



Carlos Township Newsletter



CARLOS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Carlos Fire Department will be hosting their annual Summer Festival Saturday, July 13. 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.

County Road Construction

Residents of Carlos Township will be impacted by road construction this summer. Douglas County will be repairing CR 11 and CR34 this summer. The County will be removing the pavement and replacing it with new asphalt.

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.

The town board would like to thank all of the residents who take it upon themselves to keep this area clean for the public.

Carlos Miltona Bridge
Construction will begin later this summer or early fall on replacing the bridge over the Long Prairie River. Dave Robley, the Douglas County engineer will be in charge of this project.

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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

The following issues came before the County Board:

- *Approved the committees each commissioner will serve on for the next year.
- *Signed a resolution honoring "Adopt a Highway" program, which has at least 145 volunteers. There were 1600 bags collected last year.
- *Set Joint Powers with Highway Safety Improvement program
- *Report was received from North Memorial Ambulance, which is self sustaining. They also train First Responders in law enforcement
- *Report was received from West Central Communities Action, which served 2655 families in Douglas County in 2012.
- * The county assessor reported that farmland value went up 40%.
- * The new director for the county library is Jacob Odland.
- *The Vulnerable Children & Adults Program funding the state messed up last year is now reinstated at the same level.
- * Park & Legacy funds will remain at 40% DNR, 40% Metro, and 20% for Greater Minnesota, which is something Greater Minnesota fought hard for in this legislative session.
- * The Board sent a letter of support to Senator Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken to help keep Asian Carp out of Minnesota.
- *Ag Association: The County Fair Board gave a report & expressed thanks to the County for our support.
- * The Board approved a resolution in support of Family Homeless Assistance & Prevention.
- * Approved Red Willow Arts Coalition to have concerts on the Court House lawn each Thursday night during the summer.
- *The Board repeated the request from December 2011 asking for a \$1.00 per square foot increase in rent from Lakes Area Recreation for their new contract effective January 2014.
- *Board set policy for Wireless Device Communications Policy & Procedures.
- *Drainage Ag report was given by Tom Anderson
- *Road construction update for 2013 includes County Roads 34 & 11, which were scheduled for 2014.
- *State park funds were acquired for road to public access on East Lake Miliona.
- *Douglas County was awarded the Blue Ribbon Award for help in preventing Child Abuse.
- *The 2012 Annual Report of the Sauk River Watershed District was received by the board.
- *The board approved a new Sign Ordinance.
- *Alexandria Opportunities Center's request for a variance was granted.
- *A report was heard from MCIT (MN Counties Insurance Trust).

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to email or call me at bevb@embargmail.com 320 852 7335.

Bev Bales County Commission District 2

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 4th to keep them from going to seed. Contact Rod if you have any questions.

Township Road Construction: Along with an asphalt overlay for Stardust and Circle Drive, the town board will be working on reconstructing sections of West Buckskin and Johnson Road.

Interlachen Drive and Shady Lane: The town board will be holding an Informational Hearing to pave these two roads, on July 1, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Carlos Elementary School. All residents impacted for an assessment will be notified of the hearing by mail.

**Trash/Landscaping/Farming/Asphalt
-Concrete Driveways 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 - please remove them. There should be no farming of the Township ROW. This poses a hazard to close to the roads. We are seeing residents disposing of their leaves, corn stocks, etc in the ditches. This debris plugs up the culverts and creates flooding. When installing a finished driveway, have your contractor end the material 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.