



Eureka Township Supervisors

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Dodd Boulevard Road Upgrade

Open House

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Glory to Glory Church

25170 Dodd Blvd.



Dakota County, together with Scott County, is in the process of designing improvements to Dodd Boulevard (Dakota County Highway 9 and Scott County Highway 2) from Dakota County Highway 70 in Lakeville to Scott County Highway 46 in New Market

Township. The main purpose of the improvement project, which is planned for construction in 2014, is to improve the safety of the roadway. The project includes a complete reconstruction of the roadway to add paved shoulders, turn lanes at intersections, and flatter slopes. The County Transportation Department would like to share the work done so far, the expected schedule for the project (including public involvement), take public input on the project, and answer any questions the public may have at this point in the process.

Transfer of Housing Eligibilities Task Force

Second Open House

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Eureka Town Hall



In preparation for this Open House, PLEASE FIND, COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED SURVEY with your thoughts about the proposed expansion of Transfer of Housing Rights in Eureka Township. Yes, the surveys are numbered *only* to ensure one return per household. No record is kept of who receives which copy of the survey. THE SURVEY YOU RETURN IS COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS.

PLEASE NOTE - This newsletter is being sent to all property owners in the Township. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the office to be added to the list for future mailings or to be removed from the list if you are not interested. You may also choose to receive the newsletter through e-mail.

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@aol.com or 651-463-2876.

As points of reference, Minnesota became a territory in 1849 and a state in 1858. The following information comes from a history of Dodd Road written by Bill Wolston for the 150th anniversary of the building of the road. The entire piece may be found at <http://www.dakotahistory.org/downloads/OTY%20Dodd%20Road%20102003.pdf>.

In 1850, Henry Sibley, representative from the new Territory of Minnesota, introduced a bill in the U.S. Congress authorizing military roads in the new territory. While described as military roads to connect forts, the roads were acknowledged settler pathways. At the time, Minnesota east of the Mississippi was open to settlement but south and west was still Indian territory. Four such roads were authorized and received funding. A fifth road, the Mendota-Big Sioux River Road, awaited additional funding. This 260-mile road was intended as a supply route connecting Mendota and the Missouri River. Captain William B. Dodd was a claim holder and leader in the Rock Bend area (renamed St. Peter in 1854) and wanted a reliable, all-weather route from the Rock Bend community to Mendota and St. Paul. For the businessmen, settlers meant more business. Dodd was aware the proposed Mendota-Big Sioux Road could be Rock Bend's roadway to Mendota. However, he also knew it lacked financing, and might by-pass Rock Bend. In 1852 Dodd started soliciting funds for a road from Minnesota River settlers. Auguste Larpenteur, son of St. Paul merchant Charles Larpenteur, also solicited funds in St. Paul. Dodd had decided to build the road. In fact, there's a strong case the St. Paul businessmen may have initiated the idea. In spring 1853, Dodd set out with 10 men and built the road in 109 days. Along the way in May of 1853, he became so taken with what is now Eureka Township that he laid claim to the area where "his" road crossed the Vermillion River, what is now Section 7. From this claim came the "settling" of Eureka.



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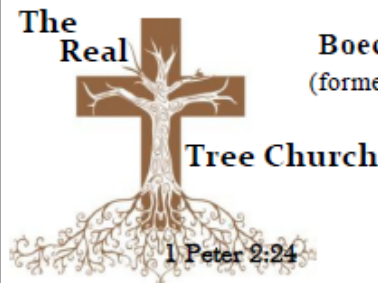
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Tree Church

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1 Peter 2:24

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Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Register to vote

www.mnvotes.org

Annual Election of Supervisors

Absentee Balloting information

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=211>

10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Vote in honor of a Veteran

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=874>

Town Hall



**Annual Town Meeting
8:15 p.m. Town Hall**

Minnesota Secretary of State

Election phone numbers:

Metro Area 651-215-1440

Greater MN 1-877-600-VOTE (8683)

Minnesota Relay Service: 711

Candidates for the 2013 Town Board of Supervisor Position

One Three – year term to expire March 2016 (listed in alpha order)

Kenny Miller – Kenny is a graduate of Lakeville High School and the owner of Eureka Sand and Gravel. He was the Township road contractor for 17 years, on the Planning Commission for three years, and is currently completing his seventh year as a Township Supervisor. Mr. Miller is pleased to have been instrumental in getting the “new” Town Hall built. Updating and clarifying ordinances are two areas he sees as upcoming work for the Town Board and to which he hopes to bring his lengthy experience assisting the Township. Kenny can trace his family’s presence in Eureka Township back to the 1890’s when his great-grandfather built a Dutch style windmill, resulting in the family’s Swedish name being changed to Miller. He has lived here virtually all his life, with exceptions of early childhood and a stint in the U.S. Army. Currently, Mr. Miller lives in the southwest quadrant of the Township on 267th St. W. Kenny firmly believes that we are all friends and neighbors in a small community and that we should try to remember this as we continue to move Eureka Township into the future.

Nancy Sauber - is a longtime, 57-year, resident of the northwest portion of the Township. She has degrees in Psychology and Elementary Education from Loyola University, Chicago, and the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, respectively. Nancy taught 6th and 5th grades for twelve years in Lakeville public schools.

