

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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## 2022 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, Bonnie Siiro in 2018 and Jeff Keppers in 2019. Congratulations to all of them! There were no nominations in 2020 or 2021.

## Annual Meeting & Township Elections March 8, 2022

The Election poll 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:

- 2022 Citizen of the Year
- Report of the 2021 Receipts and Disbursements
- Review of Town Hall rental fees and regulations
- Review of Cemetery regulations
- Fire Department Report
- Proposed Budget and Levy for 2023
- The use of the American Rescue Plan funds

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 the Township Supervisor position will be held for a two week period beginning December 28, 2021. Filing will close on January 11, 2022 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 8:30AM to 2:30 PM. To file contact the Town Clerk at 729-5134 to set an appointment.

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### SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

**Chairperson:** Ron Gajeski  
**Supervisors:** Scott Welsh and Clare Stromlund  
**Clerk:** Autumn Marquardt  
**Deputy Clerk:** Amy Johnson  
**Treasurer:** Cindy Moe  
**Office Hours:** M, T, Th 8:30-2:30

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

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



## Community Club News...

### Solway Senior Citizens

Any Senior Citizens from the surrounding areas are welcome to join us. You don't need to be a Solway resident. We meet monthly on the third Thursday at 1:00 PM at the Solway Town Hall. Meetings are held following covid protocols.

### 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 for place and times.

### Monday Bunch

We are meeting on Mondays 12:30pm—4pm. Come join us and share your talents. Our Craft Sale will be on Sat. April 30, 2022. Call 218-729-8382 for a table. Thank you all for supporting us!

### Lakehead Harvest Reunion

Hay Rides will be done on Dec. 19th. We had rides on 2 weekends and the weather was nice for both of them. We would like to thank all of those who came and supported us. We will be having our annual meeting Feb. 12, 2022 to elect officers, we will also be having a pot luck supper. The meeting will be at 5:00 with supper to follow.

### South St. Louis County Fair-Proctor

2022 Fair Dates! July 27th—31st. Go to the website for future information: [proctorduluthfair.com](http://proctorduluthfair.com)

### Flamettes

Due to the uncertainty with the COVID pandemic, we are uncertain at this time if we will be able to hold our annual Easter Bingo or pancake breakfast. Please stay tuned for any updates through the newsletter or on the township sign.

Thank you for your past support in attending our events. Happy Holidays

### Good Fellowship Club

In 2022 the club will be again meeting the second Thursday of each month. The meetings will probably be held in a restaurant over a meal. As we are just getting started again please call Shirley for information on the updated place and time to meet and with any other questions you may have: 218-729-7066. New members are invited to join. Just give us a call.

### Cub Scout News

Cub Scout activities continue despite the pandemic. We will have our meetings and activities as scheduled on every other Sunday afternoon between 3:00PM and 4:30PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 5454 Miller Trunk Hwy. 1st quarter of the year dates: Jan. 2nd, 16th, 30th; Feb 13th, 27th; March 13, 27th.

Cub Scouts are for boys and girls Kindergarten through 5th grade. New members are always welcome. Have fun while learning life skills and making new friends. Call Jenny at 218-380-8412 for more information and registration.

### Emergency Vehicle Access

In the rural setting of Solway Township where residents enjoy several acres for home sites, the tendency is to build back on the site to allow a buffer area between their house and the frontage road.

Long driveways provide privacy but can also be a safety hazard if they are not able to be accessed by emergency vehicles. We have had fire trucks stuck in driveways and not able to get to the fires.

In order for a driveway to be accessible it must be a minimum of 10 feet wide and free of trees and other obstacles to a minimum height of 12 feet. Fire trucks are large vehicles and need turn around areas in your yards or circular driveways so as not to necessitate trying to back the truck down a long and perhaps winding driveway. Entrance posts, arches, fencing, and other decorative installations along driveways can also be a barrier preventing access.

If you feel you have a problem and would like some suggestions on how to correct it, contact the office and arrangements can be made for a Fire Fighter to meet with you at your home.

### U.S Postal Alert

There have been some recent mail thefts in our area. Both outgoing and incoming mail is being targeted. They attempt to get personal or financial information through which they can direct mail to another address, negotiate checks, alter outgoing checks, counterfeit checks and open financial accounts. Your financial institutions can determine if fraudulent activity has occurred and provide information on how to protect your accounts.

The Postal Services recommend mailing from their blue collection boxes, your work place, or your local post office; pick up your mail from your mail box right after delivery and especially if you're expecting packages.

