

Eureka! The News

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

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Seat 4 Dan Rogers
952-469-3739, term thru 3/18

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I.S.D. 194 – Lakeville Public Schools Referendum Election Tuesday, November 7, 2017 Eureka Town Hall Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sample Ballot: School District Question 1 Renewal of Expiring School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 194 (Lakeville Area Public Schools) has proposed to renew its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$692.75 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2017. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2018, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 194 be approved?

Yes No

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE

Renewing the 2007 referendum would translate to \$692.75 per pupil in funding the first year, which supports existing educational programs and services. The question allows for increases based on inflation over the 10-year levy.

Property taxpayers in the Lakeville Area Public Schools district will not see an increase in their school district portion of property taxes if the question is approved.

For more information:

<http://isd194.org/about/board-of-education/elections/referendum-2017/>

Lakeville Area Public Schools

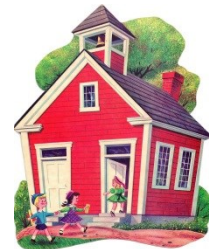
8670 210th Street West

Lakeville, Minnesota 55044

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isd194@isd194.org

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Voters must reside within the boundaries of ISD 194 – Lakeville Public School District - to vote in this election.

Please note special voting locations for Eureka Township residents of ISD 659 – Northfield Public Schools

Levy and Bond Referenda

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017
7:00 am – 8:00 pm**

Voting for Eureka Township residents will take place on election day at the

Greenvale Town Hall
31800 Guam Avenue
Northfield, Minnesota

Absentee voting began on September 22, 2017.

Absentee voting can be done by mail or in person, as follows:

Eureka Township residents may vote in person absentee at the Dakota County Service Centers located in Apple Valley, Hastings, and West St. Paul.

For more information <https://northfieldschools.org/referendum/>

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
ISD #659
1400 Division Street South,
Northfield, MN 55057
Phone: 507-663-0600



**I.S.D. 659 – Northfield Public Schools
Referendum Election Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

Sample Ballot: School District 659

Question 1 - Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization;
Approving New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 659 (Northfield Public Schools) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$1,497.17 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,967.32 per pupil. The school district's actual referendum revenue authorization for any year shall not exceed the statutory maximum for that year. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2018, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization be revoked and the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 659 be approved?

Yes No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

School District Question 2 - Approval of School District Bond Issue
If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 659 (Northfield Public Schools) also be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$109,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new high school facility and the demolition of the current facility; the construction and equipping of a new elementary school facility; the construction of additions to and renovations of the Bridgewater and Sibley Elementary school sites and facilities; the construction of renovations and improvements to the Longfellow School; and the construction of renovations and improvements to the Greenvale Park Elementary School to convert that facility for use as an early childhood center?

Yes No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.



Local Voter Fraud - Are You Legally Able to Vote in Eureka Township?

Following the 2017 Eureka Township March elections, voter fraud charges were brought against at least two individuals for voting in a precinct in which they own property but do not reside. The precinct in which you may vote is determined by residency; owning property alone DOES NOT allow one the right to vote in a precinct. Minnesota State statute states, *“The residence of an individual is in the precinct where the individual's home is located, from which the individual has no present intention of moving, and to which, whenever the individual is absent, the individual intends to return.”* <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=200.031>

At the top of each page of the voter roster form that voters must sign before receiving their ballot, the following paragraph appears. By placing your signature on that roster, you are attesting, ***“I certify that I am at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United State; that I maintain a residence at the address shown and have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding this election; that I am not under guardianship of the person where I have not retained the right to vote, have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote, and have not been convicted of a felony without having my civil rights restored, and that I am registered and will be voting only in this precinct. I understand that giving false information is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.”*** This is also posted on the wall as you enter the voting area.



Road Construction Update

County Road 78, Castle Rock & Eureka Townships

County Road 78 (Denmark Avenue & 240th Street) from the County Road 78 (235th Street) and County Road 31 intersection to Highway 3 was reconstructed and paved. The project included paved shoulders and the installation of railroad crossing signals and gates. Construction appears to be substantially completed.

County Road 78, Eureka Township

County Road 78 (235th Street) from County Road 23 to County Road 31 in Eureka Township was rehabilitated. Several inches of the existing pavement was removed, or milled, and replaced with new asphalt. Construction was substantially completed by the end of September.

County Road 23 (Cedar Ave.) – Lakeville and Eureka Township

Across from Airlake Airport – a new city street (222nd St. W.), along with turn and bypass lanes are being constructed by a private contractor in conjunction with the new building. The road project should be complete soon.

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/CurrentConstruction/Pages/default.aspx>

Transportation - 952-891-7000, hwy@co.dakota.mn.us



Warehouse and Office Building Construction

The nearly 300,000 square foot concrete structure on the east side of County Road 23 (Cedar Ave.), across from Airlake Airport, is being developed by Hat Trick Investments, LLC and Lakeville 222nd 2017, LLC. At this time approximately one half of the building will be occupied by Menasha Packaging, with a number of yet to be announced, other tenants. It is expected to operational later this fall.

The parcels of land are all in Lakeville, due to annexation in 2007 of one 97 acre parcel at the request of property owners who wanted all parcels of land in Lakeville in order to access city sewer and water, which is not available in Eureka Township per the Met Council.

A new city street (222nd St. W.) along with required bypass and turn lanes are being installed by private contractors under the watchful eye of Dakota County. The road construction should be completed soon.

