

# 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 — Chief  
Mike Jeka - 2nd Capt  
Jeff Nelson— FF/EMT/Treas.  
Kate Hite — FF/EMR  
Mark Vogel—FF/EMR

Jim Johnson - Asst Chief  
Boo Hanson — Secretary  
Jeff Keppers FF/EMR-Pres  
Martina Carlson FF/EMR  
Ross Adams — Prob

Bob Priolo E -1st Capt  
Josh Hughes—FF/EMR  
Casey Modich—V Pres  
Veronica Priolo - FF/EMR  
Austin MacDonald-Prob



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 Erik Kunelius 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 November 30, 2017: Social 5:30—Dinner 6:00

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

**Chairperson:** Clare R. Stromlund  
**Supervisors:** Scott Welsh and Ron Gajewski  
**Clerk:** Theresa Jensen  
**Deputy Clerk:** Regena Merritt  
**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 2017-2018

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:

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 brushing, tree trimming, culvert replacement and ditching are completed for the year. Roadside grass cutting and grading will continue as needed.

St. Louis County has newer and larger snowplowing trucks with belly plows and side wings that require bigger turnaround areas on our dead end township roads. We thank our residents at the end of these roads for allowing St. Louis County and Township Road maintenance vehicles to spill over from our turnarounds onto their driveways and property when turning around. This is greatly appreciated.

We thank all our residents who have reported street light outages, failing culverts and other maintenance issues to the town office so we could address the problems.

## 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 11th 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. If you have difficulty sitting for a long period of time come for part of the evening.

Bill Pelto and his musicians/singers will be performing this calendar quarter on Saturdays: Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th and Dec. 2nd. These dates are the first 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.

## Halloween Carnival Friday, Oct. 27

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 27rd 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.

## Online Burning Permits

The online burning permit system will now allow the public to hear the current status and restrictions for any county. Follow the steps below to get the most up to date information regarding burning restrictions:

1. Call phone number: 866-533-2876
2. Push option 7 followed by the # sign
3. The county number followed by the # sign (69) for St. Louis County.

Any questions, please contact DNR at 218-878-5642.

## 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 not just the township. 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 congratulate Laura Johnson for her many awards received at the South St. Louis County Fair and at the Minnesota State Fair this year.

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

### Monday Bunch

Our Craft and Rummage Sale will be Saturday, September 30th from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Some new vendors. Come check it out. Join us on Mondays from 12:30 PM—4:00 PM. Bring your craft and join the conversation.

### Lakehead Harvest Reunion

We had a poor year as we were rained out on Saturday. Friday's weather was good, and we had a fairly good Sunday. We had a lot of pulling cars and trucks out of mud in the parking lot. We thank all who braved the rain and came to the show anyway.

We are now having our meetings at the Solway Town Hall on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the downstairs hall.

### Munger Goodfellowship Club

In September, we met at the Proctor Railroad Museum which we greatly enjoyed. The Club made a donation toward its upkeep.

On October 17th, we will be going to Floodwood for a Holiday Get-together with four other Homemaker Clubs.

On November 9th, 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 17th, 6:00 PM dinner and 7:00 PM meeting and election of officers. Cost is \$10 for dinner. Thank you for supporting our fair and work on your entries for next year.

### Skating Fun

Plans will be 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.

### Tips for Keeping Teens Safe on Social Media

More than 60% of teens in the U.S. have at least one social media account. While being online is a good way to keep in touch with friends, it's important for parents to be proactive about internet safety.

Unfortunately, there are people who can use your child's personal information to steal identities, bully them or begin an inappropriate relationship. Help protect students from online dangers by following these safety tips.

