

Eureka! The News

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Eureka Township Supervisors

Meets monthly, 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.

- Seat 1 Brian Budenski, Chair
952-292-6028, term thru 3/17
- Seat 2 Cory Behrendt, Vice Chair
952-985-5411, term thru 3/17
- Seat 3 Carrie Jennings
952-469-4976, term thru 3/18
- Seat 4 Dan Rogers
952-469-3739, term thru 3/18
- Seat 5 Lu Barfknecht, term thru 3/19
952-469-3513

Eureka Planning Commission

Meets monthly, 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.

- Nancy Sauber, chair
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- Fritz Frana
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- Ralph Fredlund
952-469-1335, term thru 4/19
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Township Contact

- Clerk** – Mira Broyles
Deputy Clerk – Cheryl Murphy
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952-469-3736, Fax 952-469-5525

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Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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all contacts - 911** (ambulance, police, fire)

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Town Hall and published in Sun ThisWeek
and Dakota County Tribune newspapers.

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Minnesota General Election Primary Day Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Eureka Town Hall

Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**No declaration of party is necessary, but for party affiliated positions
votes may be cast for ONE party per ballot, no write-ins are allowed**

Who can vote?

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence



General voting information <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

What's on your ballot? <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot>

Early (absentee voting) <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>

Am I registered to vote? <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>

Election questions and answers by phone – Minnesota Secretary of State's
office 651-215-1440, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

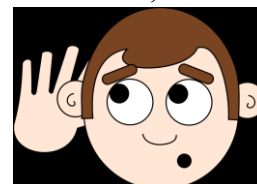
**Now is a great time to get registered and informed in preparation for
the November 8, 2016 General Election.**



Upcoming Public Hearings

August 8, 2016 - at 7:00 PM to consider amending
Ordinance 3 by adding Chapter 2, Section 1(b) (12)
Opting Out of Temporary Family Health Care
Dwellings Law, and to hear and pass upon
objections and recommendations, if any, and to
conduct any and all business incident thereto.

Late August 2016 – Watch for a possible date to be set to potentially
consider changes to the Township zoning ordinances in order to include
allowing light industrial/commercial zones. Should the public hearing be
scheduled, postcards with notification of the date, time and place of the
public hearing will be sent.



Township Updates

Airlake Airport Possible Annexation – The Board continues to explore a variety of options regarding the request by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to annex Airlake Airport into Lakeville. Supervisors Behrendt and Jennings were scheduled to attend a meeting regarding this topic with the City of Lakeville in July.

Comprehensive Plan Review – At least once every 10 years, city councils, town boards, and county boards throughout the Metropolitan area are required to update their local comprehensive plans. A local comprehensive plan represents a community's vision of how it wants to grow and change – how it will develop its land, redevelop older areas, ensure adequate housing, provide roads and sewers, protect natural areas, and meet other community objectives.

The Eureka Planning Commission has been working on the 2040 update for the last several months with direction from TKDA planner, Sherri Buss, and hope to have a preliminary report in to the Met Council by mid -2017. The next meeting with planner Buss is scheduled for August 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Fence Setback Ordinance Review Update – following Public May 2016 Hearing

The work on fence setbacks has been completed and is now with the Township Attorney for final wordsmithing.

Solar Energy Moratorium - In order to provide more time for continued study, at the March Town Board meeting a six-month extension of the existing moratorium on solar projects larger than eight kilowatts (commercial sized) was unanimously passed. The most recent changes to ordinance wording were suggested by Township Attorney, Chad Lemmons, at the July 2016 Planning Commission meeting and he will prepare an ordinance adopting the suggested amendment.

Mining Text Amendment Denied

An amendment to the current Mining Ordinance was requested by Dan Ames. The text amendment would have allowed mining operations to crush and recycle asphalt and concrete from outside the Township. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and then recommended that the Board of Supervisors reject the proposed amendment, which the Board did on June 14, 2016. The following rationale was stated following the Public Hearing:

- Inconsistent with recommendations of mining task force. Task force chairperson stated at the public hearing that the task force did not want the crushing of cement and asphalt in the Township. Mining ordinance is about extraction not recycling. Was developed and intended to mine the aggregate not to create an industrial use
- Inconsistent and does not align with commercial industrial task force recommendations and guidelines to policy changes as outlined in comprehensive plan.
- Would create increased industrial activity in agricultural zone.
- Would open door for current level three (3) mines and future mines to request their operations have the ability to allow crushing of asphalt and concrete.
- Would be difficult to deny if allowed in preexisting mines which have less restrictions with hours of operation, setbacks etc.
- Potentially open to legal challenges for being capricious and arbitrary if requested and denied.
- Given the distribution of aggregate in the Township would result in uncontrolled pockets of industrial use across the Township. . (continued)

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At the public hearing all residents and neighbors who spoke or provided comments and documentation were opposed to allowing the mine operators of pre-existing mines to bring in from outside the Township asphalt and concrete to be crushed.

