



# Eureka Township News

Spring/Summer 2021 25043 Cedar Avenue • Farmington, Minnesota • (952) 469-3736

## Town Hall Contacts

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## Town Hall Hours

10 am – 2 pm Tuesday & Thursday

## Website

<http://eurekatownship-mn.us>

## Eureka Township Supervisors

Meet semi-monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday,  
7:00 pm

Seat 1 Donovan Palmquist, Chair  
(2023) (612) 250-6208

Seat 2 Ralph Fredlund, Vice Chair  
(2023) (952) 469-1335

Seat 3 Tim Murphy (2024)  
(612) 719-9745

Seat 4 Nancy Sauber (2024)  
(952) 469-5146

Seat 5 Lu Barfknecht (2022)  
(952) 469-3513

## Planning Commission

Meet monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Randy Wood, Chair (2023)  
(651) 460-2347

Bill Clancy, Vice Chair (2022)  
(612) 889-1732

Julie Larson (2023)  
(952) 469-3512

Debbie Burkhardt (2024)  
(952) 985-5825

Chad Berg (2024)  
(612) 219-4512

## Township Roads

Donovan Palmquist (612) 250-6208

Ralph Fredlund (952) 469-1335

## Building Inspector

Inspectron, Inc. (651) 322-6626

## Official Notices

Posted on the bulletin board on the south exterior wall of the Town Hall and published in *Sun This Week* and *Dakota County Tribune* newspapers.

## Please join us for the Township Annual Meeting on July 27

Due to the ongoing Covid emergency and other extenuating circumstances, the March 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Meeting was held solely to set a date for an in-person Annual Meeting. This new date has been set for Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The major portions of the Annual Meeting - 2020 review, 2022 levy approval, and public discussions - will be held then.

If you wish to observe the meeting via zoom, here is the link:

Navigate to:

<https://zoom.us/j/3134376987?pwd=V3VRRkJKblUxeUY1eIJBdmVNUmUrdz09>

Meeting ID: 313 437 6987

Or One tap mobile: dial [1-312-626-6799](tel:1-312-626-6799), [3134376987](tel:3134376987)#

Please note that circumstances may require us to make further adjustments. We will communicate any changes as soon as we are able. Thank you for your patience through these challenging times. If you have any questions, please call the Township Clerk, Ranee Solis, at (952) 469-3736 or Board Chair, Donovan Palmquist, at (612) 250-6208.

## When will in-person meetings resume?

We wish we knew for sure! Currently, we are following Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) guidelines to continue limiting close indoor contact in meetings, at least through the end of June. We look forward to seeing you in person soon.

When we are given the “all clear” to resume in-person meetings, we will adhere to MAT revised guidelines and will continue to offer zoom access to all public meetings.



HAPPY SUMMER

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# Township roads report

## Road Grading

To keep dust at a minimum and ensure that the roads are compacted properly, it is preferable to grade the roads while damp. This spring's dry weather has made it a challenge to keep the roads properly graded. Thank you for your patience.

We appreciate your keeping us informed of specific spots that are in need of attention. To report an area, contact the road supervisors: Donovan Palmquist (612) 250-6208 or Ralph Fredlund (952) 469-1335.

## Farming in Right-of-Way

Reminder: in order to protect the drainage, access, and quality of our roads, the Township does not allow farming in the right-of-way. Crops that are planted in the right-of-way will be mowed. For more information, contact the road supervisors: Donovan Palmquist (612) 250-6208 or Ralph Fredlund (952) 469-1335.

## Are Township Building Rights Changing Soon?

It has recently come to the attention of the Town Board that there are rumors that allowable housing rights in Eureka Township are going to increase based on changing the current agricultural zoning from one house per quarter-quarter section (forty acres) to one house in ten or even five acres across the Township, or that there may be a change in minimum lot size from two acres to ten acres.

This is not true, nor are such changes entirely in the hands of the Town Board or Township voters. Why?

