

Solway Section Lines

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Happy New Year

The Solway Town Board wishes each of you and yours a blessed and prosperous New Year! May you enjoy the love of family, support of friends, and an abundance of good health.

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## 2019 Citizen of the Year Award Nomination

Each year we welcome nominations for the Solway Citizen of the Year Award. Criteria for the award include the nominee being a township resident/property owner, 18 years of age or older and has donated considerable time and talent to the betterment of our community as a volunteer.

The winner of the award is honored for his/her contributions at the Township Annual Meeting in March. The recipient receives a personal plaque of recognition. In addition, the winner's name is added to the hall of fame plaque at the town hall which honors all previous winners of the award. Please submit your nominations to the town office by the first of February.

Past recipients of the award are: Axel Carlson 1992, Valeria Witte 1993, Katherine Miller 1994, Kenneth Hayes 1995, Walt Carlson 1996, Winifred Freed 1997, Centennial Committee 1998, Arnie Whiting 1999, Mary Bush 2000, Jim Miller 2001, Betty Everett 2002, Karen and Rick Flesvig 2003, Isabelle Callahan 2006, Wayne Sullin 2008, John Childers 2009, Joan Gajewski 2010, Larry Shelton 2011, Jeff Nelson 2013, Darlene Miller 2014, Kareen Nelson 2015, Shirley Nylund 2016, Marcie Keppers 2017 and Bonnie Siiro in 2018. Congratulations to all of them!

## Annual Meeting & Township Elections March 12, 2019

The Election polls will be open from NOON to 8:00 PM to elect one Supervisor for a three-year term. The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:30 PM to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

Some of the agenda items to be discussed at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

- 2019 Citizen of the Year
- Report of the 2018 Receipts and Disbursements
- Review of Town Hall rental fees and regulations
- Review of Cemetery regulations
- Fire Department Report
- Dog Park
- Farmers Market
- Proposed Budget and Levy for 2020

In case of bad weather, the Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held at the same time and place on the third Tuesday of March.

## Filing for Township Election

Filing for Township Supervisor position will be held for a two week period beginning January 1, 2019. Filing will close on January 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM. The filing fee is \$2.00.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Solway Town Hall, 4029 Munger Shaw Road, Cloquet, MN during this period of time. Township office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM. To file, come to the town office during office hours or contact the Town Clerk at 729-5134 to set an appointment.

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## SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

**Chalrperson:** Ron Gajewski  
**Supervisors:** Scott Welsh and Clare R. Stromlund  
**Clerk:** Regena Merritt  
**Deputy Clerk:** Paulette Barnard  
**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**

## 2018 Accomplishments

Looking to 2019, your Township Board reviews the accomplishments of 2018. Some of them are listed below:

- WLSSD grant in the amount of \$7,730.72 received for our recycling shed operations.
- Completed scheduled road improvements, dust control, roadside mowing, culvert replacement, ditching and brushing.
- Hosted recognition dinner for current and former firefighters, Flamettes and employees.
- Special Events Committee: Winter Fun Day, Halloween Carnival, National Night Out.
- Hosted Bill Pelto's monthly Country Music Show.
- Continued maintenance of town hall and facilities for residents use. 366 events were scheduled in 2018.
- Parking lots, paved areas and tennis courts were cracked filled, seal coated and repainted.
- Railroad crossing signs were updated on Jerry Road and Jeffrey Road to be in compliance with the Federal retro-reflectivity standards.
- Town Hall handicapped ramp was totally reconstructed with maintenance free materials.
- New basketball/skating rink lighting was installed.
- The front and rear porch decks, stairs and supports were reconstructed with maintenance free materials.
- ADA compatible playground equipment was installed along a new paved trail in the lower playground area funded through a Community Development Block Grant.
- A bleacher, soccer goals, team benches and bike rack were purchased with the Township portion of school referendum money.
- Warming house in process of being replaced with school referendum funds.

