



Carlos Township Newsletter

ELECTION
DAY
November 4, 2014



Tuesday, November 4th
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NOVEMBER 2014

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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 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)



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 name, address, picture and signature.

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.

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ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Continued)



Snow..... It will be here soon

R&R Ready Mix was awarded the Road Maintenance contract for 2014-2015. If you have any concerns with snow plowing, blading or mowing, please contact a board member and they will get the message to R&R.

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.

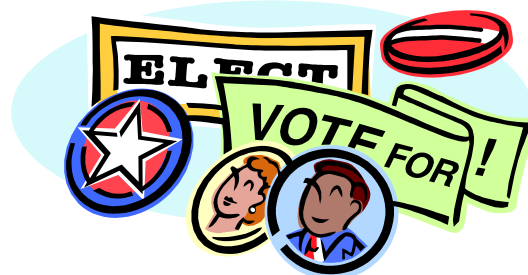
Photo ID's (may be expired)

- 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
- Minnesota High School ID Card
- Drivers License, state ID card or learners permit issued by another state

Bills (delivered electronically or by mail)

- Bill, account or start of service statement due or dated within 30 days of election for:
 - Telephone (landline, cell, VOIP etc)
 - TV (cable, satellite, etc.)
 - Internet services
 - Electric
 - Gas
 - Solid Waste, or Sewer Services
 - Water
 - Banking or Credit Card Statement
 - Rent or Mortgage payments
- Residential Lease or rental agreements must be valid through Election Day.
- Current student fee statement

Please check out the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us for information regarding all information for this year's election. Click on the Elections & Voting Tab and you will receive instructions on how to check to verify if you are registered and where your polling place is located. This tab will also give you information on how to vote absentee along with constitutional amendments on the ballot.



Daylight Savings Time Ends November 2, 2014

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you head off to bed the evening of November 1st. 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 10, 2015 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 30, 2014 until – 5:00 PM January 13, 2015.** The positions up for election this year are Supervisor - 3 year term; and Treasurer - 2 year term.

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

Road Progress Reports

Johnson Road: The south end of Johnson Road was reconstructed over the summer. This will eliminate snow traps and frost boils that bulge up every spring.

Sandhill Lane/Terrace, a section of Prairie Road; Bluffs Road, and Mount Carmel; These asphalt roads were sealcoated this summer. This process will extend the life of the asphalt.

Chloride: Township roads were treated with calcium chloride over the summer.



REMINDER: It is not acceptable to dump your leaves and clippings across the road in the Right of Way or upon a private driveway.

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

Miltona Carlos Road River Access: The board would also like to thank all of those who pitch in to keep the river access by Miltona Carlos Road clean and free of garbage for those who enjoy using the Long Prairie River and all area residents.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Bev Bales, Douglas County Commissioner

The independent audit that was just conducted of Douglas County was very satisfactory. There were a couple issues the auditors suggested and they were immediately put in place. The county is in good financial shape.

The remodeling of the Municipal Courtrooms, along with adding an additional courtroom is on schedule. The bids came in lower than estimates, which was great news.

The Horizon Public Health, a Joint Powers of 5 counties – Douglas, Pope, Grant, Stevens & Traverse will become effective January 1, 2015. It has been a long process of legal & other issues in establishing this. However, more efficiency and better services will be realized.

As you know October 15th was the day second half of Real Estate Taxes were due. You can have the money deducted from your bank account automatically in May & October, so you never have to be late paying or even bother to write a check or go to the courthouse. Contact the Auditor/Treasurers office at 320 762 3077 to set up this great service.

A number of long overdue county roads have been repaired and upgraded, thanks to the ½% sales tax effective October 1, 2014. A large amount of that money will come from visitors to our county, not only residents. It would have been very unfair to place all these costs on property taxes.

Please remember to vote November 4th.

May you & your families have a wonderful holiday season!

Contact me with any of your ideas & concerns by any of the following means:

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