

CROSSLAKE CONNECTIONS

Each morning feels a little more like fall—are you ready for the change in seasons? One of my favorite events this time of year is *Crosslake Days* and the *Chili Cook-off*, happening September 25–27. Join the fun, hunt for the Lost Chili Pepper, Arts & Craft Fair, Cider & Candlelight Tour, Corn-Hole Tournament, Street Dance and enjoy some of the best homemade chili around!

Don't forget about *Family Fest* at the Community Center on September 13—a great time to connect with neighbors and celebrate our community.

We're also wrapping up Year 2 of the road improvements project and actively working on the 2026 budget. We hope to have it finalized later this month.

As I complete my first year as City Administrator, I continue to learn more about Crosslake every day. This is truly a special place, and I'm honored to be part of it.
Lori Conway, City Administrator

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Jake Maier, Chief of Police

It's been a record year for the police department. We are on track for the busiest year ever and it's been extremely helpful to have our seventh officer, Nick Davis, up and running this summer.

Sergeant Marks and I are working on writing grants to continue to improve and add equipment that benefits the safety and physical fitness for our officers. We are currently adding more tactical gear, for added officer safety, and to keep up with the ever changing times surrounding law enforcement. We are also working on putting a weight room/gym in the basement of city hall to keep us all in shape and healthy.

Jen has been hard at work this year with the implementation of Short Term Rentals. This has taken an extraordinary amount of time. Jen will be out on Maternity Leave in December, but fear not; Sergeant Marks and I will be assisting with those many duties until she returns.

The police department has also been tasked this year with enforcing the placement of advertisement signs within the road right-of-way. To date we have warned 95 businesses and issued one citation for repeated violations.



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RESPECT
FOR ALL!**

CITY HALL HOURS—EFFECTIVE SEPT 1ST

City Hall Office Hours Mon –Thurs 7:30-4:30 and
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Patty Norgaard, states the EDA has been busy. Here is a recap:

- Hosted a workshop on an overview of the current environment in the County with several county officials.
- Working with the Emily Mining Info Group on a potential workshop in the fall, to discuss the proposed Manganese Mine and the influence it may have on the communities.
- Working on blocks 4 & 5 of the GreenStep Program.
- Working on water quality and held discussion regarding Co. Rd 66 runoff, continuing discussions on Starry Stonewort, and future projects with the Army Corp of Engineers on shoreline restoration on the southside of the Dam & management of the forest on Arrowhead Lake.

CROSSLAKE—YOUR TOURISM DESTINATION

Message from Fire Chief, Chip Lohmiller: The Crosslake Fire Department has had an incredibly busy and productive summer, filled with training, community events, and important conversations about the future of emergency services in our area.



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Over the past few months, our Firefighters have dedicated countless hours to training on both fire suppression and emergency medical service operations.

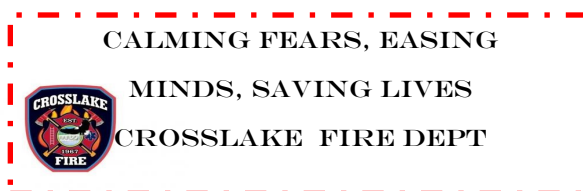
These trainings are essential in keeping our skills sharp and ensuring that when the call comes in, whether it's a fire, medical emergency, or rescue, we are prepared to respond quickly, effectively, and safely.

We also had the privilege of connecting with our community through two of our favorite summer traditions:

- ◆ National Night Out – Held on Tuesday, August 5, this event brought together neighbors, friends, and public safety partners for a night of fun, food, and relationship-building. It's always an honor to meet with residents, answer questions, and share safety tips in a relaxed, family-friendly environment.
- ◆ Annual Pig Roast & Car Show – On August 9, we fired up the grills and welcomed visitors from near and far for an afternoon of great food, classic cars, and community spirit. This year, we served almost 1,500 meals, our largest turnout yet! We are incredibly grateful for everyone who came out to support the Fire Department.

Looking forward, we are in active discussions with North Memorial Ambulance regarding ways to better serve Crosslake and the surrounding area when it comes to ambulance response. We are committed to working with our partners to find solutions that ensure our residents receive the highest level of emergency medical care without unnecessary delays.

To everyone who has attended our events, offered words of encouragement, or simply waved when passing the station, thank you. Your support fuels our mission and strengthens our ability to protect and serve the community we all love.



City Administrator: Budget As we approach the September 30, 2025 deadline to submit our Preliminary Tax Levy to the County, the City is working diligently to finalize the annual budget. This process involves carefully balancing the funding needs of our community with the rising costs of goods and services.

We understand the financial pressures many residents face, and we want to assure you that fiscal responsibility remains a top priority. While the City represents only a portion of your overall tax bill, we are committed to being thoughtful stewards of public funds. Every dollar allocated is evaluated with both current needs and long-term sustainability in mind.

PARK & RECREATION HAPPENINGS:

Our front door traffic sensor tallied over 16, 000 people between the months of July and August! Year-to-date we've welcomed over 43,000 people!

- ◆ Phase 1 of the Community Park Master Plan was completed on July 26
- ◆ The library received an Operation Round-up grant of \$500 to buy large print books
- ◆ The library also received a \$750 microgrant from PBS to help fund programming about Ken Burns' new series on the American Revolution which will be airing in November
- ◆ The 3rd Annual Dog Days of Summer Pickleball Tournament went off without a hitch and welcomed over 50 players this year.
- ◆ The 40th Annual Art Show was held in our gymnasium August 7-9
- ◆ Ongoing Activities include: Art Club, Garden Club, Mahjong, Senior Meals, Silver Sneakers Classes and Wood-carvers

PLANNING & ZONING:

We are excited to welcome two new teammates -Celeste Torgerson, our new Planning & Zoning Coordinator and Jody Grund, Planning & Zoning Director!

We are glad to be growing the team and look forward to continuing to serve you with the best support possible. A big thank you to Cheryl Stuckmayer, P&Z Co-ordinator for holding the office together!