



Seeing Green?

Eureka Township Supervisors

Meets monthly, 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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Eureka Planning Commission

Meets monthly, 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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Open seat – applications sought, term thru 4/14

Township Contact, Clerk/Treasurer

Nanett Sandstrom, 952-469-3736

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Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: 25043 Cedar Ave. S.

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Kenny Miller 952-469-4803

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MNSPECT 952-442-7520

info@mnspect.com

VRWJPO Permits: 952-891-7546

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www.vermillionriverwatershed.org

Emergency/non-emergency authorities – all contacts - 911 (ambulance, police, fire)

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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If you are seeing green foliage as late as the month of December, chances are that you are seeing buckthorn, which is beginning to take over the vegetation in parts of Eureka Township. These plants were originally imported from Europe beginning in the mid – 1880's, but were soon discovered to be highly invasive and damaging to native species. Sales were halted in the 1930's, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources now lists two varieties on the Restricted Noxious Weed List which makes it illegal to import, sell or transport these varieties of buckthorn.

Why is buckthorn a problem? According to the MN DNR website, it:

- Out-competes native plants for nutrients, light, and moisture
- Degrades wildlife habitat
- Threatens the future of forests, wetlands, prairies, and other natural habitats
- Contributes to erosion by shading out other plants that grow on the forest floor
- Serves as host to other pests, such as crown rust fungus and soybean aphid
- Forms an impenetrable layer of vegetation
- Lacks "natural controls" like insects or disease that would curb its growth

Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)

Appearance: Tall understory shrub or small tree up to 25' high with a spreading, loosely branched crown, often with multiple stems at the base. There are both female and male plants.

Leaves: Egg-shaped, pointed at the tip, smooth, dark, glossy and finely-toothed. 3-5 pair of curved leaf veins. Leaves stay green late into fall.

Branch: Buds and leaves are opposite. Twigs often end in sharp, stout thorns.

Wood: Brown bark with elongate silvery corky projections (caution: native plums or cherries have a similar bark). Cut branch exposes yellow sapwood and orange heartwood.

Fruit: Large, round, berry-like clusters of black 1/4" fruit that ripen in August and September.



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Glossy buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*)

Appearance: Tall understory shrub or small tree, grows up to 18' high, has a spreading, loosely branched crown, often with multiple stems at the base.

Leaves: Oval, smooth, dark, glossy, and toothless edges. 8-9 pair of leaf veins. Leaves stay green late into fall.

Branch: Buds and leaves are alternate. No thorn at tip of twig.

Wood: Brown bark with elongate silvery corky projections (caution: native plums or cherries have a similar bark). Cut branch exposes yellow sapwood and orange heartwood.

Fruit: Small clusters of berry-like, 1/4" fruit, which ripens progressively from a distinctive red-brown to a dark purple in August and September.



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Depending upon the infestation, eradication can be time-consuming, especially if seeds are in the soil. Small seedlings can be removed by hand. If larger than 3/8 inch, special hand tools are available to remove plants. For larger areas of infestation, Glyphosate (Roundup) may be used, which will kill all actively growing vegetation. Triclopyr will target the broadleaf plants when used according to direction. Trees 2 inches in diameter and larger are best controlled by cutting down the tree and covering the stump with black plastic or a tin can to prevent re-sprouting, or spraying the stump with herbicides listed above. The best time to cut and chemically treat the stumps is in late summer and throughout the fall.

More information is available at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/woody/buckthorn/id.html>

TOWN BOARD INFORMATION

Township Road Concerns

Please contact Town Board Supervisors
 Dan Rogers at 952-469-3739 or
 Kenny Miller at 952-469-4803
 regarding any issues relating to Township
 roads or ditches rather than the road contractors.



While a Town Board Supervisor may give an individual opinion on a topic, for any official business decision, all topics must be directed to the **FULL** Town Board rather than an individual Town Supervisor. Individual Supervisor opinions do **NOT** constitute a legally binding decision.



Applying for a Building Permit? – What’s Your Watershed Address?

