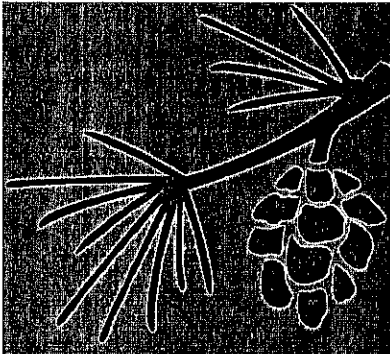


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Meeting Dates

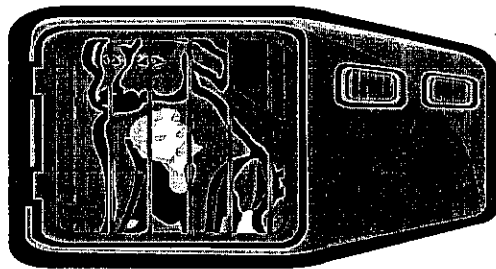
The Carlos Town Board meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month, except for November and December when they meet only on the second Thursday of the month. The meetings are held at the Carlos Elementary School and begin at 7:00 pm. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have an issue and would like to be on the agenda, contact the clerk at least one week prior to the meeting.



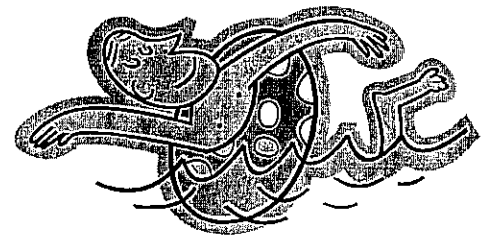
CARLOS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Carlos Fire Department will be hosting their annual Summer Festival on Saturday, July 9, 2011. There will be a water fight following the parade at 3:00 PM. Come out that evening for the street dance.

Dogs



It doesn't seem to matter what time of the year it is, there are always complaints about dogs. Either they are running at large or barking continuously. Be a good neighbor and take care of your pets. The township has adopted an Animal Ordinance which is posted on the township's website.



LONG PRAIRIE RIVER TUBING

This information has been in past newsletters, however, it bears repeating.

It's that time of the year again when a long, lazy float down the Long Prairie River feels pretty good. But, there have been some changes....

Due to the increasing problems with littering, underage drinking, parking, vandalism and plain old bad behavior, Douglas County has enacted an ordinance aimed at curbing these problems. The river and landings will be patrolled to keep these problems in check and trash containers will be placed along the river to encourage proper container disposal.

The Milona Carlos Bridge is scheduled to be replaced with a larger structure sometime next year. Please use the parking area provided for tubers on the South side of the river - near the corner of Highway 29 and South Riverview Drive.

Progress Reports

COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Zebra Mussels: With zebra mussels found in most of the Chain of Lakes, the County has been working hard to address this issue - hoping to keep them out of other lakes. We've named a Citizens Committee to look into this and other invasive species. We voted to ask the State Legacy Funds Committee to consider Douglas County as a "test county" to use the product that kills them. The Legislature hasn't acted on this, of course. Thank you for doing what you can to protect our lakes - the zebra mussels and other invasive species tend to diminish one of our most valuable resources. Whether you live on a lake, use them for recreation, or just enjoy looking at the water (as I do), all of us must do our part to keep them preserved for future generations.

Pool Removal Bids: Bids were let on June 21st for the long overdue pool removal and remodeling of the Law Enforcement Center - new windows and expanded dispatch center for the Sheriff's office. More much needed parking will be realized where the pool is now, in addition to more space for Public Health & Social Services.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon County:

I am representing the County in establishing Douglas County as a "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon County" - an oak tree will be planted on the Court House lawn to honor those serving and their families. Remember, if any of you can be of help, give a ride, make a phone call, mow a lawn, etc. etc. for families of those deployed, please call the National Guard Office at 762-7817 or call me. Not all of us are in favor of war, but we all support our troops. Any help you can give is truly appreciated. If you know of a family that can use help, please let us know.

Road Issues: Thanks for your patience while the County, Township and State work to restore our roads as best as we can. It was a terrible winter on our roads, and there is much to be done. Most folks say they can remember a winter that took its toll on our roads as the one we just experienced.

Do contact me at any time with issues you have, as I work for you.

Bev Bales, County Commissioner

Wastewater Study for residents along South Lake Milona:

As of preparing this newsletter, the Township Board of Supervisors along with a team from the University of MN will be holding an informational hearing on June 30th to discuss the study performed by Wenck Inc. on the different options available for residents living in this area. All residents have been notified by mail of this hearing along with information posted on the Resource Tab on the township's website.

Sandhill Lane: The Town Board held an informational hearing on June 10th, 2011 to present residents with an estimate for paving the road. During that meeting, Sandhill Terrace presented a petition to have their section of the road paved. In due of this new information, the board will be asking for quotes for both roads. Once the quotes have been received, which should be within the month, the board will have a second hearing based on more concrete numbers.

Weeds: It's that time of the year again. Rod Meyers is the townships supervisor in charge of weed inspections. Please check your pastures, fields and yards for noxious weeds. It may already be too late, but it never hurts to put out the reminder every year. A general rule of thumb is that all thistles need to be eradicated before July 4th to keep them from going to seed. Contact Rod if you have any questions.

Road Areas of Concern: The township is looking at the following areas in the township that will require work this summer. The first is a corner on Three Havens Drive; Buckskin Road West and Bradley Court for frost boil repair and finally Carlos Bluffs in which there is some ditch repair needed.

Chloride Application: The township will be shortly or already has applied calcium chloride to its gravel roads.

Detour for County Roads 42/11/34 Construction Project: The county has designated Pilgrim Point as the official detour road to be used during this construction. The county is looking to begin construction after the July 4th holiday.

Trash/Landscaping materials located in Township Right of Way: It is mystifying why people feel they can dump their mattresses, old TV's, etc. in the township right of way. Please be respectful of our township and dispose of personal property properly. Landscaping rocks in the Right of Way, pose a dangerous obstacle for safety reasons. If you have any landscaping timber/rocks - they should not be in the Right of Way. Newly paved driveways that abut gravel township roads are being laid too far out onto the township road. We've had an issue where the blade has clipped the tar and broken up the driveway. When installing a tar driveway, have your contractor end the tar well back of the township road. Road Maintenance is a thankless and not an easy job. Please be considerate of the road maintainer so he can perform his job with safety in mind.