- Maintain balance of the needs of mine owners and residents of the Township.
- Inconsistent with the responsibility of law makers to ensure the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township.
- Per Township attorney, Chad Lemmons – This is a legislative action and not judicial. The Board has wide discretion in this matter.

Wild Parsnips Much More Than a Just a Pretty Plant



Recent news reports have been helping to educate the public on the dangers of wild parsnips. It is a plant that resembles dill or a yellow version of Queen Anne’s Lace and grows in abundance along the Township roadways.

When the sap of the plant comes in contact with human skin in the presence of UV light (present on sunny or cloudy days) it cause a rash, blistering, discoloration of skin, and possible blindness. One recent report included the description of resulting contact having turned the affected arm’s appearance into “raw hamburger,” requiring IV drips of corticosteroids to treat the damage.



This newsletter, *Eureka! The News*, is now electronic! If you wish to receive a copy (e-mail or hard), please contact the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736 or clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us There will no longer be a blanket mailing to property owners and residents. The newsletter is also available for viewing on the website <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> .

2016 Eureka Township Calendar

Events held at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

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|--------------|----------|--------------------|---|
| August 1 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| August 2 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on August Town Board agenda |
| August 8 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| August 8 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Public Hearing to Opt Out of Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings |
| August 9 | Tuesday | 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Primary Election |
| August 25 | Thursday | noon | Applications due for September Planning Commission Meeting |
| September 6 | Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| September 6 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on September Town Board Agenda |
| September 12 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| September 22 | Thursday | noon | Application due for October Planning Commission Meeting |
| October 3 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| October 4 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on October Town Board agenda |
| October 11 | Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| October 27 | Thursday | noon | Applications due for November Planning Commission Meeting |
| November 7 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| November 8 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on November Town Board agenda |
| November 8 | Tuesday | 7 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | General Election |
| November 14 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| November 22 | Tuesday | noon | Applications due for November Planning Commission Meeting |
| December 5 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| December 6 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on December Town Board agenda |
| December 12 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| December 22 | Thursday | noon | Applications due for November Planning Commission Meeting |

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January 3 – 17 Tuesday – Tuesday Filing for Town Board Supervisor positions 1 and 2

***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 clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us . Also, please check Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning. PLEASE NOTE – As of March 1, 2015, Eureka Township is managing the permitting process for VRWJPO permits.**

If you are applying for a Transfer of Building Rights you must have certified copies of deeds when making application. Eureka Township Ordinances are available from the Town Clerk at \$5 for a CD 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.

Noxious Weeds

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/weedcontrol/disposalnoxweed.aspx>

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/weedcontrol/noxiouslist.aspx>

Minnesota's Noxious Weed Law requires that listed species are controlled or eradicated on all public and private lands within the state (MS 18.75-18.91). However, the law does not require the removal or disposal of noxious weeds from the site where they were controlled or eradicated. Removal of noxious weeds from the habitats they have invaded results in large amounts of plant material that landowners and managers often feel the need to dispose of. The following information is intended to educate landowners and land managers regarding what can and cannot be done legally in Minnesota regarding the removal of noxious weeds on their properties. **Two simple guidelines to follow when dealing with noxious weeds on an individual property:**

1. Kill but do not remove weeds from an infested area when possible
2. If removal of weed plant materials from an infested site is necessary, properly contain and transport the materials to a disposal site that will accept and properly dispose of noxious weed materials. Contact the disposal site prior to transporting noxious weed materials to ensure that they will accept noxious weeds and that they have a system in place to destroy all propagating parts and prevent any future seed transfer... ***Keeping plants on site to naturally decay is the best and safest method to prevent future spread to new areas.***

Which weeds are “noxious weeds?”

Eradicate...

Palmer Amaranth, *Amaranthus palmeri* S. Watson

Oriental Bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus* Thunb.

Brown Knapweed, *Centaurea jacea* L.

Yellow Star Thistle, *Centaurea solstitialis* L.

