

Solway Section Lines

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Temporary Supervisor Appointment

The Solway Town Board at its June meeting temporarily appointed Jeff Keppers as a town supervisor to fill the vacancy created by Supervisor Clare Stromlund's prolonged illness. Clare's recovery is taking longer than expected and his temporary replacement was necessary to ensure a quorum of board supervisors to carry out the township's business.

Jeff will serve in the capacity of township supervisor until Clare's return or until the township election on March 12, 2024, when Clare's term expires. Clare, Jeff, or any resident interested in filing for the township supervisor position would be able to do so at that election.

We wish Clare a speedy and complete recovery!

Road Maintenance/Reminders for 2023

Due to our never-ending winter, the Township Roads inspection was held later this year, on May 5th. Grading, gravel application, dust control, culvert replacement, ditching, sign replacement, roadside brushing and mowing were planned for June, July, August, and September.

- Gravel amounts were determined for application to various roads.
- Calcium chloride will be applied to roads in late June.
- Roadside mowing will take place over the summer months.
- Brushing of township roads will continue as needed to be completed by September or October. Some tree removal and trimming will be required ongoingly where views of traffic signs are blocked or where trees are wind blown.
- Roads will continue to be graded as needed depending on traffic loads.
- The following road projects are scheduled:
 - Entrance culverts replacement on West Jerry Road and Jerry Road.
 - Cross culverts replacement on Jerry Road.
 - Road buildup on a portion of Jerry Road.
 - Culvert end repair on North Hanson Road.
 - Emergency repairs made on some roads due to flooding at the end of April and early May.

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 are planning on blacktopping your driveway, do not extend the blacktop into the road right-of-way as snowplows and graders can chip, break or scratch the surface.

If you have a particular problem on your road, please call the township office at (218) 729-5134 so we can address it. Thanks for your help with this.

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SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

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Jeff Keppers

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Tues & Wed 9-3 PM

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(218)729-5134. Leave your name, phone number and date wanted.

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National Night Out 2023

This year the National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st from 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.

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 and Rocky Run Stables exhibited their miniature horse program. St. Louis County Deputy Sheriffs were on hand with the K-9 Unit as well. 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 National Night Out and will start planning for this event. Special Event members will meet Wednesday, July 5th 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 at (218)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 town hall between our front and handicapped entrances. These add so much in beautifying our hall. Thanks, Shirley and your grandson, Nick, for planting the flowers, and Mary Forstrom for helping with the watering. We hear many compliments on how nice they look.

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.

Census Results for Solway

A big “thank you” to all our residents who participated in the 2020 Census. A major effort was made for everyone’s cooperation to get themselves and their families counted.

Ramifications of the Census are that it provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products and support for you and our community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to the 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.

In June we received information from the Minnesota State Demographer of the 2022 population and household estimates for Solway Township. April 1, 2022 population estimate is 2,001, and household estimate is 778. The population of our community remains stable.

ARPA Funds Usage

The Federal American Rescue Plan Act was initiated to bring funds into communities to stimulate the economy left dormant, at best, from the Covid pandemic. Communities received funding based on their resident populations.

Solway received \$200,000 plus. These funds need to be used prior to the end of 2024 or they have to be reimbursed. These funds have made it possible to make improvements to our town hall, facilities and roads.

The following are some of the completed expenditures:

- Installation of two three-ton mini splits to air condition the upstairs of the hall
- Installation of a small mini split to air condition the office
- An air exchanger that brings fresh air into the upstairs and downstairs of the hall
- Refinishing of the upstairs hardwood maple flooring in the hall
- New upstairs kitchen and office flooring
- Installation of a Think Sign electronic message center along Highway 2
- Reclaiming and shaping of the Jeffrey Road asphalt

In process expenditures made:

- Audio/visual conferencing systems
- Total installation of new double-hung windows in the hall (not replacement inserts)
- Purchase of a Kubota commercial zero-turn lawn mower
- New streetlight on Highway 2 entrance of townsite

Exploring expenditures:

- Asphalt overlay of tennis courts
- Pickleball courts

Community Club News...

Flamettes

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11th at 5:30 PM. We would like to thank everyone who supported us this past year. If you would like to join us, additional meetings will be held October 2, November 6, and December 4 at 5:30 PM. The Flamettes 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 fund-raising ideas!

Monday Bunch

Our next Craft and Rummage Sale will be on Saturday September 30th from 9AM to 1PM. Call 218-729-8382 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 in the Town Hall on Mondays 12:30-4 PM. Bring your craft and conversation.

Solway Senior Citizens

We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00 at the Town Hall. Upcoming meetings are 7/20 and 8/17. Please watch the township website for further information.

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, Butch and Horst!

Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival is scheduled for Friday Oct. 27th, 6-9 PM. Special Events Committee members will gather, Mon, Sept. 25th at 6:30 PM to begin planning for the event. Watch the October newsletter for any additional meeting dates and planning information.

Country Music Show Up and Running

Keith and Sharon Olson produce the show the 1st Saturday of each month. The hours are 2 to 5 PM, allowing the audience participants to get home earlier in the evening. There is no meal, but beverages and snacks are available. Thanks Keith and Sharon for keeping the show going for our enjoyment. During the 3rd quarter of the year shows are being held Saturdays, 7/1, 8/5 and 9/2. We wish you and the show continued success.

Lake Head Harvest Show

The 62nd Annual Show will be August 25, 26 and 27, 2023. 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. Credit/debit cards accepted. Handicapped parking and toiletries are available. The grounds are open daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in any weather.

