

Mid-Trail Property Owners Association (MTPOA)



New Property Owners Resource Information

Welcome to the Mid-Trail community! We look forward to getting to know you. Here are some general resources that may be helpful. This resource will be shared through the Mid-Trail email list and posted on the Cook County Coalition of Lake Associations website under Mid-Trail on the “Lakes” page of CCCoLA: <https://cookcountycola.mnlakesandrivers.org/mid-trail-property-owners-association/>. A limitation of a resource list like this is that it can quickly become out of date so MTPOA relies on owners to let us know of any changes or additional listings to include. The MTPOA Board will collect changes submitted during the year and update the listing annually. If you have questions or have other resources to add to the list, contact MTPOA President, (John Craddock, craddock.irnp@gmail.com).

- **Cook County has an online property guide** found here:
https://www.co.cook.mn.us/government/departments/land_services/property_owners_resource_guide.php
- **Mid-Trail Property Owners Association (MTPOA)**: We invite you to consider becoming a member of the MTPOA which is a volunteer network of property owners in the Mid-Trail area. The MTPOA is organized for charitable, scientific and educational purposes including:
 - Preservation and enhancement of the quality of life on and adjacent to lakes, rivers, and streams in the Mid-Gunflint Trail area of Cook County.
 - Promotion of a sense of community in the Mid-Gunflint Trail area.
 - Education of its members and others on issues of concern to Mid-Gunflint Trail property owners.

MTPOA offers these services:

- Produces three newsletters with trail updates annually (electronic and printed), holds one annual meeting the second Saturday of July (which can be attended in person or virtually), and provides periodic Mid-Trail updates via email as noted below.
- Manages an email list-serve of over 300 addresses (membership not required), as well as an additional Mid-Trail property owners directory, both critically important to the Gunflint Trail Volunteer Fire Department in times of crisis (i.e. fire, missing persons, health emergencies).
- Organizes fundraising activities to support the Gunflint Trail Volunteer Fire Department. Fundraising occurs in even years and in odd years, we promote direct donations to the GTVFD.

To become a member, send the annual dues of \$30 per “cabinhold” (multiple owners of one cabin pay membership of \$30), to the MTPOA Treasurer, Austin Danicic, at this address and make check payable to MTPOA: Austin Danicic, 1143 Pike Lake Road, Grand Marais, MN 55604. You may also pay your dues through Venmo (Venmo to: @Austin-Danicic, austindanicic@gmail.com or 952-237-3199). Please note what your Venmo payment is for: MTPOA Dues. Thank you for your support!

- **Gunflint Trail Volunteer Fire Department (GTVFD)**: Since 1992, the GTVFD has been the primary emergency response service for the Gunflint Trail region. Their dedicated team of volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and support staff are on call 24/7—responding to fires, medical emergencies, and search and rescue missions across more than 700 homes, cabins, and businesses within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the Superior National Forest. To keep informed, subscribe to *Trail Briefing*, <https://gunflint911.org/> and sign up for their e-news.
- **Local Contractors and Other Services That Serve the Gunflint Trail** (services listed by category alphabetically):

Appliance Repair

- Isak Hansen’s Home Center – Lutsen, 218-663-7201, email: isak@boreal.org, website: <https://www.isakhansen.com>
- Lighthouse Appliance Solutions, Silver Bay (servicing North Shore and Gunflint Trail): Appliance and gas fireplace repair 218-269-4288, email: help@lighthouseappliancesolutions.com, also deliver and install appliances. Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557217865277#>

Brush Disposal Sites and Firewise Information

- To find the brush disposal site closest to you, view the interactive map at: [Firewise Brush Disposal Sites Map](#). For example, one site is on E Bearskin Road (turn onto E Bearskin Rd, then take the first road on the lefthand side (about half mile in).
- More information about Firewise Property Care is on the Cook County Firewise website: cookcountyfirewise.org

Chimney Repair

- Chimney Repair and Tuck Pointing: Bert Van Beck 218-387-9305

Chimney Sweep

- Hammer Chimney Sweep: James Hammer 218-877-7539

Drywall Installation and Taping

- Bystrom Construction. LLC.: Justin Bystrom, 218-576-9983, justinbystrom111@gmail.com
- Nace Hageman: 218-370-1613
- Chad Smith: 218-387-1074

Electricians

- Granite Electric LLC.: 218-370-2532
- Nordic Electric of Grand Marais, Inc: 218-387-1606, email: office@nordicmn.com
<https://nordicmn.com/>