Greater Community Involvement:

*Very active in Girls Scouts for 11 years at both the troop and service unit levels, leading girls to both the Silver and Gold Awards and receiving the Adult Gold Award and the Outstanding Volunteer Award

*Volunteered her time for 12 years at her daughter’s school as Parents Association class representative and as Association secretary, Art Adventures presenter (K-8th grade), Chair & Co-Chair of various committees for fundraising efforts, as well as lunchroom volunteer and class representative to the Fine Arts Committee

*Member of the All Saints funeral lunch committee for many years

Eureka Township Experience:

*Board Supervisor (3 years)

*Planning Commissioner (3 years)

*Commercial/Industrial Task Force member

*Transfer Task Force member

*Comprehensive Plan Update Committee member

*Ordinance work groups on various Ordinances, including Buildable Lots and Clustering

*Although not a member, attendance at nearly all of a year of Citizen Advisory Committee meetings

*Attendance at North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization and Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization meetings as Township representative

*Many training and information sessions presented by Minnesota Association of Townships, Government Training Services, Sensible Land Use Coalition, & Lorman Group (public official training organization)

Nancy understands that Eureka is faced with challenges as an “urban fringe” community. She recognizes that ordinances, although subject to change, are arrived at through a public process and should be respected as such. Enforcement of our Ordinances allows all to enjoy our wonderful community.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

February 4	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
February 11	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
February 12	Monday	4 – 7 p.m.	Proposed Dodd Blvd. Upgrade Open House , Glory to Glory Church - 25170 Dodd
February 21	Thursday	noon	Applications due for March Planning Commission Meeting
February 26	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Proposed Transfer of Housing Rights Open House
February 27	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Transfer of Housing Rights Task Force Meeting
February 28	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
March 4	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
March 11	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
March 12	Tuesday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Annual Election of Town Board Supervisors
March 12	Tuesday	8:15 p.m.	Annual Town Meeting
March 19	Tuesday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Possible Snow Day make-up election for Town Board Supervisors
March 19	Tuesday	8:15 p.m.	Possible Snow Day make-up for Annual Meeting
March 21	Thursday	noon	Applications due for April Planning Commission Meeting
March 28	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
April 1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
April 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
April 21	Thursday	noon	Applications due for May Planning Commission Meeting
April 25	Thursday	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
May 6	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
May 13	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
May 23	Thursday	noon	Applications due for June Planning Commission Meeting
May 23	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	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. 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.

TRANSFER TASK FORCE SURVEY

Please remove, complete and return

Based on demonstrated public interest through the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Comprehensive Plan Update, and Annual Meeting input, the Town Board has appointed the Transfer Task Force (TTF) to study the issue of an expanded program of transfers of housing eligibilities within the Township. This program would expand the concept of the cluster transfers that have been allowed since 1990. The TTF would like your feedback to guide us in our work and upcoming recommendation to the Board.

The transfer program being considered includes the following points:

- *No new housing eligibilities created
- * Underlying density of one per quarter-quarter (q-q) remains
- *No minimum acreage requirement (Cluster transfers require at least 80 contiguous acres.)
- *Can involve more than one landowner (Cluster transfers apply to a single landowner's property.)
- *Eligibilities based on an undeveloped q-q owned by one landowner could be transferred.
- *Eligibilities based on undeveloped q-q owned by more than one landowner cannot be transferred
- *Eligibilities based on a Pre-1982 Lot of Record could be transferred
- *Does not affect Ag Preserves Program participants' eligibility
- *Receiving q-q must conform to the current cap of 4 houses and/or grandfathered housing eligibilities

Please answer the following questions and return this to the Eureka Town Clerk at P.O. Box 576, Lakeville, MN 55044 by February 14, 2013. You may also leave the survey in the drop box at Town Hall by that same date, February 14, 2013. The surveys are numbered *only* to ensure one return per household. Thank you for your time and response.

1. On this issue, I am generally
 in favor
 opposed
 not sure, need more information.

2. Some concern has already been raised about creating an opening for "developers" or others who may wish to promote higher density. The underlying density is one house per quarter-quarter section. Currently, there is a cap on transfers to result in no more than four houses per quarter-quarter section. However, this limit could be changed through a Text Amendment allowing that cap to be raised, possibly resulting in much higher densities in certain areas, even if the *underlying* density could remain at 1 per quarter-quarter. Whatever Board is in place at the time could vote however it deems fit.
 This does not pose an issue either way.
 Higher density in some areas would be a good thing; I would welcome it.
 Higher density beyond the cap of four is not desirable; too risky to go ahead.
 I am not sure about this.

3. Biological factors such as rare species
 should be protected by means of regulation through performance standards
 should be protected by encouraging landowners to seek guidance from appropriate agencies
 do not need additional regulation

- 4. Wildlife factors such as open corridors for animals to move and forage
____ should be protected by means of selective placement of transferred housing
____ do not need additional regulation
 - 5. Ecological factors such as groundwater sensitivity
____ should be protected through site-specific regulation within the Township
____ do not need additional regulation
 - 6. Economic factors such as mining gravel before developing for housing
____ should be ensured through a gravel area overlay and restriction of transfers
____ should be left up to the property owners involved
____ do not need consideration
 - 7. The Board has retained a professional planner with experience in transfer programs to assist the TTF in its work. The TTF has sought input from the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District and a geologist and will seek a review by the Metropolitan Council. It should also seek input from
____ DNR on their “ecologically significant” areas and maps
____ other local governments that have experience with such a program _____
____ others _____
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I have questions _____

I have concerns _____

I have comments _____

Thank You!

Please remember the upcoming **Open House on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m.**