If you have suggestions for improvements you would like the Town Board to pursue, give us a call or bring your ideas to a board meeting.

### New Solway Residents?

If you have new neighbors in the Township that aren't getting the Solway Section Lines Newsletter, please let them know to call the town office at 218-729-5134 to be put on the mailing list.

### Street Lights.....

If you've noticed a street light at one of our intersections being out or going off and on at night, please call the town office at 218-729-5134 to report it. Thanks for helping with this.

## Winter Fun Day: "Free for all"

Our winter fun day is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 1:00 to 5:00 PM. This FREE event is sponsored by Solway Township's Special Events Committee for all township residents/property owners so remind your friends and neighbors.

Activities planned at the writing of this article include hayrides, skating, sliding, bonfire, bingo and free food: coffee, hot chocolate, hot dogs, chips, cookies, bars and smores. Food is served all afternoon so come for lunch and stay for supper. The Special Events Committee is picking up the tab with proceeds earned from our Halloween Carnival.

Free bingo will run 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Each player may play up to four free cards at a time to vie for a \$10 winner's pot.

A Special Events Committee Meeting is being held Monday, January 14th at 6:30 PM to complete planning for the day. New faces and ideas are always welcome so if you'd like to help, come to this meeting at the Town Hall.

## Country Music 1st Saturday of Each Month

Bill Pelto and his entourage of singers and musicians continue their country music shows at the town hall. First quarter dates of 2019 are Jan 5th, Feb 2nd and March 2nd. The music starts at 6:00PM and runs till about 9:15 PM. A potluck (bring a food dish to share) starts at 5:00 PM for those wishing to participate.

None of the performers are paid as they volunteer their time and talent. A free will offering is appreciated to cover show production expenses.

## Township Dog Park

At our December Board Meeting residents requested the township to develop a dog park at the townsite.

The proposed park would be a designated area where residents and their canine citizens can exercise and have fun in a clean, safe environment. A well-maintained space would be open to all dog lovers and friends who are willing to uphold the park's rules and restrictions. It's design would satisfy the needs of dog-owners and non-dog owners alike.

There is not a current public dog park in our area to accommodate safe, off-leash dog activities.

A park would allow families to spend more quality time with their pets.

This park would increase opportunities for residents to interact with their neighbors and help create a sense of community.

Socializing dogs is very beneficial since it makes them less skittish and can mitigate aggressive behavior.

The dog park request will be discussed at the annual meeting on March 12, 2019.

## Community Club News...

### Solway Senior Citizens

Any Senior Citizens from the surrounding areas are welcome to join us. We meet monthly on the third Thursday at 1:00 PM. The next meeting is Feb 21, 2019.

### Maple Grove 4-H

We meet once a month at the Solway Town Hall. New members are welcome at any time. If interested in joining, contact Amy Johnson at 218-729-0503.

### Monday Bunch

We meet every Monday at 12:30 PM-4:00PM. We share ideas in crafts, knit and crochet. We have two craft sales a year. The last Saturday in April and the last Saturday in September from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There is a \$10 charge for a table. Call Bonnie at 218-792-8382 to reserve a spot. We do crafts in the spring, and crafts and rummage in the fall. The money we get from tables is used for kitchen supplies in the town hall, special events at the town hall, Proctor Food Shelf, flowers at the town hall and advertising our sales. We divide up money at the end of the year for these projects.

### Lakehead Harvest Reunion

During the winter months of Nov–April, the Lakehead Harvest Reunion meets the first Monday at the Solway Town Hall at 7:00 PM. During summer months we meet at the show grounds. Our annual meeting and potluck will be held Feb 9, 2019 in the downstairs of the town hall.

### South St. Louis County Fair-Proctor

The website is [proctorduluthfair.com](http://proctorduluthfair.com). Our fair dates will be July 10th to the 14th for 2019. Tuesday July 9th from 1:00 PM to 7:30 PM is entry day! For Industrial Building/Creative Arts and 4-H go to the website for premium list.

