

Town of Canosia Newsletter

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Across the country, communities come together on the first Tuesday in August to celebrate National Night Out. This year, Canosia Township is joining the movement with a celebration of neighborhood camaraderie.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, August 6

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Township Recreation Area on Martin Rd.

Food & Family Fun!

Hot dogs, chips, pop and dessert

Fire trucks, bounce house, playground and accordion music

Everyone is welcome!



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ROAD WORK AHEAD

The Canosia Road projects are going to be upon us very soon and may already be in progress by the time you read this! The scrub seal projects are scheduled to begin between July 17 and August 1, 2019. Be on the lookout for St Louis County to be working on Holly Lane, South Pike Lake Road, and Spruce Lane. In addition, the striping of Vaux Road, Lakeway Drive, and Kehtel Road have been scheduled and will soon be painted as well.

These projects may require some patience when driving on these roads, but the end result will be a better driving surface. We appreciate your understanding and your cooperation during these road projects.

Our gravel roads have all been graded and look to be in very good condition.

Canosia is working with St Louis County on several additional road projects to be done between 2020 and 2023. This work will include crack repairs, route and seal repairs, as well as blow and go projects. We will keep our residents informed of all of these projects as we move forward into 2020. This is an aggressive program but we feel we can complete all of this work within our current levy dollars.

If you have questions, please call or email me, and I will try to answer them for you. 218-590-6473 or comnick@msn.com

Thank You,

Kevin L. Comnick, Canosia Road Supervisor

9-1-1 ADDRESS SIGNS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Properly displaying your red & white 911 address number sign (or “fire number”) can be critical in an emergency as first responders try to locate your house.

All new signs installed must have the reflective numbers displayed on **both sides** of the sign.

When installing a sign, make sure:

- ◆ The sign is placed perpendicular (at a 90 degree angle) to the road
- ◆ The sign is clearly visible from the road and not obstructed
- ◆ The bottom of the sign is at least 4 feet above the road surface
- ◆ The sign post is placed within 10 feet of the driveway access and at least 10 feet from the edge of the road surface

Proper installation ensures emergency responders, coming from either direction, can easily see your address.

The Canosia Volunteer Fire Dept. encourages you to invest \$35 in a double-sided, reflective sign if you have not already done so. Signs can be purchased from St. Louis County by calling 218-726-2921 or emailing addressing@stlouiscountymn.gov. Be sure to have your parcel ID number and billing address handy.

For additional FAQ's and “Do's and Dont's”, we've added the St. Louis County brochure to our website.

FIRE
DEPT.
REPORT

The first half of the year has been a busy one for the Canosia Volunteer Fire Department, especially for medical emergencies.

Through June they've responded to 82 calls. 66 of those have been medical calls within the township, 8 were mutual aid fires and one was a fire call within Canosia.

Thank you to all our volunteer firefighters!

RECREATION AREA

The recreation area is in great shape. It will be a great location for our National Night out on August 6th.

The area has seen high usage from citizens and baseball communities so far this year. Our Recreation Area Manager, Mike Ellingson did some finishing work on the back room of the dugout to make the concessional portion function well. It will be heavily used during the busy baseball season and we expect consistent use for the soccer season as well.

The tennis courts are in good shape. A practice wall was put up along the court and is ready to use. The surface cracks that developed in the first year after resurfacing still don't significantly impact use. Sinnott Blacktop is still looking for a contractor to repair the cracks that appeared in the court.

The town board is considering what to do with the ice skating rink in the future. It has been difficult to get a good layer of ice and keep it functional throughout the winter, this has contributed to low use of the rink in the several years. If we are to continue to have the rink, boards would have to be set up to help contain the water before it freezes, and a solution to flooding it frequently with a lot of water would need to be found (there is no well or water source at the recreation area). If we decide not to flood the rink, other uses could be found for the area. Input from Canosia residents would be very helpful determining if the rink is still desired. Please let us know your thoughts!

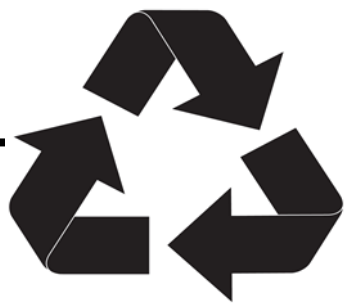
The Canosia Recreation Area is a heavily used asset to the township community. We are glad to see so much activity on the fields, at the playground, and pavilion reservations. We still have Proctor School Referendum funds available, and will continue to improve and upgrade this facility to make it even more popular for our residents. Thank you to all.

Daniel J. Golen, Canosia Town Board Supervisor

TRAIL UPDATE

Early in 2019 Canosia Township received the permit from St. Louis County to begin construction on the proposed Industrial Road Trailhead, Loop 1 and the Canosia Wildlife Management Area Connector trail for our hiking and biking trail development. The deep snow at that time prevented us from starting the trail clearing but now that the spring rains have subsided and the ground is firmed up, the trail construction on the trail head and loop 1 has started. Over the next summer the clearing and trail leveling to "rough in" the trail will continue. We will keep you posted on the progress.

