



## Eureka Township Supervisors

Meets monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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Carrie Jennings, term to 3/11

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Dan Rogers, term to 3/12

952-469-3739

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952-469-5146

## Eureka Planning Commission

Meets monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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## Township Contact, Clerk/Treasurer

Nanett Sandstrom, 952-469-3736

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## Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

At other times, calls are transferred to voice mail; all calls are returned.

**Location:** 25043 Cedar Ave. S.

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 576

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**Drop Box** – Applications and other items may be placed in the locked drop box near the Town Hall front door.

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**Website:** <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>

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Dan Rogers 952-469-3739

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**Official Notices** are posted on the bulletin board located on the south (parking lot) side of the Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave. and published in ThisWeek Life and Times newspaper.

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## This Year's Census Especially Important



The U.S. Constitution requires that a count of those living in the United States be taken every 10 years. 2010 is one of those years. For those living in Minnesota, this Census could be especially important. Fewer than 3,000 persons could determine whether Minnesota loses one of its eight seats in the U.S. Congress as a result of greater growth in states in the southern parts of the U.S., despite population growth here in Minnesota. According

to Minnesota State Demographer Tom Gillaspay, in addition to deciding congressional seats, the Census numbers are used to determine distribution of more than \$400 billion in federal funding for everything from education to transportation. The business community also uses Census information for planning, marketing, labor force projections and more.

In mid-March 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will mail a questionnaire to regular mailing addresses in the United States and hand deliver to those with a non-home delivery, i.e. P.O. Box. **U.S. Census forms will NOT be forwarded.** Each of those forms will contain a bar code indicating the address to which it is delivered. When you complete and return the questionnaire, the address that registers with the Census Bureau is that of the bar code. This causes particular concern for those such as snowbirds and others temporarily away from home. **It is imperative that you complete and return the Census form that is delivered to your normal home address, not a form from a temporary location.** If you respond to a Census form you receive at your "snowbird" address, you will be counted as a resident of that state, not Minnesota.

The 2010 version of the Census form will include 10 questions and take the average household about 10 minutes to complete. Filling out the form is required by law and privacy laws protect the answers for 70 years. For those of you who are genealogy buffs, the 1940 Census information will be available later this year.

For more information regarding the 2010 Census, visit [www.mn2010census.org](http://www.mn2010census.org) or contact Ryan Dolan at 651-201-2479 ([ryan.dolan@state.mn.us](mailto:ryan.dolan@state.mn.us)) or Barbara Ronningen at 651-201-2473 ([barbara.ronningen@state.mn.us](mailto:barbara.ronningen@state.mn.us)).

**IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED AS A RESIDENT OF MINNESOTA PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE CENSUS FORM DELIVERED TO YOUR NORMAL HOME ADDRESS, RATHER THAN A TEMPORARY ADDRESS. FORMS ARE BAR CODED.**

## TOWN BOARD NEWS

**Township Road Concerns** – Please contact Town Board supervisors Brian Budenski at 952-292-6028 or Dan Rogers at 952-469-3739 regarding any issues relating to Township roads or ditches, rather than the road contractors.

**A Very Big Thank You** - to Otte Excavation, the Township road contractors, for their excellent work all year long, but especially during the 2009 Christmas storms.

**Road Parking Reminder** – as listed in Ordinance 4, Chapter 2, Section 4.F., vehicles may remain parked on roads within the Township for **no more than 48 consecutive hours**.

**Vermillion Watershed District** – In the October 2009 edition of this newsletter an article about the VRWJPO *incorrectly* attributed a statement regarding federal buffer requirements to Carol Cooper. Please accept apologies for this misinformation.

**Ballot Initiatives** – The Township lawyer confirmed that under Minnesota Statute, there are very limited opportunities for residents to bring forth petitions resulting in referenda to be placed on any election ballot. Some of these circumstances include creating new powers, new taxes or bond issues. He is creating a table that will be available in the Town Hall outlining “initiative and referenda” opportunities under Minnesota law for public viewing.

**CapX2020 Power Line** – In November 2009 the Big Stone II coal-fired power project, proposed to be built near Brookings, South Dakota, was cancelled by its developers, citing a poor economy and concerns over upcoming federal carbon dioxide regulations. A number of the eleven original cooperating power companies had backed out of the project when they were unable to locate additional investors. While the CapX2020 high voltage power lines project was closely tied to the Big Stone II, the routing permit process is proceeding. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s (PUC) continued to hold public hearings regarding the proposed routes for the CapX2020 project through December 18, 2009, and allowed written public comment until January 15, 2010. Meanwhile, as previously reported, the Citizens Energy Task Force (CETF) filed a brief in October 2009 with the Minnesota Court of Appeals challenging the PUC decision to certify the CapX2020 projects and the La Crosse Project as well as increasing the size the CapX2020 lines. That appeal has not yet been heard. The Eureka Town Board did submit testimony opposing the proposed routing decision process, similar to testimony submitted opposing the permitting process.