In case you are a new exhibitor, the prices listed next to the exhibit is your prize NOT an entry fee. So start getting your exhibits ready and we will see you in July!

We will have more information in the March Newsletter. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Mary Korich at 218-348-1453 or Frank Siiro at 218-591-6274.

### Flamettes

Thank you to all who came out to the SVFD's Bingo at Thanksgiving. We did very well. The next one will be Saturday, April 13, 2019. Hope to see you then!

We will also be having the pancake breakfast on Sunday April 28th 8:00 AM to Noon.

Come join us. We meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the town hall. Thank you again for your support.

## 2018 Halloween Carnival—Review

Ninja Turtles, pirates, princesses, haunted maze—we had all this and more at the Carnival held October 26th. People of all ages—kids to seniors—enjoyed the fun and excitement of skill games, cake walk, bingo and winning raffle prizes. There was good food, conversations and fellowship for all who came. It was your coming that made the carnival successful once again.

Nothing just happens and it took dozens of individuals—adults and students alike—to organize, prepare and work the carnival. We thank each and everyone of you for sharing your time and talents. The Solway Special Events Committee would like to thank the businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed to the 2018 Munger Halloween Carnival. Without their support the event would not be possible.

## Bookmobile Schedule

The Bookmobile comes every three weeks on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 PM. They're in the parking lot 45 minutes before moving on to their next location. The next scheduled visits are January 3 & 24; February 14, March 7 & 28.

## Skating—Warming House

You've probably noticed our old warming house was torn down. During rains and spring thaws water was running through the building resulting in rotting, mildew and the growth of mold on the interior walls. The perimeter blocks were deteriorating as well as the exterior siding. Because of the extensive work needed to restore the building it was more cost effective to replace it with a new more functional building.

The gathering area of the new building will not only serve as a warming house in the winter, but also as a space for resident get-togethers year round. The close proximity to the playgrounds, baseball/soccer fields and basketball/tennis court would make child supervision relatively easy for kid parties. A serving kitchen provides an area for food preparation. The remaining area will provide space for storage of tables and chairs that are available for resident "rental" use.

It's hoped the building will be completed for our Winter Fun Day so you can check it out. During the construction phase we will not be flooding the skating rink as we don't want to encourage children being in the construction area due to safety concerns. The rink will be flooded as soon as the building is completed. The warming house would then be open Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The rink itself would be open all the time.

## The Library Comes to Your Mailbox from Mail-A-Book

As the cold winter approaches and driving can be difficult, paperback books, DVDs, audiobooks on CD, music CDs, and video games can arrive in your mailbox.

The Mail-A-Book service from the Arrowhead Library System (ALS) loans paperback books and other items via the US Mail, free of charge. This tax-supported service delivers library items directly to your mailbox, including the cost of postage. They arrive in a canvas bag with a return label and prepaid return postage.

Who is eligible for this service? Rural residents and people who live in a city without a public library. This service is available to residents of Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods and St. Louis Counties.

The *Hot Reads for Cold Nights* Adult Winter Reading Program and the *Curl up with a Good Book* Children's Winter Reading Program, starts **January 7, 2019**, and runs through **March 28, 2019**.

Paper catalogs, listing more than 1,000 items, are sent out twice a year to more than 2,250 households. If you are interested in cookbooks, audiobooks on CD, DVDs, inspirational books, or children's items, they also have exclusive catalogs listing these resources that are available from Mail-A-Book. Do you have a favorite author? Mail-A-Book can provide you with a list of available titles by that author. Also, Mail-A-Book items are listed in the regional online catalog via the Internet at: [www.alslib.info/online\\_catalog/](http://www.alslib.info/online_catalog/)

Items can be ordered by postcard, e-mail, phone, or a form on the ALS website: [www.alslib.info/services/mail-a-book](http://www.alslib.info/services/mail-a-book) and [mailbook@alslib.info](mailto:mailbook@alslib.info), or 218-741-3840.

