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Recognition Dinner Oct. 22

October is fire prevention month. On Tuesday, October 22 the Township Board is hosting a recognition dinner for our Firefighters and their spouse/guest. Social time will begin at 6:30 with dinner served at 7:00. Retired firefighters and their spouse/guest are invited as well as members of the Flamettes and their spouse/guest. All of these individuals deserve our thanks and recognition for a job well done in service to the Solway Community.

When individuals volunteer as firefighters they not only respond to fires, accidents or medical emergencies but also put in hours for maintenance of equipment, planning/business meetings and training opportunities to acquire needed skills and to maintain certifications. Being a firefighter is a family commitment as well. Family members wait at home to hear from their loved one that may be in "harms way". Helping others takes time away from family members at home.

Our current firefighters are: Alan Mitchell—Fire Chief , Jim Johnson—Asst Chief, Jeff Nelson—Treasurer—1st Captain, Nick Priolo-2nd Captain-Medical Officer, Casey Modich-3rd Captain, Chris Tverberg—Fire Marshall, Bill Mulek—Fire Training Officer, Gordy Jensen—President, Boo Hanson—Vice President, Michelle Haltli—Secretary, Josh Hughes, Shawn Monson, Eric Monson, Jeff Keppers, Nick Hite, Bob Priolo.

Equally important is recognizing our employees Leon Forstrom, Veronica Childers and Paul Dunaiski who do our grounds keeping and building maintenance. Jim Miller who supervises the recycling shed operation. John Childers continues to volunteer cutting the roadside grass and in helping with other maintenance needs.

We appreciate their keeping our Townsite grounds, buildings and the Solway Cemetery in good condition. We receive many compliments that our facilities are always beautiful and inviting.

Halloween Carnival Friday, Oct. 25

It's rumored that ghosts and goblins will be haunting the town site again this fall. While I'm not sure about that, I can guarantee an evening of fun, games and treats at the Solway Halloween Carnival to be held Friday, October 25th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Skill games challenge the young while less venturesome activities such as the cake walk and bingo entertain the young at heart.

Youngsters have a chance to show their costumes by taking part in the costume parade. Purchasing a chance may bring home a prize. Don't worry about supper as there is plenty of food at reasonable prices. All games are family priced. Bring the whole family and have a SCARE?

Proceeds fund Solway Community Events.

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SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

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Supervisors: Ron Gajewski and Clare Stromlund
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For Hall Rentals call 729-5134, leave your name, number and date wanted. Phone: 218-729-5134 Fax: 218-729-5651

Township website: solwaytownship-MN.gov

Email: solwayclerk@hotmail.com

Snow Removal for 2013-2014

St. Louis County will be providing snow plowing on our Township roads again this year. Paved roads are plowed as snow accumulates but dirt roads won't be plowed unless four inches accumulate. It's very difficult to remove snow in early winter and early spring when gravel road surfaces are not frozen. The plows gouge into the gravel surface causing ruts and plowing the gravel into the ditches.

County plow operators try to leave as little snow as possible across driveways. County removal of this windrow is not feasible and is the property owners responsibility. A suggestion is when you plow your driveway, also plow the road driving lane closest to your property about 25 feet or so in the direction the plow comes from. As the plow approaches and hits the plowed area the plows snow load will empty leaving very little to go across your driveway. We are reminded that it is unlawful to plow or blow snow onto or across County Roads.

Solway Township is not responsible for any property damage or clean up due to snow plowing.

Township Roads include:

Ayers—0.2	Mettsa—0.25
Bailey—0.2	Peterson—0.3
Berquist—0.9	Sandberg North of Hwy
Birchway—0.25	#2—0.65
Cedarway—0.2	Sandberg South—1.25
Gaus—0.6	Stonelake—0.4
Hanson—0.9	Strom—0.25
Heine—0.5	Tondryk—0.5
Jeffrey—1.25	VanGassler—1.25
Jerry—2.15	Wargin—0.5
Lindrose—1.0	Woodgate—0.6
Mattson North—0.3	
Mattson South—0.5	Total Mileage 14.9

If you would like a copy of St. Louis County's Snow Removal Policy Synopsis, contact the Solway Town Hall office.

