

Eureka! The News

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Change in Township Newsletter Delivery

The Eureka Township newsletter, *Eureka! The News*, has been a familiar goldenrod colored pamphlet delivered to the mailboxes of residents and property owners for nearly 10 years. Beginning in January 2015 that pamphlet will no longer appear. In September 2014, a decision was made by the Town Board to change the method of delivery from the U.S. Postal Service Bulk Mail to a primarily electronic method. With the next edition, you will have the following options in order to receive the quarterly newsletter:

1. As is a current option, go to the Township website at <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> and click on the Newsletter tab on the left hand side to access the issue you prefer.
2. Contact the Town Clerk or Deputy Clerk at 952-469-3736 or www.eurekatn@frontiernet.net and provide your e-mail address in order to receive your electronic copy of the newsletter, e-mailed to you as each edition is released.
3. Contact the Town Clerk or Deputy Clerk at 952-469-3736 or www.eurekatn@frontiernet.net and provide your “snail mail” address to receive a photocopy of the newsletter.

Please note that in order to receive future editions of the newsletter you will need to take some form of action.

Traditionally, *Eureka! The News* is published 4 times per year, usually after the Town Board meetings (the end of the second or third week of the month) in January, April, July and October.

We look forward to making access to the newsletter easier, more timely and less expensive for the residents and property owners of Eureka Township. As always, your suggestions for the newsletter are welcome and encouraged.

Township Address Changed

A reminder that the Township has installed a locked U.S. Postal mail box on the Town Hall site. This means the official mailing address has changed from the former Post Office box to:

25043 Cedar Ave. S.,
Farmington, MN 55024

Please note the change from Lakeville to Farmington.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE

WHERE: Eureka town Hall, 25043 Cedar Avenue

DATE: October 28, 2014

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. (presentation at 7:30 p.m.)

PURPOSED: Proposed ordinance regarding Agri-tourism

For further information or to obtain copies of draft ordinances prior to the open house, contact Eureka Town Hall at 952-469-3736 or e-mail eurekatn@frontiernet.net

New Deputy Town Clerk – Cheryl Murphy has been hired as Eureka Township’s Deputy Clerk. She was recruited out of her two year retirement by the Town Clerk, Mira Broyles, her longtime friend. Cheryl spent many years in the corporate world around the Twin Cities, primarily as an executive administrative assistant. In her spare time, she voraciously reads historical fiction, does scrapbooking and rubber stamping, including teaching classes. Cheryl is also very involved with the March of Dimes and has been their top walker for the annual fundraiser “March for Babies,” since 2007. Together with husband, John, Henry (a Jack Russell terrier who loves to go for walks) and Dixie (a Chihuahua who does not like walks) the family has made Apple Valley home for the last 14 years, and Lakeville prior to that. One son, Pat, is married to daughter-in-law, Sylvia, and produced two of the most adorable grandchildren, Carson, who is 10 and Kaylie, who just turned 8. Stop in the office and share a Eureka warm welcome. Thanks for Cheryl’s commitment to our community!



Township Road Committee – Volunteers Needed

The Town Board is forming a new Road Committee, expected to include the two road supervisors, a road contractor, one Planning Commission member and up to three citizen volunteers. The entire committee will be volunteer and meet 4-6 times a year. Work would include creating a detailed road budget, capital improvement projects, road maintenance and general road planning. Any interested applicants should submit a brief letter of interest to the Town Clerk. Applicants would need to attend a Town Board meeting, to be interviewed and appointed. The term would last for one year and applicants may re-apply for additional terms.



2014 Minnesota General Election Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Eureka Town Hall 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Election and Voting Information <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=4> or 651-215-1440

Register to Vote - <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=204> or 651-215-1440

Absentee Voting - <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=211> or 651-215-1440

TO PREVIEW YOUR SPECIFIC BALLOT GO TO <http://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/>
State, County, and School District Offices are on this year’s ballot.

Minnesota voters may take time off from their jobs for the purpose of voting without penalties or reductions in their pay, personal leave, or vacation time.

Minnesota voters may register to vote on Election Day. To register at your polling location, you must provide proof of residence, complete a voter registration application, and sign an oath stating that you are eligible to vote in the precinct.

Township Storage In With the New - Out With the Old

The new Township storage building on the site of the “new Town Hall” has been substantially completed. Once the Conex shipping container that served as the previous storage facility has been removed from the site, final grading, lawn seeding and landscaping can occur.

