

# Carlos Township Newsletter

ELECTION

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November 2, 2010



Tuesday, November 2nd  
ELECTION DAY

***Be sure to exercise your right to vote!***

The polling place for Carlos Township residents continues to be the Carlos Town Hall, which is located in the City of Carlos. The Town Hall is located directly across from the water tower.

Carlos Township and the City of Carlos will be using the same polling place, so be sure to get into the correct line to sign the roster and vote.

The polls will open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. Voting lines tend to be very long in the evening from 5-8PM. In order to avoid these long lines, please contact your employer and exercise your right to vote during the day when voting is generally lighter.

Before you can vote, you must register. In Minnesota, you may register 20 days before Election Day for your name to appear on the polling place roster, or on Election Day at your polling place.

Your registration remains current Until you move, change your name, or do not vote for four consecutive years.

## Am I eligible to vote?

You may register and vote in Minnesota on Election Day if you:

- Will be at least 18-years old on Election Day
- Are a citizen of the United States
- Will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
- Have any felony conviction record discharged, expired, or completed
- Are not under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights
- Have not been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law

## Registering on Election Day

If you are not registered to vote or need to update your registration information, you may do so at your local polling location on Election Day. However, you are required to provide proof of residence when registering on Election Day.

To register at your polling place on Election Day, you must have one of the following with your current name and address in the precinct to verify your residence:

- A valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, Minnesota ID card, or receipt for any of these
- A valid student ID card including your photo, if your college has provided a student housing list to election officials
- A Tribal ID card that contains your picture and signature

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### 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 7:30pm.

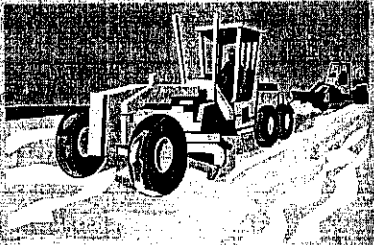
The public is always welcome to attend.

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

**Township Website:**

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

## ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Continued)



### Snow.... It'll Be Here Soon

The township has a new road maintainer for the upcoming season. Alden Just Road Maintenance was awarded the contract for 2010-2011. If you have any concerns with snow plowing, blading or mowing, please contact a supervisor and he will get the message to Mr. Just.

It's that time of the year again that we need to remind everyone that it is unlawful to dump, plow or push snow from private driveways onto a public road. Under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 160.2715, violation of this statute is a misdemeanor.

Be sure to let those whom you hire to push snow, know about this law, as well as the consequences for violation.

Snow dumped on public roads or the right of way can create a hazard, not only for motorists, but also snowplows. Even heavy snowplows have been damaged when hitting compacted and frozen snow.

Snow pushed onto a public road may cause snowdrifts, ridges and ice chunks which are hazardous to motorists.

We urge you, as good neighbors and motorists, not to add to the hazards of winter driving.

*Your Cooperation Will Be Appreciated*

- A valid registration in the same precinct under a different name or address
- A notice of late registration sent to you by your county auditor or city clerk
- A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address with a signed oath
- An employee of the residential facility where you live who can confirm your address with a signed oath

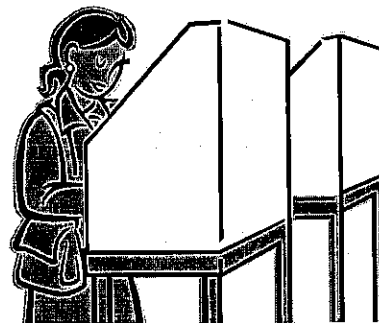
Alternatively, you may provide both 1) a photo ID from the list below, and 2) a current bill with your current name and address in the precinct.

### Photo ID's (may be expired)

- Minnesota Driver's License
- Minnesota ID Card
- United States Passport
- United States Military ID Card
- Tribal ID Card
- Minnesota University, College, or Technical College ID Card

### Bills (delivered electronically or by mail)

- Utility bill due within 30 days of election day:
  - Telephone (landline, cell, etc.)
  - TV (cable, satellite, etc.)
  - Internet services
  - Electric
  - Gas
  - Solid Waste
  - Sewer services
  - Water
- Rent statement dated within 30 days of Election Day that itemizes utilities
- Current student fee statement



*Remember to Vote – November 2nd*

**Daylight Savings Time Ends  
November 7, 2010**

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you head off to bed the evening of November 6<sup>th</sup>. This is also a reminder to all of us that it's time to check our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Every winter we hear news of where a family member(s) have suffered injuries or a fatality due to faulty detectors. Please don't be that statistic.

