



News From the Town Board

Where is Twig??

Where the heck is Twig, Minnesota? That question has been asked time and again as residents share that their Downtown is Twig. It's also been said that Twig is so small that the "Entering Twig" and "Leaving Twig" signs are on the same post. But, really, where did the name of our "Downtown" originate? Folklore has it that the Postmaster, Sander Peterson, named the post office "Twig" because it was a "branch of Duluth". That sounds plausible but for the fact that the DW&P Railroad had a station near the now Highway 53 bridge over the railroad named "Twig" long before Mr. Peterson was Postmaster. In fact, the Minnesota Secretary of State's records show corporations organized with "Twig" in the corporate name going back to 1926.

The Town Board has fielded inquiries from elementary students who are working on class assignments to find an interesting named town and draft a letter to a Town official requesting information about how the town was named.

So, this begs the question. Where did the name "Twig" originate? We'd like to know if you know. If you have facts (not folklore) that explain how the name originated, we'd like to know. Also, do you have any information about the history of Grand Lake Township that you'd like to share? Would you be interested in serving the Township as Town Historian? Please write the Grand Lake Clerk at grandlakeclerk@hotmail.com and we will share your revelations with the residents around "Downtown Twig".

Welcome New Deputy Clerk

Grand Lake Township has an appointed Town Clerk position. The Town Clerk, by State statute, selects a Deputy Clerk who serves as substitute for the Town Clerk, should the Town Clerk not be available. LeeAnn Vanderscheuren was appointed Town Clerk over a year ago and we are thankful for the great job she has done. LeeAnn appointed Melissa Ringger as her Deputy Clerk and the Town Board accepted her recommendation. Melissa is being brought up to speed regarding the intricacies involved in the Town Clerk position. We welcome Melissa and look forward to working with her.

Bachelor Road Update

As we shared previously, the railroad crossing at the Bachelor road does not approach the railroad at a right angle. That creates visibility issues for school busses and large vehicles as it is more difficult to view the railroad tracks to the north. The Township has been successful in securing funding to upgrade the crossing and plans were falling in place for the work to be completed on Saturday, October 28. As we all know, an early snow storm occurred on October 26, interrupting the project which will now be scheduled for Spring, 2018. Thank you to Minnesota DOT for the grant, St. Louis County for their help with moving this project forward and to Minnesota Power for an easement to accommodate the changes.

News From the Board *continued...*

Township Meeting Dates

GRAND LAKE TOWN BOARD

Location: Town Hall

Regular Town Board Meeting

7:00 PM on 2nd Tuesday of the month

Annual Town Meeting

7:00 PM on 2nd Tuesday in March

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Location: Twig Fire Hall

Business Meeting

7:30 PM on 1st Tuesday of the month

Training Meeting

7:30 PM on 2nd & 3rd Thursdays after
1st Tuesday of the month

2018 Annual Meeting Reminder

Mark your calendars for March 13, 2018, the date of the Annual Township Meeting. Make plans to attend the Annual Meeting at the Community Center and get an update on your Township status and exercise your vote in the determination of Grand Lake's future. The Meeting starts at 7:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

The logo for the Annual Meeting features the word "ANNUAL" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font above the word "MEETING" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. Both words are enclosed within a black rectangular border.

Baseball Field Upgrade

Grand Lake Township has a wonderful baseball field at Twig and the field is about to get better. On October 17, the Town Board approved the purchase of an electronic scoreboard for the baseball field. The Twig scoreboard is one of four the League has received approval for. The Proctor Area Little League worked hard to get the most bang for the buck by enlisting the following donations:

- Local electrical union providing all electrical supplies, labor and project support to install/power all 4 score boards including updating electrical at some of the facilities.
- Local operator union providing all ground work, trenching and efforts to run electrical to scoreboard locations and areas being updated at fields.
- Collective purchase of 4 score boards ultimately saving money by purchasing all in a bulk order.
- Freight provided by Foster trucking picking the score boards up in Kentucky at no cost during a return trip to the Duluth/Superior area.
- Russell Steel providing steel I beams for the score board uprights/framework.

HMI contractors providing the sono-tubes and concrete work for foundation support of the score boards.

Snowplowing Alert & Town Rd Update

We can't ignore the impending seasonal shift- snow! The Township is finalizing contracts for snowplowing and need the cooperation of our residents. If you live on a Township road, we appreciate your help in ensuring that the area around your property is free and clear for snowplowing. When in doubt, move any obstructions away from the road right-of-way. The same early snow storm that interrupted the Bachelor Road project also made a mess of our Town roads. The slushy conditions disrupted the gravel roads, creating some issues that the subsequent freezing conditions locked in. Be assured that, should the weather abate and we have a thaw, the grader will be out to try to remedy any issues caused by the storm and freezing. It has always been the Board's goal to have all roads at optimum condition before the freeze hits and we will do all we can to ensure they are the best they can be for Winter.