Submitted by Kurt Brooks, Canosia Town Board Supervisor



**Township
Recycling Hours**
Tuesday & Thursday
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mixed Paper

- Paper of any color
- Pressboard boxes
- Junk mail, Magazines, Newspapers & ads
- Shredded paper (must be in a paper bag)

Corrugated Cardboard

- Cardboard with wavy layer between two pieces of thick paper
- No waxed cardboard

Mixed Containers

- Rinse all food containers
- Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, jars and lids
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and aluminum cans
- No foam including Styrofoam
- No plastic cups, plates or utensils
- No buckets
- No motor oil or antifreeze containers
- No take out, deli or clamshell containers
- No window glass, ceramics or drinking glasses
- No scrap metal

Questions about recycling?

Contact WLSSD

218-722-0761 or wlssd.com

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

We now accept both!

Film Plastics

- Film must be clean and dry
- Grocery and retail bags
- Newspaper bags
- Bread bags
- Produce bags
- Paper product packaging wrap
- Ziplock bags with zippers removed
- No black plastic bags

CEMETERY: MAUSOLEUM INTEREST?

Canosia Township is exploring the idea of putting an above ground cremation mausoleum at the Canosia Cemetery. This would be either a 24-unit or a 48-unit structure.

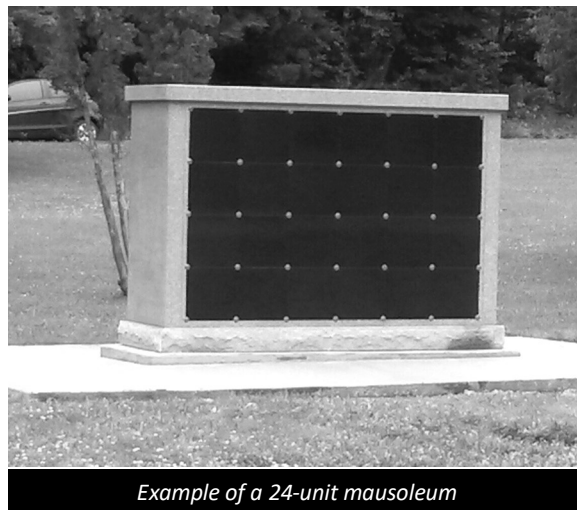
Each unit could hold two cremated remains. The units would have locking doors and it would be placed on a concrete slab to prevent movement from season to season. We would like to gather input from our residents to see if this may be something Canosia should move forward with.

Several of the local cemeteries have installed these and the response has been extremely positive. Please let us know if there is a community interest in this addition to the Cemetery. The costs would be covered by the residents who would choose this option for their loved ones.

You can email me at comnick@msn.com or call me @ 218-590-6473. You can also contact Gary Oswell or the Town Hall. Further information will be provided as to estimated costs associated with this and costs to the residents who may have an interest.

Thank you!

Kevin L. Comnick, Canosia Town Board Supervisor



Example of a 24-unit mausoleum

NEW ORDINANCE FOR PLAWCS CUSTOMERS

A new ordinance was recently passed by the Canosia and Grand Lake Town Boards to prevent, reduce and resolve the inflow and infiltration of water into the PLAWCS sewer system. Ordinance 2019-1 went into effect on July 1, 2019, and is required by WLSSD to ensure that ground water and rain water do not enter the sewer system. This ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of effluent sent to WLSSD and avoid the cost of treating the unwanted extra flow.

PLAWCS currently does televised inspections on PLAWCS owned lines and equipment to locate and reduce unwanted inflow. Starting after January 1, 2020, PLAWCS will be performing televised inspections of 10% of the customer owned equipment each year. If flows from sump pumps, foundation drains or cracked lines are located, the owners will be notified and responsible for the repairs. It will take 10 years for all equipment to be inspected at all customer locations. In addition to the PLAWCS inspections, after January 1, 2020, customer equipment will need to be inspected and certified to be free of inflow and infiltration problems at the time of a property sale. These inspections will be covered by the home owner or business.

At this time the PLAWCS Joint Powers Board is reviewing the need for a small sewer rate change to cover the cost of the additional inspections that will be performed by PLAWCS. The board feels that an additional \$1/month will be needed for the required planned inspections. If adopted, this rate change would go into effect in January 2020.

As the PLAWCS system ages it is expected that inflow and infiltration of water may become more of an issue. However, proper maintenance of lines and equipment will ensure that unwanted rain and ground water are not entering the system. The inspections and repair of any problems found will help us keep the system in good condition and eliminate the cost for treating the unwanted water. Please call a board member with any questions on the new ordinance. The complete Ordinance 2019-1 can be found on the Canosia website at www.canosiatownship.org

Submitted by Kurt Brooks, Canosia Town Board Supervisor



A huge **THANK YOU** to the Pike Lake Area Association for hosting their annual free pancake breakfast for the community on July 4!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Canosia is proud to welcome St. Germain's Cabinet, Inc. to our township!

