

# Carlos Township Newsletter



## **CARLOS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

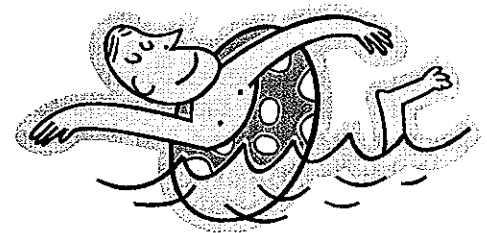
*The Carlos Fire Department will be hosting their annual Summer Festival on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The parade will start at 3 PM with a water fight to follow and a street dance later that night.*

### 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. If your dog is roaming barking or being a nuisance, it can be impounded to the Lakes Area Humane Society. You as the owner will be responsible to pay all impound fees in order to get your pet released along with being fined by the county who enforces the ordinance for the township.

### Voter ID Amendment:

This amendment is slated to be on the November Election ballot. Information regarding this amendment can be located on the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) This site has information on what this amendment will mean to the residents of Minnesota. There are multiple links listed from groups supporting and opposing the amendment. Be an informed voter.



## **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.

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.

### Primary Election:

**The Primary Election is to be held on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The polls are open from 7:00 AM-8:00PM at the Carlos Town Hall. Please remember to vote.**

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### Board Members

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Chairman  
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Rod Meyers, Supervisor  
320-852-7563

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Commissioner  
320-852-7335,

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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.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

**Zebra Mussels:** The excellent cooperation between the DNR, the State of Minnesota & Douglas County on the war against zebra mussels is great to see. The County has purchased a decontamination unit to be used throughout the county to clean watercraft to help stop the spread of the mussels. The DNR has given the county grant money to hire inspectors at accesses throughout the county to monitor compliance. The State has been in agreement with these issues.

**Other issues:** The Board approved the aerial photography of the County to be done this year. The cost is shared by the County, City of Alexandria, Alexandria Lakes Area Sanitary District & Alex Light & Power.

The Board passed a resolution supporting the use of the non-toxic blacktopping sealcoat for driveways & parking lots. This was highly supported by the Soil & Water Board who will ask the Legislature to ban the coal tar completely as they are recognizing the potential toxicity of the coal tar product.

OSHA did a study of the Douglas County Library & found it to contain no detrimental air pollution, so no drastic measures had to be taken to have anything removed. The remodeling of the library will be done later.

County Engineer Dave Robley was named "Engineer of the Year" by the Ass'n of Minnesota County Engineers, and they proclaimed March 13<sup>th</sup> as "Dave Robley Day." Dave's selection was based on the fine way he has managed our roadways, in addition to his involvement in many other areas of the County.

Approval was given for the use of HAVA equipment for handicapped voting for the election.

The Commissioners received the Annual Feed Lot Report and the Land & Resource Comprehensive Plan, in addition to the passage of the update of the State's revised rules of sanitation & subsurface septic systems.

The board passed a Resolution supporting the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon - Douglas County.

The Maintenance of Agreements with the City of Alexandria was agreed upon considering the annexation of the County into the City over the past few years so "tradeoffs" of streets & roads were determined.

The refinancing of some bonds will save the County about \$388,000.

Douglas County agreed to the contract with the DATA trails and accepted the report of the Sauk River Watershed District, which has been in existence for 26 years. This agency has obtained \$20 million dollars in grants to protect our waters.

The Board approved joining a national Prescription Purchase Program, available to all residents with about 55% savings on prescriptions. More information will be forthcoming on this.

Due to the annexation by the City of Alexandria, many of the cities ward boundaries have changed, thus affecting County Districts. Therefore, all five commissioners are up for election this year, Paul Anderson, Dan Olson & Norm Salto are up for two year terms and Jerry Johnson & Bev Bales for four year terms. The Primary Election date is Tuesday, August 14, 2012 with the two winning candidates from each District facing off in the General Election to be held on November 6, 2012.

Please remember to vote as we work for you.  
Look for periodic updates in business throughout District 3.

Do let me know your concerns/questions. My email is [bevb@embargmail.com](mailto:bevb@embargmail.com), my telephone number is 852-7335 and 8170 East Lake Carlos Drive, Carlos, MN 56319 is my mailing address.

Have a great summer! Bev Bales District 3 Commissioner

***Weeds:*** 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 4<sup>th</sup> to keep them from going to seed. Contact Rod if you have any questions.

***Road Areas of Concern:*** The Township is looking at a few roads that will require work this summer.

***Chloride Application:*** The Township completed the application of calcium chloride to its gravel roads on June 13th.

***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.

### ***Parking Vehicles on Township***

***Roads:*** Please keep in mind the township road is not your private property. We have had complaints of residents parking their cars, boats, trailers and campers on the township road. For safety reason and appearance, the township reserves the right to have these vehicles towed at the owner's expense.