Meadow Knapweed, *Centaurea x moncktonii* C.E. Britton

Black Swallow-wort, *Cynanchum louiseae* Kartesz & Gandhi

Grecian Foxglove, *Digitalis lanata* Ehrh.

Common Teasel, *Dipsacus fullonum* L.

Cut-leaved Teasel, *Dipsacus laciniatus* L.

Giant Hogweed, *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier

Japanese Hops, *Humulus japonicus* Siebold & Zucc.

Dalmatian Toadflax, *Linaria dalmatica* (L.) Mill.

Control...

Narrowleaf Bittercress, *Cardamine impatiens* L.

Plumeless Thistle, *Carduus acanthoides* (L.)

Spotted Knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe* spp. *micranthos*

Canada Thistle, *Cirsium arvense* (L.) Scop.

Leafy Spurge, *Euphorbia esula* (L.)

Purple Loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria, virgatum* (L.)

Wild Parsnip, *Pastinaca sativa* L. (Except for non-wild cultivated varieties)

Common Tansy, *Tanacetum vulgare* (L.)

Restricted Noxious Weeds...

Garlic Mustard, *Alliaria petiolata* (Bieb.)

Glossy Buckthorn (and all cultivars), *Frangula alnus* Mill. (*columnaris, tallcole, asplenifolia* and all other cultivars)

Common Reed - non-native subspecies, *Phragmites australis* subspecies *australis* (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud.

Common or European Buckthorn, *Rhamnus cathartica* (L.)

Multiflora Rose, *Rosa multiflora* Thunb.



FACT SHEET



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

LOW INCOME FIX-UP GRANT FOR FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS DAKOTA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



Who is eligible to receive grant funds?

Any homeowner in Dakota County serviced by a septic system who meets income eligibility requirements can apply for the grant.

What is the income eligibility requirement?

The homeowner(s) combined adjusted gross income plus the number of dependents on their current income tax form must be equal to or less than the dollar amount shown below. *(Income limits are based on 2014 USDA Rural Development data for the twin cities area including Dakota County.)*

| 1 person | 2 person | 3 person | 4 person | 5 person | 6 person | 7 person | 8 person |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 45,500 | 52,000 | 58,500 | 65,000 | 70,200 | 75,400 | 80,600 | 85,800 |

What are the program guidelines?

The homeowner must complete an application and provide the following information:

- A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliance (failed compliance inspection report)
- A copy of your current Minnesota Tax Return (proof of income requirement –**please block out your SSN**)
- A septic design by a state licensed septic designer

What is the maximum amount of the grant?

The County will reimburse homeowner(s) up to \$3,161.50. Once the new system has been installed and the installer has been paid in full, or a payment arrangement has been agreed upon between the homeowner and installer the grant funds will be paid out.

Not including the installation, what additional costs can I expect to pay when I upgrade my failing septic system?

There will be a cost for the septic design, township or city permit fee and final inspection fee of the new system. *(If your property is located in the County Shoreland District, the City of Randolph, the City of New Trier or Randolph Township, your permit and final inspection fee will be waived by Dakota County.)*

Are there any additional programs to help me upgrade my failing septic system?

The Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District has low interest loans available for upgrading failing septic systems. For information on the loan program call Todd Matzke at 651.480.7777.

Who provided the grant money?

Grant funds were provided through a grant from the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment and distributed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to Dakota County.

Now that you know my septic system is failing, what happens if I decide not to upgrade at this time?

Dakota County Ordinance 113 requires failing septic systems be upgraded within 10 months of the "Notice of Non-compliance" or at the time of property sale. Your city or township has adopted the County Ordinance 113 standards, and is responsible for making sure all non-compliant systems get upgraded within the 10 month period. Dakota County is responsible for compliance in the shoreland overlay district, the City of Randolph, the City of New Trier and Randolph Township.

Where can I get an application?

To receive an application, please call Dee McDaniels at 952.891.7024 or email at dee.mcdaniels@co.dakota.mn.us.

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Business Ads by Residents and/or Landowners in Eureka Township.

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 \$20.00 per quarter or \$75.00 per annum.

Thank you for your support.

Illegal Dumping Costs All of Us

Each month it costs the Township about \$1,000 to dispose of illegally dumped materials along Township Roads. The latest – an exercise machine and another hide-a-bed, as well as the usual garbage. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity by calling 911. Vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers are particularly helpful. If you notice piles of items along the Township roads, please notify the Township Road Supervisors Dan Rogers, 952-469-3739 or Brian Budenski, 952-292-6028. For refuse along County Roads, please notify Dakota County.

