

# Town of Canosia Newsletter

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## Aquatic Invasive Species News

The AIS season has come to a close and we are pleased to report that there were no new AIS discovered. This season, we had a new AIS Manager, Larry Ehresman, who did a great job scheduling the inspectors at Carmen's Way Landing and Holly Lane Landing. Many thanks to Larry for taking on this role.

Inspection estimates compiled this season show that there were 1,500 watercraft inspections completed between the two landings. The majority of inspections were done at Carmen's Way due to the fact that the largest amount of activity occurred at this location.

One highlight of this season was the educational opportunity Larry provided to the Hermantown/Proctor School District.



The District ran a summer camp which included a kayaking course. Larry was able to explain to them what our inspectors do and why it is so important. He also explained to them what AIS were and why it was important to protect our local lakes from unwanted AIS. We will be applying for grant funding for next year this fall and I hope our success will lead to being awarded our request for next year.

A big thanks to all of our inspectors for a job well done this year. If anyone would like to become an inspector for the Canosia AIS Program, please contact me @ 218-590-6473, or email me at [canosiacomnick@gmail.com](mailto:canosiacomnick@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
Kevin L. Comnick  
Canosia Township Supervisor

**BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR CAR**

**WHY?**  
Because you never know when you will encounter winter weather or an emergency road closure

AMERICA'S *PrepareAthon!*  
BE READY. TAKE PART. PRODUCE.

- Cell Phone Charger
- First Aid Kit
- Jumper Cables
- Spare Tire
- Flares
- Water, Snacks
- Mittens, Hat, Boots, Warm Clothes
- Flashlight
- Snow Shovel and Brush
- Blankets
- Tow Rope
- Full Tank of Gas
- Sand or Kitty Litter

## Recreation Area Survey

The Canosia Township Town Board has been improvements to the Township’s recreation area and will continued to do so over the next couple of years... and they want your input! This is your opportunity to share what you like about the recreation area and what you would like to see changed! Changes will continue next summer, so it’s important to share your input now. ☺ You can click on the link below and complete the short form online. You can also access the survey on our website at [www.canosiatownship.org](http://www.canosiatownship.org). If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk at [canosiatownship@yahoo.com](mailto:canosiatownship@yahoo.com).

<https://forms.gle/WphhjyAYCDRuChyWA>



## Roads News


This summer saw a lot of activity on our local roads. Midway Road, from North Pike Lake Road to Kehtel Road, was completely redone. In addition, Industrial Road and Sunny Lane were also redone. The finished project leads to a much improved driving surface which will last for years to come. New mail boxes and swing arms were also included in the project for the properties along the redone roads. Additional gravel work was completed on Tomak Road and Eckstrom Road. Many culverts were replaced and additional ditching was done after the flood event that occurred this spring. Our township roads are in good driving conditions going into this fall and winter. We continue to inspect and monitor our road conditions and attempt to ensure our residents have safe driving conditions.

Thank You,  
Kevin L. Cornick  
Canosia Township Supervisor

## Recycling News

- **SMALL LOADS:** Please bring small loads. We need the drive-up line to move smoothly and large loads back up traffic.
- **NO PLANTING MATERIALS:** Plants, pots, and soil are NOT recyclable... even if they have the triangle mark on the bottom.
- **NO STYROFOAM**
- **FLATTEN BOXES:** Boxes must be flattened before arriving at the recycling center.
- **NO FOOD:** Anything recycled must be clean of food remnants.
- **NO METAL SCRAPS:** Examples includes sheet metal, aluminum, gutters, drain pipes, etc.
- **NO ELECTRONICS:** This includes electronics, wiring, etc.
- **NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** No litter pails, household goods,
- **PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS:** Please place them in the orange barrel only.
- **NO OIL CONTAINERS NOR ANTI-FREEZE CONTAINERS**
- **NO ILLEGAL DUMPING:** All dumpsters now have cameras recording an activity. Violators will be prosecuted.

**Recycling Center  
Hours of Operation**



**T/Th 5:00pm-8:00pm**  
**Sat 9:00am-5:00pm**

### A Big Nope On Trash Dumping

Please respect our recreation area, trails, townhall, and public water landings by NOT dumping trash on the land or in the dumpsters. The dumpsters are for township use and for those using those spaces. They are not for residents to dump their own personal trash.

### District 10 Election

Congratulations to Supervisor Kevin L. Cornick on being recently elected to the Minnesota Association Township’s Board of Directors representing District 10! District 10 is composed of four MN counties- Carlton, Cook, Lake and St. Louis. Within those counties are 100 townships.

## Town Hall News



Special thanks to Les Williams, Laird Erikson, Clyde Mortinsen, and Roger Anderson (with his employees Tygen and Nathan) for resetting the townhall sign and planting plants around it. It looks amazing!!

Reminder: Dog licenses are required in Canosia Township. They are \$10 and are good for the life of the pet. You can purchase a dog license by contacting the Clerk at [canosiatownship@yahoo.com](mailto:canosiatownship@yahoo.com).

