

Solway Section Lines

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In Recognition...

October is fire prevention month. It's a time to become aware of fire hazards that may lurk around our homes and to do something about correcting them. It's a time to teach our children how to get out of the house and where the family should gather outside in case a fire should occur. It's a time to check our fire alarms and fire extinguishers to ensure they're functioning properly. It's a time to be grateful for the men and women who daily serve the Solway community as firefighters and medical first responders.

It's easy to forget that these volunteers stand ready 24 hours a day seven days a week to come to your or my aid in case of a medical or fire tragedy. 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.

Solway Township is fortunate to have men and women willing to give of themselves and have the support of their families in providing these services to our families and community. Nationally, statewide and even more locally, communities are in crisis because as firefighters retire or for some reason resign from service, new recruits are not available to continue in their places. Consequently families, homes, businesses and forest resources are more endangered and fire insurance rates are escalating.

Let's not take our good fortune for granted, but be sure to thank our firefighters for their continued service. Our current firefighters are:

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| Chris La Graves-Chief | Jim Johnson-Asst Chief | Nick Hite-1st Capt |
| Bob Priolo-2nd Capt | Boo Hanson-Senior FF | Josh Hushes-Senior FF |
| Shawn Monson-FF/EMT | Eric Monson-FF/EMT | Jeff Keppers-President |
| Nick Priolo-FF/EMT | Chris-Tverberg-Fire Marshall | Joe Pikul-Medical Officer |
| Alex Canturia-Secretary | Casey Modich-Vice President | Kate Hite-Treasurer |
| Gary Miller-Probationary | Rich Ek-Probationary | Mike Jeka-Probationary |
| Natalie Cozzi-Probationary | | |

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Solway Township's facilities are the busiest in the county. There's seldom a weekend or weekday evening that cars aren't parked at the town hall for some event. People repeatedly compliment the clerk or other board members on how beautiful and well cared for are our town hall and facilities. This doesn't just happen but is due to the conscientiousness and ownership values of your township employees. We appreciate their keeping our Townsite grounds, buildings and the Solway Cemetery in good condition.

Leon Forstrom, Veronica Childers and Paul Dunaiski do our grounds keeping and building maintenance. Jim Miller supervises the recycling shed operation. John Childers continues to volunteer cutting the roadside grass and in helping with other maintenance needs. We appreciate their consistent good work.

### Recognition Dinner December 3rd: Social 6:30—Dinner 7:00

The Solway Electorate at the Annual Meeting in March authorized the Town Board to host a recognition dinner for our firefighters and their spouse/guest; retired firefighters and their spouse/guest; current and retired Flamettes and their spouse/guest and our employees and their spouse/guest. All of these individuals deserve out thanks and recognition for a job well done in service to the Solway Community.

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## SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

- Chalperson:** Ron Gajewski
- Supervisors:** Clare R. Stromlund and Scott Welsh
- Clerk:** Regena Merritt
- Deputy Clerk:** Terri Jensen
- Treasurer:** Cindy Moe
- Office Hours:** M, T, Th 9-3

**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 2015-2016

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:

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| 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 2015. 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.

If you have a road maintenance issue please contact the town office at 729-5134 to bring it to our attention.

## Cemetery Reminder

Township Cemetery regulations require that all flowers and plants allowed in our cemetery must be removed by Sept. 30. Beginning Oct. 12, 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. 26. After Oct. 26 all unclaimed flower pots, holders, etc. will be disposed of by township personnel. Please claim all items by Oct. 26. 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 9th 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 this calendar quarter on Saturdays, Oct. 10th, Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th. These dates are the second Saturday of each month. Prior to the music show a potluck is held at 5:00. If you wish to participate 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.

Bill is finding it difficult to get musicians the 2nd Saturday of the month as the show conflicts with another show the same Saturday on the Range. Negotiations are in progress to move our show to the 1st Saturday of the month in 2016 when these dates are available. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

## Halloween Carnival Friday, Oct. 23

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 23rd 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.

## Community Club News...

### Solway Senior Citizens

We had a catered picnic and played bingo in July. Rachel Larson from Edgewood Vista came out in August to talk about their Adult Day Care program which gives the caregiver a chance to get out and do some errands or whatever. Someone from the Whole Foods Co-op came in September. We will be making plans for our Christmas Party. We will serve lunch at the October 3rd Craft Sale. We had election of officers and will install a new President.

It's the end of summer and we will be looking forward to the Holidays.

### Maple Grove 4-H

We will begin signing up for next year, this is usually done in October. Our meeting will be the third Monday in October at 6:00 PM at Solway Town Hall.

Contact Valerie Coit, County 4-H Program Coordinator at 218-733-2870.

### Monday Bunch

We will be having our Craft and Rummage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 3rd from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the Solway Town Hall. The Seniors will serve lunch and have a food raffle basket. Our tables are filled. Rummage sale will be downstairs, and crafts upstairs. Our spring craft sale will be Saturday May 7th, 2016, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

We meet every Monday from 12:30 to 4:00 PM (except holidays) with a pot luck at 2:00 PM. Bring your craft and join us for conversation sharing our talents.

### Lakehead Harvest Reunion

Meeting November 2, 2015 at 7:30 PM downstairs at the Solway Town Hall.

Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers February 20, 2016, at 5:00 PM with a pot luck supper starting about 5:30 PM.

### Munger Goodfellowship Club

We held meetings in July and August and made a turkey to hang in the window for Thanksgiving.

We plan to have a brunch at the Field Station in Proctor in September. We meet in October with the Area Homemakers at Solway town hall with the Maple Grove Homemakers hosting.