**Interceptor Sewer Line** – At the November 2009 Town Board meeting, a resolution was passed to grant a Conditional Use Permit for a Sanitary Lift Station to be located at the northeast corner of Dodd Blvd. and 235<sup>th</sup> St. with access to this lift station to be via of 235<sup>th</sup> St.

## PLANNING COMMISSION MESSAGES

**Planning Commission Opening** – The three-year term of Commissioner Kenny Miller expires on April 30, 2010. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission is urged to contact Town Clerk, Nanett Sandstrom at 952-469-3736 or [eurekatn@frontiernet.net](mailto:eurekatn@frontiernet.net). Letters of interest are due by April 8, 2010. Interviews will be held at the April 12, 2010 Town Board meeting beginning at 8:00 p.m.

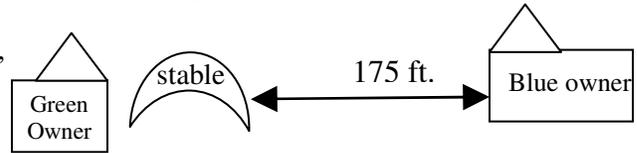
**Commercial/Industrial Task Force Members Sought** – The Town Board has selected TDKA as facilitators for the Township’s Commercial/Industrial Task Force, but additional local members are needed. Eureka residents and landowners are encouraged to submit letters of interest to Town Clerk, Nanett Sandstrom [eurekatn@frontiernet.net](mailto:eurekatn@frontiernet.net), stop at the Town Hall, or via U.S. mail to P.O. Box 576, Lakeville, MN 55044. Such a letter or e-mail should include contact information and a comment or two about why the writer is interested in serving on the Commercial/Industrial Task Force, and what they can bring to the discussion. Those submitting letters of interest will meet individually with the Planning Commission, with an April or May 2010 date anticipated.

**Ordinance Update in Progress, Public Hearing To Be Scheduled** - The Planning Commission and Town Board are completing a periodic review and update of the Township ordinances. Once this process is complete, a public hearing can be scheduled, posted and the proposed ordinance changes made available to the public at the Town Hall and through a link on the Eureka Township web site, <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>. Public hearing notices are posted on the Eureka Township web site; in ThisWeek Life and Times Newspaper; on the bulletin board located on the south side of the Town Hall; or you may contact the Town Clerk at [eurekatn@frontiernet.net](mailto:eurekatn@frontiernet.net) to request electronic notification.

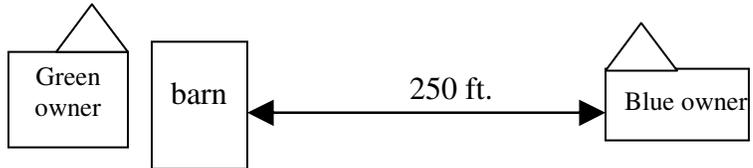
## Clarification of Some Minimum Distances Between Neighbors and Specialized Buildings

When applying for building permits, please be sure to consider and include neighboring buildings and any specialty buildings in the plans you submit to the Planning Commission. *These distances apply regardless of which building was built first.* Please refer to Eureka Township ordinances for more complete information at <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/ordinances.html> or the Building Inspector at [www.mnspect.com](http://www.mnspect.com).

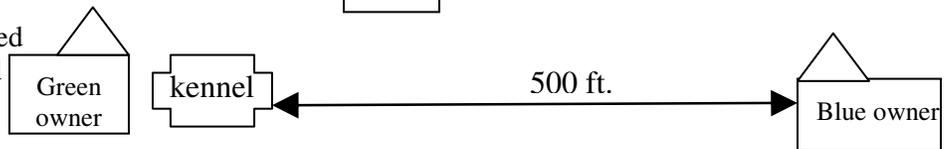
A building in which animals are confined for personal use, such as a private stable, cannot be within 175 feet of a dwelling owned or leased by someone else (Ordinance 3, Chapter 7, Section 3D).



Agricultural buildings (Ordinance 1, Chapter 4) must be separated from dwellings owned by someone else by at least 250 feet. (Ordinance 1, Chapter 3, Section 3D).



Private kennels must be separated from dwellings owned or leased by others by a minimum of 500 feet, unless advance written consent is obtained (Ordinance 3, Chapter 7, Section 2A).