The township parking lot is ONLY for township related business and recycling center use during center hours. No private business or personal parking is permitted. Violators will be towed.

Town Board Meetings are held at the Canosia Town Hall and online at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. For online/phone log in information, please visit the website at [canosiatownship.org](http://canosiatownship.org). Next upcoming meetings will be: November 1, 2023, December 6, 2023, and January 3, 2024.



## Stay Healthy This Holiday Season



The cold and snow make even the hardiest of creatures want to nest and hibernate. This is a great time though to reflect on one's health and prioritize you. Here are some holiday tips for staying healthy and fit during those cold winter months:

- **Stay Home When You Are Sick:** Not only do people not want your cooties, you need time to heal. If you must go to work, school, or within the community be kind and wear a mask. Help protect others, including the elderly, immunocompromised and disabled.
- **Eat Healthy:** This is the time of year when the sweets come out in full force. Eat your treats AND your fall veggies. Winter is a great time to try new recipes, learn how to preserve/can food, and plan a spring garden.

## Winter Pet Care



- \* Take your pets on shorter walks.
- \* Look into coats/booties for smaller/thinner breeds.
- \* Get your pet reflective gear for walks.
- \* Make sure to dry your pets thoroughly after walks to prevent cracked paws.
- \* Bring your small mammals indoors.
- \* Ensure that outside animals have appropriate shelters, non-frozen water, and plenty of food.
- \* Keep anti-freeze safely away from pets.
- \* Bang around outside before driving in cars. Animals will often seek shelter around warm engines and tire wheels.
- \* Make sure you have a pet plan for winter emergencies- like power going out, etc.

**Stay Fit:** Even in the winter there are tons of way to get in movement! You can join a gym, ski, snow shoe, play indoor pickleball or tennis, ice skate, hike, cross country ski, snow tube, dog sledding, or even have a snow ball fight, build a snow man, or make snow angels!

**Protect Your Skin:** It may seem that there is less sunshine on a cloudy day. However, even cloudy days can cause skin damage. Add in our MN winds and our skin can get quite a bit of damage. So, lather on the sunscreen and lotion!

**Stay Hydrated:** You may be sweating less, but dehydrated is still a concern in the winter. Drink your warm ciders and hot chocolate, but drink plenty of water too.

**Prioritize Your Health:** Get vaccinated/boosted. Get your regular check-ups and annual screenings. Winter is a great time for mammograms and colonoscopies!

## 2024 Election Season



In 2024 there will be FOUR elections. March 5, 2024 will be the Presidential Primary Election. March 12, 2024 will be our Township Election where we will elect a one town supervisor. Canosia Township has three elected town supervisors that represent your voice on township matters. August 13, 2024 will be the Primary Election where we will narrow down the election field for the November election. November 12, 2024 will be the General Election where we elect who will represent our community on a local, regional, state and national level.

All of these elections are important for you, as residents, to participate in. You can register to vote at [www.vote.org](http://www.vote.org).

Our phenomenal crew of election judges are what makes these elections possible. Many work 12+ hour shifts- taking off time from work and being with their families- in order to help our township's elections run smoothly. We'd like to recruit more election judges in order to support our core group. Additional judges will enable more breaks, shorter shifts, and more flexibility.

If you are interested in becoming an election judge, you will complete a training, become certified, and then go into a pool of potential election judges. It's a great way to make a difference and support the election process.

For more information on becoming an election judge, please contact Clerk Madoll at [canosiatownship@yahoo.com](mailto:canosiatownship@yahoo.com).

## Gerhart Erikson Recreation Area



The Canosia Recreation Area was rededicated on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at National Night Out. It is now the Gerhart Erikson Recreation Area.

The Town Board has begun a five-year strategic plan on improving the recreation area. We have begun a survey (included within this newsletter) to collect community input.

During the 2023 summer we added additional portable bathrooms, repaired fencing, added security cameras, reseeded the back soccer field, contributed to the baseball fields aglime, began large improvements to the playground, and maintained the entire facility for a wide range of outdoor activities from soccer and tennis to pickleball, basketball, family gatherings, baseball, volleyball, and school programming.

We leveled the playground surface and reset the equipment making it ADA complaint and much safer for youth play. We also closed off the back road to allow more structured play space and to create a safer environment for youth. This was our first step in our strategic plan for the recreation area. Next summer more improvements will occur as we remain committed to enhancing this wonderful community asset.

Thank you,   
Penny Dieryck  
Canosia Township Chair

# Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System (PLAWCS)

The PLAWCS was tested this past spring with a major flood event that required a total “all hands on deck” approach. What started as a rising water event due to local flooding turned into an experience that required MSA Engineering, PeopleService, and member of the Joint Power’s Board to work around the clock to alleviate the issue. In the end, the system was returned to normal operations without our customers losing their service.

