

Town of Canosia Newsletter

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March Township Elections and Annual Meeting

Absentee voting for the Town of Canosia's Township Election will be held Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon and March 7, 2022 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. The Public Accuracy Test will occur on March 5, 2022 at 1:00pm. All of these activities will occur at the Canosia Town Hall (4896 Midway Road.)



The following events will occur on **March 8, 2022** at **Canosia Town Hall** (4896 Midway Road):

- **Township Election to elect One Town Board Supervisor** (12:00 noon to 8:00 pm)
Candidate: Jeff Erikson
- **Board of Canvass** (8:00 pm)
- **Annual Meeting** (8:30 pm)

Items on the Annual Meeting Agenda are the 2022 Election Results and the 2023 Tax Levy. The meeting will be held in person and virtually. The log in information for virtual or phone participation will be posted on the website. In case of severe inclement weather, the Election, Board of Canvass, and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. All Covid precautions will be taken for all indoor election activities, including the requirement for indoor masking.

Need to register to vote? You can register at www.vote.org or contact the Clerk for a voter registration form at canosiatownship@yahoo.com or 218-260-5600.

Upcoming Town Board Meetings

Meetings are held at the Canosia Town Hall/4896 Midway Road and online unless otherwise noted. For online/phone log in information, please visit the website at canosiatownship.org.

March 2, 2022

April 6, 2022

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Road News



Spring is just around the corner and the township is preparing for road projects for the upcoming season. We have contracted with St. Louis County to stripe all of our asphalt roads this season. We will also be concentrating on the gravel roads, to ensure they are maintained properly and in good driving condition. In addition, we have plans for additional brushing and ditching, which will occur in the summer and fall.

Another priority this year will be determining if culverts will need repair or replacement, which we will address, if needed. We have reached many of our goals with regards to the upkeep on the township roads and we will continue to do our best to provide residents with well-maintained roads. The best news is that we have been able to achieve these plans with no increase to the levy! The county's Midway Road Project has been rescheduled for 2023.

If anyone has any road concerns which they feel the township should review, please contact me @ 218-590-6473 or canosiacornick@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Kevin L. Cornick
Canosia Supervisor

Pike Lake Run



May 21, 2022

Start Time: ½ Marathon 8:00am | 10K 8:15am

For More Information

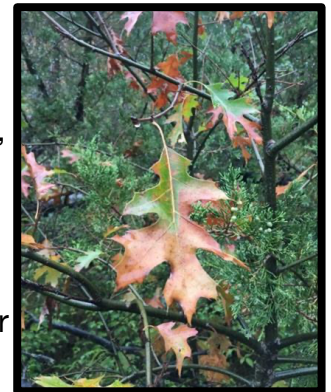
www.duluthrunning.com/involvement/events/pike-lake-10k/

To Register:

www.tempotickets.com/pikelake2022

Invasive Species News

Oak trees provide great value on an ecological, economic, and societal/cultural level. However, impacting oak trees in MN. It is caused by an invasive fungus and spreads either above ground by sap beetles or underground through root grafts. Once



infected, leaves turn off-green, bronzed, or wilted, followed by leaf loss and tree death. While it is not in the Northland yet, it has already been found in Pine, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Crow Wing counties. You can help by not wounding oak trees from April to July. Oak wilt can also travel under bark so you can also help by leaving firewood at home and buy it where you burn it. More information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/bdrnecpc>.

Aquatic Invasive Species News

As in previous years, the Town Board applied for an AIS grant to support our continued efforts to protect our area lakes from invasive species. I am happy to share that the township was once again granted their request and we will be providing inspectors at Carmen's Way and Holly Lane in the summer. I have every confidence that 2022 will be successful as our multi-year program has continued to exceed expectations and raise valuable community awareness of the impact of invasive species and the importance of mitigation.

On a sad note, one of our longest tenured inspectors passed away unexpectedly this past fall. Richard Kaneshi was a wonderful man, as well as a very dedicated AIS inspector. His commitment to our AIS Program was never in question. He was always willing to work with boaters, explain the reasons for the program, and assist in any way he could to make sure that our program was a success. He became a real friend to me personally, and I will really miss him.

With the 2022 season coming up quickly, we also wanted to share with the community a great part-time, temporary job opening(s) with this program. We intend on adding 2-3 new AIS inspectors this season and are looking for interested candidates. This part time position lasts from May until Labor Day, with flexible hours, and lots of sunshine. The position offers online paid training, a certification upon completion of training, and results in scheduled work times. Inspectors are provided with PPE, rain gear, sunscreen, sun tent, insect repellent, and first aid kits. They are required to know how to use a smartphone for reporting purposes. This is a great part time position and a great way to participate in keeping our lakes free of Invasive Species. If anyone has an interest, please contact me @ 218-590-6473 or canosiacornick@gmail.com.