Road Maintenance Update

Roadside grass cutting, brushing and ditching is completed for 2013. Hopefully cutting back the brush and foliage will improve visibility as you pull out of your driveways, provide better visibility of deer and other animals approaching the road surface, and reduce drifting of snow on the roads. Roads will continue to be graded into the fall as needed and weather permits.

Cemetery Reminder

Township Cemetery regulations require that all flowers and plants allowed in our cemetery must be removed by Sept. 30. Beginning Oct. 10, township personnel will remove all flowers and plants from the individual grave sites and assemble them inside the cemetery fence north of the Van Gassler Road entrance where they will stay until Oct. 25. After Oct. 25 all unclaimed flower pots, holders, etc. will be disposed of by township personnel. Please claim all items by Oct. 25. Our cemetery American Flag will be retired for the winter months to be re-flown next spring.

Country Music Show

August marked the beginning of the Music Show's 7th year at the town hall. Be sure to thank Bill Pelto and the musicians for their commitment to our community. We are fortunate to have live music performances available for your enjoyment. If you haven't ever attended a show check them out.

Bill Pelto and his musicians/singers will be performing Saturdays, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14th. These dates are the second Saturday of each month. Prior to the music show a potluck is held at 5:00. Bring a dish to share and join us. Music and dancing begins at 6:00 and usually ends by 9:30. There is no admittance charge but free will donations are welcome to cover expenses.

Skating Fun

Plans are made for getting our skating rink flooded and the ice readied for another winter of skating fun as soon as the weather permits. The last couple years we've had thaws which prevented the rink from being open prior to the new year. We really try to have ice laid for school holiday breaks. When the rink is opened it will be posted on the township sign. Feel free to use the rink anytime at your family's convenience. The rink is lighted from dusk to 10:00 pm everyday.

For your comfort the warming house will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. During this time a township staff member will be available to sell hot chocolate and assorted goodies. Staff will be manning the counter and not be in a position to provide supervision on the rink so it's important if your children are an age needing supervision that you or another adult will be present. Needless to say if we have bad weather on the weekend the warming house will be closed, as skaters won't be expected to be out. Enjoy!

Community Club News...

Solway Senior Citizens

We had accordion players at our August meeting and attended Valeria's 90th Birthday Party.

Election of officers will be in September and installation of new officers in October. In October we will also plan our Christmas party for December. We are trying to arrange speakers and entertainment for our meetings, otherwise we will play Bingo.

We always welcome new members. Anyone over 55 may join. We meet the third Thursday of the month at the town hall at 1PM and have a meeting with lunch afterwards.

Come and join us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Munger Goodfellowship

Hope everyone enjoyed the geraniums at the town hall again this summer. Thanks to those who watered them for us.

In September we had lunch and played Bingo with the Maple Grove Homemakers. We will serve lunch at the Craft Show on October 5th, and also in October attend the Area Homemakers Holiday Fest in Floodwood. Our group donates to and also attends the annual Township Halloween Carnival. November has us holding our annual fall auction at our meeting. December brings our Christmas Party.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Munger Maple Grove Homemakers

The Club will host the joint meeting with the Munger Goodfellowship Club Weds Sept 11th. A lunch will be served and Bingo played. We enjoy this annual event. The Munger Goodfellowship Club will host next year.

Maple Grove 4-H

The Club members went to Bemidji MN on August 6th to learn how to build underwater robots. It was a lot of fun and a lot of time in the pool which they enjoyed. The robot was demonstrated to parents at their next club meeting.

Monday Bunch

We will be having our Craft and Rummage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 5th from 9am-1pm, at the Solway Town Hall. Call Bonnie at 218-729-8382 for tables, The cost is \$10 a table.

We meet every Monday from 12:30-4:00pm (except holidays) with a pot luck at 2:00pm. Bring your craft and conversation!

South Saint Louis County Fair-Proctor

Fair time is over and we are now planning for next year. Thanks to all who came and supported the Fair; remember to start working on your exhibits for next year.

Our Annual Banquet will be on Tuesday, October 15th, at the Solway Town Hall. Dinner is at 6:30pm with our meeting to follow. Membership is \$5.00 and allows you to vote. Dinner is \$5.00. We will have Election of Officers and the Annual Report.

Flamettes

We meet first Monday of the month (except Jan, July, and Aug), at 7pm in the Solway Town Hall. Come join us. We do fundraising for the Fire Dept.

