDENTIAL	1	370 000.00	4 154.49
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	2	8 500.00	220.50
BUILDING PERMIT NEW COMMERCIAL	2	111 670.00	1 567.49
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	3	32 626.00	656.07
Demo - Accessory	1	0.00	0.00
MECHANICAL PERMIT	3	0.00	120.00
PLUMBING	5	0.00	335.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	8	0.00	808.00
SCANLON FENCE PERMIT (ZONING)	1	0.00	25.00
SCANLON MECHANICAL PERMIT	1	0.00	55.00
SCANLON REROOF OR RESIDE	1	0.00	101.00
SCANLON SITE LOCATION (ZONING)	1	0.00	25.00
SIGN	3	0.00	318.00
ZONING - Accessory Building Site Location	2	0.00	25.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	6	0.00	125.00
Total	50	2 934 294.00	22 814.15