

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:

Nick Priolo FF/EMR-Chief	Jim Johnson EMR Asst Chief	Bob Priolo EMR-1st Capt
Mike Jeka EMR - 2nd Capt	Boo Hanson FF Secretary	Josh Hughes-Sr FF Sec
Jeff Nelson FF/EMT Asst Sec	Jeff Keppers FF/EMR-Pres	Chris Tverberg FF/EMR
Nick Hite EFF/EMR	Casey Modich FF/EMR-V Pres	Alex Cantuira FF EMT
Kate Hite EFF/EMR	Gary Miller-Probationary	Natalie Cozzi FF/EMT
Martina Carlson FF/EMR	Veronica Priolo-Probationary	Colin Vogel-Probationary
Austin MacDonald-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, Paul Dunaiski and Carla Lasky do our grounds keeping and building maintenance. Paul Dunaiski 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 1st: 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 our thanks and recognition for a job well done in service to the Solway Community.

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## SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

**Chalperson:** Scott Welsh  
**Supervisors:** Clare R. Stromlund and Ron Gajewski  
**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](http://solwaytownship-MN.gov)

**Email:**  
[solwayclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:solwayclerk@hotmail.com)

## Snow Removal for 2016-2017

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 from which the plow comes. 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    |

## Road Maintenance Update

Roadside grass cutting, brushing and ditching is completed for 2016. 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.

St Louis County has completed chip sealing Morris Thomas and Solway Roads. Munger Shaw Road reconstruction should be completed in the near future.

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. 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. 24. After Oct. 24 all unclaimed flower pots, holders, etc. will be disposed of by township personnel. Please claim all items by Oct. 24. 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 10th 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. 8th, Nov. 12th and Dec. 10th. 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. In 2017 our show will be the 1st Saturday of each month. Be sure to mark your calendars for 2017 with the new dates.

## Halloween Carnival Friday, Oct. 28

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 28rd 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

Solway Senior Citizens meet every third Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM at the Solway Town Hall. The object of this organization is to promote sociability among senior citizens. All senior citizens are invited to attend who live in the area. We have either entertainment or play bingo at our meetings. Coffee and snacks are provided. Feel free to join us!

### Maple Grove 4-H

We meet at 6:00 PM on the third Monday of each month. Contact Amy Johnson, or Tim Caines who is the County 4-H Program Coordinator at 218-733-2873.

### Monday Bunch

We held our Craft and Rummage Sale on Saturday September 24th. Thanks to all who came and supported the local vendors. Our next sale will be April 29th, 2017. For a craft table call Bonnie at 218-729-8382.

Come join us on Monday from 12:30 to 4:00 PM. Bring your crafts and join the conversation.

### Lakehead Harvest Reunion

We had a good show this year. There was a little bit of rain off and on all day Saturday.

We had an animal petting area and a scavenger hunt for the kids. The kids earn prizes by going to different places throughout the show and getting points that they can turn in for a prize. Over 400 kids attended the show.

We have been working on the dining building to complete some updates.

Our regular meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM downstairs at the Solway Town Hall.

### Munger Goodfellowship Club

We met September 8th at Shirley Nylund's home. We made Krumkake.

In October we will be going to French River for a Holiday Get-together with four other Homemaker Clubs. In November we will be having an auction!

New members are welcome. Call Shirley at 729-7066.

### South St. Louis County Fair-Proctor

Our Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday October 18th, 6:00 PM dinner and 7:00 PM meeting and election of officers. Cost is \$10 for dinner.

We are working on next years fair and our convention is in January when we hope to finalize many of our contracts.

### Flamettes

Our Halloween Dance will be on October 29th 8:00 PM to midnight. Tickets are \$7 in advance, or \$10 at the door. This is a fundraiser for the Solway Volunteer Fire Department. We serve set-ups and hot dogs. Come join us for a fun time!

We will also be selling bars, pop, coffee, hot dogs and popcorn at the firemen's bingo on November 19th, along with a grocery and gift raffle. This is always a big event for the Fire Department. Please come and support your local Volunteer Fire Department.

### 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 and Deputy Clerk are State Licensed Notaries. 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.

