



# Eureka Township News

Fall/Winter 2023

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## Town Hall Hours

Tuesday: 10 am – 6 pm

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## Website

<http://eurekatownship-mn.us>

## Eureka Township Supervisors

Meet semi-monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday,  
7:00 pm

SEAT 1

Allen Novacek (2026)

SEAT 2

Timothy Pope (2026)

SEAT 3

Randy Wood (2024)

SEAT 4

Nancy Sauber, Vice Chair (2024)

SEAT 5

Lu Barfknecht, Chair (2025)

## Planning Commission

Meet monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Bill Clancy, Chair (2025)

Deb Burkhardt, Vice Chair (2024)

Donovan Palmquist (2026)

Beth Eilers (2026)

Melanie Storlie (2024)

## Official Notices

Posted on the bulletin board on the south exterior wall of the Town Hall and published in *Sun This Week* and *Dakota County Tribune* newspapers.

## Snow has Started!

Residents of Eureka Township woke up on Halloween Day to quite the trick (or treat, depending on how you look at it) with the first measurable snow of the season. Although it was only an inch, it did serve as a reminder that it is time to prepare for winter.

**NOTE:** In Minnesota, it is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor to plow, shovel, blow or place snow onto [roadways]. MN State Statute 160.2715

That includes any federal, state, county, municipal or township roads. Penalties can be increased if illegal snow removal results in accidents or injuries.

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. Dakota County Sheriff's office states that this is a serious issue every year.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this winter season a bit safer for all of us.



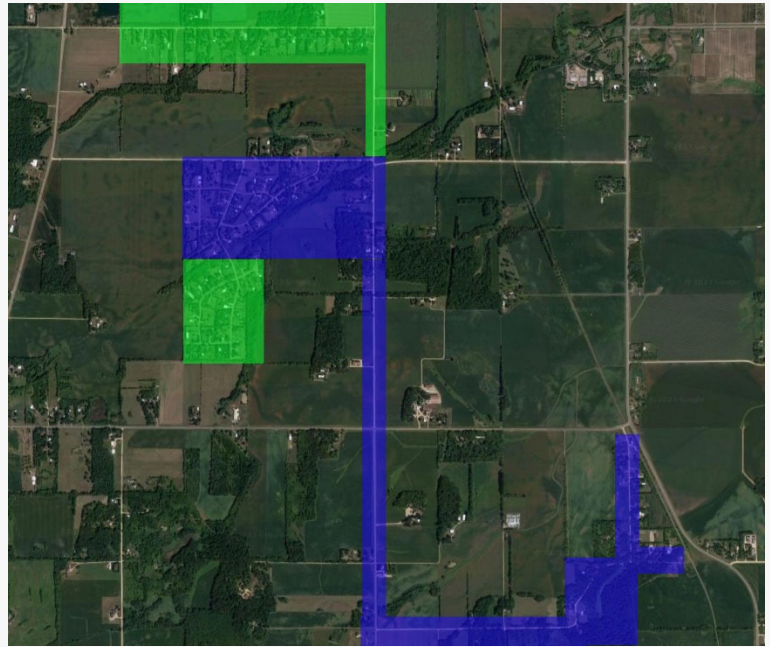
*"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together."*

~VESTA M. KELLY

# BROADBAND UPDATE!

Eureka Township Residents,

We have made great progress this year in completing our state grant build-out project for fiber-to-the-home service in Eureka Township (noted in blue in the attached image). You have likely seen crews working to install conduit for the optical mainline to serve homes in the area. Our work toward completion of this project is in line with our expected schedule and we fully expect to be able to provide service within our stated and intended timeframe of construction season 2024. Crews are working toward pulling cable through the conduit during the week of October 30th-3rd. Additionally, you will see crews splicing and testing in the late fall/early winter in preparation for installation to homes in spring. While most major construction work is completed, you will see some light construction while road crossings occur in the spring to bring service across the roads to homes where the cable does not immediately pass.



Getting connected to fiber requires a small physical cable to be brought from our infrastructure to your home. This cable terminates to a small box mounted outside your home where a splice point will be made. These "drop" cables are buried about a foot in the ground. In the coming weeks we will send out proposed paths for installation routes on your property via mail. Returning the mailed release form promptly to us will ensure that your home is scheduled for installation as soon as possible. Most residents can expect service to be installed in spring depending on the weather. Included in the mailing will be monthly pricing information.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that the township recently voted to approve projects we proposed to serve the most number of residents possible with ARPA funds that were nearing their expiration (noted in green in the attached image). The southern portion of Eureka Estates and residents along 235th west of Highview Avenue will also see JTN contractors begin mainline construction in spring of 2024. These projects are extensions of the network and will see improved time to service delivery especially along 235th. We will reach out once service is available in these areas.

We are grateful to Eureka Township residents for the opportunity to serve you. We look forward to providing you all with fast, local, reliable high-speed internet via fiber optic cable soon.

Regards,

Ben Blomgren  
Owner - JTN



# Night to Unite

**Building a community, one neighborhood at a time...**

Night to Unite is a yearly event celebrated throughout Minnesota where neighbors spend the evening getting to know each other. Under the direction of Commissioner Eilers, the Planning Commission and Town Board worked together to host the August 1, 2023, gathering.



The night was filled with fun, from yard games to a chalk art contest, there was something for everyone.

**WIN PRIZES!**







Citizens were delighted to watch a demonstration by K9 Zeus and his handler Deputy Jacob Kurchner. Zeus, a Dutch Shepard from Belgium, is the newest member of the Dakota County Sheriff's Office. Training just began for this K9 Officer who was born on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



Captain Brian Hermerding stopped by to visit with citizens and grabbed a bite to eat. The Township was able to provide hot dogs, chips, and water for everyone thanks to the generosity from various donors.





# Town Board Meetings

DECEMBER 12, 2023

DECEMBER 26, 2023

JANUARY 9, 2024

JANUARY 23, 2024

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

\* WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

MARCH 26, 2024

APRIL 9, 2024

APRIL 23, 2024

## Planning Commission Meetings

- Tuesday, December 5, 2023
- Tuesday, January 2, 2024
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024
- \*Wednesday, March 6, 2024
- Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Meetings start at 7 pm



# Town Hall will be Closed for the following:

## PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION ELECTION

Tuesday, March 5, 2024



## TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Town Hall will be CLOSED  
if Farmington or Lakeville  
schools are closed for  
inclement weather.



## Election Dates to Remember



- January 2-16, 2024: Election Candidate Filing Period
- January 16, 2024: Candidates Filing Period closes at 5 pm
- January 18, 2024: Candidates may withdraw until 5 pm
- March 5, 2024: Presidential Nomination Election
- March 12, 2024: Township Elections

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

# Eureka Township Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

8:15 pm

25043 Cedar Ave, Farmington, MN 55024

\*Minnesota State Law does not permit town meetings to be held remotely. Making motions and voting is limited to town citizens who are qualified to vote in a National Election and who are present in the Town Hall at the time the vote is taken. As a courtesy, a zoom link will be provided for those who wish to observe.



# Winter Word Search



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