Excavating

- Darin Bloomquist Construction: Lot Prep, Dirt Work, Driveways, Septic Systems, 218-387-2146 or 218-370-0266
- Gunflint Trail Excavating: Driveway maintenance, gravel hauling, septic system service. Dave Tuttle, 218-370-0795, davet@gunflinttrailexcavating.com
- Jed Smith Excavating & Septic, LLC, Lutsen: Septic Installer & Designer, Service Provider, Septic Inspector, Site Prep, Driveways, Basements, Landscaping, Snow Plowing. Home: 218-387-2933, Cell: 218-370-8185, jed@jedsmithexcavating.com, <https://www.jedsmithexcavating.com/>
- S.J. Bautch Construction: Road Building, Sewer Systems, Backhoe & Dozer Work, Gravel, Culverts, 218-387-9005, bautch@boreal.org
- Charles Vandoren Excavating: Dozer work, landscaping, black dirt, sand, gravel, driveways, backhoe, 218-370-0679

Firewood

- Dave Howe: 218-370-9929

Garage Doors

- Overhead Door Company of Duluth: 218-722-2884, <https://www.overheaddoor.com/find-a-distributor/overhead-door-company-of-duluth>

General Contractor-Carpentry

- White Pine Construction Company, LLC.: Chris Short, 612-670-2831
cshort@wpconstructionco.com, <http://www.whitepineconstructioncompanyllc.com/>
- Erik McDonald 218-393-8811
- Nace Hagemann 218-370-1613
- Mike Kwasniewicz 218-264-9328/ GFTPS@gmail.com

Gravel Quarry

- 580 Clearwater Road

Gutters

- Seamless Rain Gutters, Jerry Starr: Custom Flashings, 218-370-9496, jstarr955@gmail.com

Hardware Stores

- Buck's Hardware: Offer advice as local experts and one-stop-shop for convenience and quality for hardware supplies. (218) 387-2280, https://www.doitbest.com/bucks-hardware/?srsltid=AfmBOopJI-NDCJ_2ms8tB6GnWPIgJEyyR-9c_oYGeGKO5QF-EH0hrS3K
- Cook County Home Center: The West store (they acquired Sawtooth Lumber) will focus on construction projects, while the original East Store will remain the ACE Hardware and lumberyard, (218) 387-1771, <https://www.cookcountyhc.com/>

Pest Removal and Prevention

- North Shore Superior Pest Management: 218-370-2323, nsspmgt@gmail.com, <https://www.northshoreswat.com/>

Plumbing and Heating

- Amax Plumbing, Heating, LLC: 218-877-7013, amaxgrandmarais@gmail.com,
- County Plumbing & Heating, Lutsen: 218-663-7873 or 218-370-0149, countyplumbing@hotmail.com
- North Shore Plumbing, Heating & A/C: Air Exchangers, A/C, Heat Pumps, Ductless, Furnaces, Ductwork, In Floor Heating, Water Heaters, Residential Plumbing, Boilers. Justin Greeley, Master Plumber, [218-370-9669](tel:218-370-9669), jp@northshorephac.com, <https://northshoreplumbingheatingac.com/>

Property Services/Handypersons

- Gunflint Trail Property Services: Is comprised of Gunflint Trail residents who have serviced numerous area resorts as well as private cabins since 2004. Have experience tackling a wide range of residential and commercial projects, (218) 264-9328, Mkwass343@gmail.com, <https://www.gunflinttrailpropertyservices.com/>
- Wildfire Protection Systems: Chad Byers, cell 218 256-1136, office 218 877-7012, email: chadwildfiresprinkler@gmail.com
- Wood Brothers Property Services, LLC: Skilled in a range of maintenance services, including opening and closing cabins, wildfire suppression sprinkler systems, drain cleaning, docks, general handyman, and much more. Contact information: Phone: (218) 260-8408; Email: Contact@woodbrothersps.com, Web address: <https://www.woodbrothersps.com/>
- Works Construction & Maintenance Services: Nathan Works, 218-370-9626 nathan@worksconstruction.org

Septic Systems-Drain Clearing

- G&G Septic: Septic pumping, portable toilets, frozen septic, Pete at 218-387-1572
- Tim's Pipes Unplugged Drain Service, LLC (TPU): Complete drain cleaning solutions, 218-391-8973

