

Eureka! The News

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Official Notices - posted on the bulletin board on the south (parking lot) side of the Town Hall and published in Sun ThisWeek and Dakota County Tribune newspapers.

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2014 Minnesota Primary Election

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Eureka Town Hall 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



- In a partisan primary election, you can only vote for candidates from one political party. The front of the ballot will have a column for each major political party. You are free to choose any **one** political party on the ballot. **Voting for candidates from more than one party voids all votes** on the party portion of the ballot.
- You are **not required to publically declare affiliation** with a party - Minnesota does not have political party registration.
- No write-in votes are allowed.
- On the back of the ballot, there may be nonpartisan races for local and judicial candidates who are not affiliated with political parties. Since these candidates do not have a party affiliation, you can choose any candidate in as many of the races as you like.



Election and Voting Information

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=4> or 651-215-1440

Register to Vote - <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=204>
or 651-215-1440

Absentee Voting - <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=211>
or 651-215-1440

Election Judges - Still Room for More

- You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write and speak English.
- You must complete an election judge training course (at least two hours).
- Election judges can choose to volunteer or be paid. Wages vary by city. Eureka pays \$10/hour, plus mileage.
- Employers are required to give employees time off to work as an election judge.

Contact Eureka Town Clerk at

eurekatn@frontiernet.net or call 952-469-3736

FOR SALE - Shipping Container

Please submit your written bid to the Town Clerk if you wish to purchase the shipping container (Conex) that the Township has used for storage on the former Town Hall site. It will be available once the new storage building on the current Town Hall site has been completed, which is anticipated to be the end of July 2014. The approximate measurements of the container are 28' by 8'6" by 8' 6".

Township Updates

Rural Scott and Dakota Counties On Alert

The Dakota County Sheriff's office reports a series of daytime burglaries in the rural areas of both Scott and Dakota counties. Prime time is 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., usually through unlocked doors. Some burglaries have occurred with residents at home. Currently, law enforcement is following possible leads for an older model red Dodge truck and two men. Citizens are asked to stay on alert and report any suspicious activity, vehicles or persons to 911 immediately. In the meantime, you are advised to lock all doors in your home, outbuildings and vehicles.

Address Change – the Township has installed a mailbox on the Town Hall site and changed the mailing address from the post office box to 25043 Cedar Ave. S., Farmington, MN 55024. Please note the change from Lakeville to Farmington.

Town Clerk – Mira Broyles has been hired as the Town Clerk, effective July 14, 2014. She has previously worked in city government for 20 years as a Deputy Clerk and Administrative Secretary (Cities of Lakeville and Egan). She lives in Rosemount. Welcome to Eureka, Mira, we appreciate your commitment to our community!

Former Town Hall Site Sold - The Town Board accepted a bid of \$28,000 for the former Town Hall site from Martin and Atina Diffley. The closing was initially scheduled for June 30, 2014, but has been delayed slightly. Please note the Township is accepting bids to sell the shipping container used for Township storage that currently sits on the former Town Hall site – see page 1 of this newsletter for more information about buying it.



Town Hall Site Photo Contest

Periodically, the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT), publishes brochures that include photos of the various Town Hall sites around Minnesota. In an effort to update the Eureka photo, shutterbugs are invited to digitally submit their photos to the Town Clerk at eurekatn@frontiernet.net. The new storage building is expected to be completed at the end of July and landscaped thereafter, so this fall would be an excellent time to snap a few photos and perhaps become a published photographer!

Dodd Boulevard Construction Update

The bid date for the reconstruction of Dodd Blvd. was planned for July 8, 2014 with the County Board projected to award the contract on July 29, 2014. Construction is planned to begin in early to mid-August 2014. The work this year will primarily be the roundabout at Scott County 2 & 46 intersection - utility companies relocating lines, tree clearing, and perhaps the new bridge at the Vermillion River. The bridge work is not a requirement for 2014, but replacing it in 2014 might save the contractor time in 2015. The DNR also has a spring restriction for working in the Vermillion River at this location, making late 2014 more attractive. The full Dodd closure and reconstruction would be in 2015 with completion by mid-October 2015. It is expected that the project will be receiving over \$5.6 million in Federal funding.



