Eureka! The News

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Eureka Township Supervisors Meets monthly, 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m. Brian Budenski, Chair 952-292-6028, term to 3/11 Dan Rogers, Vice Chair 952-469-3739, term to 3/12 **Carrie Jennings** 952-469-4976, term to 3/11 Kenny Miller, 952-469-4803, term to 3/13 Nancy Sauber, 952-469-5146, term to 3/12 **Eureka Planning Commission** Meets monthly, 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m. Ken Olstad, Chair 612-546-5656, term to 4/11 Peter Storlie, Vice Chair 952-469-3668, term to 4/12 Lucretia (Lucy) Barfknecht 952-469-3513, term to 4/13 Cheryl Groves, 507-645-7103, term to 4/12 Vince Mako, 952-469-3928, term to 4/11 **Township Contact, Clerk/Treasurer** Nanett Sandstrom, 952-469-3736 Fax 952-469-5525 **Town Hall Office Hours:** Tuesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Thursdays 4:00 - 6:00 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 Lakeville, MN 55044 **Drop Box –** Applications and other items may be placed in the locked drop box near the Town Hall front door. E-mail: eurekatn@frontiernet.net Website: http://eurekatownship-mn.us Ken Olstad 952-985-7248 **Township Roads:** Kenny Miller 952-469-4803 Dan Rogers 952-469-3739 **Building Officals:** MNSPECT 952-442-7520 info@mnspect.com

www.mnspect.com

Emergency 911: ambulance, police, fire (**non-emergency 651-437-4211**) **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

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newspaper. Editor: Jody Arman-Jones, 651-463-2876 Mailings: Brianna Groves

Tire Recycling Day

Made possible by an \$8,500 grant from Dakota County; hosted by Eureka Township with assistance from Castle Rock, Greenvale, Sciota and Waterford

Saturday, October 2, 2010 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

On the site of the *former* Eureka Town Hall diagonally across from the current Eureka Town Hall (25043 Cedar Ave. S.)

The following types of tires will be accepted, at no charge, from any Dakota County private resident household or farm (no commercial enterprises or businesses):

Passenger vehicle tires - on or off the rim Light truck tires - on or off the rim Semi truck tires - on or off the rim Tractor tires - off the rim (\$10 on the rim) ATV or motorcycle tires- on or off the rim

RESIDENCY WILL BE VERIFIED – BRING YOUR LICENSE!

Volunteers are still needed – please contact Town Clerk Nanett Sandstrom at 952-469-3736 or eurekatn@frontiernet.net

Thank you and see you there!

Additional County Recycling Information

The Dakota County Eco-Site in Eagan

accepts the following household electronics from residents for free:

Answering machines,*Cell phones -- including Blackberry®, iPhone® and other smart phones *Copiers*Computer equipment (keyboards, mouse, towers, hard drives, modems, etc.) *DVD players*Electronic games systems (WiiTM, PlayStationTM, Xbox®, Nintendo DSTM, Leap Frog®, VTech®, etc.)*Fax machines* iPods® MP3 and other portable media players* Laptops*Monitors/terminals*Printers*Radios*Scappers*Telephones*

iPods®, MP3 and other portable media players* Laptops*Monitors/terminals*Printers*Radios*Scanners*Telephones* Stereo equipment*Telephones*Televisions*VCR players

Also accepted are the following hazardous waste items:

Aerosols*Antifreeze*Auto batteries*Fire extinguishers*Fluorescent light bulbs*Gasoline*Household cleaners*Latex/oil paint*Lawn and garden products*Mercury thermometers*Pesticides*Propane tanks/gas cylinders*Thermostats*Used oil/filters*Weed killer*Most products labeled dangerous, flammable, poison, combustible or corrosive

For more information about the Dakota County Eco-Site, call The Recycling Zone at 651-905-4520 or see http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/EnvironmentRoads/RecyclingZone/MaterialsAccepted.htm

TOWN BOARD NEWS

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.

CapX2020 Power Line –While no formal announcement has been made by the Minnesota Pubic Utilities Commission, the CapX2020 consortium reports the project received its Brookings to Hampton routing permit in July 2010. Their literature reports that the "modified preferred route" through Eureka Township (approximately 240th St.) has been selected. Yet to be determined is the Minnesota River Crossing (Belle Plaine or Jordan) due to concerns recently brought forth by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. CapX2020 reports the project construction will begin in mid-2012 with an in-service date of 2015.

Dust Control – The final "late summer" dust control on Township roads should be completed by the end of September.

Dakota County Sheriff's Office Update – Thefts of copper-wire have been a challenge, particularly in rural areas of the County (i.e. irrigation systems, gravel pit conveyor belts). In one recent case, the suspects caused significant damage near Lake Byllesby when attempting to burn off the insulation surrounding the wire. The Sheriff's Office announced three separate recent arrests of groups involved in this activity in Dakota County and hope this will diminish the incidents. Residents are requested to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious. Noting vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers are particularly helpful.

Sheriff's Office Suggests "Neighborhood" Meetings

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Sergeant Jim Gabriel of the Dakota County Sheriff's Office is planning to launch "neighborhood" meetings during which residents will be able to interact with staff; expressing concerns and becoming more familiar with the Department. An informational portion of the meeting might include topics ranging from hunting or snowmobiling issues, to home security, the mounted patrol or canine unit. Please contact Sergeant Gabriel at james.gabriel@co.dakota.mn.us or 651-438-4760 with topic suggestions, questions or to set up a gathering.

PLANNING COMMISSION MESSAGES

Commercial/Industrial Task Force Moves Forward – Mike Jacobson, Jim Sauber, Jeff Otto and Mike Giles were appointed to serve with Town Board liaisons Nancy Sauber, Kenny Miller and Planning Commission liaison Ken Olstad. The first meeting with TKDA facilitator Sherri Busse was August 30, 2010.