### AARP Driver Safety Program Refresher

If you are over 55, you can receive credit on your insurance, including a 10% discount, for completing this course. Class includes films, lectures, and tapes, and is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Location: Solway Town Hall

Friday November 11th 1:00–5:00 PM

Cost : \$18 members, \$23 non-members.

Please contact Proctor/Hermantown Community Education at 729-9313 ext 6075 to register.

## 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 home-bound 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 Thursday Oct 6 & 27, Nov 17, and Dec 8 & 29— 3:00 to 3:45 PM.

For further information, contact the:

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

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## Additional Community Ed Classes at Solway Town Hall

**Introduction to Chromebooks:** Wed Nov 16, 1-2 PM  
Cost is \$10.

**Introduction to Goggle Docs:** Wed Dec 14, 10–11 AM  
Cost is \$10.

**Motion is Lotion— Training for a healthier body:**  
Sept 7 through Dec 21, Mondays and Weds 10-11 AM  
FREE

**AGE to Age Holiday Sweater Party:** Youth are encouraged to bring an older adult. Wear your ugly sweater while decorating ornaments and cookies! Monday Dec 19 6-8 PM Cost is \$2.

## The Flamettes

Solway Township is home to a group that call themselves the Flamettes. Flamettes is short for the Solway Township Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. The Flamettes have been active in the Solway community since October 26, 1964 when it was founded.

The defined purpose of the Auxiliary as stated in its constitution and by-laws is "to raise money for equipment for the fire department, to bring coffee and lunch for the firefighters if there is a bad fire, and to help with small children if there is a house fire."

The charter and early members of the Auxiliary were: Ruth Cardinal, Effie Foucault, Francis Gustafson, Jessie Hughes, Helen E. Johnson, Shirley Kalm, Barbara Kroll, Lorraine MacLeod, Shirley Mahnke, Darlene Oachs, Harriett Pelletier, Cyril Pichatta, Olive Rogalla, Bonnie Siiro, Elsie Stohlberg, Audrey Swanstrom and Valeria Witte. Over the years many others have served their community through involvement in the Flamettes as their personal and family circumstances permitted.

Since its inception the Auxiliary has raised over \$40,000 for the department through various types of fund raisers including grocery raffles, bingo raffles, bingo refreshments, dances, sale of first aid kits, pancake breakfasts, etc. These monies have purchased innumerable types of equipment for the fire department.

The auxiliary meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Solway Town Hall. They have elected officers: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Elections are held in June of each year. Membership dues are \$2.00 per year.

Membership is open to all adults in the township. If you have some extra time and would like to be involved in such a way as to make a difference in your community, this is the group to join. Needless to say, while involved in activities that benefit many, members also enjoy the camaraderie and good fellowship that comes from working and playing together. If you'd like to join call the town office and we'll get your name to a current member. If you know someone who is a member let them know you'd like to join. We encourage all residents to help the Flamettes through participation in their fund raisers.

Thanks so much for your ongoing help and involvement in our community. It's a better place to live because of it.

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Proctor Hermantown Community Education offers many classes at other area locations. If you have not received their Fall 2016 Community Education brochure please contact them to request one at 218-729-9313.

### **SVFD Thanksgiving Bingo**

The SVFD Firefighters Thanksgiving Ham and Turkey Bingo will be held Sat., Nov. 19th at 6:00 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. 2nd we had our fourth 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.

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 a fun and enjoyable evening.

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## **MUNGER HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

**Friday October 28, 2016  
at the Solway Town Hall  
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Purchase of tickets 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 \$35 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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### **General Election Day**

The General Election is November 8th, 2016.  
Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

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**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 Communica-  
tions 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 6 .....Bookmobile 3:00–3:45 PM  
October 8 .....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
October 11.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
October 27.....Bookmobile 3:00–3:30 PM  
October 28.....Halloween Carnival 6:00–9:00 PM  
October 29.....Flamettes Halloween Dance 8:00–midnight  
November 8.....General Election polls open 7:00 AM–8:00PM  
November 12.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
November 15.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
November 17.....Bookmobile 3:00–3:30 PM  
November 19.....SVFD Bingo 6:00 PM  
December 8.....Bookmobile 3:00-3:45 PM  
December 10 .....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
December 13.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
December 29.....Bookmobile 3:00–3:45 PM