Demonstrations include sawmilling, threshing, blacksmithing, wood shingle making, antique rock crushing, daily parades of tractors and vehicles at 4:00 PM. Other attractions: food concessions and 3-Day Cafe, petting zoo, kids' activities, steam and gas model engines and tractors and flea market. On Saturday there is an antique and classic tractor pull at 12:30 PM. Kids pedal tractor pull at 2:30 PM.

Bring the family. This is a valuable educational opportunity for our youth. Check lakeheadharvestshow.com or brochures for further information.

Regular meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Harvest show grounds.

South St. Louis County Fair—Proctor

This will be our 102nd Annual Fair Celebration. Wed, 7/5 is entry day for 4-H building (1-7:30 PM), and all barns (starting at 10 AM).

Fair opens on Thurs, 7/6 with Senior Day (cupcakes and punch 1-4 PM), and judging. Todd Eckhart (1-4 PM & 7-10PM).

Fri, 7/7: Carnival opens at noon, wristbands, \$25 (6-10 PM). Friday Night at the Rodeo (7 PM). White Sidewalls Band (7-10 PM).

Sat, 7/8: "Kids Day" (free gift bag for kids). Coin toss (3:30 PM). Kids Tractor Pull (1 PM). Carnival opens at noon, wristbands, \$25 (12-4 PM & 6-10 PM). Robotics show in Turf building at noon. Horse shows start at 8 AM. Silver Streak Band (7-10 PM).

Sun, 7/9: Fair open Noon-6 PM. Horse shows start at 8 AM. Talent Contest (1-4 PM). Wisconsin Races (5:30 PM). Entry pickup (5 PM).

Stipe Carnival opens at Noon each day. FREE daily: Laura Loons Balloon Lady (2-6 PM); Petting zoo (12-7 PM); Cornhole; Knocker balls (12-8 PM).

Craft and Rummage Sale

Saturday September 30th 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 218-729-8382.

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, and other commitments can become overwhelming. But despite all this, we still have the need for additional firefighters to keep our families and community safe.

We're asking anyone 18 years of age or over to consider stepping up to help us with this task. Maybe it could be your decision to be a more active and contributing member of the Solway Community. We just need you to call the Fire Hall at 218-729-6304 or the Town Hall at 218-729-5134 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 Firefighter's boots.

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.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

The Bookmobile continues to roll.

The Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile stops at the Solway Town Hall every third Thursday 3:15-4:15 PM. This is a convenient way to provide library material for your family, especially the kids, during the summer months.

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
- Cookbooks
- DVDs
- Audio Books
- Video Games
- Interlibrary Loans

In addition, you can renew your library card, update your library account information, learn how to use library services and participate in special programs. Learn more about what your library can offer you at our website, www.alslib.info.

Scheduled stops in Solway for the Bookmobile are: July 20; August 10 & 31; and September 21, from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM.

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, contact the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768, 218-741-3840, see us on Facebook or check our website at www.alslib.info.

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, 218-349-2380

Permits may also be obtained online at www.dnr.mn.us. There is a \$5 charge per calendar year for the online service.

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1st
5:00-8:00 PM

Need Tables or Chairs?

Any Solway resident in need of tables and chairs for an event may contact the Town Hall at (218)729-5134. If no one is in, please 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 others who fear for their safety by establishing a confidential mailing address. This program helps survivors go about their daily lives without the risk of their abusers discovering their actual address.

Contact Safe at Home at: 1-651-201-1399, 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. The IRS will never contact you by phone, but will send a letter.

Lottery and Sweepstakes—You receive a call or 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!

Gift Cards—If anyone asks you to purchase and send them gift cards to complete any kind of financial transaction, it’s a scam. It’s impossible to get back money spent on gift cards.

WLSSD News

Residents need only sort recyclables into 4 categories:

Mixed Paper

- Paper of any color
- Pressboard boxes
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers and advertisements
- Shredded paper (Must be contained in paper bag)

Corrugated Cardboard (Flattened)

- Cardboard with a wavy layer between two pieces of thick paper
- NO waxed cardboard

Mixed Containers

- Rinse all food containers
- Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, jars & lids
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and aluminum cans
- NO film or foam (Inc. Styrofoam) & plastic bags
- NO plastic cups, plates or utensils
- NO buckets
- NO motor oil or antifreeze containers
- NO take-out, deli, or clamshell containers
- NO window glass, ceramics, or drinking glasses
- NO scrap metal

Film Plastics (Place in designated container)

- Film must be clean and dry
- Grocery and retail bags
- Newspaper bags & sleeves
- Dry cleaning bags
- Zip top bags
- Bread bags
- Ice bags
- Produce bags
- Paper product packaging wrap
- Pallet and case wrap
- Air pillows
- Bubble wrap
- Shipping envelopes
- Salt bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Winter window film
- NO black plastic bags

Recycling Shed Hours

Wednesdays 3-6 PM

Saturdays 8 AM-1 PM

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Township Events Calendar

July 1 Country Music Show 2:00-5:00 PM
July 5 Special Events Committee Meeting (National Night Out) 6:30 PM
July 11.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM
July 20..... Bookmobile 3:15 PM
August 1..... National Night Out 5:00-8:00 PM
August 5..... Country Music Show 2:00-5:00 PM
August 8.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM
August 10..... Bookmobile 3:15 PM
August 31..... Bookmobile 3:15 PM
September 2..... Country Music Show 2:00-5:00 PM
September 12.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM
September 21..... Bookmobile 3:15 PM
September 25
 Special Events Committee Meeting (Halloween Carnival)..... 6:30 PM
September 30..... Craft and Rummage Sale 9AM-1PM
October 27 Halloween Carnival 6:00 PM