Along with the extreme flooding, PeopleService employees discovered a cap on a lateral line had been breached, causing massive amounts of water to enter lift station #3, which only added to the effects of the flooding. For roughly two plus days, local pumping companies were on site maintaining water levels in the pump station to prevent failure. We worked with the WLSSD, MSA Engineering, MPCA, and PeopleService to maintain the integrity of the system.

Costs associated with this incident reached over \$50,000.00. Being that all of St. Louis County, as well as many parts of the state, were impacted by this event, the damages reached a threshold that allowed the FEMA to become involved. We have met with the state FEMA representatives, as well as, the federal FEMA representatives to request reimbursement for our costs. After multiple meetings, it appears we may be approved for these funds. Our hope is that the PLAWCS will be successful in recouping those expenses.

A big thank you to everyone that participated in addressing this incident.

Kevin L. Cornick  
PLAWCS Chairman

**PLAWCS CONTACT INFORMATION**  
**EMERGENCY SERVICE**  
 PeopleService 218-590-5911  
**GENERAL QUESTIONS**  
 PLAWCS Clerk 218-451-3310  
**BILLING QUESTIONS**  
 Duluth Tax/Accounting 218-461-8092  
 www.plawcs.com

**PLAWCS CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- ➔ Sewer plumbing within the home
- ➔ The sewer line from the home to the main
- ➔ Notifying PeopleService immediately if there is something wrong with the system
- ➔ Paying their monthly bill on time and any outstanding assessments
- ➔ Notifying PLAWCS immediately if the property is sold
- ➔ Completing required paperwork in a timely manner for home alterations/builds or I and I inspections for sale preparations
- ➔ Damage to the system due to neglect, negligence or intentional harm

**How to Protect Your Home’s Sewer**  
**Don’t Flush**

- **Food wastes:** animal bones, egg shells, coffee grounds, corn cobs, melon rinds, fruit peels, home brewery waste
- **Personal Care Products:** bandages, condoms, diapers, sanitary pads, wet wipes
- **Chemicals/Toxins:** auto fluids, caustic cleaners, herbicides/pesticides, medications, drugs, oil-based paints, ammonia, solvents, thinners
- **Other Common Items:** Cat litter, cigarette butts, cloth towels, rags, film developing waste, metal, plastic objects, modeling clay, paper towels, scraps, plastic bags, rv waste, string/yard, yard waste.



## Canosia History Snapshot

### FIRST TRAIN TO CANADA THROUGH SINCE THE BIG FIRE

#### Passenger Service Over Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific Tracks is Resumed.

VIRGINIA, Oct. 27 – The first passenger train to go over the Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific tracks from here to Duluth, since the fire of October 12, left Virginia at 8:20 last night. The first train coming from Duluth to Virginia left there at 7:05 in the evening. Since the fire of two weeks ago, the Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific trains, south bound have used the Duluth, Misabe & Northern tracks while the bridges of the former road, which were burned down, were being rebuilt.

Sup. J. H. McKinnon said today that the new bridges are of steel, and that the trains will now run on their regular schedule. It was necessary while the other tracks were being used to discontinue one of the runs.

#### Six Bridges Rebuilt

Six bridges needed to be built, one between Harney and Nopeming, and five between Harney and Shaw. The depot at Twig, the depot at Gimar, and two section houses were also destroyed.

It was expected that the damage could be repaired in three or four days, but it took two weeks to complete the building of bridges and repair other losses.

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### BOARD EIGHTEEN SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE TO BE REBUILT SOON

#### Forest Fire Proves Destructive to School Buildings in St. Louis County.

Eighteen of the rural schools in St. Louis county have been destroyed by the recent forest fires. There were four destroyed west of Duluth, two at Twig, two at Culver, three at Munger, the Homecroft school, two near Brookston and three at Brevator.

Plans are being made for the transportation of the pupils in the burned district to the nearby schools.

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**These articles were supplied by the Canosia Township Historical Society.**

## Canosia Township Volunteer Fire Department



The Township Volunteer Fire Department has responded to 87 EMS calls thus far in 2023, as well as, 26 medical mutual aid calls, 17 township fire calls, and 19 mutual aid fire calls.

They have continued to conduct weekly trainings on a wide range of topics individually, and collectively with neighboring emergency service entities.

They have also volunteered extensively within the community at events such as the Pike Lake Run, Fire Prevention Week, National Night Out, Scareway on the Fairway, etc.

This winter they want to remind you that if there is an emergency at your property, they need to be able to gain quick access. As such, please keep these reminders in mind:

- Make sure that your road number sign is visible from either direction.
- Clear trees, branches, and brush from your driveway so that it is at least 12' wide and that there is at least 13.5' to allow for fire truck access.
- Check for anything that would prevent trucks from gaining access such as fence posts, trash cans, gates, etc.
- Create space at the end of your driveway for emergency vehicles to be able to turn around.
- Keep your driveway in good condition with firmly packed material so that it can support the weight of a fire truck.