Town Hall/Community Center Rental

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For rental or questions, contact Frank DeLuca at 729-7941 or frankbdeluca@yahoo.com
View the Schedule, Rates and Download PDF files for the application and policy on the township
website: www.grandlaketownship.org

PLEASE NOTE: Tables and Chairs MUST NOT leave the building. *Thank you*

Holiday Reservation Lottery Policy

Due to the popularity of the Grand Lake Town Hall/Community Center, reservation requests for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, reservations will be granted via a lottery entry form and requests are accepted six (6) months prior to the requested date. Lottery/Reservation forms must be received between the 1st and 15th day of the submittal month. Potential reservations are chosen in a "random lottery drawing" at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

Thanksgiving Day request forms are to be submitted in May.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day request forms are to be submitted in June.

Note: Along with your entry form you must submit a check for \$25 for the entry fee. Should you be picked for the holiday date requested your \$25 will be applied towards your \$100 refundable deposit. All entry forms and fees that aren't picked will be returned. If you are picked for the holiday date you will be contacted to make arrangements for the deposit. Should you cancel prior to the holiday your deposit will not be refunded. All refundable deposits will be returned following the holiday.

This policy will be in effect for the holidays listed above starting in 2018.

Note: Residents of Grand Lake Township only are to be considered for these holidays.

Please mail entry forms to: Grand Lake Clerk, PO Box 1023 Twig, MN 55791

GRAND LAKE TOWNSHIP

LOTTERY ENTRY APPLICATION for TOWN HALL

Date of the Event: _____

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Residency Is the applicant a resident of the Town? ____ Yes ____ No

In the Community

Grand Lake Township Recycling Center

Our recycling center is funded by a grant from WLSSD. Currently we accept household glass, aluminum, and plastic containers, along with cardboard and mixed paper.

Details can be found at wlssd.com. This year WLSSD is also planning to add plastic film (i.e. grocery bags) recycling options at the township recycling center. More information to come this summer. Thank you for recycling!



**Grand Lake Township
Recycling Center**
5281 Canosia Road
729-9590

Year Round Hours
Tuesday 7:00am - 12:00pm
Wednesday 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday 7:00am - 3:00pm

Reminder: Button and rechargeable batteries recycled at our facility.

The graphic features a blue recycling bin with a recycling symbol and the word 'Recycle' written in a cursive font. Below the bin is a small text box with a dotted border containing the reminder about button and rechargeable batteries.

Stop Telemarketers from Calling You

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you the choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at your home or your cell phone. Scammers have been making phone calls claiming to represent the National Do Not Call Registry. They claim to provide an opportunity to sign up for the registry. Do not respond to these calls. The Do Not Call Registry accepts registrations from both cell phones and land lines.

1-888-382-1222. You Must call from the phone number that you want to register. You can register online at **donotcall.gov**. Telemarketers should not call your number once it's been on the registry for 31 days. If they do call, you can file a complaint at: www.telemarketing.donotcall.gov.

Beware of Scams

Listed below are some common scams reported by the Sheriff that are common in our area.

- * Sweepstakes-Lottery: you won big money but need to send money to them first to cover money transfer expenses.
- * Overpayment-checks: you are due a rebate for an overpayment but the check was made out for to large an amount. You need to send the difference before they'll release the rebate check.
- * Grandparents-emergency: supposed relative in emergency, car broke down, stranded, etc. please send money
- * IRS phone calls: the IRS never initially calls you. If you have a problem they'll notify you by mail.
- * Computer repair: you get a notice your computer has a virus. They ask for passwords so they can "fix it". They get personal information off the computer. They may set up future breakdowns that you would need to pay again to fix.

Neighborhood Watch

Nationally, many people are concerned about the threat of rising crime in their communities. Fortunately, there are ways to help protect your home and your neighborhood from crime. From simple steps like keeping your doors locked to starting a Neighborhood Watch program, there are plenty of things you can do to prevent crime.

Work with your neighbors to keep your neighborhood clean and orderly. Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox. Set timers on lights when you're away from home so it appears to be occupied. Illuminate or eliminate places an intruder might hide: the spaces between trees or shrubs, stairwells, alleys, hallways, and entry ways. With many law enforcement agencies cutting costs, it has never been more important for citizens to work together to prevent crime. If something seems suspicious, report it by calling 911. For more information, check out McGruff's advice at his website (National Crime Prevention Council) at: www.ncpc.org/topics/home-and-neighborhood-safety and "**Take a bite out of crime!**".

In the Community *continued...*

Community Education

- ♦ **Zumba®** program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program.

\$41 for an 8 week session—join anytime
\$6 drop in—punch cards available in 2,5 or 10 class quantities

Wear relaxed clothes and tennis-shoes; bring a hand towel and water bottle.

