



News From the Town Board

Town Treasurer

We are pleased to welcome Amanda Radzak to the Treasurer's position. She was appointed by the Board in November and has been a great addition to the Town staff.

Community Center

The Community Center continues to be a popular facility for the Township. As has been the case since the Community Center was renovated, there have been over 400 events booked each year. The Community Center is one of the benefits available for our residents. We are pleased to have the Proctor Community Education program utilize the Community Center. Community Ed sends a program of events to each household in the School District and we encourage all residents to check for classes being offered at the Community Center.

Town Roads

The Spring transition is a difficult time for road maintenance. With the spring thaw, frost is working its way out of our roads and may be causing some issues to the roads. The Board monitors the status and makes every effort to keep our roads in the best condition possible. Our road maintenance contractor will be out on the roads as soon as they are dry enough to grade. The Board will be doing the annual road inspection on April 22nd and will develop the 2017 road maintenance program once we determine how the roads endured the winter. The Board has committed to crush enough gravel to provide for our maintenance needs for the next two years. By having more than one year's gravel crushed, the Township will realize significant savings.

PLAWCS Receives Grant for Inflow and Infiltration Study

PLAWCS has been awarded a grant from the Minnesota DNR and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to investigate inflow and infiltration (I/I) in the sewer system. The work of the study will be to televise some of the gravity sewer mains to look for potential sources of inflow and infiltration. While PLAWCS has not seen immediate issues with I/I overall in the past few years, increased attention from WLSSD spurred the need to begin looking forward.

Canosia Township Supervisor and PLAWCS Chair Kurt Brooks worked with the district engineer, Joe Jurewicz from MSA Professional Services to apply for the study. The funds will be used to hire a specialty contractor to televise gravity sewer mains and cover PLAWCS costs for providing a summary report highlighting issues and potential solutions. "Sewer televising is the backbone of identifying issues in sewer mains for long-term maintenance." Jurewicz stated. "This grant helps support PLAWCS long-term maintenance; specifically to prepare, and more importantly, budget for long-term maintenance needs."

The study is funded in part by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, administered by the Office for Coastal Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under Award NA14NOS4190055 provided to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program."

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



National Night Out

What is National Night Out?

The introduction of National Night Out, “America’s Night Out Against Crime”, in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. NATW’s National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August.

Grand Lake Township National Night Out:

The first Grand Lake Township sponsored NNA was held in 2013 and was a huge success. Neighbors were reunited after years of not seeing each other; there was food and Deputies from the St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office including a K-9 that was a big hit with the kids! Each year we continue to have good attendance

Our 5th annual National Night Out event will be held on **Tuesday August 1st, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 pm** at the Grand Lake Township Community Center Pavilion. There will be food, Fire Department Open for tours, Sheriff’s Office Representatives and an opportunity for fellowship with your community neighbors.

Hope to see you there!

Please contact me with any questions!

Dewey Johnson 218-343-5760

Community Education

It is refreshing to see the community involvement with the Proctor Community Education program at the Community Center. Community Ed is taking applications by contacting Community Education at 729-7661, extension 115. If there is a class you would like to see at Twig, let Jessica Worden know at that number.

- ◆ Learn to make the oldest alcoholic drink known to mankind! Find out the different flavors of Mead (Honey Wine) that can be created in your own kitchen! \$30 with Steve Touhy on Monday May 1st 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- ◆ Pallet Projects May 17th @6pm. Choose between a DIY Bottle Opener or DIY Herb Garden. Participants will pre-determine which project they want to build. Bring a beverage to sip while we watch the paint dry. \$25 to Kristal Berg & Jessica Worden. Must register by May 3rd.

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 (January 2017)

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.

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
(April 20 - June 8)

Wednesday's 6:00pm - 7:00pm
(May 31 - Aug 23)

Instructor: Heidi Pedersen

Mon/Wed (May 1-24)
9:15am-10:00am

Mon/Tues (June 5 - Aug. 1)
(Aug. 7 - 29)
9:15am-10:00am

Instructor: Melinda Vandervieren

- ♦ **Soma Yoga Flex**

7 week session on Thursdays,
May 4 - June 15; June 23 - Aug. 31
9:30am-10:45am

Instructor: Judy Anderson

Cost is \$36 for the 7 week session



Come and exercise at the
Community Center
thru May 31
Classes: Mon/Wed/Fri
from 8:15-9:15am

Broadband Committee

There has been a committee formed in the township that meets periodically to plan and organize bringing Broadband service to our area. This group is community led and organized and is currently working with different providers in the area to discuss options that would suit the needs of the township. Thank you to all that have been participating and continue to keep this initiative going strong.