Telephone and Broadband

- Arrowhead Cooperative: 218-663-7239, 1-800-864-3744; <https://arrowheadcoop.com/> ; Arrowhead Broadband: 218-663-9030

Towing

- Cook County Towing: Kevin DeRosier, 218-663-7475
- North Coast Towing: Clark Bloomquist, 218-387-4297

Tree Trimming & Removal

- Arrowhead Tree and Landscape: Michael Burton, 218-370-1470, arrowhead.tree.landscape@gmail.com
- Bystrom Construction, LLC.: Justin Bystrom, 218-576-9983, justinbystrom111@gmail.com
- McMillan Tree Service: Mike McMillan 218-387-3306 or 218-370-0118, mcmillantree@boreal.org

Waste Disposal/Gas Propane Refills

- Golden Eagle: Receive trash between 8:00 am-4:30 pm. Cost is \$6/bag for a kitchen bag, \$10/bag for a big bag, and \$15/bag for a jumbo bag. They also do propane fills, please call in advance on propane fills (218-388-2203).

Well Drilling

- McKeever Well Drilling, Schroeder: 218-663-7574
- Rasmussen Well Drilling, Inc.: 218-834-3387; rasmussenwell@frontier.com

• **Other resources** available:

- **Fun things to do:** The Schaap Community Center (next to Mid-Trail Fire Hall #1) calendar is posted at: <https://gunflint911.org/schaap-community-center-calendar>. EVERYONE is always welcome to join in.
 - **Yoga:** Contact Barbara Platnick at bplatnick@gmail.com Check the Gunflint Trail Fire Department website calendar for updated schedule.
 - **Mah-Jongg:** Thursday afternoons 1:00-4:00 PM, May 8 - October 16. Contact Biz Clark at bizclar@gmail.com or 218-388-0115.
 - **Fiber Group** meets monthly. To add your name to notification list, *contact* Cherlyn Morrison redpinemorrison@gmail.com
 - **Book Group** meets monthly. Read any books you like. *Contact* Cherlyn Morrison as noted above.
- **Dining options:**
 - Borderland Lodge: <https://www.gunflinttrail.com/business-directory/categories/activities/>
 - Clearwater Lodge: <https://clearwaterhistoriclodge.com/food-retail/clearwater-bakery-menu/>
 - Gunflint Lodge: <https://gunflint.com/dining/>
 - Hungry Jack Lodge: <https://hungryjacklodge.com/dining/>
 - Loon Lake Lodge: <https://visitloonlake.com/>

- Loons Nest Coffee: Season opens in June. Updates available at www.loonsnest.coffee
- Poplar Haus: <https://poplarhaus.com/restaurant/>
- Trail Center: <https://www.facebook.com/Trail-Center-Lodge-174036197719/>
- White Pine Lodge : <https://www.whitepinelodgemn.com/restaurant>
- Other organizations serving the Gunflint Trail:
 - Cook County Coalition of Lake Associations (CCCoLA): An action-oriented independent organization made up of Cook County lake and road associations to focus on issues of common interest such as promoting and implementing sound and responsible lake and shoreland management practices. More information at <https://cookcountycla.mnlakesandrivers.org/>
 - Gunflint Trail Association: Information on their website about the Boundary Waters, camping, fishing, hiking, outfitters, lodging dining, and shopping: <https://www.gunflinttrail.com/business-directory/categories/activities/>
 - Gunflint Trail Historical Society/Chik-Wauk Museum: The GTHS builds community by connecting people to the Gunflint Trail region, sharing its natural and cultural history. See more information and seasonal dates of operation at: <https://gunflinthistory.org/>
 - Banadad Trail Association: <https://www.banadad.org/>
- **Grand Marais information:**
 - Grand Marais Public Library: Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 AM–5 PM, Wednesday 10 AM–8 PM, Saturday 10 AM–2 PM, Sunday Closed. 104 2nd Ave W, Grand Marais, <https://www.grandmaraislibrary.org/>, (218) 387-1140
 - Health Care: North Shore Health - Primary Care and Emergency Health Care (24 hrs per day/7 days per week), Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00, Saturday 8:00 am-Noon. Call 218-387-2330, After hours call 218-387-3040
 - Tire & Auto Lodge: Tires and auto repair, Odin Jorgenson (owner), 218-387-1161
 - Visit Cook County Information Center: 116 W Hwy 61, P.O. Box 1330, Grand Marais, MN 55604; Phone: (218) 387-2524 | (888) 922-5000 or <https://www.visitcookcounty.com>

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