More Transportation Projects in Eureka

Dakota County has three additional projects on their tentative schedule over the next five years that will have implications for Eureka residents. They included:

1. **County Road 86** from Highway 52 to County Road 23 (Cedar Ave.) – beginning in 2015 and over the course of the next several years, a series of projects will occur, including an overpass at Highway 52 with exit and access ramps to both north and south bound traffic. Contact John Sass at 952-891-7130 or John.Sass@co.dakota.mn.us. See the plans at <http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/RoadStudies/Current/Pages/highway-52-and-csah-86-randolph.aspx>
 2. **County Road 80** (255th St. W.) from Highway 3 to County Road 23 (Cedar Ave.) – expansion and paving, including remodeling or replacing the railroad bridge. Soil borings have already been done.
 3. **County Road 78** (235th St. W.) – extend the road through from Denmark Ave. to Highway 3.
- More information and public comment opportunities will become available in the future.

2014 Minnesota Noxious and Invasive Weed Program

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). 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. 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 an approved disposal site - http://gis.mda.state.mn.us/kml/Pub_Compost_Sites.kmz

Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture - 651-201-6000, 1-800-967-2474,

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

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

Noxious Weed Booklet - <http://www.dakotaswcd.org/pdfs/noxious%20weed%20booklet.pdf>

Minnesota Dept. of Transportation – 651-296-3000, 1-800-657-3774

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadsides/vegetation/vegetation.html>

Caution! Now Blooming in Eureka!

When the sap of **Wild Parsnips** comes in contact with skin in the presence of UV light (present on sunny days or cloudy ones) it can cause a rash, blistering and discoloration of the skin. The plant is similar in appearance to the dill plant or Queen Anne's Lace, with yellow flowerettes.



Night to Unite – Tuesday, August 5, 2014 Also Known as National Night Out

As is in the last few years, the Dakota County Sheriff's office is supporting the effort to get to know your neighbors and your neighborhood. They would love to visit with materials, personnel, equipment and/or perhaps even a K-9 unit! While this newsletter may be received too late for you to plan your own gathering for this year, it's not too early to begin thinking about next year. Also, you may contact the Department for information on where such gatherings are being held this year. For more information, contact Deputy Krystal Johnson at 651-438-4700 or visit the website at <http://www.dakotacountysheriff.org/crimeprevention.html>



Pump Your Septic System Every 3 Years

Please remember to pump your septic system every three years. **IF** you have received a notice of non-compliance, please send a copy of your pumping receipt to the Township to save both your time and money, as well as the Township's!

LOW INCOME FIX-UP GRANT FOR FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Dakota County, grouped together with Minneapolis, St. Paul and Bloomington, received an MPCA/Clean Water Legacy Grant for upgrading failing septic systems. Funds can be used county-wide outside of shoreland Areas. Requirements are:

- Must have a notice of non-compliance (failing compliance inspection report) to apply.
- Income based - a family of two is \$52,000, so many people will qualify.

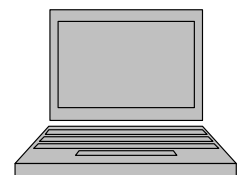
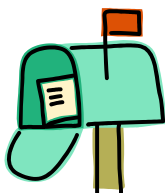
These funds will be on a first come first serve basis

Save Time and Money!

Please consider receiving Township news electronically, including:

- * This quarterly newsletter
- * Special meetings
- * Public hearings
- * Agendas
- * Important announcements
- and much more!

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2014 Eureka Township Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

• August 4	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• August 11	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting, appoint Commissioners
• August 12	Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	MINNESOTA PRIMARY ELECTION
• August 28	Thursday	noon	Applications due for September Planning Commission Meeting
• August 28	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• September 2	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• September 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• September 25	Thursday	noon	Applications due for October Planning Commission Meeting
• September 25	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• October 6	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• October 13	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• October 23	Thursday	noon	Applications due for November Planning Commission Meeting
• October 23	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• November 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• November 4	Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	GENERAL ELECTION
• November 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• November 25	Tuesday	noon	Applications due for December Planning Commission Meeting
• December 1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• December 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• December 23	Tuesday	noon	Applications due for January Planning Commission Meeting
• December 30	Tuesday		Filing opens for 2015 Town Board Supervisor seats

• **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 eurekatn@frontiernet.net. 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 \$5 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, the Eureka Town Hall and the Dakota County Law Library.

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