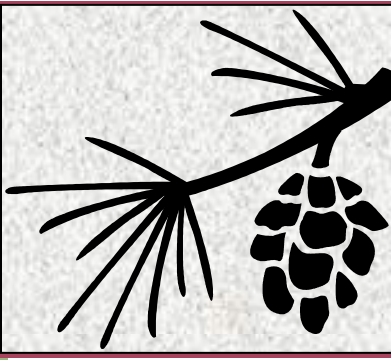


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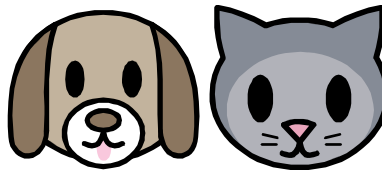
Meeting Dates

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 Saturday, July 12. The parade will start at 3 PM with a water fight to follow. Come dance to the music of Contention at the street dance, from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM.



Dogs & Cats

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. Cats are also a problem, as they do their business in mulch beds and children's sand boxes.

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.

Drainage Issues

With all of the rain this spring, it has been a problem for township residents. Please keep in mind that if you are pumping water out or away from your house, the water needs to stay on your property. It cannot be redirected to your neighbor's property.

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. *With water levels high this summer, please use caution while enjoying the river.*

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

The project of replacing the Miltona/Carlos Bridge is on hold until funding becomes available. Douglas County Engineer, Dave Robley will be in charge of this project.

Complaints or Suggestions

In the past, the town board has received unsigned letters from residents voicing a complaint with one thing or another in the township. These letters are sent anonymously with no indication of who has sent them. Therefore, there is no way for the town board to discuss the issue with the letter writer.

Recently one of our county commissioner, also noted in the Echo Press, he too had received unsigned letters stating issues that needed addressing by the county.

The Carlos Town Board will address all written complaints that have a signature and a call back number and/or address of where the person voicing an opinion can be reached. All other letters will not be addressed.

Four Wheelers

Four wheelers are not licensed to be on roadways. There are instances where these vehicles are tearing up gravel roads and the inside of ditches. Everyone likes to have fun, but when it comes to having to add more gravel and re-blade roads due to these vehicles, it becomes a cost to the township which is a cost to all of us. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office has been notified and will be addressing this issue.

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 remind our residence 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: The section of Johnson Road from CR 9 to CR 30 will be reconstructed this summer. Residents will also see crackfill and seal coating on many of the asphalt roads.

Chloride Application: Calcium Chloride will be applied very soon, if it hasn't been done already.

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 township road ditches. 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. We see most of these at the beginning of driveways where landscaping is used to camouflage a culvert.



There should be no farming of the Township ROW. This poses a hazard too 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.

Thank You and have a great summer!! The Carlos Town Board