Thank You,
Kevin L. Cornick
Canosia Supervisor
Canosia AIS Program Manager

Winter Fun Reminders!

Ice fishing, skating, sledding, snow shoeing, skiing- there is so Much to do in Canosia Township! But keep these important tips in mind as you go out and enjoy our winter wonderland.



- Wear appropriate winter gear- jacket, hat, gloves, preferably water resistant. And layer!
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return. Getting lost in the cold is dangerous. Telling someone your plans helps to keep you safe if you don't return on time.
- Going on trails? Wear orange. It helps hunters and rescuers alike see you.
- Bring a communication device- phone, walkie-talkie, etc. so that you can call folk if needed.
- Check the weather before going out, because, you know, it changes like every three seconds.
- Check the ice thickness before walking, riding, or driving on icy lakes and rivers.
- Bring a snack like beef jerky or nuts, along with water bottle.
- Use sunscreen... that's right, even on cold, cloudy days you can still get a sunburn!

Recreation Area News

The Canosia Recreation Area is location adjacent to the Pike Lake Elementary School at the intersection of Martin and Midway Roads. The recreation area is utilized by the Pike Lake Elementary School because it hosts the playground the children utilize when they go out to play. The area also has a volleyball court, two baseball diamonds, a soccer field, tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts. During the summer the recreation area is a place families choose to gather and picnic. We hope to begin the process to upgrade the playground to make it more user friendly for children with disabilities. Keep watching for updates in the coming months.

Submitted by: Penny Dieryck, Canosia Supervisor

Pike Lake Elementary Poets

Rattlesnake

Slithering like a river,
Creeping up on its prey.
As quiet as a mouse.
As smooth as tile,
Scales as delicate as glass.
Hissing its tongue
In and out,
In and out
Eyes like stone
Watching its prey
Every movement.
Rattling its tail
Like maracas
Warning predators
To stay away.
By: Olivia Sander

On The Ground

Running like the rapid wind.
Jumping like rainbows
When they light up.
Scattering like marbles
When lions come.
And running like a computer.
Zebra.
By: Gavin Thorn

The Black Dot in the Sky

The vulture glides like a kite through the wind.
He is black as coal.
You can see through his nose.
His head is as pink as a wild rose.
By: Jersey Foucault

Crab

The crab
Pinches like
Pliers,
That runs toward you,
Like a speck of
Sand blowing
In the wind.
By: Bella Spaeth

The Great Horned Owl

The great horned owl
Stalking you in the trees
With a stare like a laser,
Ear tufts as pointed as grass,
Wings like blankets blowing in the wind.
By: Cassidy Bakk

The Hunt

On a full moon in January
Floating on top of the powdery snow
A mouse burrows a hole for a place to rest almost all
tuckered in
He hears a suspicious noise
All of a sudden a big old grouse comes
Zipping down from up top.
Darting down like a jet, the mouse spring up like a
trampoline. Sad for the mouse,
But good for the grouse, he gets a
Nice midnight snack.
By: Hunter Hubbard

Bison

Gently trotting through the landscape, not native to
mountains, nor forests, it grazes on sweet, plains grass,
Eyes like a dark void, matching its upper body.
Use to be common, seen in great numbers, but then were
scarce. They were poached and tortured until almost
none remained.
Again, their numbers are growing,
With their muscles like rock, and keeping their gentle
personality, they thrive on.
With their land somewhat restored,
They live on, carpeting the endless plains.
By: William Carolan

Pike Lake School Forest

Pike Lake School Forest is an area of forest on, near, and around Pike Lake School. Everyday children are outside on the property learning, playing, and stewarding the property. At times (especially in the winter) it has a well-defined trail system that covers close to two miles. Other times (late summer right before school starts up again) you may find a mass of ostrich ferns and tansy that grows taller than many of the children. Additionally, you can hopefully spot different critters year-round within the school forest. Using trail cameras, pictures of bear, turkey, gray and red fox, large deer, and pine marten have been captured. This is a true treasure for the Pike Lake community.

All classes at different times of the year use the school forest for learning. The school also has an early childhood program that is outdoor based and those children go outside every day. A unique class offered at Pike Lake is phenology class to all 4th and 5th graders. Phenology is defined as the rhythmic biological nature of events as they relate to climate. Simply stated, the children learn what is going on outside. The class studies spiders, lichen, trees, birds, weather, and just about anything happening at that time outside. You can also catch them doing trail maintenance (packing snow) and planting trees.