2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

After more than a year of work, two open houses, multiple modifications, and a public hearing, the Planning Commission voted to forward the current draft of the Eureka Township 2040 Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board for final approval. The deadline for submission of this document to the Metropolitan Council is December 31, 2018

Under Minnesota State law at least once every 10 years, local bodies of government must submit their plans [that represent 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] consistent with Metropolitan Council policies. Currently, the Metropolitan Council has designated Eureka Township as an Agricultural Community, not eligible for sewer and water until after 2040.

The vision of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, as forwarded to the Town Board, affirms “...*Eureka Township will be a rural and agricultural environment characterized by farms, private and public open space, very low density non-farm housing with private utilities, and a small number of businesses including home occupations and agricultural-related enterprises. Residents will continue to enjoy a high quality of life due to the Township's natural beauty and tranquility.*”

The proposed plan accepts the Metropolitan Council's nearly steady projected growth estimates as follows:

	2010 (actual)	2014 (estimated)	2020	2030	2040
Population	1,426	1,434	1,450	1,570	1,670
Households	518	522	560	630	700

This plan also recognizes two main trail corridors that Dakota County has designated through the Township. Recognizes water supply plans including private well water testing and adoption of local Water Management Organizations (Vermillion and North Cannon) surface water plans.

The post 2040 vision, as determined by the 2016 Boundary Protection Study and stated in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, “...*the Township may consider incorporation as a City and identifying areas for urban services and development. Incorporation would allow the Township to maintain its strong community identity and geographic integrity, manage land use and growth to be consistent with Township goals and character, protect regionally and locally significant resources and work as a strong partner with adjacent communities and the Metropolitan Council on common concerns.*”

For more information on the proposed 2040 Eureka Township Comprehensive Plan please see <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/2017/09/26/draft-comprehensive-plan/> or visit the Town Hall for a hardcopy.

County Sheriff Update



Deputy Sheriff Smith reported:

- Stolen car in Castle Rock – Please do not leave your keys in vehicles!
- Stolen copper wire from one of the gravel pits
- Organized” drag racing on 250th St. and residents report it on 235th St.

Citizens are urged to report anything out of the ordinary, as it may link to something under investigation. All contact is now initiated by calling 911.

Airlake Airport Update



The Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC), has requested to have 120 acres of the Airlake Airport annexed into Lakeville in order to provide the site with sewer and water, something that the Metropolitan Council does not plan to allow Eureka Township to access until after 2040. Following discussions and negotiations with a number of involved bodies, at the October 2017 Town Board meeting, it was determined to complete a form requesting an exemption from the Met Council in order to allow Eureka to provide sewer hookups to the interceptor that already passes through the Township. In addition, the Town Board directed a study of costs be done to determine costs related to digging a well off-site to provide the Airport with water.

It's Hunting Season Again!

Know your rights...

General hunting information...

<http://dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/index.html>

Trespass issues..

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/privateland/index.html>

Turn In Poachers..

To report a violation immediately, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year call toll-free 1-800-652-9093 OR key in #TIP on your cell phone.

To report a violation that isn't time sensitive, use the [enforcement/tipreporting.html](http://dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/tipreporting.html).

To locate a conservation officer...

<http://dnr.state.mn.us/officerpatrolareas/index.html>

No Excuse for Trespassing

Always ask 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. All conservation and peace officers enforce trespass laws. Remember, your actions reflect on all hunters.



Minnesota DNR

Got a Project in Mind?

A reminder that Eureka Township governmental actions take place on a monthly basis, not a business day model. If you are planning a project that may require a building permit, please plan ahead and allow ample time, especially if you have a specific deadline in mind. When completing applications, be sure they are done in full, with all requested information listed.

2017 – 2018 Eureka Township Calendar

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

October 26	Thursday	noon	Applications due for November Planning Commission Meeting
October 26	Thursday	1 – 3 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board meeting, Apple Valley
November 6	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
November 7	Tuesday	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	ISD 194 - Lakeville School Election, Town Hall will be a voting precinct
November 7	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Deadline for items to be included on November Town Board agenda
November 13	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
November 21	Thursday	noon	Applications due for December Planning Commission Meeting
December 5	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
December 5	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Deadline for items to be included on December Town Board agenda
December 7	Thursday	1 – 3 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board meeting, Apple Valley
December 11	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
December 21	Thursday	noon	Applications due for January Planning Commission Meeting
January 2	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
January 2	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Deadline for items to be included on January Town Board agenda
January 3	Wednesday	until 5 p.m.	Filing opens for Township Supervisor Seat #3
January 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
January 17	Wednesday	until 5 p.m.	Filing closes for Township Supervisor Seat #3
January 19	Friday	until 5 p.m.	Withdrawal deadline for Township Supervisor Seat #3
January 25	Thursday	noon	Applications due for February Planning Commission Meeting
February 6	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
February 6	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Deadline for items to be included on February Town Board agenda
February 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
February 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for March Planning Commission Meeting
March 6	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
March 6	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Deadline for items to be included on March Town Board agenda
March 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
March 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for April Planning Commission Meeting

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.

PLEASE NOTE – As of January 26, 2017, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization is again overseeing parts of the permitting process for anyone who lives in the Vermillion River Watershed (northern 2/3 of Eureka Township). Those residents will need to contact the VRWJPO *BEFORE* applying for a building permit from the Township. Contact Mark Ryan at Mark.Ryan@co.dakota.mn.us or 952-891-7596.

Applying for a Transfer of Building Rights? Certified copies of deeds required at the time of making the 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.

ADS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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