- Eureka's land use is subject to oversight by the Metropolitan Council. Any Comprehensive Plans or Comprehensive Plan amendments ultimately must be approved by the Council. To be approved, the Plans must be consistent with the Council's systems statements for the region.
- To change to one house per ten acres would require a change in zoning.
- The Metropolitan Council has advised that under their systems statements they see Eureka as agricultural until 2040. Agricultural zoning means one house in forty acres density.
- Metropolitan Council representatives have informed members of the Board that there is no policymaker support on the Council to rezone all or even part of the Township to one house in ten.

To explore this topic in more detail, please click on the following link:

<https://eurekatownship-mn.us/housing-density-information/>

## Keep an eye out for noxious weeds!

Now that our growing season has kicked into high gear, this of course means noxious weeds are spreading, too. Please check your area and be aggressive in eradicating noxious weeds on your property. If you see noxious weeds growing along township roads or in open areas, please contact road supervisor Donovan Palmquist at (612) 250-6208. Include the specific location of the sighting. Area farmers – and your neighbors – will be grateful!

*Warning:* noxious weeds such as poison hemlock and wild parsnip are dangerous to handle. Use gloves, long sleeves, long pants, and closed-toe boots when working on an infestation.

The following link contains excellent information on identifying and eradicating noxious weeds.

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plant-s-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list>



**Wild parsnip** is found along roadsides and in disturbed soil. It is an aggressive, monocarpic perennial plant that germinates from seed, spends the first year or more as a rosette, eventually bolts into a mature plant in the second year or later, flowers, sets seed, and dies. Grows 4- 6 feet tall. Leaves alternate along the stem, are pinnately compound, and consist of egg-shaped leaflets having saw-toothed edges that are arranged in pairs along the stalk; becoming progressively smaller near the top of the stem. Bolted stems are erect, branched, hollow, slightly grooved, and terminate in flat-topped, compound flower umbels. Umbels are generally 2- 6 inches wide and contain many small, 5- petaled yellow flowers that bloom from June through late August.

Please note that a similar-looking plant, golden alexander, is native and not invasive. Golden alexander leaves are smooth and finely serrated, it is smaller (up to three feet), and it blooms earlier in the season.

### Town Board Vacancy

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF EUREKA TOWN BOARD VACANCY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Board of Eureka Township has declared a Town Board Supervisor seat to be vacant and letters of interest are being accepted.

The Appointment Committee will accept letters of interest to fill the remainder of the term, which is currently set to expire in March of 2024, or until such time as the elected Supervisor is able to return to the position. The Appointment Committee will fill the vacancy at the Town Board meeting, via Zoom meetings, on June 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Registered voters who reside within Township limits are eligible to be considered for appointment.

Please submit letters of interest to: Eureka Township, Attn: Town Clerk, 25043 Cedar Avenue, Farmington, MN 55024; or [clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us](mailto:clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us) **no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2021.**

Ranee Solis  
Township Clerk

## Plan Ahead for Building Permits

- Permits are reviewed at the monthly Planning Commission meetings and must be completed in full.
- Properties located in the Vermillion River Watershed must receive approval from the VRWJPO before submitting applications to the Township. [Mark.Ryan@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:Mark.Ryan@co.dakota.mn.us) or (952) 891-7596.

## EUREKA TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

*Upcoming Township meetings and events – through September 2021  
Check the Township website for additional meetings or changes in schedule  
Meetings held online via Zoom, until further notice*

*You can join the Zoom Meeting one of the following ways:*

1. Navigate to <https://zoom.us/j/3134376987?pwd=V3VRRkJKblUxeUY1eJJBdmVNUmUrdz09>

Meeting ID: 313 437 6987

2. One tap mobile: dial [1-312-626-6799](tel:1-312-626-6799), [3134376987#](tel:3134376987)

<b>June 22</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>
June 28	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
July 6	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
July 12	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
July 26	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
<b>July 27</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
August 3	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
August 9	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
August 23	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
September 7	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
September 13	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
September 27	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting

*Agendas and public packets for each meeting are posted on the website under News and Notices on the Thursday preceding the meeting.*

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If you wish to receive a copy of the quarterly newsletter, please contact the Clerk. The newsletter is also available for viewing on the website: <http://eurkatownship-mn.us>.

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