The trails the student's trample are open to the community. Year round you can access the trail system behind the third base dugout in the Canosia park. From there you will take a spur trail that will take you to the main school forest. Along the way you will travel across private property. The school is grateful so please respect that corridor. Once on the property you will find map plaques to help you navigate the trail system.

Creatures of all kinds navigate these trails too. Especially in the winter, keep your eyes and ears open. You may hear a saw-whet owl or catch a glimpse of a 10-point buck. Trail cameras are out with treats to lure critters in. A gray fox was brought in with a thin slice of smoked turkey and some beef trimmings gave a great opportunity to catch a glimpse of the crafty pine marten.

Next time you are looking for an adventure, stop by the Pike Lake School Forest. Find the time to learn the trails. Take in a truly wild adventure that is literally out of some of our neighbors backdoors. If you would like to learn more about phenology, want to join a phenology walk, or want to lend your expertise. Please contact Rob Marohn 4th grade teacher at Pike Lake. If you would like to see how you could financially support efforts in the Pike Lake School Forest, please contact Mark Hughes, principal of Pike Lake Elementary.



Recycling Reminders

Cool People Flatten Boxes



The cool people in town flatten boxes, even the corrugated cardboard ones. This helps save space in the bins so that their neighbors can also recycle materials.

Good News!!

You can now recycle bubble wrap!!

Film Bags such as those from SuperOne, Wal-Mart, Target, etc. can NOT go into the dumpsters.



Recycling Center Hours of Operation

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

Think SMALL!

Please bring small loads. We need the drive-up line to move smoothly and large loads back up traffic. We offer multiple days for drop off to help, and you can also donate at the Grand Lake Recycling Center if you have large loads that cannot be broken down.

Cemetery News

The Canosia Township will be installing the columbarium this spring at the Canosia Cemetery. This new addition will provide above ground placement of cremated remain and will have 24 "niches" available. The niches will hold one or two cremated remains each.

The final costs for the delivery and placement of the columbarium have yet to be finalized. When the installation is complete, we will then be able to determine the cost for each niche. Once the cost structure is determined, we will make the costs available to the public. The township is providing this service as an alternative to traditional burial arrangements. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me @ 218-590-6473 or canosiacornick@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Kevin L. Cornick
Canosia Supervisor

SLEIGHING PARTY GOES OUT TO PIKE LAKE

A sleighing party of West Duluth young people yesterday afternoon surprised Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Samuelson and family at their home at Pike Lake. The afternoon was a model one for such a trip the weather being ideal while the roads were in the best of condition, allowing the four horse team to make good time on the journey.

The afternoon was spent in skiing, snowshoeing, playing games and singing. An elaborate luncheon was served.

At 6:30 the homeward journey was commenced and the entire trip proved so delightful that it will probably be repeated before the winter has passed.

The party was composed of the Misses Selma Johnson, Olma Nelson, Anna Chaurette, Veda Bergeren, Minnie Carlson and Rena Darsted accompanied by Messrs. Alec McLean, Ernest Bergeren, Oscar Nelson, Eddie Bergeren, James Ibsen, John Arenson and George Chaurette.

Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System (PLAWCS) News

The Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System (PLAWCS) is entering this year with a couple of important projects that will begin in the spring or early summer.

First, we are planning for the upgrade of lift station two. This lift station is located adjacent to Carmen's Way. This is the final project to complete upgrades to all five lift stations. It might also be the most costly to date, due to the fast rising costs associated with the upgrade. The Joint Powers Board is working diligently to ensure that we can keep costs as low as possible. When costs are determined, we will put the project out for sealed bids.

Also in 2022, the WLSSD has cancelled the moratorium on the compliance with their Inflow and Infiltration Ordinance for video inspections of the District's lateral sewer lines. As such, PLAWCS will be scheduling ten percent of these lines each year beginning this year. We will be notifying homeowners, as best as can, as to when and where these inspections will occur. This ordinance was established to monitor inflow and infiltration that may exist in the PLAWCS system. As we move forward, we are seeing rising costs for all components needed to efficiently operate our sewer system. The largest increase has been in the cost for new pumps. Being that PLAWCS owns the pumps, it is important that all users continue to monitor what they put into the system. Please refresh yourselves with the "do not flush" lists that were sent to homeowners and can be found on our website www.plawcs.com. You can also contact the Clerk at 218-260-5600 or plawcsclerk@gmail.com if you need a copy mailed.

Thank you,

Kevin L. Cornick
PLAWCS Chairman

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.

Is Your Dog Licensed?

Canosia Township requires all dogs living within the township to be licensed. Licensing requires a simple form to be completed, along with a \$10 licensing fee. Your pet then receives a very nice gold tag!! To license your dog, contact the Town Clerk.

