



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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Tuesdays and Thursdays

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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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.

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Each year on the first Tuesday in August, people all across Minnesota come out to celebrate **Night to Unite**. This year, **Night to Unite** will be celebrated on:

Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

There are many neighborhoods across rural Dakota County that come together on this night to discuss current topics in crime and get to know their neighbors. Many neighborhoods have a potluck, play volleyball, have a campfire, or just come together to visit.

Whatever your neighborhood decides to do, please contact Deputy Krystal Johnson and register your gathering with her. You can use Facebook, e-mail, telephone or US Postal Service to register. The registration form can be found at the Sheriff's Office, at www.dakotacountysheriff.org/crimeprevention.html, or upon request. Deputy Johnson can assist you with advertising, planning, items to distribute, and the registration process for your **Night to Unite** gathering.

The Dakota County Sheriff's Office (including McGruff, K-9 units, Mounted Patrols, deputies and others) would love to come and visit your neighborhood, so please contact us today and let us know about your 2013 Night to Unite celebration.

Sheriff Dave Bellows, Dakota County, Minnesota

Contact Information : Deputy Krystal Johnson

Dakota County Sheriff's Office, School Resource Officer,
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2013 Minnesota Noxious and Invasive Weed Program

Call 651/201-6000 or see <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol>
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadsides/vegetation/pdf/noxiousweeds.pdf>
<http://www.dakotaswcd.org/pdfs/Noxious%20Weeds.pdf>

Eradicate – must be eradicated by killing the above and below ground parts of the plant

Yellow Star Thistle
Grecian Foxglove
Oriental Bittersweet
Japanese Hops
Dalmation Toadflax
Common Teasel
Cutleaf Teasel
Giant Hogweed
Brown Knapweed
Meadow Knapweed
Black Swallow-wort

Direct contact with **Giant Hogweed's** leaves or stems can blister the skin. Glucoside phototoxins in the plant's clear, watery sap react with sunlight to cause painful blisters. The flower is similar in appearance to Wild Parsnips, but the plant grows much taller with fewer more compact flowerettes, usually white in color.



Control – must be controlled by a lawful method that prevents the maturation and spread of propagating parts

Leafy Spurge
Canada Thistle
Musk Thistle
Plumeless Thistle
Garlic Mustard
Purple Loosestrife
Wild Parsnip
Common Tansy
Spotted Knapweed
Narrowleaf Bittercress



Caution! When the sap of **Wild Parsnips** come in contact with skin in the presence of UV light (present on sunny days or cloudy ones) it can cause a rash, blistering and discoloration of the skin. The plant is similar in appearance to the dill plant or Queen Anne's Lace, with yellow flowerettes..

Restricted Noxious Weeds – may not be sold, transported without a permit or intentionally planted in Minnesota

Common or European Buckthorn
Glossy Buckthorn
Multiflora Rose
Common Reed

Specially Regulated – shall be controlled or eradicated according to specified regulations

Poison Ivy

Donation Received – The Township received a donation of \$100 from the Silver Cyclers in appreciation for the use of the Town Hall parking lot as part of their summer cycling time trials. Thank you Silver Cyclers!

Accessory Building Ordinance Amendment – Effective June 10, 2013, the Town Board has determined “the maximum total area of all accessory buildings shall not total more than 5,000 square feet on 2 – 5.999 acres and not more than 10,000 square feet on 6 – 10.999 acres. There shall be no maximum limitation to the total area for agricultural buildings and agricultural buildings shall not be considered in the total sum of accessory buildings on an individual parcel.” This change effects non-agricultural land only, there is no change to agricultural buildings on agricultural land.

Building Right Transfer Ordinance Amendment Update - Final language of the zoning ordinance amendment to expand the flexibility to transfer building rights within the Township has been recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by the Town Board. The next step is review required by the Metropolitan Council of an amendment to the Eureka Township Comprehensive Plan to authorize the ordinance change. If approved, the final step is Township publication of the notice of ordinance amendment implementation. This may occur as early as September. The amendment also includes a provision allowing up to four properties to share a common driveway access to a public road. Submitted by Chair Jeff Otto.

CapX 2020 – Road Supervisor Ceminsky reports the Township has responded to the condemnation case before the courts regarding our road right-of-way and the CapX 2020/Great River Energy project and will continue to protect our road right-of-way. Additionally we are working on issuing a permit to CapX 2020/Great River Energy for their work through the Township. Once the permit is issued Great River Energy is expecting the project to take a year to complete, depending upon weather conditions. Also, once the permit is issued, some work will take place on the roads that will be used as the haul route and maintenance will continue through the duration of construction for the CapX 2020 project.

Thank You Citizens! – Road Supervisor Ceminsky would like to thank the citizens of Eureka Township for keeping an eye out for people dumping garbage in our Township. Your due diligence is paying off; the Sheriff's Department is working on citing for two different dumping incidences in the Township. Great Job!

Additional Road Updates – All our major gravel projects scheduled for this year have been completed. Some minor projects, along with the remaining FEMA projects, are still on the agenda for this year. Dust coating was finished; most of it held, but sadly, Mother Nature has not let up on the rain. Saturday July 13th we had another major rain event that dropped 8 inches of rain in parts of the Township. Six roads had to be temporarily closed for repair as a result of damage from that rain event. Hamburg Ave. south of 267th St. is being scheduled for ditch repair and “re-builds” to correct the continuing wash out problem that occurs every time it rains. Submitted by Road Supervisor Mark Ceminsky.