Check your watershed district at <http://gis2.co.dakota.mn.us/maps/property.htm>

For those living in the Vermillion River Watershed (about 2/3rds of Eureka Township) building permits for the following projects are necessary from the VRWJPO **before** coming to the Township – construction that changes the footprint of an existing building, or any additional building or land disturbance, lot splits and subdivision approvals. This includes pools and decks. For more information contact Travis Thiel, Watershed Specialist - travis.thiel@co.dakota.mn.us or phone 952-891-7546.

Additional information and permits applications may be obtained at www.vermillionriverwatershed.org

Below is a portion of the building permit application for the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO). This permit must be obtained prior to coming to the Eureka Planning Commission if your project type requires it. VRWJPO staff time is charged at \$113 per hour, therefore, the more complete, comprehensive and appropriate the application and plans are, the less staff time and expense will be needed.

For more information, please contact the VRWJPO at Dakota County Western Service Center, 14955 Galaxie Ave., Apple Valley, MN 55124, phone 952-891-7000, www.vermillionriverwatershed.org

Calculate the required Permit and Inspection Fee Deposit by totaling the amount from items A through F below for all applicable categories. Include the Permit Fee Deposit with your application. Make checks payable to the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization or VRWJPO.

Fill in amount here:

Permit Application Fee (one-time non-refundable payment):		
A. Permit Processing cost	.....\$10	_____ \$10 _____
Inspection Fees (to be held in escrow):		
A. Land disturbance less than one acre in size		
a. For accessory structure ^a .....	..... \$500	_____
b. For principle structure ^b .....	....\$1,000	_____
c. With no structure.....	.....\$500	_____
B. Land disturbance more than one acre in size ^c .....	....\$2,000	_____
C. More than one acre new impervious surface created ^c	....\$2,000	_____
D. Drainage alteration ^c .....	....\$2,000	_____
E. Floodplain alteration ^c .....	....\$2,000	_____
F. Wetland Alteration.....	.....\$0	_____
TOTAL PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEE DEPOSIT		\$ _____

^a Accessory structure: A structure or anything built to support the use of a principle structure such as (but not limited to) garage, driveway, retaining wall, swimming pool, or minor outbuilding

^b Principle structure: Primary dwelling or place of business such as home, repair shop, or commercial building.

^c A security deposit in the form of cash or an irrevocable renewable letter of credit is required prior to the issuance of a permit for activities C – F above. Security deposit requirements are as follows:

 a. \$3,000 per acre of disturbance for land draining to waters other than DNR designated trout streams*.

 b. \$5,000 per acre of disturbance for land draining to DNR designated trout streams*.

*Refer to the MN DNR’s website link below for a map of DNR designated trout streams within the VRWJPO. (http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/trout_streams/south/map_15.pdf)

PLANNING COMMISSION MESSAGES

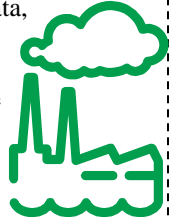
One Planning Commission Member Needed

The Town Board is seeking a citizen to serve on the Planning Commission for a three-year term, beginning immediately through April 2014. Planning Commission members are compensated at \$40 per meeting (\$10 additional for meetings past 10 p.m.) and standard IRS mileage. Interested parties are asked to send a letter of interest to the Town Clerk at eurekatn@frontiernet.net or P.O. Box 576, Lakeville, MN 55044.



Commercial – Industrial Task Force Update

A public meeting was held on September 26, 2011, at the Town Hall to share survey information, market analysis data, Met Council staff discussion, and other information currently posted on the website. Citizens gave further input during a Q&A period. The Task Force met on October 24th to finalize its report and to make recommendations to the Board. The Board will likely discuss this at its November meeting.



Stay Alert for Students and Buses



The sun is in your eyes or it's dark... Please, take extra precaution when traveling the roadways to be alert for students and buses. Students are taught annually to stay at least 10 feet away from all sides of the bus. Slow waaayyy down for flashing amber lights and stop for flashing red lights. A reminder; **NO PASSING ON THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME** on all roads in Minnesota, unless specifically marked by a *dotted* line. It is illegal to cross a solid line to pass.

CAPX2020 Update – Brookings, Hampton, LaCrosse Route

The high-voltage power line project has been granted all permits and approvals required by the Public Utilities Commission (P.U.C.) of the State of Minnesota. Work is currently progressing west of Dakota County and is not expected to commence here until mid to the end of 2012, with the acquisition of easement phase. The project is expected to be available to go on line by early 2014.