Kelly Aggregate Public Hearing Outcome – On August 24, 2010, the Planning Commission held a public hearing requested by Kelly Aggregate to discuss changing Township ordinance text to allow asphalt plants and recycling of concrete products. Following the hearing, a recommendation was forwarded by the Planning Commission to the Town Board to reject the proposed change in text. On September 13, 2010 the Town Board voted to reject the text change on a 3 – 2 vote.

NOTES FROM THE CLERK

Effective immediately, please note the **Township Office Hours** have changed to

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



2010 General Election – Tuesday, November 2, 2010 Poll hours at the Eureka Town Hall are 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Voter Pre-register Deadline	Absentee Voting Periods
Tuesday, October 12	Friday, September 17 - Mon, Nov. 1

For more information, please contact the following:

Secretary of State <u>http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=134</u>, 651-215-1440 Dakota County <u>http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/CountyGovernment/VotingElections/Voting/default.htm</u>, 651-438-4380

Check Your 2010 Voter Registration Status - the Minnesota Secretary of State's office has launched a new

method of verifying whether you are registered to vote in your current district or not. Go to <u>http://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx</u>. Residents who are not registered to vote in Eureka Township, are strongly encouraged to do so prior to the November 2, 2010 General Election. Minnesota allows Election Day registration; however, pre-registration significantly speeds the Election Day voting process at the polls for everyone.

2010 Primary Election Results – A total of 117 (including three new or modified voters) of the 1,023 registered voters in Eureka Township (approximately 11%) voted in August 10, 2010 primary election. The following gubernatorial candidates won in Eureka Township: Tom Horner - Independence, Margaret Anderson Kelliher - Democratic and Tom Emmer - Republican. Complete results are posted on the bulletin board on the south side of the Town Hall exterior.

Stay on top of Township Happenings!

E-mail your request to receive electronic mailings to the Town Clerk at <u>eurekatn@frontiernet.net</u> Special meetings * Public hearings * Agendas * Quarterly Township Newsletter * and more!

It's Hunting Season - Consider Wearing Orange When Outdoors!

2010 seasons include:

- Deer season (archery) 9/18/2010 12/31/2010
- Pheasant season 10/16/2010 1/2/2011
- Deer season (firearms) opener 11/6/10

For more information on hunting seasons, please go to http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/seasons.html

Trespass Law https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=609.605

"Always ask permission before entering private land. Any entry onto the private property of another without permission is considered trespass."

"A summary of the Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Trespass Law begins below:

RESTRICTIONS ...

A person may not enter legally posted land for outdoor recreation purposes without permission.

- A person may not enter agricultural land for outdoor recreation purposes without permission.
- A person may not remain on private land for outdoor recreation purposes after being told to leave.

On another person's private land or a public right-of-way, a person may not take a wild animal with a firearm within 500 feet of a building occupied by humans or livestock without written permission of the owner, occupant or lessee of the building..."

"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..."

2010 Hunting Regulations http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/hunting/2010/full_regs.pdf

Statewide Turn in Poachers (TIP, Inc.) toll-free: 1-800-652-9093 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

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25043 Cedar Ave. Phone 952-469-3736 Fax 952-469-5525 E-mail: <u>eurekatn@frontiernet.net</u> Website <u>http://eurekatownship-mn.us</u> Pstd Standard US POSTAGE **PAID** Permit 5090 Lakeville, MN

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September 29	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Special Town Board and Planning Commission Meeting, Dakota County Association of Township Officers Meeting at Dakota County Extension Building, Farmington.
October 4	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
October 12	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
October 12	Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Voter pre-registration for November 2010 election ends
October 18	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Commercial/Industrial Task Force Meeting
October 28	Thursday	noon	Applications due for November 5 Planning Commission Mtg
November 1	Monday	5:00 p.m.	General Election absentee ballot in-person voting deadline
November 1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
November 2	Tuesday	7a.m. – 8p.m.	General Election (absentee ballots due by 3:00 p.m.)
November 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
November 23	Tuesday	noon	Applications due for December 6 Planning Commission Mtg,
December 6	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
December 13	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
December 23	Thursday	noon	Applications due for January 3 Planning Commission Mtg.
December 28	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Filing for Town Board Supervisor position #1 and #2 opens
January 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
January 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
January 11	Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Filing for Town Board Supervisor position #1 and #2 closes
January 13	Thursday	noon	Deadline for January newsletter submissions
January 27	Thursday	noon	Applications due for January 3 Planning Commission Mtg.

*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, <u>http://eurekatownship-mn.us</u>, or at the Dakota County libraries in Lakeville and Farmington, or Eureka Town Hall or the Dakota County Law Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLASSIFIEDS



School is Back in Session!

Please be EXTRA CAUTIOUS around school buses, especially when loading and unloading students. Remember Minnesota laws include:

Flashing Lights/Display Arm – when a bus "is displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights, the driver of a vehicle approaching the bus shall stop the vehicle at least 20 feet away from the bus..."

<u>No Passing on the Right</u> – "No person may pass or attempt to pass a school bus in a motor vehicle on the right-hand, passenger-door side of the bus when the bus is displaying the pre-warning flashing amber signals."

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 <u>http://eurekatownship-</u> mn.us/Policies%20Procedures/Town%20Hall%20Rental%20A

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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

Thanks to Eureka – Appreciation was expressed by the Silver Cycling Club to Eureka residents, as well as, racers, supporters, volunteers & spectators of this past summer's first annual *Farm Dog Time Trials*. Plans for 2011 are underway!

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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.