1. Keep your child's profile private so that only family and people you know can see their photos, important dates, and other information.
2. Make sure your kids aren't posting personal details, including phone numbers, home address, and the name of their school.
3. Only allow them to publish photos and videos that don't jeopardize their safety or integrity.
4. Make sure they choose a strong password that can't be guessed and update the password every three months.
5. Never allow your kids to accept friend requests from people they don't know.
6. Keep an open dialogue with your children. Ask them to let you know if they've received private messages from a stranger or from someone at school who is teasing, harassing or threatening them. Those could be signs or cyber-bullying.

## 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 19th, Nov 9th and 30th, and Dec 21st— 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

### Craft and Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 1PM  
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 Flamettes

When you tell people you are a member of the Flamettes, they have grand images of majorette costumes and flaming batons being hurled through the air. What we actually are, is an auxiliary for the Solway Volunteer Fire Department. We have events throughout the year that supply money to purchase equipment needed by these volunteers to ensure their safety, and supplies needed to help the members of our township and surrounding townships. What we also provide are events that bring out small township together. In a fast-paced world, where what it means to be a small town is quickly disappearing, the Flamettes provide community. A chance to step outside your door and talk to neighbors and catch up with old friends or meet new people.

Our members consist of four officers: Lori Johnson-President, Stacy Stuber-Vice President, Stacie Oaklund-Secretary, and Kristi Modich-Treasurer.

Our other members include Mary Bush, Karen Hildre, Barbara Mattson, Shirley Nylund, Bonnie Sirro, Clare Stromlund, Sharen Vanden-Heuvel and April Vogel.

Our recently retired members include Millie Warren and Betty Everett and members recently passed are Valeria Witte and Laura McCuskey.

In the past five years, the Flamettes have given the Solway Volunteer Fire Department about \$15,500. None of this is possible without our town coming together and supporting our events. So, come to our bingos and try to snatch one of Karen Hildre's amazing Special K bars. Support our pancake breakfast and get some sausage from Clare who looks so debonair wearing his frilly apron. Or join our group and support our community and our hard working department.

## Motion is Lotion Class

A class designed to focus on breathing techniques, stress reduction, agility, balance, muscle tone and cardiovascular stamina.

Instructor: Karen R. Ruona  
Location: Solway Town Hall  
Cost: Free  
Dates: September 25, 2017–April 25, 2018  
Time: 10:00 AM–11:00AM

Proctor Hermantown Community Education offers many classes at other area locations. If you have not received their Fall 2017 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. 18th 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 fifth 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 were well attended. Adults and kids enjoyed trying their skill at handling the fire hose and a number got wet. 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. Carlton County Mounted Posse members represented their organization and gave information about their program to those interested. Classic cars were oohed and aahed by the younger group while the older folks were reminiscent of days gone by.

The five door prizes were won by our 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. Many thanks to all the Special Events Committee Members and other Volunteers who made the evening happen.

## MUNGER HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

**Friday October 27, 2017  
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 \$100 non-refundable clean up charge must be paid. There is also a \$300 damage deposit that is refunded if the hall is left in good condition. A \$25 date reservation fee is necessary to reserve the hall 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. For example graduation parties are already being scheduled for 2019.

## 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

## Solway Township Recycling Shed

Location: 4029 Munger Shaw Road  
Hours: Wed. 3:30PM—6:30PM  
Sat. 7:00AM—Noon

Questions??  
Call WLSSD Hotline

**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*

### **Township Events Calendar**

September 30.....Craft Sale 9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
October 7 .....Country Music Show-5:00 PM  
October 10.....Town Board Meeting- 6:30 PM  
October 19.....Bookmobile 3:00—3:30 PM  
October 27.....Halloween Carnival 6:00—9:00 PM  
November 4.....Country Music Show-5:00 PM  
November 9.....Bookmobile 3:00—3:30 PM  
November 14.....Town Board Meeting -6:30 PM  
November 18.....SVFD Bingo -6:00 PM  
November 30.....Bookmobile 3:00-3:45 PM  
December 2.....Country Music Show -5:00 PM  
December 12.....Town Board Meeting -6:30 PM  
December 21.....Bookmobile 3:00—3:45 PM