Township Annual Election and Meeting

These events will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2010 with the polls open from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM. The annual meeting will take place directly after the polls close. If anyone is interested in filing for a position on the board, please contact the clerk at 320 846 0373 for an application. The filing period is December 28th through January 11th. The positions up for election this year are Supervisor - 3 year term; and Treasurer - 2 year term.



**REMINDER: IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO DUMP YOUR LEAVES AND CLIPPINGS CROSS THE ROAD IN THE RIGHT OF WAY, OR UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

The board would also like to thank all residents who take it upon themselves to removing brush or down trees from the township ROW. It is sincerely appreciated and saves the township money



Road Progress Reports

*Carlos Bluffs Road:* The Township has finished this paving project and the final assessment hearing is scheduled for November 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Carlos Elementary School.

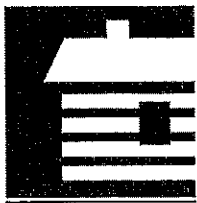
*Sandhill Lane:* The Town Board had received a petition from landowners back in April of 2008 for paving Sandhill Lane. The road has been reconstructed and the board will be looking at the second phase of paving the road. The Board will hold a second public hearing sometime early next year to discuss this issue.

[WWW.Carlostownship.org](http://WWW.Carlostownship.org)

Above is the address for the recently formed website. This website was requested by a resident at the last annual meeting in March. The site was launched in May and has been a wonderful source for information for our residents.

The clerk worked with a website designer and came up with what is shown on the site.

All notices will be published on the site along with minutes/agendas/and anything newsworthy that would help keep the residents of Carlos Township informed. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the site and let us know of any ideas you may have to help improve it.

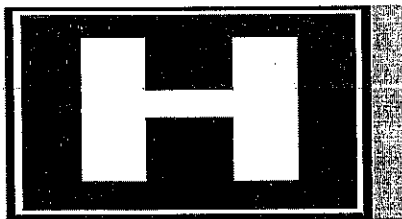


LAND USE - The County's Comprehensive Plan

How will the new Plan affect you? That's, right, the County is nearing the end of a 16 month process to rewrite the Comp Land Use Plan. What's that you ask? It determines the future Land Use and development in the County by steering the creation of zoning districts and ordinances, forming policy related to transportation, parks and trails, natural resource use and encouraging economic development as well as the preservation of agriculture. The Final Plan is only a few months away!

Draft sections of the Plan include SIGNIFICANT CHANGES to land use goals and policies that may affect what you can and can't do with your property. Don't miss your chance to have your voice heard. Look for the planned upcoming meetings in the paper or on the radio, or call our Land & Resource Manager, Dave Rush with your concerns 320-762-3863. Also on the web at <http://www.sehinc.com/online/douglas>

Please don't wait till the rules are changed to voice your opinions. SPEAK UP NOW!



HOSPITAL ADDITION

The 31 million dollar addition to the Douglas County Hospital is now complete. An estimate of 2000+ people came to the Open House on Sunday, October 10th to see their facility. It is great addition to our ever growing area.



COUNTY TAX LEVY FOR 2011

We passed a "ZERO" increase in Levy for Douglas County Taxpayers for 2011. We may be able to make more cuts before the final Levy must be set in December. All departments are working hard to combat the loss of money from the State, the economy, & basic lack of funds.

NEW BURNER AT SOLID WASTE

Right now the new burner is being installed at the Solid Waste Plant. The Bond Bids came in very low - which saves thousands. Three other Counties will soon join Douglas & Pope in the use & payment of it.

COUNTY ROAD 42

People are delighted with the wonderful improvements on the south end of County Road 42. The north end will be completed by November. It is a great improvement for protecting our lakes, & for the safety of all who use it.

Contact me anytime at [bevb@embarqmail.com](mailto:bevb@embarqmail.com); by phone at 320-852-7335; or by mail at 8170 E. Lake Carlos Drive, Carlos MN 56319.

I am honored to work for you.

Bev Bales, Douglas County Commissioner



*From the Carlos Township Board*