

# Carlos Township Newsletter

## Primary Election

August 10, 2010



### Township Road Right-of-Way

Get ready to participate.....

Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> is the Primary Election. Voting will be held at the Carlos Town Hall, located in the City of Carlos. The Town Hall is located directly behind Herby's on Victoria Street.

Carlos Township generally has had a decent turn out for the primary election, so please continue your constitutional right and vote.

The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 p.m.

Remember to VOTE on August 10, 2010 as your vote does make a difference.

The General Election will be held on November 2, 2010.

### Website

As requested at the annual meeting, Carlos Township has launched a website. Check it out at: [www.carlostownship.org](http://www.carlostownship.org).

### Dogs and Cats

AHHH dogs and now CATS. We've received a few calls this year in regard to roaming and barking dogs. The township has now heard some complaints regarding cats. The township does not pick up cats. Cats can be a huge nuisance to neighbors as they bury their "business" in gardens and sandboxes. Be a good neighbor and monitor your pets.

When we think of road right-of-way, we usually just think of the road itself. Although right-of-way does include the road as built, it also includes property adjacent to the road; ditches and sometimes even a bit beyond.

What this means is that even though the ditches may look like your lawn, they really are Township road right-of-way.

Generally, but not always, a township road right-of-way is 66-feet in width, generally measured 33-feet from the centerline each way.

DID YOU KNOW? It is illegal to park and/or store boats, cars and recreational vehicles within a road right of way. A Township has the authority to have these items removed at the landowner's expense. As for rocks, landscaping, shrubs, fences and other items; they are also not permitted within a road right-of-way.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT HAVING THINGS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY? Safety is the number one concern. When there are items in the right-of-way, they can obstruct visibility and/or cause harm or damage should a vehicle leave the road.

Please do your part to keep the roadways in Carlos Township clear.

July 2010

### Board Members

Dwayne Waldorf, Chairman  
852-7827

Ted Steidl, Supervisor  
852-7714

Rodney Meyers, Supervisor  
852-7563

Rebecca Anderson, Clerk  
846-0373

Dean Yohnke, Treasurer  
852-7702

### Meeting Dates

The Carlos Town Board meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month, except for November and December when they meet only on the second Thursday of the month.

The meetings are held at the Carlos Elementary School and begin at 7:30 pm.

The public is always welcome to attend.

If you have an item you would like placed on the Agenda, please contact Rebecca Anderson at least one week prior to the meeting.

Website: [www.carlostownship.org](http://www.carlostownship.org)

## Noxious Weeds



### COUNTY COMMISSIONER

#### COMMENTS

Bev Bales

So glad we can complete the work on County 42, beginning the end of July. Thanks in advance to all of you who will be "inconvenienced" for a time, but as you know that project is many years overdue. It'll be a wonderful improvement, including better safety. We receive numerous praises for the first half of the project from St. Lake Le Homme Dieu to the Indian Mounds that was done last year.

The Hospital addition is on schedule & on budget - to be completed this fall. The jail is also. Remodeling of the old jail for "courts holding" & better safety measures will be the next step. The 800 megahertz system that must be in place for our Dispatch Center by 2013 is being planned. The Grants that Fire Depts. were to get for the new radios did not come through. There is hope that funds can soon be forthcoming elsewhere. The work at the old jail will be phased in - not done all at once.

To help slow the spread of zebra mussels that are already in Lakes Le Homme Dieu, Geneva & Carlos, we closed two channels, between Lakes Victoria & Geneva, & Darling Brophy. This is only a temporary preventative but a necessary one.

Hope to see everyone at the Parade in Carlos. Do contact me with any issues. Thank you.  
bevb@embarqmail.com, or 852-7335

Bev Bales  
Douglas County Commissioner

There are 11 primary noxious weeds in Minnesota, and they must be controlled on all private and public lands. These weeds are on the noxious weed list because they are hard to control; or injurious to public health, the environment, roads, livestock, crops and property. There are three (3) classes of weeds: Annual, biennial and perennial. HEMP is the only annual on this list of 11. Annual weeds germinate, emerge from seed and complete their lifecycle in one year. Biennial weeds require two years to complete their lifecycle. There are four (4) biennial weeds on Minnesota's primary noxious weed list. These are: PLUMELESS THISTLE, MUSK THISTLE, BULL THISTLE AND GARLIC MUSTARD. Perennial weeds can live for two or more years. Included in this category are: PERENNIAL SOWTHISTLE, CANADA THISTLE, FIELD BINDWEED, LEAFY SPURGE, PURPLE LOOSESTRIPE AND POISON IVY. Rod Meyers is the Township Weed Official and as such, he is the man to contact with your noxious weed concerns. He may be reached at 852-7563. Please keep a watchful eye out for noxious weed growth upon your property and take immediate action to eradicate them before they become a problem infestation.

### Carlos Days

Carlos Days will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Whiplash will be performing for the street dance and there will be a parade. Check the Echo Press for more information.

### Progress Reports

**Carlos Bluffs Road:** The Township has finished the first phase of this paving project with reconstructing the road. The board will let bids this summer for completion by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sandhill Lane:** The Town Board has settled the easement issue with the two property owners and will begin road construction late summer or early fall. There will be a public hearing in the fall for all residents along Sandhill Lane to verify if they wish to move forward with paving the road.

### Road Maintenance Issues

Spring and Summer bring on many road issues from chloride application, blading and brushing. The township will begin clearing brush from the township's Right of Way. There will also be blacktop crackfill applied to various township roads. Road Signs: Please contact a board member if you see a road sign missing or in poor condition. Chloride application has already or will be applied to township roads very soon.

### Wastewater Study

Carlos Township was awarded a grant for a wastewater study for the residents of South Lake Milona. The study was conducted by the University of Minnesota Onsite Sewage Program. There was an information meeting held on June 21<sup>st</sup> with those residents who were involved in the study.