If you have interest in joining this committee please email grandlakeclerk@hotmail.com

Warm Weather Updates

With the warmer weather coming there will be plenty opportunities for outside activities such as picnics, walks, runs, etc. Please be aware while driving that children will be at play and residents will be out and about enjoying the beautiful weather. This is also a great time to get out and meet your neighbors to continue to form a strong community. Thank you to all the Grand Lake residents for keeping our area clean and friendly and Welcome to all the new Grand Lake residents.

Arrowhead Bookmobile

Mondays—2017 Apr. 10; May 1 & 22; June 12; July 3 & 24;
Aug. 14; Sept. 25; Oct. 16; Nov. 6 & 27; Dec 18

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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218-729-4527

6263 Seville Road
Saginaw, MN 55779
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

New Fire Engine Has Arrived!

In December 2016 two of our fire department members went to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to receive training and pick up our newest engine for the community. Since delivery of the engine Grand Lake Fire Department members have done numerous training sessions on this apparatus. Training included Vehicle Familiarization, Pump Operations, Drivers Training, Hose Loads, Etc.

During some of the initial training of the apparatus, some members assisted our friends at the Twig Hockey Association and gave them a hand making ice for the rinks. Over a couple of nights, the fire department was able to deliver approx. 30,000 gallons of water. This assisted in getting the rinks ready for the Zamboni and flood teams.

This apparatus is slightly larger than our previous fire engines. We would like to remind you that our fire apparatus needs some clearance to get into your driveways. If we cannot get into driveways due to snowbanks, tree limbs, etc. this will slow our response time in your time of need.

The recommended International Fire Code dimensions are used across the nation and work well for apparatus even larger than our current fleet. "Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches".



Membership and Volunteer Updates

Jerry Tanski - Assistant Fire Chief, Paul Mayfield – Safety Officer & Brandon Solem – Public Education Officer.

Thank you to Glen Solem, Frank Haydon & Paul Mayfield for holding these positions previously.

We would like to welcome Bill MacDonald to the Fire Department as well. Bill has brought some experience to the township, Bill was a volunteer firefighter in the Town of Superior, WI previously.

For more information please contact one of the Grand Lake Fire Department members listed on the left for more information or call the station at 218-729-5902.

Please leave a message if nobody is available to answer.



Fire Department Updates and Reminders

Fire Department Run Reports

2016 Annual Statistics: 237 Emergency Dispatches

Most Calls in One Year

Routine Medicals: 122

Difficulty Breathing, Possible Heart Attack, Stroke, Etc.

Public Assists: 15

Lift Assists with No Injury

Fire Responses: 64

Structure Fires, Vehicle Fires, Power Line Issues, Automatic Fire Alarms, Wildfires, Etc.

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 36

Passenger Car, Semi Truck, Etc..

With Spring Forward in place it's time to...

Change Your Clock Change Your Battery

The National Fire Protection Association reports that 71% of smoke alarms which failed to operate had missing, disconnected or dead batteries, making it important to take this time each year to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Remember: All smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.



Help Us Help You

Enhanced 9-1-1 provides for automatically displaying the telephone number and location from which a 9-1-1 call has been placed.

Properly displaying your red & white 9-1-1 address number sign assists emergency responders to quickly locate the incident reported. Posting your address sign correctly may reduce the response time.

SLC Ordinance #41 and the Rural Address Sign Placement guidelines set the standards by which all rural address numbers are assigned.

The ordinance and guidelines also provide for the color, size, and installation rules by which all address signs are to be posted.

The sign post shall be placed within 10' of driveway access and at least 10' from the edge of the road surface.

Driveway Clearances:

Remove trees along the driveway to make it 12' wide.

Prune branches overhanging the driveway to have 14' overhead clearance.

Shared driveways should have signs properly placed near road and at your homes driveway entrance.

References:

<http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/LANDPROPERTY/BuildingZoning/911Address.aspx>

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/firewise/50things.html>

Grand News

- **The next issue deadline—June 15, 2017** . 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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Amanda Radzak, Town Treasurer
590-4066/ grandlaketreasurer@hotmail.com

Contacts for Specific Questions

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Fire Wardens: (dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire)

Paul & Jane Bergquist 729-6462
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

Grant Gimpel, Fire Chief 349-9022
Dan Lysher, Asst. Chief 348-3346
Jerry Tanski, Asst. Chief 730-7074

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.