## ANNUAL ELECTION AND TOWNSHIP MEETING



On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, Eureka Township will hold its annual election of Town Board Supervisors, followed by the Annual Meeting. Polls will be open at the Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave. South, from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m., also at the Town Hall. Please see the Dakota County website at

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/CountyGovernment/VotingElections/default.htm> for more

information, including access to absentee ballots and how to become a registered voter, or call Dakota County's election office at 651-438-4380. You may also contact the Town Clerk at

[eurekatn@frontiernet.net](mailto:eurekatn@frontiernet.net) or by phone at 952-469-3736. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS PLEASE NOTE –**

**Ballots will be available from the Town Hall, beginning February 5, 2010 during regular Town Hall hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). The Clerk's office will also be open on Saturday, March 5, 2010, from 10 a.m. to noon for absentee voting.**

### Candidates for Supervisor #5 Position – Three-year term to expire March 2013

The following candidates have applied for this year's Town Board Supervisor election (listed in alpha order):

**Kenny Miller** – Kenny is a graduate of Lakeville High School and the owner of Eureka Sand and Gravel. He was the Township road contractor for 17 years, a member of the Town Board for four years, and most recently, the Planning Commission for three years. During that time, he is pleased to have been instrumental in getting the “new” Town Hall built. The Comprehensive Plan, as well as, updating and clarifying ordinances are two areas he sees as upcoming work for the Town Board and to which he hopes to bring his lengthy experience assisting the Township as it grows into the future. Mr. Miller can trace his family's presence in Eureka Township back to the 1890's when his great-grandfather built a Dutch style windmill, resulting in the family's Swedish name being changed to Miller. He has lived here virtually all his life, with exceptions of early childhood and a stint in the U.S. Army. Currently, Kenny lives in the southeast quadrant of the Township on 267<sup>th</sup> St. W.

**Christopher Prose** – Chris has lived in Eureka Township for over 20 years, works for Terra Garden Center in Lakeville and is also a beekeeper. He feels we face many challenges moving into the new decade, and wishes to meet them head on. “One of the greatest challenges we face is the integrity of our border with Lakeville. Freedom is at risk in America. I do not believe in unnecessary regulation, and I certainly do not believe in ordinances that cannot be enforced. It is the right of the people to manage their own lives to the best of their ability, and as a supervisory council member, protecting that right, protecting that freedom, would be my most important duty.”



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**2009 Eureka Township Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated**

February 1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
February 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
February 18	Thursday	noon	Applications due for March 1 Planning Commission Meeting
March 1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
March 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
March 9	Tuesday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Tentative Board Supervisor Annual Elections
March 9	Tuesday	8:15 p.m.	Tentative Annual Meeting
March 25	Thursday	noon	Applications due for April 5 Planning Commission Meeting
March 25	Thursday	noon	Applications due for three year Planning Commission term
April 5	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
April 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
April 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for May 3 Planning Commission Meeting
May 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
May 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
May 27	Thursday	noon	Applications due for June 7 Planning Commission Meeting
May 31	Monday	noon	Annual Memorial Day Potluck Picnic

*\*Note: All new structures, most types of remodeling (both interior and exterior), and some types of repairs require a building permit under the Minnesota State Uniform Building Code and Eureka Township Ordinances. If you are in doubt about whether a project requires a permit, please contact the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736. Eureka Township Ordinances are available from the Town Clerk at \$25 for a hard copy, \$2 for a CD disk or can be accessed on the website, <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>, or at the Dakota County libraries in Lakeville and Farmington, or Eureka Town Hall or the Dakota County Law Library.*

## NOTES FROM THE CLERK

### Electronic Notices and Mail Available!

Residents may receive the following items by electronic mail. Simply e-mail your request to Town Clerk, Nanett Sandstrom, at [eurekatn@frontiernet.net](mailto:eurekatn@frontiernet.net).

\*Quarterly Township Newsletter, *Eureka! The News*.

\*Notices of special meetings, public hearings, agendas, etc.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLASSIFIEDS

### Volunteer or Paid Position Available

Eureka Township is seeking someone to clean the Town Hall once per month. Cleaning duties would include: dusting, vacuuming the entire facility, sanitizing and thoroughly cleaning two restrooms (toilets, urinal, sink & floor), sanitizing water fountains, cleaning the microwave and kitchenette area, cleaning interior entry door glass, and emptying all trash receptacles. Contact Town Clerk Nanett Sandstrom at 952-469-3736 or email her at [eurekatn@frontiernet.net](mailto:eurekatn@frontiernet.net)

### Town Hall Available for Rent

The Town Hall is available to be rented Sundays through Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. through 11:30 p.m. An application is available by calling the Clerk at 952-469-3736 or in person at the Town Hall. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. A fee of \$25.00 per block of four hours and a \$200 deposit is required at least two weeks prior to the event. Please note that events may not be of a commercial, promotional, sales or fundraising nature. No admission may be charged to events. Alcoholic beverages, gambling and smoking are prohibited on the premises. No food preparation or cleaning facilities are available. The Town Hall capacity is 140 people.

### Low Interest Loans for Septic System Upgrades

There is a loan program available through the Soil and Water Conservation District to assist with the costs of upgrading septic systems. For more information please contact Todd Matzke at the Farmington SWCD office at 651-480-7777 or [todd.matzke@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:todd.matzke@co.dakota.mn.us)



## SWEDIN CHIROPRACTIC CENTER

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No endorsement of products, services or business status is implied. Eureka landowners and/or residents who wish to advertise their businesses in this newsletter, may place a "business card ad" for the price of \$35.00 per quarter or \$125.00 per annum and will help defray costs of this newsletter.