Burning Leaves?

Under Minnesota statute, a burning barrel is required for burning of vegetative material, including leaves. For Township residents east of Cedar Ave., contact the Farmington Fire Department at 651-280-6940 and residents west of Cedar Ave. contact the Lakeville Fire Department at 952-985-4700.

NOTES FROM THE CLERK

Township Building Inspectors Announce Office Hours at Town Hall

MNSpect, the Township building inspectors, will be at the Town Hall every month, 12 days prior to the Regular Planning Commission meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During this time, inspectors will be able to assist Township staff with building code related issues and questions; as well as meet with residents and contractors regarding current, future or past projects; and do on-site plan review for smaller projects. This will be at NO CHARGE to individual residents or contractors. Please contact MNSpect at 952-442-7520, www.mnspect.com, info@mnspect.com for more information.

Welcome Julie Larson

Please welcome Julie Larson as she temporarily assists the Clerk and assistant Clerk during office hours and beyond. Julie has also served the Township as an election judge and Head Election Judge the last few years. The Township greatly appreciates the time, effort and help Julie contributes.



Annual Election of Town Board Supervisors and Annual Meeting - Tuesday, March 13, 2012

The Eureka Township Annual Meeting and election of Town Board Supervisor positions #3 and #4 will be take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. Candidates may file to run for these offices on January 3, 2012, through January 17, 2012.

For more information on becoming a candidate, visit the Secretary of State's office at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=136> or by calling 651-215-1440. Please consider joining the ranks of those who have served Eureka Township.

Got A Beef ?

If you have a complaint or concern regarding something in the Township, please check the website at http://eurekatownship-mn.us/Policies%20Procedures/Citizen_Complaint_Policy_9-10-2007.pdf or call the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736. The Citizen Complaint policy outlines the process for filing a complaint about a violation of Township Ordinances, and the process the Town Board will follow to resolve the complaint.



September - May

Town Hall Office Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.



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2011 Eureka Township Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

<i>November 5</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Annual Planning Commission Road Inspection</i>
<i>November 7</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>November 14</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>November 22</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>MNSpect building inspectors available for consultation</i>
<i>November 24</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for December 5 Planning Commission Mtg.</i>
<i>December 5</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>December 20</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>MNSpect building inspectors available for consultation</i>
<i>December 22</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for January 3 Commission Planning Mtg.</i>
<i>January 3</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>January 3</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>		<i>Filing opens for Town Board Supervisor Candidate</i>
<i>January 9</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>January 17</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>		<i>Filing closes for Town Board Supervisor Candidates</i>
<i>January 24</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>MNSpect building inspectors available for consultation</i>
<i>January 26</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for February 6 Planning Commission Mtg,</i>
<i>February 6</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>February 13</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>February 21</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>MNSpect building inspectors available for consultation</i>
<i>February 23</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for March 5 Planning Commission Mtg,</i>
<i>March 5</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>March 12</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>March 13</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>		<i>Annual Township Election and Meeting</i>

**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 MNSPECT, 952-442-7520, info@mnspect.com. Also, please check with the VRWJPO and Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning BEFORE coming to the Township.*
 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLASSIFIEDS

Town Hall Available for Rent

The Town Hall holds up to 140 people and is available to be rented Sundays through Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. through 11:30 p.m. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. More information and an application are available by calling the Clerk at 952-469-3736, in person at the Town Hall or on the website at <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/Policies%20Procedures/Town%20Hall%20Rental%20Agreement%2012-10-2007.pdf>.

Start Seeing Farm Equipment...



As the harvest is underway for another season, just a reminder to watch out for slower moving vehicles, especially those involved with agriculture.

Be patient, be safe in farm country.

It's Hunting Season!

“NO EXCUSE FOR TRESPASSING – Always ask for permission before entering private land. You need permission to hunt on agricultural land even if it is not posted. Trespassing is a misdemeanor. If convicted you could lose your license to hunt...A land owner who allows persons on his or her land free of charge for recreational purposes is generally not responsible for or liable to such persons for injuries or damages they might sustain while on the land...”



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