

# Solway Section Lines

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## Road Maintenance for 2020

The Township Roads inspection was held April 24th 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 in June
- 8,906 gallons of calcium chloride were applied to roads in June .
- 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:
  - S. Sandberg and Jerry Roads corner: install 5 culverts - 2 new and 3 replacements.
  - South Sandberg Road - ditching approximately 1,000 ft.
  - East Jerry Road - ditching approximately 100 ft.
  - Stonelake Road - ditching approximately 1,300 ft.
  - Van Gassler Road - remove dirt and rubble blocking culvert at the cemetery.
- Signage: Replace stolen "Dead End" sign on North Van Gassler Road  
 Replace "Stop" sign on East Jerry Road that is losing its retro reflectivity.

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. Thanks for your help with this.

## Living with Covid-19

With summer arriving, States are beginning to reopen communities beyond essential services. Solway is maintaining our outdoor recreational resources for your family's enjoyment. Some doctors agree the Corona Virus is killed by the ultra violet rays in sunshine and as such, outdoor playground equipment should hopefully be ongoingly sanitized.

As no athletic games are scheduled we are not scheduling practices either. Families and makeshift teams are welcome to work out on the fields and courts as available.

The recycling Shed has reopened to its regular schedule. Please respect others space by practicing social distancing when unloading your recyclables.

The Town Hall is open for meetings, social groups, and rentals while being governed by state guidelines. We are currently allowed one quarter of our capacity in order to practice social distancing. Whether restrictions will be further loosened up or re-imposed will be determined by how the virus runs its course. If you have questions regarding a potential gathering call the office to see how things stand. Our cleaning service is sanitizing surfaces in addition to regular cleaning practices.

As we walk through this pandemic together, the Town Board's wish is that each of you maintains good health.

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### SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

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

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

## Primary Election 8/11/20

The Presidential Primary Election is to be held as scheduled despite Covid-19. While some parts of the country are debating having only mail in ballots which are always available in Minnesota, the Solway Election Poll will be open for in person voting between 7AM and 8PM on 8/11.

Our hall is spacious enough to practice social distancing while signing in on the roster, registering if necessary and casting your ballot. Signage will provide information necessary as you go through the voting process. The number of individuals in the hall at a given time, social distancing, and loitering after voting will be monitored. Face masks will be encouraged; Sanitizing of pens, voting booth surfaces and other equipment will be ongoing.

All of us working together can make in person voting available and safe to our residents.

## 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 2020 Primary 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

## National Night Out 2020

This year the National Night Out is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday August 4th. 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

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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. Frosty Ridge had their alpacas on display, Rocky Run Stables exhibited their miniature horse program. St. Louis County Deputy Sheriffs were on hand with the K-9 Unit as well. The Carlton County Mounted Posse answered questions and interacted with residents. Antique and collective cars were displayed by residents. And there was much more.

The previous events were seen as being successful by those attending. We will continue sponsoring the Night Out. Consequently, we will start planning for this event tentatively. 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.

Previous years, personal notices have been sent to your homes inviting you to the Night Out. We will not send out notices if the event is cancelled.

## Country Music Show News

During the temporary postponement of the music show due to Covid-19, some transitions are occurring. Bill Peltó after producing the show for the past 13 years is passing the baton on to Keith and Sharon Olson. Keith and Sharon have been managing the sound system and helping set up and take down the show. Bill a victim of age and surgeries, is having a hard time withdrawing from running the show which he thoroughly enjoyed producing. He'll continue to be a spectator though and Lona will continue to help set up and participate as a singer. Bill's not singing as he states it's hard to hold a cane and play a guitar at the same time; he doesn't want to fall off the stage. We offer Bill a big THANK YOU for the many years of entertainment he's provided to the community. His music has enriched our lives.

When we're able to again have the music show, Keith and Sharon may be changing the format some. While still being the 1st Saturday of each month, the hours may be moved up allowing the audience participants to get home earlier in the evening. Our potluck may occur during half time break as well. These are ideas being tossed around and as a format is finalized we'll try to get the message out to everyone by way of our township sign, Section Lines, and website. Thanks Keith and Sharon for accepting the baton and continuing the show for our enjoyment. We wish you and the show continued success.

## Community Club News...

### Flamettes

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 14th 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 is tentatively scheduled for Saturday September 26th, 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.

