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Road Maintenance for 2021

The Township Roads inspection was held April 30th this year. Grading, gravel application, dust control, culvert replacement, ditching, sign replacement, roadside brushing and mowing were planned for May, June, July and August.

- 99 loads of gravel were applied to the roads in June
- 9,766 gallons of calcium chloride were applied to roads in June .
- Roadside mowing will continue over the summer months.
- Brushing of all township roads will take place this year in September or October. Some tree removal and trimming will be required ongoingly 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:
 - Replacement of damaged culvert on South Jeffrey Rd.
 - Culvert replacement on the end of North Van Gassler Rd.
 - Grass cutting on road shoulders will be ongoing beginning in July.

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.

Athletic teams are being formed and we are available for scheduling the games and practices. Families and makeshift teams are welcome to use the fields and courts as available.

The recycling Shed is maintaining 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 full capacity. Renters may choose to practice social distancing or use other restrictions as they feel necessary. If the State re-imposes restrictions our rental practices will adjust accordingly.

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

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Annual Meeting to be Reconvened 8/10/21

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Town Board of Supervisors asked the township electors on March 9, 2021 to continue the Annual Meeting. The continuation of this meeting allowed the electorate to pause the meeting until summer when it was more likely to be able to meet in person with fewer public health concerns. A motion was made and passed to continue the meeting and no further business was conducted. On August 10, 2021 at 6:30PM The Annual Meeting will continue at the Solway township site.

National Night Out 2020

This year the National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday August 3rd. 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.

In past years 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.

Come and have supper with us. Hopefully the above mentioned attractions will be available this year. We will continue sponsoring the Night Out and will start planning for this event. Special Event members will meet June 22nd at 6:30PM. Any Solway resident is invited to join us at this meeting. We 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. Watch for them in your mail.

Thanks for the flowers!

Shirley Nylund has again taken the initiative to plant Geraniums at the townhall between our front and handicapped entrances. These add so much in beautifying our hall. Thanks Shirley and any helpers you had. We hear many compliments on how nice they look.

Country Music Show August 7th

During the temporary postponement of the music show due to Covid-19, some transitions have occurred. 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. 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.

Keith and Sharon are changing the format some. While still being the 1st Saturday of each month, the hours will be 2 to 5 allowing the audience participants to get home earlier in the evening. There will be no food but beverages may be available. Thanks Keith and Sharon for accepting the baton and continuing the show for our enjoyment. We wish you and the show continued success.

Deputy Clerk has been appointed

We are happy to announce that Amy Johnson has been chosen as the new Deputy Clerk. Amy lives in the township and has been involved in many events in the past. She is familiar with township business and works as an election judge. Welcome aboard Amy!

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 bringing containers to pick up their droppings during your visits. Thanks for helping in this matter.

2021 Proctor Youth Football

Registration is Now Open

Grades 3-8

Practices to start the first week of August

For more information and to register go to:

Proctor/Hermantown community Ed website.

Or call Phil at 218-355-1256

We're Back!
Country Music Show
August 7th
2-5

Community Club News...

Flamettes

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 13th at 7PM. We would like to thank everyone who supported us this past year although it was a difficult one. If you would like to join us, we meet the 1st Monday of the month at 7PM, with the exception of January, July and August, or if the Monday is a Holiday, we will meet the following Monday. We raise money for the Solway Volunteer Fire Department through events such as a Pancake Breakfast, helping with the Easter and Thanksgiving Bingos by serving food and bars as well as having grocery and food basket raffles at these events. We are always looking for other fundraising ideas!

Monday Bunch

Our next Craft and Rummage sale will be on September 25th; Saturday from 9AM to 1PM. Call 729-8382 for tables, \$10 each. The money we raise from rentals goes back into the community events and food shelf so Please come out and support us.

Come join us on Monday 12:30-4PM. Bring your craft and conversation.

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 date for July is the 15th. Please watch the township website for further information.

The Seniors will serve lunch at the Monday Bunch Craft Sale September 25th.

