

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	Jim Johnson - Asst Chief	Bob Priolo -1st Capt
Mike Jeka - 2nd Capt	Boo Hanson	Veronica Priolo-Treasurer
Austin MacDonald	Adam Ross	Mark Vogel - Med Trainer
Brandon Porter	Amber Porter - Probationary	Brenda Tario-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.

Kerbie Merritt and Paul Dunaiski do our grounds keeping and building maintenance. Paul Dunaiski supervises the recycling shed operation and does roadside mowing. John Childers continues to volunteer. We appreciate their consistent good work.

## Recognition Dinner November 29th 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:** Ron Gajewski  
**Supervisors:** Scott Welsh and Clare R. Stromlund  
**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 2018-2019

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 is 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 12th 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. 6th, Nov. 3rd and Dec. 1st. 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. 26th

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 26th 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 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is pleased to offer citizens the option to purchase annual open burning permits online. Permits obtained through this system are valid for the calendar year in which they are purchased, but must be activated each day burning occurs by calling 866-538-2876. The fee for this annual open burning permit is five dollars (\$5.00). For more information visit the website: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)

You may also get your permit at the local DNR office at 1604 Hwy 33 South, Cloquet. Phone: 218-878-5640.

## 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. New members are welcome at any time. Contact Amy Johnson, or Tim Canines who is the County 4-H Program Coordinator at 218/733-2873

### Monday Bunch

We held our Craft and Rummage Sale on Saturday September 29th. Thanks to all who came and supported the local vendors. Some new vendors. Come check it out. For a craft table call Bonnie at 218-729-8382. Our next sale will be April 27th.

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

### Lakehead Harvest Reunion

Hay rides at the show grounds on December 14,15 & 21,22,23. Pictures with Santa and food available. The rides are handicapped accessible.

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

### Munger Goodfellowship Club

In October the Homemakers will attend their Annual Meeting in French River with other area clubs. They will also be planning their Christmas Party.

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

### South St. Louis County Fair-Proctor

Our Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday October 16th, 6:00 PM social hour with cake & coffee and 7:00 PM meeting and election of officers.

Thank you for supporting our fair and work on your entries for next year.

### SVFD Thanksgiving Bingo

The SVFD Firefighters Thanksgiving Ham and Turkey Bingo will be held Sat., Nov. 17th at 6:00 PM. The Flamettes Auxiliary will be selling refreshments during the evening. Come and enjoy the entertainment while supporting your firefighters.

### Flamettes

Our Halloween Dance will be on October 27th 8:00 PM to midnight. Tickets are \$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 17th, 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.

### Warming House Replacement

After forty plus years our warming house is being replaced. Surface water from heavy rains and melting snow has permeated the building causing wall deterioration and mildew and mold growth. The exterior siding and soffits are also in need of replacement. Consequently the Town Board has contracted for the demolition and replacement of the existing building.

The new building will have a well lighted gathering area and food serving area. A storage area will house tables and chairs for resident use. In addition to being a warming house during the winter months it will be available for kids parties during the entire year with its proximity to the skating/basketball courts, playground and athletic fields. Hopefully the building will be completed by our Winter Fun Day. The building will be financed through the Township's share of the Proctor School District's referendum monies.

### Resident Table and Chair Use

Our storage building at the town site has been removed. Currently tables and chairs are being housed in a downstairs storeroom in the town hall. If interested in using them contact the town clerk to reserve them and to arrange a time to pick them up.

### 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.

## General Election Day

The General Election is  
November 6th, 2018  
Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

## 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
- Audio Books
- Music CD's
- Video games
- Interlibrary Loans

During the next calendar quarter the bookmobile will be at the town hall Thursday Oct 11, Nov 1, and Dec 13— 3:00 to 3:45 PM.

**Mail-A-Book** service is also available to Bookmobile patrons. The Mail-A-Book catalog is a collection of paperback books, DVDs, audio books, 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 or 1-800-257-1442  
www.alslib.info

## Craft/Rummage Sale

Saturday Sept 29th 9AM to 1PM

Sponsor: Monday Bunch

Lunch: Solway Seniors

Sew, knit crochet items.

Leather, cards, hand crafts, candles,  
jewelry, canning, baked goods,  
honey, collectables,  
dolls, nascar.

## 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 hold several events throughout the year to raise money to help purchase equipment needed by these volunteers to ensure their safety, and also to provide supplies needed to help the members of our township and surrounding townships. These family friendly events bring our township together as a community. So go ahead and step outside your door for our next event! You'll be able to talk to neighbors, catch up with old friends and perhaps meet new people!

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

Other members include Mary Bush, Karen Hildre, Barbara Mattson, Shirley Nylund, Bonnie Sirro, Clare Stromlund, Sharen VanDenHeuvel and April Vogel.

In the past five years, the Flamettes have given the Solway Volunteer Fire Department about \$15,500. None of this would be 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. We meet the first Monday of each month.

Our next event is the Halloween Dance - Saturday October 27th, 8-midnight. \$10 Donation requested. Cash door prizes and raffles including a 2-night hotel stay in Duluth.

## Current Community Ed Class Offered at Solway Town Hall

Martial Arts—American Tae Kwon Do  
Weds 6:00 PM—7:00 PM

Contact Proctor Hermantown Community Ed at [www.ceconnects.com](http://www.ceconnects.com) or 218-628-6293

Martial Arts is designed to teach focus, concentration, muscle development, balance and gross motor coordination. The instructor uses a traditional and contemporary approach to training in Tae Kwon Do, Kickboxing, and some Kung Fu.

Proctor Hermantown Community Education offers many classes at other area locations. If you have not received their Fall 2018 Community Education brochure please contact them to request one at 218-729-9313, or pick one up at the Town Hall.

## National Night Out In Review

On Tuesday, Aug. 7th we had our sixth 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 Department's Open House and ice cream stand was 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. Tracey's therapy donkeys were enjoyed by many. Classic cars were oohed and aahed by the younger group while the older folks were reminiscent of days gone by.

The four door prizes were won by 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.

## 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, family 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 \$600 damage deposit that is refunded if the hall is left in good condition. A \$25 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 your 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.

## Recycling Shed News

New Hours effective October 1, 2018:  
Wednesdays 3PM-6PM  
Saturdays 8AM-1PM

### Current recyclables accepted:

**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*

### **MUNGER HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

**Friday October 26, 2018**  
**at the Solway Town Hall**  
**6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Purchase of tickets good for:**  
**Hot Dogs – Pop**  
**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**

### **Township Events Calendar**

September 29.....9:00AM-1:00PM  
October 11.....Bookmobile 3:00-3:45 PM  
October 6.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
October 9.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
October 26.....Halloween Carnival 6:00-9:00 PM  
October 27.....Flamettes Halloween Dance 8:00-midnight  
November 1.....Bookmobile 3:00-3:30 PM  
November 3.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
November 6.....General Election polls open 7:00 AM-8:00PM  
November 13.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
November 17.....SVFD Bingo 6:00 PM  
December 1.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
December 11.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
December 13.....Bookmobile 3:00-3:45 PM