Find Mail-A-Book on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/alslibinfo](http://www.facebook.com/alslibinfo)

If you need "large print" reading materials, the Arrowhead Library System has a collection of large print books.

Mail-A-Book staff are always happy to respond to your questions.

### ANNUAL MEETING and TOWN BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
Solway Town Hall

Polls open: 12 Noon—8:00 PM

Annual Meeting: 8:30 PM

To vote absentee contact the town office  
218-729-5134

## Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship

The Minnesota Association of Townships is a nonprofit corporation representing Minnesota townships while being a voice for its roughly 9,000 officers. It regularly conducts research and educational programs designed to foster efficient and economical town governmental services and acts as a liaison between state government officials to encourage sustained cooperation.

The Minnesota Association of Townships is awarding \$1,000 scholarships to six juniors currently attending a Minnesota public, private or parochial high school, or home study program that plan to further their education at a college, university, or vocational school. Applicants must complete an application form and submit it along with a written essay discussing this year's topic:

The 2020 Census is fast approaching. Census data is used for a variety of issues, but it must be used to determine the size of congressional and state legislative districts to ensure "one person, one vote." Over time, there has been a population shift from rural to urban centers. This shift has implications for transportation funding, land use planning, and education resources in townships. **What policies can be adopted that will encourage economic development in rural communities ensuring robust representation at all levels of government?**

Essays must be between 450 and 500 words, and must be typed with double spacing. Applicants should not name themselves, their school, their town or city, or their local officials in the essay. Each essay will be judged by an independent panel based upon originality, knowledge of subject matter in relationship to the title, and supporting statements, as well as correct spelling and punctuation. **The judging will be completed by October 1, 2019.**

Along with the completed application and written essay, students must submit a current high school transcript and a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor. **All items must be submitted in one envelope and mailed to: Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 267, St. Michael, MN 55376, postmarked by May 1, 2019. Incomplete applications or applications postmarked after May 1, 2019 will not be accepted.**

Winners will be notified in writing by October 1, 2019 and will be invited to attend the Minnesota Association of Townships Annual Meeting to be held November 21-23, 2019 at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, Minnesota. Scholarships awards will be paid to the appropriate financial aid office upon receipt of verification of enrollment at a college or technical school. Applications can be obtained at the MAT website: [www.mntownships.org](http://www.mntownships.org).

## Obtaining an Address

Where do I obtain my address number and sign? The assignment of addresses is handled differently in rural St. Louis County than it is in municipalities:

Addresses are assigned to primary structures by the St. Louis County 911 Communications Department. You can reach the addressing division at 218-726-2920. When requesting an address be prepared to provide the following information:

- Owner Name/Taxpayer Name
- Possible neighbors name(s) & each of their respective 911 address numbers.

Addresses will be assigned to raw land only if an application for a building or septic permit has been initiated. A copy of the permit should be sent to the addressing unit in the Duluth Communications Center.

St. Louis County 911 Communications Dept.  
2030 N. Arlington Avenue Duluth, MN 55811  
Phone: 218-726-2920 Fax: 218-726-2923  
E-mail: [addressing@co.st-louis.mn.us](mailto:addressing@co.st-louis.mn.us)

St. Louis County has rules for posting assigned rural addresses so emergency vehicles can easily locate the property. Some of the rules include:

- New signs installed after March, 2003 must be installed perpendicular to the roadway surface.
- It is your responsibility to maintain the address sign so it is visible year round.
- Placement regulations are defined in the "Rural Address Sign Placement Guide"

A copy of both the Ordinance #41 and the placement guidelines may be obtained at:  
[www.co-st-louis.mn.us/departments/sheriff911communications](http://www.co-st-louis.mn.us/departments/sheriff911communications).