Maple Grove 4-H

Currently there's no 4-H Club in Solway Township as former members grew up and out of the program. If you have a child that would like to be involved in the 4-H experience contact the County 4-H program coordinated by Tim Canines at 218-733-2873.

Goodfellowship Club

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July. 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.

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 Butch!

Lake Head Harvest Show

The 60th Annual Show will be August 27, 28 and 29 2021. The show grounds are located at 70 East St. Louis River Road. Admissions are \$10.00 daily or \$20.00 for a weekend pass. Children 11 years and under are FREE. Handicapped parking and toiletries are available. The ground are open daily at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in any weather.

Demonstrations include sawmilling, classic motorcycle expo, threshing, blacksmithing, wood shingle making, antique rock crushing, 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.

Summer planning meetings usually take place on the first Monday in July and August.

Check lakeheadharvestshow.com or brochures for further information.

Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival is scheduled for Friday Oct. 29th. With a three month window before it takes place, it is hoped the pandemic will continue to burn itself out and the event can again be enjoyed in a safe manner. We are optimistically looking forward to it being held but watch for the October Section Lines where any changes 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, the 28th, and in running the games on Friday itself.

So. St. Louis County Fair—Proctor

This will be our 100th Annual Fair Celebration. Tues July 27th is entry day in the Industrial building/Creative Arts. 1-7:30PM. Wed is entry Day in the Barns. 10AM - 7:30PM is Judging Creative Arts.

Carnival starts at 3pm. Wristbands are \$10 all day and each day of the Fair. Carnival starts at Noon Thurs—Sun. Farmer for a day starts at Noon Thurs—Sun. Old Fashioned cake walk 1—6PM Thurs—Sat. Monster Trucks Fri—Sat 7PM. Music: Thurs—Todd Eckart 1-4PM Road Kill Band 7-10PM. Fri— Lake City Smoking Section Band 7-10PM. Sat— Sweet Freedom Band 7-10PM. The Carnival is for all ages: knocker balls, 18ft kick darts, 40ft slide and much more.

Craft and Rummage Sale

Saturday September 25th 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.

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 System Bookmobile stops at the Solway Town Hall every third Thursday 3:15-4:15PM. The Practice currently being followed allows one family unit of patrons on the bookmobile at a time. The Arrowhead Library System is requesting that all patrons wear a mask while on the Bookmobile.

The ALS Bookmobile provides high quality library service to residents who live outside member library communities. A number of different types of materials and services are available through the ALS Bookmobile such as:

- Adult and Children's Books
- Large Print Books
- DVDs
- Audio Books
- Music CDs
- Video Games
- Interlibrary Loans

Library users can call or text 218-742-6762, email 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.

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

Scheduled stops in Solway for the Bookmobile are: July 15 and August 5th and 26th from 3:15PM to 4:15PM.

Farmers Market Update

A couple of residents have expressed interest in participating in a farmers market in the past couple of years but then the pandemic hit cancelling any planning for it.

Some previous suggestions were 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. Signs could be put out on Munger Shaw Rd. and Hwy #2

Someone asked about seller fees. The Board feels resident gardeners can operate similar to families bringing products to a craft or rummage sale.

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.

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 . Go to www.sos.state.mn.us for a listing of all resources available locally.

Top Scams Within the Community

These are all scams and schemes. Do not share information, send money or purchase gift cards for the promise of money in return:

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!

The Sheriff’s office would like everyone to remain vigilant. Watch for these scams among friends and family and report any suspicious activity.

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. 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; 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
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Township Events Calendar

July 13Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM
July 15.....Bookmobile 3:15 PM
August 3National Night Out 5:00–8:00 PM
August 5 Bookmobile 3:15 PM
August 7 Country Music Show 2:00 PM
August 10.....Continuation of the Annual Meeting 6:30 PM
August 17.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM
August 26..... Bookmobile 3:15 PM
September 4Country Music Show 2:00 PM
September 14.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM
September 16..... Bookmobile 3:15 PM
September 25.....Craft and Rummage Sale 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
October 29Halloween Carnival 6:00 PM