Our annual Halloween Dance is Saturday, Oct. 26th at the Solway Town Hall. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Any Flamette will have tickets. Call Lori at 729-0806 for names of those selling tickets. DJ music from 8-12pm. Costume prizes and drawings. BYOB, setups WILL BE PROVIDED.

We will have a grocery and door prize raffle along with hot dogs and other goodies at the Fall Bingo on Saturday, November 23rd. Come and join in the fun.

Notary Service

Your Town Clerk is a State Licensed Notary. If you have documents that need your signature notarized call the town office and arrange a time to meet. This service is free of charge.

Suggestions for protecting your Credit, ATM or Debit Cards:

- Be cautious about disclosing your account numbers over the phone.
- Draw a line through blank spaces on charge or debit slips above the total so the amount cannot be changed.
- Don't sign a blank check or debit slip.
- Tear up carbons and save your receipts to check against your monthly statements.
- Cut up old cards—cutting through the account number—before disposing of them.
- Open monthly statements promptly and compare them with your receipts.
- Keep a record of your account numbers, expiration dates, and the telephone numbers of each card issuer so you can report a loss quickly.
- Carry only those cards that you anticipate you'll need.
- Don't carry your PIN in your wallet or purse or write it on your ATM or debit card.
- Carefully check ATM or debit card transactions before you enter the PIN or before you sign the receipt.

Bookmobile Service

The Arrowhead Library System provides a variety of library materials to the people of northeastern Minnesota. Books and other materials are checked out for three weeks and are due back the next date the Bookmobile will stop at your location.

Books taken from the Bookmobile may be returned at any Bookmobile stop or member library. Your Arrowhead Library System borrower's card may be used on the bookmobile, or at the 29 member public libraries.

In case of bad weather, or breakdown, library materials are automatically renewed for three weeks.

Available on your Bookmobile are:

- Adult and Children's Books
- Large Print Books
- DVDs
- Books on Cassette/CD
- Mail-A-Book Catalog
- Compact Disc Music
- Interlibrary Loans
- Answers to Your Reference Questions

Mail-A-Book service is also available to Bookmobile patrons. The Mail-A-Book catalog is a collection of paperback books, DVDs, audio books, and Gemstar e-book readers which are lent free of charge by mail. New catalogs are produced twice a year. This tax-supported service is available to most rural and homebound residents of Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, and St. Louis Counties in northern Minnesota.

For further information, contact the:

Arrowhead Library System
5528 Emerald Ave.
Mt. Iron, MN 55768
218-741-3840
1-800-257-1442

Currently the Bookmobile is down with mechanical problems. Watch the township sign for when they will start running again.

Craft and Rummage Sale

Saturday October 5th, 9 AM—1 PM
Solway Town Hall
Hwy #2 and Munger Shaw Road
Sponsor: Monday Bunch
Lunch: Good Fellowship Club

If you wish to have a display table call
729-8382. The cost is \$10.00

Fire Department Information

Are there smoke alarms installed in all your home's bedrooms? If the answer is "NO", then your home doesn't meet the current requirements for smoke alarm installation. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requires smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside all sleeping areas, and on every level of the home, including the basement.

Smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. According to the NFPA, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, roughly two-thirds of all home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or *no working* smoke alarms.

There are two different types of smoke alarms: ionization and photoelectric. An ionization alarm is typically more responsive to a flaming fire, such as a kitchen pan fire. A photoelectric alarm is typically more responsive to a smoldering fire, such as what might occur where a lighted cigarette is dropped on a sofa. Combination smoke alarms have both ionization and photoelectric capabilities. In accordance with NFPA, your fire department recommends installing either combination alarms, or both types of alarms, in bedrooms as well as throughout the home.

Interconnected smoke alarms offer the best protection; when one alarm sounds, they all do. A licensed electrician can install either hard-wired multiple-station alarms, or wire-less alarms. This is particularly important in larger or multiple-story homes, where the sound from distant smoke alarms may be reduced to the point that it may not be loud enough to provide proper warning. Smoke alarms detect and alert people to fire in its early stages, giving people the needed time to escape safely.

Your fire department offers the following tips for making sure the smoke alarms in your home are maintained and working properly:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once per month using the test button, and make sure everyone in your home knows their sound.
- If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away. Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they're 10-years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.