At the October 14, 2014 meeting the Town Board announced it had received four offers to purchase the Conex storage container. Of the four received, the highest one of \$1,400 from Terpstra Snowplowing and Lawn Care was accepted. It is hoped the Conex container will be removed from the current location by the end of October.

Town Hall Site Photo Contest



Periodically, the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT), publishes brochures that include photos of the various Town Hall sites around Minnesota. In an effort to update the Eureka photo, shutterbugs are invited to digitally submit their photos to the Town Clerk at eurekatn@frontiernet.net The new storage building is complete, with hopes that it will be landscaped yet this autumn. The glorious fall color is presenting an excellent background to snap a few photos and perhaps become a published photographer!



Dodd Boulevard Construction Update

Dakota County Road 9 (Dodd Boulevard) between 240th Street and 235th Street is closed to through traffic as of Monday, October 13, 2014 for the replacement of the Vermillion River bridge. This closure will remain in place for approximately one month. Access to residences will remain open throughout construction; however, access will be limited to only one direction until the bridge replacement is complete. Traffic will be detoured using Dakota County Roads 80, 23, and 70.

Work yet this fall on the portion of County Road 9 (Dodd Boulevard) through Eureka Township is expected to include:

- Tree removal as necessary.
- Removing the existing pavement between 240th Street and 235th Street.
- Private utility work.



The 2015 construction season will include the reconstruction of Dakota County Road 9 and Scott County Road 2 east of the new roundabout. The reconstructed roadway will be a little wider than the existing roadway, but it will still be a two-lane road. Turn lanes or bypass lanes will be added at intersections and the shoulders will be paved. Construction is expected to be completed by November 2015, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

Snow Plowing Season Just Around the Corner!

As much as we'd like to delay or eliminate the snow plowing season, chances are very good it will arrive sooner rather than later. Below are some things to keep in mind during what can be a challenging time.

1. Patience is requested – All roads cannot be plowed at the same time. *After* a normal snowfall, it takes approximately five hours to plow Township roads, barring complications.
2. There is a priority list determining which roads get plowed first, primarily based on population density. The northwest quadrant (northwest of the intersection of Cedar and 250th St.) is the most densely populated and is therefore, the first to receive attention. Connector roads leading traffic to larger roads are also likely to have a higher priority. ***Please note – if you are an emergency care provider, please notify the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736 or eurekatn@frontiernet.net .**
3. ***“It is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor to plow, shovel, blow, or place snow onto Township roadways.”*** Similar rules apply on County and State roads. A number of residents have been plowing out their driveways by pushing the snow across roads. This has been causing difficulties and delays for the road plows, especially this year where the size of snow piles has been so large and difficult to move off the roads and right of ways. Snow from your property should be plowed and stored on your own property and not pushed across roads.
4. Use common sense and have regard for your safety and that of others. When no travel is advised, stay off the roads. If County or State snow plows have been pulled off the roads, stay off the roads. If Metro Transit stops bus service, stay off the roads. Not only is this a safety concern, but a plowing concern. If vehicles are stuck in the road way, plows may not be able to get through, causing delays in the plowing schedule as well as increasing the plowing costs.



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2014 - 2015 Eureka Township Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

October 28	Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	OPEN HOUSE – Proposed Agri-tourism ordinance, 7:30 p.m. presentation
November 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
November 4	Tuesday	7:00 a.m – 8:00 p.m.	GENERAL ELECTION
November 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
November 25	Tuesday	noon	Applications due for December Planning Commission Meeting
<i>December 1</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>December 8</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>December 23</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for January Planning Commission Meeting</i>
December 30	Tuesday	noon	Candidate filing opens for 2015 Town Board Supervisor seats
January 5	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
January 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting,
January 13	Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Candidate filing closes for 2015 Town Board Supervisor seats
January 15	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Last date for candidates to withdraw from Township election
January 28	Thursday	noon	Applications due for February Planning Commission Meeting
<i>February 2</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>February 9</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>February 24</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for March Planning Commission Meeting</i>
March 2	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
March 9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
March 10	Tuesday	until 8 p.m.	TOWNSHIP ANNUAL ELECTION
March 10	Tuesday	8:15 p.m.	TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 24	Thursday	noon	Applications due for November 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 Town Hall at 952-469-3736 or eurekatn@frontiernet.net. 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 \$5 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, the Eureka Town Hall and the Dakota County Law Library.

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