Eureka Township History – *As a new feature of this and future issues of this newsletter, at the request of the Planning Commission, snippets of the history of our Township will be included. In order to personalize this section, we'd love to hear your remembrances or perhaps you know someone with a great story to share, including those of native peoples. Please feel free to contact Jody Arman-Jones, editor of Eureka! The News at jodyarmanjones@gmail.com or 651-463-2876.*

Again, as a point of reference, Minnesota became a territory in 1849, with Dakota being one of the original nine Territorial counties, though at that time, stretching to the western border of modern day North Dakota. Minnesota became the 32nd state in 1858.

Eureka's written history dates back to Captain William Dodd's 1853 expedition to build Dodd Boulevard from St. Peter to St. Paul. In 1853 Captain Dodd claimed Section 7 (on what is now 235th St., just east of Dodd Blvd.), In May 1854 claims were made by Benjamin Caskey and the Kinglsey brothers, Cyrus and Dwight, all in or near Section 7.

The following information regarding the history of Eureka Township comes from an 1954 book written by Benita Devney in honor of the Eureka Township Centennial celebration in 1954. For more information, see http://www.geocities.ws/fahsmn/eureka_township.htm

“On July 18, 1854, Peter Sampson and his son Magnus; Ole Torrison and Ole H. Oleson Halling, all Norwegians, arrived at Chub Lake, from Wisconsin. Mr. Sampson took a claim in section 22 and 27. The Torrison and Olesons located claims in section 21.

During the fall of that year, Peter Sampson and Ole Torrison built cabins on their claims. These two cabins, with those of Benjamin Caskey and Dwight Kingsley, making four in all, were the only houses in Eureka in 1854.

The summer of 1854 also brought Sylvester Bell to the community. To him goes the credit for breaking the first land in the township, during the summer of 1854, on his claim in section 5. He broke about five acres with a plow drawn by oxen. Corn and a little wheat were planted. The wheat was cut with a cradle, tied in bundles with grass. It was used for hay.

Ancil Kingsley arrived in December of 1854 and took a claim in the southwest quarter of section 6, next to his brother Dwight.”

The Public Land Survey System (PLSS) – “Originally proposed by Thomas Jefferson, the PLSS began shortly after the Revolutionary War, when the Federal government became responsible for large areas west of the thirteen original colonies. The government wished both to distribute land to Revolutionary War soldiers in reward for their service, as well as to sell land as a way of raising money for the nation. Before this could happen, the land needed to be surveyed.

The Land Ordinance of 1785 which provided for the systematic survey and monumentation of public domain lands, and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 which established a rectangular survey system designed to facilitate the transfer of Federal lands to private citizens, were the beginning of the PLSS.” http://www.nationalatlas.gov/articles/boundaries/a_plss.html

“The surveyors, as they are respectively qualified, shall proceed to divide said territory into townships of 6 miles square, by lines running due north and south, and others crossing these at right angles, as near as may be, unless where the boundaries of the late Indian purchases may render the same impracticable, and then they shall depart from this rule no further than such particular circumstances may require. ...As soon as 7 ranges of townships and fractional parts of townships, in the direction from south to north shall have been surveyed, the geographer shall transmit plats thereof to the board of treasury, who shall record the same, with the report in well bound books to be kept for that purpose.

Housed at the Minnesota Historical Society are Minnesota's original Public Land Survey plats [including Eureka's!]. They were created during the first government land survey of the state conducted by the U.S. Surveyor General's Office during the years 1848-1907. The survey was conducted in anticipation of subdividing the land and selling it to settlers moving into the area. By surveying the land, it was easier to locate and legally describe the parcels being purchased. This collection of more than 3,600 maps also includes later General Land Office (GLO) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) maps – up to the year 2006. Minnesota's survey plat maps serve as the fundamental legal records for real estate in the state; all property titles and descriptions stem from them. They also serve as an essential resource for surveyors and as a rich source of information about the state's physical geography prior to European settlement. Finally, they serve as a testimony to years and years of hard work by the surveying community, often under challenging conditions.”

<http://www.mngeo.state.mn.us/chouse/GLO/index.html>



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2013 Eureka Township Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

• August 5	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• August 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• August 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for September Planning Commission Meeting
• August 22	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• September 3	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• September 9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• September 26	Thursday	noon	Applications due for October Planning Commission Meeting
• September 26	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• October 7	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• October 15	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• October 24	Thursday	noon	Applications due for November Planning Commission Meeting
• October 24	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• November 4	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• November 12	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• November 21	Thursday	noon	Applications due for December Planning Commission Meeting
• November	No November meeting scheduled		Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• December 2	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• December 9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• December 12	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• December 26	Thursday	noon	Applications due for January Planning Commission Meeting

• ***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, or email info@mnspect.com. Also, please check with the VRWJPO and Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning. VRWJPO permits must be applied for at the same time as permit application is submitted 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.

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Applicants must be at least 21 years of age.

More information and an application are available by calling the Clerk at 952-469-3736, or in person at the Town Hall or on the website at <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/policies.html>

Business Ads by Residents and/or Landowners in Eureka Township.

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 which will help defray costs of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.