

# Solway Section Lines

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## Road Maintenance for 2018

The Township Roads inspection was held April 27th this year. Grading, gravel application, dust control, culvert replacement, ditching, sign replacement, roadside brushing and mowing were planned for May, June, July and August.

- 152 loads of gravel were applied to the roads during May.
- 7,644 gallons of calcium chloride were applied to roads during June.
- A road culvert will be replaced on the North Hanson Road and an entrance culvert on the Stonelake Road.
- Roadside mowing will continue over the summer months.
- Ditching will be done on Gaus, Heine and Lindrose Roads. Some surface rocks will be removed on the Lindrose Road as well.
- No brushing will take place this year but some tree trimming will be required where traffic signs are blocked or where trees were wind blown.
- Railroad approach signs will be replaced on the Jerry and Jeffrey Roads as they no longer meet retro reflectivity requirements.
- Roads will continue to be graded every three weeks or more frequently as needed.
- Planning of possible crack filling, seal coating and re-striping of blacktop surface on our parking lots and basketball courts is being explored.

Remember if you are developing property in the Township and need to put in a culvert for access it is necessary to get an entrance permit from the County if your property is on a county road, or from the Township if your property is on a Township Road.

If you have a particular problem on your road, please call the township office at 729-5134 so we can address it.

## Town Hall Improvements

Thank you for putting up with some inconvenience as building improvements were made over the past several months.

Our aging handicapped ramp was completely reconstructed with maintenance free materials as well as the decking, stairs and handrails on the front and rear porches. A new cross beam and support posts were needed on the front porch as the existing posts were deteriorating badly causing the porch to sag and eventually pull away from the building.

The downstairs two door entrance unit was replaced with a single powered door making it more accessible for individuals with disabilities.

Finally, the roofing and whirlybird vents were replaced on the building.

These improvements enhance the building's Americans with Disability Act compliance, ensure the building's weather integrity and improve its appearance.

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### SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

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Scott Welsh

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**Treasurer:** Cindy Moe

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**For Hall Rentals call 729-5134, leave your name, number and date wanted.**

**Phone: 218-729-5134**

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[solwaytownship-MN.gov](http://solwaytownship-MN.gov)

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

## Referendum Funds

As part of the Proctor School Referendum the four townships in the district, Canosia, Grand Lake, Midway and Solway, were each awarded \$50,000 to be used for enhancing recreational facilities and equipment for children. As expenditures are made bills are presented to the school board for payment.

To date we have purchased two new sets of soccer goals and nets: one for our U-12 field, and one for our U-8 field. In addition new team benches were purchased for the U-19 and U-12 fields and a bleacher was installed at the U-19 field.

During the next month to six weeks a new light system will be installed at our basketball court/ice rink. This will consist of a new pole at each end with two light heads on each pole. The current wooden pole is tilting and noticeably decayed.

If you have further ideas for enhancing our recreational facilities please call the office with your suggestions so they may be considered by your Township Board.

## National Night Out 2018

This year the National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday August 7th 5-8 PM. This event "has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in the fight for a safer nation."

Furthermore the "National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. The goal is to heighten crime-prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back."

It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors even better.

Last year free food consisting of hot dogs, beverages and bars were enjoyed by all. Ice cream cones were distributed by fire fighters during the Fire Department Open House. Kids enjoyed handling the fire hoses, face painting, and Butch Hanson's train rides. Valerie Fox and the Twin Ports Kennel Club put on a dog obedience demonstration. St. Louis County Deputy Sheriffs were on hand with the K-9 unit to answer questions and interact with residents.

The previous events were seen as being successful by those attending. We will continue sponsoring the Night Out this year. Consequently, we will start planning for this event. Special Event members will meet prior to the Night Out for planning the evening. They will need the help of the entire Solway Community so please call the town office 729-5134 to volunteer or offer ideas.

## Absentee Voting

You can apply for a ballot any time during the year, except the day of the election. Leave time for election officials to mail your ballot and for you to return it on or before Election Day.

Ballots will be sent starting June 29 for the 2018 Primary Election and September 21 for the 2018 General Election.

If you are a resident of St. Louis County and want to vote by absentee ballot, you must complete and submit an absentee ballot application. Absentee ballots will be available 46 days before an election. Minnesota voters no longer need a reason to vote absentee.

You may check the status of your application or ballot on the Secretary of State website [www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting). To apply online click on the link Online Absentee Ballot Application. To download a paper application click on Paper Absentee Ballot Application.