Thursday's 6:30pm - 7:30pm
(Nov. 9-Jan. 4) & (Jan. 11-March 1)

Instructor: Heidi Pedersen

Mon/Wed (Nov. 1-Dec. 25)
2018 (Jan. 8-Feb. 28)
9:15am-10:00am

Instructor:
Melinda Vandervieren

- ♦ **Soma Yoga Flex**
7 week session on Thursdays,
Nov.9—Jan 11
9:30am-10:45am

Instructor: Judy Anderson

Cost is \$36 for the 7 week session



Come and exercise at the
Community Center
thru June 4, 2018
Classes: Mon, Wed, Fri
from 8:30-9:30am

Broadband Update

The Grand Lake Township Broadband Committee has been researching high speed internet services for our area and has asked us to share their findings with our residents. For years, many of us have used DSL connected to a land line to access the net. If service was available, we would often see speeds of 6-8 Mega Bytes down, and .5-.7MB up. This falls well short of the national standard of 25MB down and 3MB up. A newly upgraded option is now available to nearly all addresses on Sunny and Shady Lanes. Savage Communications Inc. (SCI) can now provide us with speeds as high as 200MB. Typically a connection of 30MB down and 3MB up, bundled with digital telephone service will cost the same as, or slightly less than, the current land line and DSL service that we now use. There are no contracts required and no installation costs in most cases. If you are a seasonal resident, disconnect at the end of the season is free. Reconnect next season is available for a very reasonable fee. For more information and current pricing, SCI can be reached at [800-222-9809](tel:800-222-9809).

If you have interest in joining this community led committee to keep this initiative going
please email grandlakeclerk@hotmail.com

Arrowhead Bookmobile

Mondays—2017 Dec 18

2018 Jan. 8, 29; March 12; April 2, 23; May 14; June 4, 25;

Twig - Town Hall/Comm Ctr 9:30-10:00

Pike Lake - Dairy Queen 10:30-11:30

Hermantown BP Station 12:15-12:45

Fredenberg—Community Ctr 1:15-1:45

218-741-3840 / 800-257-1442

www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us



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scwt.cwc@gmail.com

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GRAND LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Remember!



Grant Gimpel-Fire Chief
218-349-9022

Dan Lysher-Asst. Chief
218-348-3346

Jerry Tanski-Asst. Chief
218-730-7074

Twig Fire Station
PO Box 1083
Twig MN, 55779
218-729-5902

Fire Prevention Day at Pike Lake Elementary School

On Tuesday October 10th, 2017 Grand Lake Fire Department teamed up with Canosia Fire Department to provide training to the children at Pike Lake Elementary School. The school conducted a fire drill for the children at the beginning of the day and the fire departments responded. Demonstrating what we will do in the event of a fire alarm activation.

After the fire drill, all the children assembled in the gymnasium for a short program. Where firefighters talked to them about the gear they wear, the number to call for an emergency and showed the winning posters from the Fire Prevention Week coloring contest.

The firefighters then went to every classroom and had some more time with the children where we discussed home safety and answered questions the children had. Some of the classes took a small break in the day to allow the children to come out and look at all the fire apparatus and look at all the equipment they carry.

Grand Lake Fire would like to thank the students for the hard work they put into the fire safety posters and Proctor School District for allowing us time to speak with the children during Fire Prevention Week.

Do you feel the need to give back to your community, but you're not sure how? Or have always had an interest in driving a fire truck, saving lives or protecting a neighbors property? The Grand Lake Fire Department is looking for dedicated individuals to join our fire department. We hope you'll consider becoming a member of this great organization.



Run Report—June 1st - September 30th.

Routine Medicals: 27 (Difficulty Breathing, Possible Heart Attack, Stroke, Etc.)

Public Assists: 7 (Lift Assists with No Injury)

Fire Responses: 17 (Structure Fires, Vehicle Fires, Power Line Issues, Automatic Fire Alarms)

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 1 (Passenger Car, Semi Truck)

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign messages:

Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.

Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.

Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.

Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Source: <http://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Prevention-Week>

Burning Permits and Wildfire Danger

Weather conditions are changing daily, please contact a local Township Fire Warden, DNR Office or DNR Website for proper Burning Permits this Fall.

Current Burning Permit Website <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html> . If you have questions, please contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on burning regulations and restrictions.



Replace Smoke Alarms

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years".

Why focus on smoke alarms? Because the National Fire Protection Association's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. As a result of those and related findings, the NFPA is addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.

To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

If you cannot find the manufacture date, more than likely it is over 10 years old.

Grand News

- **The next issue deadline—February 15, 2018** . Please submit articles, information, upcoming events or advertising anytime prior to the 15th.
- The GRAND NEWS is published tri-yearly (March, July and November) by Grand Lake Township. Contents of the newsletter are solely the opinion and responsibility of the identified contributors and not the responsibility of the Township.
- **Pre-Paid** advertising is available. \$20/issue for a business card size ad and \$50/issue for a 1/4 page ad. Ads will not be placed if pre-payment does not occur. To continue your ad or change current ad copy, please initiate contact with the editor.
- Send information to: grandlakeclerk@hotmail.com or Grand News, P.O. Box 1023, Twig, MN 55791
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Grant & Georgianna Gimpel 729-6561
Dan & Cheryl Larson 729-5411

Township Permits & Zoning

(St. Louis County Planning Dept—
www.stlouiscountymn.gov) 725-5000

Fire Department

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Posting Locations: (*Public/Legal Notices*) Town Hall/Community Center, Twig Store & Recycling Center

Elections: Coordinated with the National/State Elections on even-numbered years in August (Primary) & November (General) at the Town Hall/Comm. Ctr.