If anybody has questions and/or concerns about the updated smoke alarm requirements you may contact any member of the fire department or call the fire hall at 729-5134. You may also visit the NFPA's website at www.nfpa.org/smokealarms for more information.

SVFD Thanksgiving Bingo

The SVFD firefighters Thanksgiving Ham and Turkey Bingo will be held Sat., Nov. 23rd at 7:00 pm. The Flamettes Auxiliary will be selling refreshments during the evening. Come and enjoy the entertainment while supporting your firefighters.

National Night Out In Review

On Tuesday, Aug. 6th we had our second National Night Out. Estimates were that we had over 250 residents attending the event.

The kids enjoyed the face painting and Butch Hansen's train rides. The Solway Volunteer Fire Departments Open House was well attended. Adults and kids enjoyed trying their hands at handling the fire hose. SLC Sheriff's Canine unit and other deputies were on hand to answer questions and interact with those attending. Valerie Fox put on a dog obedience demonstration with a number of her canine's.

Literature was provided on a number of topics including Neighbors Keep Watch, Address Confidentiality for domestic violence, Medical Assistance for families, and information regarding the Minnesota Power Transmission line project.

The door prizes were won by: Fran Cook, Bobbie Jorgenson, Collin Aho, Gail Paulus, Nancy Johnson Kusel, Joan Peterson, and Paige Nylund.

Free hot dogs, chips, beverages and ice cream were enjoyed by all. We received many comments that it was an informative and enjoyable evening — that we should do it again!

MUNGER HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

**Friday October 25th 2013
at the Solway Town Hall
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Purchase of ticket good for:
Hot Dogs – Pop – Popcorn
Carnival Games
Bingo – Fish Pond
Face Painting – Cake Walk
Raffle – AND MORE!!!!**

Join in the costume parade

Come and join the fun & festivities

**Volunteers and donations are always welcome
Please call the Town Hall Office 729-5134**

Township Election Day

Township elections are March 11, 2014. The office of Township Supervisor will be on the ballot. One 3-year term is expiring and candidates wishing to file for this position may do so from December 31, 2013 to Jan14, 2014. Candidate filing for the March election closes at 5:00 PM Tuesday January 14, 2014. You may contact the Town Clerk at 729-5134 for information on how to file, or stop in during office hours.

You Have a Place: Solway Town Hall

Did you know the town hall is available to residents/property owners of the township for you family events? The hall is used for weddings, receptions, funerals, luncheons, birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions, family gatherings to celebrate Baptisms or Confirmations, rummage sales, craft sales, etc. If you have an upcoming event and your home is too small or you can't trust the weather for an outdoor gathering think "town hall".

The hall is available to each family once per year free of charge unless you serve alcohol. If you have a gathering where alcoholic beverages are served a security officer is hired by the township at \$25 per hour paid by the renter plus a \$50 non-refundable clean up charge must be paid. If your event is alcohol free a \$25 reservation fee is necessary but refundable after the event. Call the town hall at 729-5134. If the clerk's not in leave you name, telephone number and date of your rental. Call far enough in advance of your event that if your initial date is taken another time can be found.

YOUR POLITICAL CONTACTS

US Sen Amy Klobuchar—302 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 1-202-224-3244
Virginia, MN Office 1-888-224-9043

US Sen Al Franken—320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 1-202-224-5641
Duluth, MN 722-2390

US Rep Rick Nolan—2447 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington DC 1-202-225-6211
Duluth, MN 218-464-5094

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton—130 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 1-651-201-3400 or 800-657-3717

MN Sen Tom Bakk-State Capitol room 226
1-651-296-8881

MN Rep Mary Murphy-443 State Office Building
1-651-296-2676 or 800-890-5428

County Commissioner Pete Stauber
Duluth Court House
726-2450

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Township Events Calendar

October 5Craft and Rummage Sale 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
October 8.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm
October 12.....Country Music Show 5:00 pm
October 25.....Halloween Carnival 6:00–9:00 pm
October 26.....Flamettes Halloween Dance 8:00–midnight
November 9Country Music Show 5:00 pm
November 12.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm
November 23.....SVFD Bingo 7:00 pm
December 10.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm
December 14.....Country Music Show 5:00 pm