Applications should be returned to the County Auditor's Office by mail, fax, or email. Mail applications to St. Louis County Auditor, 100 N 5th Ave. W., Room 214, Duluth, MN 55802; E-mail: [elections@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:elections@stlouiscountymn.gov); Fax: 218-725-5060.

## Country Music Show Continues

Live music performances will continue at the town hall the first Saturday of each month. Mr. Bill Pelto and his entourage of singers and musicians perform 6 to 9 PM. Come early, bring a food dish, and enjoy the potluck that runs from 5 to 6 PM. A dance floor is available for all wishing to kick up their heels rather than be just toe tappers. There is no admission charge but Bill puts out donation cans for free will offerings to cover show expenses. All performers and set-up crew donate their time and talents. Dates this calendar quarter are July 7th, August 4th, and September 1st. This year marks the 11th season of continuous shows. Thank you Bill!

## Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival will be held Friday, October 26th. The event will again be sponsored by Solway's Special Events Committee with help from many community volunteers young and old. If you'd like to be involved in planning and carrying out this Carnival give the town hall a call (729-5134) and let us know so you'll be notified of planning meetings. We always need more help in setting up the previous Thursday evening and in running the games on Friday itself.

## Thank You Goodfellowship Club

The Goodfellowship Club members continue to help beautify our townsites. The Club, with the help of the Senior Citizen Club and the Monday Bunch again purchased geraniums to decorate the town hall this summer. Shirley Nylund demonstrates her "green thumb" in planting the flowers. Our gratitude goes out to her and the rest of the contributors for their donations.

## Community Club News...

### Flamettes

Our next meeting will be September 10th at 7PM. We would like to thank everyone who supported us this past year. If you would like to join us, we meet the 1st Monday of the month at 7PM, except January, July and August, or if the Monday is a Holiday we meet the following Monday. We raise money for the Solway Volunteer Fire Department by holding a Halloween Dance, Pancake Breakfast and helping with the Easter and Thanksgiving Bingos by serving food, bars, and grocery and food basket raffles.

### Monday Bunch

We meet every Monday (except holidays) 12:30 PM to 4 PM for crafts, to share our knowledge and enjoy conversation. Come join us, there is always room for more. Our next Craft and Rummage Sale will be Saturday September 29th, 9 AM to 1 PM.

### Solway Senior Citizens

We had a grocery raffle and served lunch at the Craft Sale in May. Thanks to those who stopped in to shop or have a sloppy joe and coffee.

At our May meeting St. Louis County Sheriff Jeff Karkainen gave information on fraud and scam issues that our prevalent in our area.

After our meeting in June we played bingo. In July we will have a catered picnic at a cost of \$5.00 per member. The Seniors will serve lunch at the Monday Bunch Craft Sale September 29th.

### Maple Grove 4-H

The 4-H Club members are busy working on projects for the South St. Louis County Fair. We're looking for new members. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 PM. Amy Johnson is the contact person at 729-0503.

### Goodfellowship Club

Members meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at noon. Usually we meet at a restaurant for a meal, but also at members homes or the town hall. The club planted the geranium flowers at the town hall again this year. During July we're planning a trip to the Duluth zoo and in August visiting the rose garden. At the Spring meeting we make plans with other homemaker clubs for activities. We can use new members so give Shirley a call at 729-7066 to join us.

### Craft and Rummage Sale

Saturday September 29th 9 AM—1 PM

Solway Town Hall

Hwy #2 and Munger Shaw Road

Sponsor: Monday Bunch

If you wish to have a display table call  
Bonnie at 729-8382.

## Thank you .....

The Solway Town Board would like to thank our maintenance personnel for the fine work they do in keeping our town properties well groomed and attractive looking. We receive many compliments from residents and visitors alike that our facilities, buildings and grounds are always well cared for and make our townsite the finest in the area. Thanks Leon, Paul and Kerbie. Also, thank you John for your continued volunteer work grass cutting our township road right of ways.

We also wish to thank Ryan Forstrom, owner of Precision Painting and Drywall for again donating his time and equipment to apply a second coat of seal coat to our trail benches this spring. This will ensure the benches are well protected against weathering. Thanks Leon and Paul for donating your help on this project.

## Lake Head Harvest Show

The 57th Annual Show will be August 24, 25 and 26, 2018. The show grounds are located at 70 East St. Louis River Road which is east of Canosia Road. Donations are \$7.00 daily or \$13.00 for the weekend. Children 11 years and under are FREE. Handicapped parking and toiletries are available. The grounds are open daily at 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in any weather.

