

# Eureka! The News

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## Eureka Township Supervisors

Meets monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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## Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10a.m. – 2 p.m.

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**Emergency/non-emergency authorities –**

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**Official Notices** are posted on the bulletin

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## Minnesota Primary Election

**Tuesday, August 14, 2012**

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Eureka Town Hall**

**25043 Cedar Ave. S.**

**Absentee voting** began June 29, 2012 and ballots must be RECEIVED (not postmarked) by Election Day. Absentee ballots are received and counted by Dakota County, not the local polling place.

## General Election Reminders

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**Absentee balloting** begins September 21, 2012 and ballots must be RECEIVED (not postmarked) by Election Day.

**Voter pre-registration** ends October 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information about elections and voting contact:

Dakota County 651-438-4576

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/CountyGovernment/VotingElections/default.htm>

Secretary of State's Office 651-201-1339

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=134>

## Honoring Those Who Protect Our Freedom

### Vote In Honor of a Veteran

“Our right to vote has been

defended by the courage and sacrifice of the many brave men and women who served in our nation's armed forces.

Anyone who has someone in their family or a friend in the armed forces understands the dedication and patriotism demonstrated by these men and woman in defense of our freedom and liberty. Many Minnesotans ... have personal stories to share. These stories pay tribute to a veteran or active-duty service member. The Minnesota Secretary of State's office encourages

you to read these tributes and share your own. In addition, official **Vote in Honor of a Veteran buttons** are available **free-of-charge** through the Secretary of State's office. You can personalize your three inch button with the name of the veteran in whose honor you are voting.”

For more information, to request a personal tribute or to view other tributes go to <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=874>

To order a button call 651-201-1339 or e-mail [claire.wilson@state.mn.us](mailto:claire.wilson@state.mn.us)



# TOWN BOARD INFORMATION

## Township Road Concerns

Please contact Town Board Supervisors  
Mark Ceminsky at 612-819-1334 or  
Pete Storlie at 952-469-3668  
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.



**ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES? Call 911 or Dakota County Communications at 651-322-2323.**



## Road Committee Being Formed – Volunteers Needed

The Town Board is creating a committee of the two road supervisors, the road contractor, one Planning Commission member and 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.



## Township Road Work

2012 has been a very busy season for those involved with Township roads. Prior to the heavy rains, an aggressive repair schedule had been established by the Town Board under the direction of Road Supervisors Mark Ceminsky and Pete Storlie. All the dust coating and street sweeping was completed, and portions of 12 roads were re-graveled and graded. The storms in June caused significant damages in some areas of the Township, with multiple washout locations on 13 roads requiring re-graveling and re-grading. Culverts were replaced at 245<sup>th</sup> and Denmark and on Iberia. In addition, there were many downed branches and lots of storm debris to be removed and disposed of. In some cases, entire trees needed to be removed, cut and dispensed with.

The following projects remain on the schedule for this season:

- replace a culvert on 245<sup>th</sup> and Essex Ave.
- repairing a culvert at 240<sup>th</sup> and Township Line
- widen 235<sup>th</sup> west of Highview Ave.
- asphalt repairs in Eureka Estates
- seal cracks at the Town Hall parking lot
- road signage



Kudos to all those associated with this herculean effort of maintaining our Township roads this season. Thank you!

## Etiquette When Passing Road Graders

Passing working graders is acceptable, though at your own risk. Please keep in mind the tips listed below:



- Reduce speed and maintain a distance of about 75 – 100 feet between your vehicle and the grader.
- Be especially vigilant in hilly areas.
- Caution is urged when attempting to cross wind rows created by the grader.
- Be advised that occasionally the grader may blade against traffic.

# TOWN CLERK NOTES



**Town Hall Office Hours – Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**



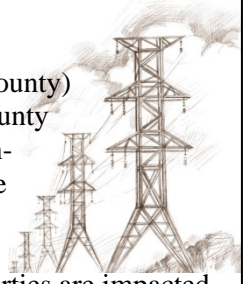
## Welcome - Assistant to the Clerk – Barb Brunick

Joining the Township staff in May 2012, Barb Brunick is currently assisting Clerk/Treasurer, Nanett Sandstrom, and becoming more familiar with Eureka Township and its administration. Barb has begun training with the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT), working toward becoming the Township Zoning Administrator. She grew up on a farm in northern Minnesota and currently resides in Rosemount, where she is an avid vegetable and flower gardener. A former Northwest Airline employee, most recently in the Human Resources area, Barb admits to an interest in local government, and is fascinated to see how it continues to flourish and operate well at a grass roots level.