The tentative date for July is the 16th. Please watch the township website for further information. 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 26th.

### Maple Grove 4-H

We're always looking for additional members for our club. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 PM. Amy Johnson is the contact person at 729-0503 if you would like to be enrolled.

### Goodfellowship Club

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 10th 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 can use new members so give Shirley a call at 729-7066 to join us.

## Craft and Rummage Sale

Tentatively scheduled for  
Saturday September 26th 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, Jim and Butch!

## Lake Head Harvest Show

As with so many other community events, the Lake Head Harvest is being cancelled this year due to the Covid -19 virus. While the organizers are rightfully discouraged by having to cancel the show, they want to do their part in keeping our residents and community members healthy and safe.

## Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival remains tentatively scheduled for Friday Oct. 30th. With a four month window before the event takes place, it is hoped the pandemic will burn itself out and community events can again be enjoyed in a safe manner. We will optimistically look forward but watch for the October Section Lines where the Special Events Committee's final decision will be published.

If you'd like to be included in planning and carrying out the Carnival give the town hall a call at 729-5134 and let us know so you'll be notified of planning meetings. In addition to planning, help is needed in setting up the previous Thursday evening and in running the games on Friday itself.

## 2020 Proctor Youth Football

Registration is Now Open  
Grades 3-8  
Practices to start in mid August  
For more information and to register go to:  
Proctor/Hermantown community Ed website.  
Or call Phil at 218-355-1256

## Caution Needed....

It was reported that a bobcat has been sited in the township. While not as common as bear or other potentially dangerous animals, they can be more destructive to people, especially children, pets, or farm animals.

The bobcat was seen at the Munger town site but as with all wild animals, it could migrate anywhere through the township or beyond. Please be watchful!

## 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.

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.

## The Bookmobile continues to roll.

The Arrowhead library bookmobile will resume service for the rest of the summer offering a “curbside” style of service. Patrons are highly encouraged to request items at least two days in advance to a scheduled stop.

Library users can call or text 218-742-6762, email [bookmobile@alslib.info](mailto:bookmobile@alslib.info) or use the new request form at <https://tinyurl.com/ALSBKM>. Paper copies listing many of the newer materials including books and DVDs will be available upon request.

Requested items will be placed in paper bags labeled with the first four letters of your last name and the last three digits of your barcode. Request form sheets will be available at the bookmobile for patrons to fill out. If the requested items are available, bookmobile staff will retrieve the items and place them in a paper bag as indicated above. A return bin will be placed outside. Returns will be quarantined for 72 hours.

During this curbside phase, members of the public will not be allowed on the bookmobile.

More information on the bookmobile can be found at <https://www.alslib.info/services/bookmobile/>

Scheduled stops in Solway for the Bookmobile during the curbside phase are: July 2 and 23 and August 13th from 3:15PM to 4:15PM.

## Farmers Market Update

A couple of residents have expressed interest in participating in a farmers market. One party wondered whether there would be any seller fees for products sold, The Board feels resident gardeners can sell without fees and operate similar to families bringing products to a craft or rummage sale.

It was suggested the market could operate the same hours as the recycling shed—3—6PM on Wednesdays and 8AM—1PM Saturdays. Potential customers may be coming with recyclables and vendors could receive additional business. Market hours need not be confined to these hours and some other times may prove to be better. The South West corner of the paved parking lot would be in proximity to the recycling building and still not block traffic through the lot.

If you have questions call the office. Otherwise just plan on moving ahead with your sale. The number of vendors is not limited. This is a work in progress and changes may need to be made as we move forward.

## Dog Agility Trials

The Arrowhead Dog Agility Association will again be hosting the USDAA sanctioned trials at the Solway town site but not in July. A new tentative time is being explored for September. Watch the Solway website and township sign for more information.

## 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 1-866-723-3035. 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**

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

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## *Solway Section Lines*

### **Township Events Calendar**

July 2.....Bookmobile 3:15 PM  
July 14.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
July 23.....Bookmobile 3:15 PM  
August 4 Tentative.....National Night Out 5:00–8:00 PM  
August 11.....Presidential Primary Election 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
August 13.....Bookmobile 3:15 PM  
August 18.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
September 5 Tentative.....Country Music Show  
September 8.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
September 26.....Craft and Rummage Sale 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
October 30 Tentative.....Halloween Carnival 6:00 PM