Demonstrations include: saw milling, classic motorcycle expo, thrashing, blacksmithing, wood shingle making, antique rock crushing, field work and potato digging, daily parades of tractors and vehicles. Other attractions: food concessions, petting zoo, steam and gas model engines and tractors, flea market, church service Saturday evening at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM. On Saturday there is an antique and classic tractor pull at 12:30 PM.

Bring the family. This is a valuable educational opportunity for our youth.

Check lakeheadharvest.org or brochures for further information.

Summer planning meetings will be July 2nd, Aug 6th and Sept 10th. Some changes from the first Monday are due to the holiday's.

## The Bookmobile Continues to Roll

The Bookmobile operated by the Arrowhead Library System is a convenient way to provide library materials for your family, especially the kids during the summer months.

The Bookmobile comes every three weeks on Thursday afternoons at 3 PM. They're in the parking lot for 45 minutes before moving on to their next location. Watch our township sign and website for when they will be here next. The next scheduled visits are Thursdays July 19th; August 9th and 30th; Sept 20th.

## Fireworks Safety

Now that the calendar says it is summer and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is fast approaching our firefighters would like to remind everyone about being safe with fireworks and to please review the following safety guidelines:

- Read, understand and follow the instructions on each device prior to using.
- Use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- Choose a safe place to use fireworks that is far from anything that could be damaged. Fireworks should only be ignited outdoors and away from animals, buildings, storage tanks, brush or combustible materials.
- Anyone acting in an irresponsible manner or who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs should not handle or discharge fireworks.
- Keep fireworks away from small children and store them in a cool dry location away from sources of ignition (heat and flames). Fireworks should not be allowed to become wet and should not be used when dried after becoming wet.
- Do not carry fireworks in your pocket or on your person.
- Never ignite fireworks inside another container, such as inside a bottle or can.
- Eye protection is recommended for those using fireworks. Never throw fireworks or aim them at another person, animal or building.
- Only light one firework device at a time, then move away from the device quickly. Keep clear of any device that has been ignited, but has yet to go off.
- If a firework device has been ignited but fails to go off, stay clear of the device for an extended period of time to prevent injury due to delayed activation. Soak the device in water before handling it.
- Never place any part of your body, especially your head, over the firework device when lighting. Approach the item from the side and light while keeping your body away from the item.
- Never relight malfunctioning fireworks. Never experiment with fireworks, make your own fireworks, or alter fireworks in any manner.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July.

## What if No One Answered the Call?

If you are 18 years of age or older, like helping other people and serving your community, we need you! Becoming a volunteer firefighter can be the most rewarding experience of your life while allowing you to reach out to someone in need. Together with the Solway Township Volunteer Fire Department you can ensure there is always someone to “answer the call”.

If you are interested in becoming a member contact Fire Chief Nick Priolo at 218-729-6304.

## 98th South St. Louis County Family Fair

The Fair starts Wednesday, July 11th at 6PM and continues through Sunday, July 15th. Check the Website for a full listing of events.

Entry day for Industrial Building is Tuesday July 10th 1PM–7:30PM. Bring your flowers, baked goods, produce and crafts.

Barn entry day is Wednesday July 11th 10AM-7:30PM.

The following is a list of some of the events:

Wednesday, July 11

5:30 PM Enduro Gates open

6PM Carnival opens

Thursday, July 12—Senior Day

Midway comes alive with Robotic Puppets

1-4 PM Whiskey Trail performs for Seniors

7-10 PM Whiskey Trail Band

The Hasse Family Petting Zoo

Friday, July 13

7-10 PM White Sidewalls perform

Saturday, July 14—Kids Day

Midway comes alive with Robotic Puppets

1-4 PM Fun Run

3 PM Designer purse bingo Hockey Arena

3 PM Crawling & Toddler Race

3:30 PM Kids Coin Scramble

5 PM Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

7 PM Silver Streak Band performs

Sunday, July 15

1-4 PM Amateur Talent Contest

5 PM Proctor Speedway presents Wisconsin Racing Night

Wrist Bands: Friday—Sunday 1-5 PM.

Race Track serves breakfast 6 AM to noon.

Website: [www.proctorduluthfair.com](http://www.proctorduluthfair.com)

## State Fire Wardens for Solway

To obtain a burning permit please contact one of the fire wardens listed below:

Dennis Essig, 6365 Morris Thomas Road, Cloquet, MN, 218-940-1966

George Hughes, 6995 Morris Thomas Road, Cloquet, MN, 879-2724

Donald Gimpel, 4387 Midway Road, Hermantown, MN, 729-6269

You may also get a burning permit at the Cloquet Area DNR Office by calling 879-0880, or online at [www.dnr.mn.us](http://www.dnr.mn.us). There is a \$5 charge per calendar year for the online service.