The manufacturing company is finishing up their massive new facility on Miller Trunk Highway. The new building has 30,000 square feet of manufacturing space, 5,000 square feet for shipping/receiving and a 6,300-square foot show-

room and office area. Owner Corey Stafne says they are planning a community open house when the project is complete.

St. Germain's started over 75 years ago with fabricating leaded glass church windows and mirrors. In the decades since, they've expanded to include custom cabinets and countertops for both residential and commercial properties. Their customers include many local schools, churches, hotels, restaurants, the airport and both Essentia and St. Luke's.

The business does over \$10,000,000 in annual sales and has 54 local employees.



St. Germain's New Facility on Hwy 53

COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL ELECTION

Voters will soon determine who will fill the District 5 commissioner seat on the St. Louis County Board; as you may know, this is the seat vacated by Pete Stauber when he was elected to congress.

The county commissioner race has been narrowed down to two candidates: **Wayne Boucher** and **Keith Musolf**.

Canosia, Brevator, Gnesen, Midway and Solway Townships fall within District 5, along with the cities of Hermantown, Proctor and Rice Lake.

The special election will take place on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Polls at the Canosia Town Hall (4896 Midway Rd) will be open will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Canosia will be using our new electronic ballot counter during this upcoming special election. The DS200 is similar to our old machine, only faster and more user-friendly.

Voters will notice that the user-experience is nearly identical to our old ballot counter: like in years past, you simply feed your completed ballot into the slot; the new easy-to-read touch screen will quickly indicate if your ballot has been accepted or, if necessary, provide feedback/instructions if there is a problem (e.g., the voter mistakenly voted for too many contestants in one race).

If any of this sounds confusing, don't hesitate to ask an election judge for help on Election Day or contact the clerk ahead of time. Everyone is welcome to check out the machine during our Public Accuracy Test before the election; the date will be published/posted once determined.

New Ballot Counter!



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canosia Township Historical Society has submitted the following article that was originally published in the *Duluth News Tribune* over 100 years ago, just after the devastating 1918 forest fire.

For reference, the Liberty Bonds discussed below were considered an ultimate sign of patriotism during World War I. Those who purchased the bonds helped finance the war effort, with the promise that the government would eventually pay them back with interest. For many Americans, this was their first experience with individual investing.

SUFFERERS DENY MUCH FOR LOAN

Farmer Paulson Insists on Keeping His Liberty Bonds— Loses Greatly by Flame

“You have the right to cancel your subscription to the fourth Liberty Loan, as you have suffered such a heavy loss from the forest fire,” said A.C. Pearsons of the Liberty loan organization to Farmer Paulson of Pike Lake yesterday.

But Farmer Paulson did not see things that way. “Not on your life will I give up my subscriptions, so long as banks are ready to give a fellow a loan on a partly paid for bond,” he said. “I have lost enough in the fire without losing a chance to own Liberty bonds.”

The offer of the executive committee to allow all who lost their homes in the Saturday fire to cancel their subscriptions and get back what money is paid in, is going almost unanswered.

Only Few Accept.

Only a few of the hundreds affected have accepted the invitation, and even where the offer has been made in person by some member of the Liberty loan organization, it has generally been refused.

“We want all who lost heavily in last Saturday’s fire to feel free to come to room 308, American Exchange building and get back what money they have already paid in. Duluth has a large enough over-subscription to still meet the allotment if the fire victims draw their money out,” said R. A. Horr, secretary of the organization. “It is not a matter of charity at all, and we want people to look at things in the same way we do. If future payment on liberty bonds are to cramp any one badly because of the fire they had, they best cancel the subscription.”

Reproduced from an October 1918 *Duluth News Tribune* article

Note: this article was retyped from a copy of the original publication for easier reading

Our township is lucky to have such a knowledgeable and active historical society, with members who are dedicated to maintaining Canosia’s historical artifacts and records. If you are interested in joining the society, please contact Wilson Spence at

729- 7746. They are always looking for new members.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

TOWN HALL

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Official Posting Places

Town Hall and the Intersection of Lavaque & Martin Rds.

PLANNING & ZONING

Administered by St. Louis County

Phone: 725-5000

Email: landuseinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov

Website: www.stlouiscountymn.gov

FIRE DEPARTMENT& BURNING PERMITS

Emergencies: 911

Gene Stevens, Chief: 729-6211

Burning Permits: Tom Amendola 393-5533

TOWN BOARD

Regular Meeting: 1st Wed. of each month at 7 p.m.

Kevin Comnick, Chair: 590-6473

Kurt Brooks, Supervisor: 393-0304

Dan Golen, Supervisor: 464-2365

Susan Krasaway, Clerk: 590-6746

Cheryl Borndal, Treasurer: 729-9833

VARIOUS

Rec Area: Director Mike Ellingson 260-5599

Recycling: Tues/Thu 5-8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. – 5p.m

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PLAWCS

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