We will have a grocery raffle at the craft sale October 3rd, and some of us will attend the Halloween Carnival for the Township. There will be an auction at our November meeting and we will be making plans for our Christmas party.

Have a great fall and we can start looking toward the Holidays.

### Flamettes

Sept. 14th was our first meeting back from vacation.

The Halloween Dance will be on Saturday October 24th from 8:00 PM to midnight. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door.

We will be helping the Solway Volunteer Fire Dept in their Thanksgiving bingo again by selling food and pop; a grocery raffle and a gift raffle. Come and support your Fire Department.

We meet the first Monday of the month (except Jan, July and Aug) at 700 PM. Any individual who wishes to join is welcome to with \$2.00 dues for the year. Our purpose is to raise money for the Volunteer Fire Dept.

### South St. Louis County Fair-Proctor

The Fair is over and we are planning ahead to next year. Our Annual Meeting will be held at the Solway Town Hall on Tues Oct 20th. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM and meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Dinner is \$10.00 and membership is \$5.00. There will be an election of Board members and annual report. Winter Storage will be available Oct. 17th and 18th, 24th and 25th, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturdays and 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sundays. First come, first served. \$10.00 per lineal foot.

Thank you for coming and supporting the fair, and all of you who entered your exhibits. There is some awesome talent in the community. Get to work on your next years projects. We'll be looking to see you come July.

### 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.

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 with 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!

### 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. Remember that it's necessary that you sign your document in the notary's presence as they are testifying to and certifying that it is your signature.

## 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.

During the next calendar quarter the bookmobile will be at the town hall Oct 15, Nov 11, and Dec 17 3:00 to 3:45 PM.

For further information, contact the:

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

## Craft and Rummage Sale

Saturday October 3rd, 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

## Staying Safe

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.

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 more responsive to a flaming fire, such as a kitchen pan fire. A photoelectric alarm is typically more responsive to a smoldering fire. Combination smoke alarms have both ionization and photoelectric capabilities. NFPA 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.

## Local honey good for you, the bees and the Environment.

Northeast Minnesota Beekeepers Association is a relatively new club; they began in 2008 and are primarily based out of Cloquet and Duluth, MN.

They are about 90 members strong. So far they cover a geographical area from Togo, MN to southern Superior, WI and Two Harbors to Sandstone. They are a diverse group, in that they have members who have been beekeeping for over 23 years as well as some members who have yet to start their first hive. If you already have bees and are just looking for a group of like minded individuals then you are invited too. Some manage numerous hives and others just one or two. They very much enjoy the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from others' experiences.

They are always welcoming of new members and visitors alike. If you're not sure if beekeeping is for you or if you'd just like to come and learn, feel free to sit in on a meeting. They meet the 4th Monday of the month Jan. through Dec. at Fond Du Lac Tribal Community College 12101 14th St, Cloquet, MN, Room 230. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM for discussion, etc. Feel free to contact them.

Email: [nemnbeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:nemnbeekeepers@gmail.com)

Website: [nemnbeekeepers.org](http://nemnbeekeepers.org)

## SVFD Thanksgiving Bingo

The SVFD firefighters Thanksgiving Ham and Turkey Bingo will be held Sat., Nov. 21st 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. 4th we had our third National Night Out. Estimates were that we had over 300 residents attending the event.

The kids enjoyed the face painting and Butch Hansen's train rides. The Solway Volunteer Fire Departments Open House and ice cream stand was well attended. Adults and kids enjoyed trying their skill at handling the fire hose. SLC Sheriff's deputies were on hand to answer questions and interact with those attending. Valerie Fox and the Twin Ports Kennel Club put on a dog obedience demonstration with a number of the club's canine's.

Literature was provided on a number of topics including: USDA loan information, Address Confidentiality for domestic violence, Medical Assistance for families, and voting information.

The door prizes were won by four township residents.

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

## MUNGER HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

**Friday October 23, 2015  
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**

## You Have a Place: Solway Town Hall

Did you know the town hall is available to residents/property owners of the township for your 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

## Township Election Day

Township elections are March 8, 2016. 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 29, 2015 to Jan 12, 2016. Candidate filing for the March election closes at 5:00 PM Tuesday January 12, 2016. You may contact the Town Clerk at 729-5134 for information on how to file, or stop in during office hours.

**Town Office**  
**4029 Munger Shaw Road**  
**Cloquet, MN 55720**

**Phone: 218-729-5134**  
**Fax: 218-729-5651**  
**Email: solwayclerk@hotmail.com**

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## *Solway Section Lines*

If your 911 sign needs updating  
contact:

St. Louis County 911 Communications  
Department 2030 Arlington Ave  
Duluth, MN 55811  
Phone: 218-726-2921  
Fax: 218-726-2923  
Email:  
addressing@stlouiscountymn.gov

They will help with the ordering of your  
new sign. Remember the new two-  
sided signs help find you more quickly  
in an emergency and could save your  
or a loved one's life.

### **Township Events Calendar**

October 3 .....Craft and Rummage Sale 9:00 am to 1:00 PM  
October 10..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
October 13.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
October 15.....Bookmobile 3:00—3:30 PM  
October 23.....Halloween Carnival 6:00—9:00 PM  
October 24.....Flamettes Halloween Dance 8:00—midnight  
November 5.....Bookmobile 3:00—3:30 PM  
November 10.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
November 14..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
November 21.....SVFD Bingo 7:00 PM  
December 8.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
December 12..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
December 17.....Bookmobile 3:00—3:30 PM