Reporting any fraudulent activity that could help in their investigation would be appreciated. Egs: compromised accounts, credit card fraud, identity and financial theft. The Postal Service provides a free service called informed delivery that allows you to see what mail is coming before it arrives. Sign up through [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). US Postal contract # 1-877-876-2455

**Supervisor Candidate Filing Period  
December 28, 2021—January 11, 2022**

## Please help keep Solway clean

During the year considerable time and expense are expended in picking up discarded trash from township roads and turnarounds at the end of dead end roads. Such refuse is not only unsightly but detracts from someone else's private property. We find anything from appliances, furniture, construction debris, to garbage and animal carcasses. My guess is much of the trash comes from outside the township and is discarded by non-Township residents. If you observe someone dumping take a picture of their license plate if you can do so safely and we'll report them to the authorities. When we're aware of the problem, we can be alert to recognize offenders. Thanks for your help with this.

## 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 in our area. This means that Styrofoam has to go in the trash. Your best option is to avoid it in the first place whenever possible. For example: 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 film plastics which **ARE** accepted:

- Clean and dry film
- Grocery and retail bags
- Newspaper, bread and produce bags
- Paper product packing wrap
- Pallet and case wrap

Still **NOT** accepted:

- Black plastic bags and bubble wrap
- Plastic containers used to market many food products—these are especially clam shell in design and are often clear and perforated. They are NOT ACCEPTED at this time.
- **Please make sure all recyclables are clean as food scraps and dirt contaminate them.**

### 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

## 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 \$2,000 scholarships to five 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 Minnesota Association of Townships has the responsibility to promote public understanding of the heritage and future of Township Government and its role in the State and Federal systems. **Questions: What are some ways that MAT could promote awareness of township government and inspire township residents and Boards to become involved?**

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 September 1, 2022.

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, 2022. Incomplete applications or applications postmarked after May 1, 2022 will not be accepted.**

Winners will be notified in writing in August of 2022 and will be invited to attend the Minnesota Association of Townships Annual Meeting to be held on September 9-11 2022 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Scholarships awards will be paid to the appropriate financial aid office upon receipt of verification of enrollment at a college, university or technical school. Applications can be obtained at the MAT website: [www.mntownships.org](http://www.mntownships.org).

## 2020 Census and Redistricting

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other services based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also mandated in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census marked the 24th time that the country has counted its population; the first was in 1790.

Solway Township's current population is 2016.

Because of a loss of population in the 8th district new boundaries will be determined by the legislative committee chaired by representative Mary Murphy. If new population boundaries are not able to be agreed upon in the legislature the courts make the determination.

## 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 in its municipalities:

Addresses are assigned to primary structures by the St. Louis County 911 Communications Department. When requesting an address be prepared to provide the following information:

- Owner Name/Taxpayer Name
- Possible neighbors name(s) and 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 Dept.  
2030 N. Arlington Avenue Duluth, MN 55811  
Phone: 218-726-2920 Fax: 218-729-2923  
E-mail: [addressing@co.st-louis.mn.us](mailto:addressing@co.st-louis.mn.us)

New and replacement signs must be installed perpendicular to the roadway surface. Additional information:

[www.co-st-louis.mn.us/departments/sheriff/911communications](http://www.co-st-louis.mn.us/departments/sheriff/911communications).

## Firefighters Needed!

During the last several years it has become more difficult to recruit firefighters. This isn't just a Solway, County or State problem but actually a National problem. The demands of job, family, other commitments can become overwhelming. Now we have Covid to deal with on top of it all. But despite all this we still have the need for additional firefighters to keep our families and community safe.

We're asking anyone over 18 years of age to consider stepping up to help us with this task. Maybe it could be a New Years resolution to be a more active and contributing member of the Solway Community. We just need you to call the Fire Hall at 729-6304 or the Town Hall at 729-5134 to let us know you're interested; leave a message if staff aren't in and we'll get back to you. Check out what it all entails and see if you can fit into a Firefighters boots.

## Bookmobile Schedule

The Bookmobile is still coming every three weeks on Thursday afternoons between 3:15 and 4:15PM. They're in the parking lot for 1 hour before moving on to their next location. Dates for the 1st quarter of 2022 are January 20th, February 10th, March 3rd and 24th and April 14th.

## 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.

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

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

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### **Township Events Calendar**

Dec 28 .....Filing period for Township Election begins  
Jan 11 .....Filing Period for Township Election ends 5PM  
Jan 11 ..... Town Board Meeting 6:30PM  
Jan 20 .....Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM  
Feb 8 ..... Town Board Meeting 6:30PM  
Feb 10.....Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM  
Mar 3.....Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM  
Mar 8.....Township Elections noon to 8:00PM  
Mar 8..... Annual Meeting 8:30 PM  
Mar 15 ..... Town Board Meeting 6:30PM  
Mar 24 .....Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM  
Apr 12 .....Town Board Meeting 6:30PM  
April 14 .....Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM  
April 29 .....Monday Bunch Craft Sale 9:00AM-1:00 PM  
April 30 ..... Tentative Pancake Breakfast 8:00AM—Noon