## Online Burning Permit System

The online burning permit system will now allow the public to hear the current status and restrictions for any county that is in the system as an electronic county. Follow the steps below to get the most up to date information regarding burning restrictions: Call Phone No. 866-533-2876, push option 7 followed by the # sign, the county number (69 for St. Louis) followed by the # sign. DNR Forestry No.: 218-878-5642.

### Solway Township Recycling Shed

Location: 4029 Munger Shaw Road

Hours: Wed. 3:00PM—6:00PM

Sat. 8:00AM—1:00PM

Questions??

Call WLSSD Hotline

218-722-0761

## Recycling Information

### The Truth About Styrofoam

Styrofoam: In order for a product to be recycled, there has to be a buyer on the other end that wants to make something out of that product. Unfortunately, there is no market for Styrofoam. This means that Styrofoam has to go in the trash. Your best option is to avoid it in the first place whenever possible. Use your own coffee mug, choose reusable plates, and pack items in newspaper instead of packing peanuts whenever possible.

### Film plastics

Our recycling shed has special containers for plastics which **ARE** now accepted:

- Clean and dry film
- Grocery and retail bags
- Newspaper bags
- Bread bags
- Produce bags
- Paper product packing wrap
- Pallet and case wrap

Still **NOT** accepted:

- Black plastic bags
- Bubble wrap

### Eagles.....

Occasionally you may find an eagle that has died naturally or been killed. Dead bald and golden eagle parts and feathers are still valuable because of the eagles protective status. For example Native Americans use feathers in garments or ceremonies and there is a waiting list to obtain them.

Therefore if you find a dead eagle contact The National Eagle Repository which is part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Their phone is 1-303-287-2110. Their email is [repository@fws.gov](mailto:repository@fws.gov). The Repository will pay for the dead eagles to be shipped to them.

The International Eagle Center is located in Wabasha, MN. At this facility sick or injured eagles are cared for and nursed back to health. One of the leading causes of eagle death or injury is the draft from cars and especially trucks striking eagles that are feeding on dead prey on roads or road shoulders. Unlike small birds that can quickly take off an eagle because of it's considerable size isn't able to fly away quickly enough to avoid the draft. The draft throws the eagles causing broken wings, legs and other injuries if not out right death. Consequently please be observant for eagles or other large birds near our roadways and slow down so there is little or no draft as you pass them.

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

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**Fax: 218-729-5651**  
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## *Solway Section Lines*

### **Township Events Calendar**

Jan 5 .....Country Music Show and Potluck 5:00 PM  
Jan 8.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
Jan 10 .....Bookmobile 3:00–3:45 PM  
Jan 14 ..... Special Events Committee Meeting 6:30 PM  
Jan 26..... Winter Fun Day 1:00–5:00 PM  
Jan 31.....Bookmobile 3:00–3:45 PM  
Feb 2.....Country Music Show and Potluck 5:00 PM  
Feb 12.....Town Board Meeting -6:30 PM  
Feb 21 .....Bookmobile 3:00-3:45 PM  
Mar 2.....Country Music Show and Potluck-5:00 PM  
Mar 12 .....Township Elections noon to 8:00PM  
Mar 12 ..... Annual Meeting 8:30 PM  
Mar 14 .....Bookmobile 3:00-3:34 PM  
April 9.. .....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
April 13.....SVFD Bingo 6:00 PM  
April 27 .....Monday Bunch Craft Sale 9:00-1:00 PM  
April 28.....Pancake Breakfast 8AM–Noon

## **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 Tina Smith —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

## **Culvert Permits**

Access to private properties off township roads require a township permit for the installation of property entrance culverts. Obtaining a permit requires a \$100 fee of which \$50 is returned to the property owner after the final inspection and the culvert is found to be properly installed.

An initial inspection of the proposed site for installation of the culvert is done with the applicant. At the inspection, the length and diameter of the culvert as well as the grade and ditching requirements for the installation are determined. The applicant can make arrangements for the installation.

After the completion of the installation, a final inspection occurs prior to getting the \$50 returned.

A permit may be picked up during office hours or mailed to the applicant as well.