# UPDATES AND REMINDERS

## CAP X 2020

The CapX2020 project began construction in April 2012 near the Cedar Mountain Substation (Renville County) and the Helena Substation (Scott County). Project staff are working with landowners in western Scott County to purchase easements, as well as conduct the detailed design and engineering work necessary prior to construction. CapX2020 expects to begin contacting landowners in Dakota County in late 2012 to explain the project and the easement process. Right of way agents will first contact affected landowners by mail with project information, and follow up by phone to schedule an in-person meeting. Initial meetings are conducted to learn more about the affected property and discuss issues such as pole placement and how properties are impacted.



## Flora and Fauna

The recent rainy, hot June experienced here in Eureka Township and surrounding area has heightened some of the usual seasonal challenges and introduced us to some new ones. For more information, call the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at (651) 296-6157 or see the web sites listed below:

**Ticks** – The tick season was earlier than usual this year and as of the beginning of July, Metropolitan Mosquito Control identifies now as peak deer tick nymph season. Ticks can cause Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Lyme Disease, <http://www.mmcd.org/tick.html> or 651-645-9149.

**Mosquitoes** – carriers of a number of diseases including West Nile and La Crosse Encephalitis, mosquito populations are currently at extremely high levels, <http://www.mmcd.org/> or 651-645-9149.

**GET RID OF OLD TIRES – FREE! – tires left outdoors collect water and act as perfect mosquito breeding grounds. The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District will come to your location to remove and recycle car-sized tires (without rims) from residential properties, *at no charge*. Please call 651-645-9149 to schedule a pick up or for more information.**

**Wild Parsnips** – Mimicking dill weed in fields and along roads, when the sap of this invasive plant comes in contact with skin, it can cause a rash, blistering and discoloration of the skin. For more information contact the MN DNR at 651-296-6157 or <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/herbaceous/wildparsnip.html>

**Buck Thorn** – is a highly invasive plant and damaging to native species, now listed on the DNR Restricted Noxious Weed list. <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/woody/buckthorn/index.html>

**Emerald Ash Borer** – This insect is spreading, causing injury and death to many ash trees. Four counties (Hennepin, Ramsey, Winona, Houston) have been quarantined, restricting wood products. <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialanimals/eab/index.html>

**Japanese Emerald Beetle** – a relatively new invader, this insect “skeletonizes” trees and damages the roots of plants and grasses. [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialanimals/japanese\\_beetle/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialanimals/japanese_beetle/index.html) or <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/dg7664.html>

**Gypsy Moth** – traps may be seen around the around the Township to monitor this a damaging tree defoliator, <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialanimals/gypsymoth/index.html>





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**Proposed Race Track**

International Motorsports Entertainment and Development Corporation (IMEDC) is proposing to build a motorsports complex called Minnesota Speedway Park (MSP) that will consist of a 7/8 mile oval racetrack with seating for up to 65,000 spectators, a 1/4 mile drag strip with seating for up to 35,000 spectators, and a hotel, conference and exhibition center on the northwest corner of the interchange of Interstate 35 and County Road 2 in the City of Elko New Market. The facility is proposed to be open for race events in 2014. As of July 2, no application has been received by either Elko New Market or Scott County.

More information is available at:

1. City of Elko/New Market - <http://www.ci.enm.mn.us> , 952-461-2777
2. Scott County - <http://www.co.scott.mn.us> , 952-445-7750
3. International Motorsport Entertainment and Development Corp. (IMEDC) - [www.intmotorsport.com](http://www.intmotorsport.com) or <http://www.minnesotaspeedwaypark.com/>
4. No MN Speedway Website - <http://nomnspeedwaypark.com>



**2012 Eureka Township Calendar...**events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

July 26	Thursday	noon	Applications due for August 6 Planning Commission Meeting
July 26	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
August 6	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting



August 13	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
August 14	Tuesday	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	MINNESOTA PRIMARY ELECTION
August 23	Thursday	noon	Applications due for September 4 Planning Commission Meeting
August 23	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
<b>September 4</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</b>
<b>September 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>noon</b>	<b>Applications due for October 1 Planning Commission Meeting</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley</b>
October 1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
October 9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
October 25	Thursday	noon	Applications due for November 5 Planning Commission Meeting
October 25	Thursday	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley

*\*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](mailto: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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLASSIFIEDS

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<http://eurekatownship-mn.us/policies.html>