## Dog Agility Trials

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 28th and Sunday July 29th when the Arrowhead Dog Agility Association again hosts the USDAA sanctioned trials at the Solway town site. Dogs from all over the United States and Canada will be participating. Admission is free to everyone. It's a fun family event.

## Need Tables or Chairs?

Any Solway resident in need of tables and chairs for an event may contact the Town hall at 729-5134 and if no one is in leave a message with your name, phone number and date needed. Availability is limited so it is on a first come first serve basis.

## Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program

Safe at home helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other who fear for their safety by establishing a confidential mailing address. It helps survivors go about their daily lives without the risk of their abusers discovering their actual address.

Contact Safe at home at: 651-201-1399 toll-free 1-866-723-3025. Minnesota relay service: 711 or 1-800-627-3529. [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)

## Top Scams Within the Community

These are all scams and schemes. Do not share information or send money:

**Fake IRS Calls**—Scammers claim to be with the IRS and demand immediate payment. If you refuse, they threaten you with arrest. They IRS will never contact you by phone. They will send a letter.

**Lottery and Sweepstakes**— You receive a check and letter announcing you have won a large sum of money. You are asked to pay a fee to collect the prize. Never pay money to claim a prize.

**Grandparent Scam**—You receive a call from someone pretending to be your grandchild. The caller claims to be in trouble in a foreign country and asks you to wire money, to post bail, or pay for damages. The money goes to a scam artist and you are out thousands of dollars.

**Tech Support**—Someone claiming to be a computer technician contacts you via phone or email claiming there are problems with your computer.

**Home Repair or Inspection Fraud**—A person comes to your door and claims to be an expert who can do repairs at a very low price. Trust your instincts. If the "expert" uses high pressure sales tactics or you feel intimidated, turn them away. Never pay the full cost of a job up front.

**Imposter Schemes**—You receive calls or email from individuals claiming to be with Medicare, a credit card company or a bank. These communications ask you to verify your personal information. These are usually fraudulent. Please beware!

## WLSSD News

Safely dispose of unwanted and expired medications at a Take It To the Box drop box, located at participating law enforcement facilities in Duluth, Hermantown, and Proctor.

Take to the Box Medication Disposal for Residents:

- Duluth PD/St. Louis Co. Sheriff Public Safety Building, 2030 Arlington Avenue, Duluth.  
Open M-F 8 AM to 5 PM.
- Hermantown Police Department, 5111 Maple Grove Rd, Hermantown.  
Open M-F 8AM—4:30 PM.
- West Duluth Police Substation, 5830 Grand Ave, Duluth. Entrance is on Roosevelt St.  
Open M-F 8 AM to 4 PM.
- Proctor Police Department, 100 Pionk Drive, Proctor.  
Open M-F 8AM—4:30 PM.

## Changes.....

- Starting July 9th newspapers can be put in the same dumpster as mixed paper and cardboard.
- As of June 19th we are accepting **nickel cadmium** rechargeable batteries. There is a designated box at the recycling shed for their disposal. Bags are provided for packaging the batteries before being placed in the box.

Typical throw away flashlight batteries are carbon or alkaline and are **not** accepted.

- WLSSD has contracted with A-1 garbage service to accept the following plastics that are **clean and dry**:

- grocery bags / other store bags
- white garbage bags
- pliable clear plastic wrap (film)

Black garbage bags are **not** accepted. There is a separate container at the recycling shed for the plastics.

Thank you for following the above recycling regulations.

## Keep an Eye Out for Fall Community Education Brochure

Solway Township and Proctor/Hermantown Community Education have developed an agreement to hold some classes at the Solway Town Hall.

There are four easy ways to register for these or any other classes. Online: [www.ceconnects.com](http://www.ceconnects.com); Phone 218-626-6075; Mail: 4307 Ugstad Road, Hermantown, MN 55811; In person: Hermantown—4307 Ugstad Road or Proctor—100 Pionk Drive.

**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**

July 2 ..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
July 10.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
July 11-15 ..... St. Louis County Fair  
July 19.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
July 28-29 ..... Dog Agility Trials  
August 4.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
August .....National Night Out 5:00—8:00 PM  
August 9.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
August 14.....Primary Election—Polls Open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
August 21..(tentative).....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
August 24—26.....Lakehead Harvest Reunion  
August 30.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
September 1.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
September 11.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
September 20..... Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
September 29.....Craft and Rummage Sale 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
October 11.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
October 26.....Halloween Carnival 6:00 PM  
October 27.....Halloween Dance 7:00 PM