

# Solway Section Lines

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## Road Maintenance for 2019

The Township Roads inspection was held April 26th 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 June 3rd and 4th.
- 8,906 gallons of calcium chloride were applied to roads June 11th.
- Roadside mowing will continue over the summer months.
- No extensive brushing will take place this year but some tree removal and trimming will be required where traffic signs are blocked or where trees were wind blown.
- Roads will continue to be graded every three weeks or more frequently as needed depending on traffic loads.
- The following road projects are scheduled:
  - Wargin Road - approximately 700 ft of ditching, installation of a new entrance culvert and replacement of another.
  - South Berquist Road - Remove approximately 1600 ft of deteriorated blacktop and replace with class 5 gravel.
  - Culvert replacements on Gaus Road, North Sandberg Road and South Jeffrey Road.
  - Peterson Road - approximately 250 ft of ditching and a culvert replacement.
  - Sandberg Road north of Morris Thomas Road - remove surface rock over approximately 100 ft; replace with class 5 gravel.
  - Bailey Road turnaround - remove trees; add approximately 20 yards of class 5 gravel
- Signage:
  - Install a "Dead End" sign on Ayers Road off Seville Road.
  - Install a "Soft Shoulder" sign on Sandberg Road north of Jeffrey Road.
  - Replace the "Dead End" sign on Mettsa Road that is losing its retroreflectivity.

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.

## Special General Election for County Commissioner

A Special General Election for St. Louis County Commissioner District 5 will be held Tuesday August 13, 2019. Solway Township polling place will be open 7am to 8pm. Check page 2 for absentee voting instructions.

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### SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

**Chairperson:** Scott Welsh

**Supervisors:**

Clare R. Stromlund and

Ron Gajewski

**Clerk:** Autumn Marquardt

**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**

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

**Email:**

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

## Referendum Funds Allocated

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.

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.

The remainder of the funds were used to build a new building that will be used for "kid" parties, warming shed in winter and storage for rental tables and chairs. Be sure to tour the building at our National Night Out.

## National Night Out 2019

This year the National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday August 6th 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 as well as the Carlton County Mounted Posse to answer questions and interact with residents. Antique and collectible cars were displayed by 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 on Monday July 15th at 6:30pm 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 28 for the 2019 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 to St. Louis County. 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; Phone: 218-726-2385

## 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 6th, August 3rd, and September 7th. This year marks the 12th season of continuous shows. Thank you Bill!

## Township Staff Changes

The Solway Town Board has hired Autumn Marquardt as our new clerk. She has been training with Regena Merritt for a couple months and is now assuming full time clerk responsibilities. Welcome Autumn.

Paulette Barnard who helped with office responsibilities has moved from the Township and entered full retirement. Thanks Paulette for your help, We wish you the best of everything in your retirement.

## Thank You Goodfellowship Club

The Goodfellowship Club members continue to help beautify our townsite. 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, her family and the rest of the contributors for their donations

## Community Club News...

### Flamettes

Our next meeting will be September 9th 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 having 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 28th, 9 AM to 1 PM. Call 729-8382 for Tables. \$10 each.

### Solway Senior Citizens

We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Town hall. You are invited to join us. You don't need to be a Solway resident.

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 28th.

### 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

The next meeting is September 12th 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. We hosted other homemaker clubs in May to plan new activities. We can use new members so give Shirley a call at 729-7066 to join us.

### Craft and Rummage Sale

Saturday September 28th 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.

The cost is \$10.00 per table.

## 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 and Paul!

## Lake Head Harvest Show

The 58th Annual Show will be August 23, 24 and 25, 2019. 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 9:00 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. On Saturday there is an antique and classic tractor pull at 12:30 PM.

Breakfast Daily At 7AM. 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 1st, Aug 5th and Sept 9th. Some changes from the first Monday are due to holidays.

## Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival will be held Friday, October 25th. 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.

## 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 11th; August 1st and 22nd; Sept 12th.

Contact Fire Chief Nick Priolo at 218-269-7942.

## Fireworks Safety Guidelines

- Read, understand and follow the instructions on each device prior to using.
- Use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- Ignite fireworks 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 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.

## 99th South St. Louis County Family Fair

The Fair starts Wednesday, July 10th at 6PM and continues through Sunday, July 14th. Check the Website for a full listing of events.

Entry day for Industrial Building is Tuesday July 9th 1PM–7:30PM. Bring your flowers, baked goods, produce and crafts.

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

4-H Events all week.

The following is a list of some of the events:

Wednesday, July 10

3:30 PM Enduro Gates open

6PM Carnival opens

Thursday, July 11—Senior Day

1-4 PM Breanne Marie

7-10 PM Breanne Marie and the Front Porch Sinners

The Hasse Family Petting Zoo

Friday, July 12

7-10 PM Todd Eckart performs

Saturday, July 13—Kids Day

1-4 PM Fun Run

3 PM Crawling & Toddler Race

3:30 PM Kids Coin Scramble

5 PM Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

7 PM Whiskey Trail Band performs

Sunday, July 14

1-4 PM Amateur Talent Contest

5 PM Proctor Speedway presents Wisconsin Racing Night

8 AM Horse shows—Open horse pleasure show

Wrist Bands: Friday—Sunday 1-5 PM.

Race Track serves breakfast 6 AM to noon.

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

We no longer print books so please go to the website and click premium list.

Upcoming Events:

August 3-4— Rabbit show

August 11— Swap meet and car show

September 28— 3rd Annual Beer and Bacon Event (raising funds for the John Beargrease Race).

Gate fee \$5.00 admission, weekly pass for \$15.00. Advance tickets call 628-2401 or 348-1453.

Wrist bands Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1-5PM \$18.00

Ride tickets 8—\$18.00

Mega wrist bands—good for the entire fair \$40 advance/\$55 day of fair.

## Dog Agility Trials

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 27th and Sunday July 28th 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. This service is free of charge.

## 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 emails 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 Disposals 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.

## 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, 218-391-0705

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.

## 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**

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**Phone: 218-729-5134**  
**Fax: 218-729-5651**  
**Email: solwayclerk@hotmail.com**

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## *Solway Section Lines*

### **Please Leash Your Pets**

Solway Residents take pride in the appearance of the buildings and grounds at the townsite, soccer fields and cemetery. We want your visits to be pleasurable and free of harassments. We ask pet owners to help out by keeping pets on leashes and picking up their droppings during your visits. Thanks for helping in this matter.

### **Township Events Calendar**

July 6 ..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
July 9.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
July 10-14 ..... St. Louis County Fair  
July 11.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
July 27-28 ..... Dog Agility Trials  
August 3.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
August 6 .....National Night Out 5:00–8:00 PM  
August 1.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
August 13.....Special General Election—Polls Open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
August 20.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
August 23–25.....Lakehead Harvest Reunion  
August 22.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
September 7.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
September 10.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
September 12..... Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
September 28.....Craft and Rummage Sale 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
October 3 & 24.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
October 25.....Halloween Carnival 6:00 PM