



Eureka Township News

Winter 2020

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2020 ELECTIONS



Township Contacts

Clerk: Raneë Solis
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deputyclerk@eurekatownship-mn.us

Treasurer: Marcia Wilson
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Town Hall Hours

10 am – 2 pm Tuesday & Thursday

Website

<http://eurekatownship-mn.us>

Town Board meets monthly, 2nd
Monday, 7:00 pm

Planning Commission meets monthly,
1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Presidential Nomination Primary Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Eureka Town Hall • POLLS OPEN 7am – 8pm

Township Annual Election Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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Supervisor Position #1:

- Donovan Palmquist
- Allen Novacek

Supervisor Position #2:

- Ralph Fredlund

Please see page 3 for candidates' statements.

Annual Town Meeting

Please join us for the Annual Meeting immediately after polls close (8:15 pm).



There are many ways to Vote!

Vote by absentee ballot. You can request an absentee ballot at the Town Hall, or online at www.mnvotes.org. Or, you can cast an absentee ballot in person at the Hastings or Apple Valley Government Centers. If you have questions about absentee voting, contact Dakota County Elections at 651-438-4305 or email elections@co.dakota.mn.us. Ballots must be returned by Election Day to be counted.

Early Voting starts March 3rd. You can cast an early vote in person at the Hastings Government Center weekdays between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. If you have questions about early voting, contact Dakota County Elections at 651-438-4305 or email elections@co.dakota.mn.us.

Vote in person on Tuesday, March 10 at the Eureka Town Hall. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The address is 25043 Cedar Avenue, Farmington, Minnesota 55024 (intersection of Cedar Avenue and 250th Street). Please join us at the Annual Meeting, immediately after polls close.

Register at the polls on Election Day. Proof of residence is required. For more information, visit

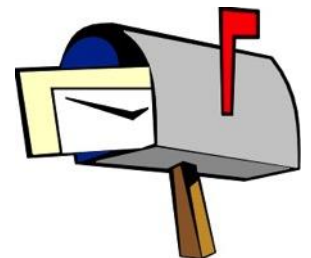
<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>

Voters MUST reside in the Township to vote in these elections

Placing unstamped flyers on or in a mailbox is illegal

The U.S. Code for crimes and criminal procedure prohibits the placement of unstamped flyers in any mailbox. Title 18, section 1725 states that any person who knowingly deposits "mail-able matter" without postage in an established letter box shall be subject to a fine. *The restriction also includes anything placed upon, supported by, attached to, hung from, or inserted into a mail receptacle.*

The Government Accountability Office reports that fines may be as high as \$5,000 per occurrence for individuals and \$10,000 per occurrence for organizations. To report illegal flyer placement, take a photo of the flyer on the mailbox, and contact Township Clerk Raneë at (952) 469-3736 or email clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us.





Snow from your property should be plowed and stored on your own property and not pushed across roads, into ditches, or on to neighboring properties.

In Minnesota, "It is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor to plow, shovel, blow or place snow onto [roadways]." That includes any federal, state, county, municipal or township road. Penalties can be increased if illegal snow removal results in accidents or injuries.

Both the Township road contractor and Dakota County Sheriff's office have indicated this is a serious issue this year. Thank you for helping to make this winter season a bit safer for all of us.

Get involved!

Planning Commission positions available

Do you want to make a difference in how our Township works? Please consider applying to be on the Eureka Planning Commission, a citizen advisory committee appointed by the Town Board to assist them on matters related to planning and development. Two positions on the Planning Commission will be available for appointment in 2020. The three-year term runs May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2023. The Planning Commission meets monthly, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Commissioners receive a stipend of at least \$60 per meeting and standard IRS mileage. Visit the Township website at <https://eurekatownship-mn.us> for more information. Interested persons should send a letter indicating interest in serving on the Planning Commission to the Town Clerk at clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us or by USPS to 25043 Cedar Avenue, Farmington, MN 55024. Letters should be received no later than Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at noon. Interested persons should be present at the April 13, 2020 Town Board meeting in order to be interviewed.

2020 EUREKA TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

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

February 26	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Board of Audit Meeting
February 26	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Closed Meeting with attorneys to discuss upcoming litigation
March 3	Tuesday	7am-8pm	Presidential Nomination Primary
March 4	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
March 9	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
March 10	Tuesday	7am-8pm	Township Election
March 10	Tuesday	8:15 pm	Annual Township Meeting
March 11	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Board of Canvass
April 7	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
April 13	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
April 14	Tuesday 7	7:00 pm	Reorganization Meeting



Eureka Township Deputy Clerk Anne Adelmann (left) and Clerk Ranee Solis. Town hall hours: 10 am – 2 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Next page: Meet the Board Supervisor Candidates

Board Supervisor Candidate Statements

The candidates have submitted the following information.

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Allen P Novacek

Board Supervisor Position #1

My name is Allen Novacek. I have lived in Eureka Estates for about thirty years. I own several third generation family buisness's known as Nova-Chek Auto Body located in Lakeville and Cannon Falls. My wife and I have thirteen children with twenty three grandchildren. I have 5 years experience on the Eureka Township Planning Commission and want to see this community, this State and this country do well. I am grateful for our countries Constitution and I hold dear the rights of ownership.

I am seeking a Town Board position due to multiple concerns regarding the direction local authorities are taking us. I also have concern about the shadowy actions I have witnessed and been the target of. These problems are not by mistake. They result from the mindset of "regulate and control". A need to "govern the township" has been replaced by a desire to "**govern the individual**". True leadership promotes a free way of living. We need a major change in the narrative. We need a different way of doing business.



Donovan Palmquist

Board Supervisor Position #1

I am seeking re-election as a Board Supervisor. Serving this past year as Chair, I have worked to increase civility, fiscal responsibility, and transparency in our operations.

We owe it to you to be more than a "rubber stamp" for spending. I am committed to being a good steward of your tax dollars.

My experience includes 25+ years as a business owner/contractor/consultant. I am not opposed to expanding business opportunities for citizens of Eureka Township. However, we need to make sure any business-related ordinance changes we adopt are a good fit – respectful of our neighbors' property rights and preserving our rural character.

Thank you for your consideration.

www.donovanforeureka.com



Ralph Fredlund

Board Supervisor Position #2

I have lived in Eureka Township since 1980. I have served on the Planning Commission for four years and have been Chair the last two years. Now, I am seeking your vote for seat #2 on the Town Board. My training and career in state government accounting will help the Board with planning and expense management. Treasurer oversight needs to be enhanced by creating a system of checks and balances. With respect to our land use, we need to enforce the regulations in place at any given time, but be open to revisions to ensure landowners get the maximum use of their land without hurting their neighbors. For more information please visit www.ralphforeureka.com. Thank you for your vote for a civil government.