

# Town of Canosia Newsletter

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## Primary Election



Notice is hereby given that the Primary Election will be held for Canosia Township residents at the Canosia Town Hall (4896 Midway Road, Duluth MN 55811 on

**August 9, 2022**

**Polling will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. (M.S. 204C.05).**

The following positions will appear on the ballot: US Representative- District 8, State Senator District 3, Governor & Lt Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and County Sheriff. Note: Local, city, town, and school district offices/questions may also appear on the ballots within their respective jurisdictions. Need to register to vote or view your ballot? You can do so at: [sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/](https://sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/).

In MN Primaries, such as this election event on August 9, 2022, you can only vote for ONE Party. However, all party races are on one ballot and you will not have to declare your party to anyone.

## National Night Out



Join fellow Canosia Township residents on **August 2, 2022** from **5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** at the **Canosia Township Recreation Area** to celebrate National Night Out! Our Volunteer Fire Department will be serving hotdogs, brats, pop, chips, water, etc. It's a great way to get outdoors and meet your neighbors!

## Election Opportunity



Consider becoming a certified Canosia Township Election Judge. On election days you would help set up election equipment, assist residents who need to register to vote, distribute and count ballots, and help navigate the election process. It is a great way to meet new people while supporting our local election process. Certifications are valid for two years and we are currently training judges.

For more information contact the Clerk at [canosiatownship@yahoo.com](mailto:canosiatownship@yahoo.com) for more information!

## Recreation Area



The Canosia Township Recreation Area is a buzz with summer activity. The children are swarming all over the playground, the T-Ball players are flying around the bases, and the pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts are being daily used by all residents. The Canosia Town Board is looking for ways to improve this small hive/hub of activity for future usage. Some of the things being considered are upgrades to the playground equipment, a dog park, and groundwork to improve the field surfaces. If you have suggestions concerning the recreation area please email them to [canosiatownship@yahoo.com](mailto:canosiatownship@yahoo.com). You can also watch for updates on the electronic sign located in front of Pike Lake Elementary or on the township website [canosiatownship.org](http://canosiatownship.org).

Thank You,  
Penny Dieryck  
Canosia Township Supervisor



Reminder: The Town Hall parking lot is for township business only. Boat landing and golf course parking is not permitted.

If it's in the street,  
it's in our streams.

# SPILLED TRASH POLLUTES WATER



Secured bins are for the win.  
Clean up for clean water!

## Fire Department



The Canosia Township Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the residents of Canosia Township for their continued support from our annual calendar fundraiser. The money goes to needed supplies and equipment.

We would also like to remind all residents to make sure the 911 signs are visible from the road. These signs are vital during an emergency.

The fire department continues to upgrade our training and vehicles to all the latest requirements as directed by FEMA.

Please inspect your smoke alarms and CO2 alarms. Batteries should be changed at least once a year. If the alarms are 10+ years old, they should be replaced.

Thank you,  
Chief Gene Stevens  
Canosia Township Volunteer Fire Department

## Aquatic Invasive Species News



**ATTENTION ANGLERS:** Ever noticed gelatinous or cotton batting-like material on your fishing lines or downrigger cables? If not, be sure to look especially where they meet a swivel, lure or downrigger cable connection. Spiny waterfleas collect in masses on lines and cables. They are small (3/8") predacious crustaceans that harm fisheries by competing with native fish for food and fouling gear. When they collect on fishing lines, masses can clog the first eyelet of fishing rods, damage the reel's drag system, and prevent fish from being landed.

Native to Eurasian, spiny waterfleas were discovered in Lake Ontario in 1982, then spread to all of the Great Lakes. They spread to inland lakes when fishing gear is contaminated with egg-laden females. According to the Branstrator Lab at the University of Minnesota Duluth, females die out of water within about 6 hours, but they produce eggs that resist drying, remain viable and can establish infestations, if transported unchecked to new waterbodies. Eradicating new infestations is impossible. Anglers often discover new infestations.

What can you do:

- Clean off aquatic plants and animals from boat, motor, and trailer
- Wipe off fishing lines and down rigger cables, including gelatinous or cotton batting-like materials for lines, especially where they meet a swivel, lure or downrigger ball connection (plucking like a guitar string helps)
- Drain livewell, bilge and motor
- Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash
- Report new sightings



Canosia Township would like to thank the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) for the approval of the township's 2022 Operations Recycling Grant! This grant helps support our recycling center.



## Recycling News

### Think Tiny!



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.

### Recycling Center Hours of Operation

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



Plants, pots, and soil are NOT recyclable... even if they have the triangle mark on the bottom.



Boxes must be flattened before arriving at the recycling center.



### Plastic Film Bags

i.e. such as those from SuperOne, Wal-Mart, Target, etc. can NOT go into the dumpsters. Place them in the ORANGE barrel.



### Food... Gross



Anything recycled must be clean of food remnants. Otherwise, our recycling is gross... not cool.

**FYI**  
Metal scraps  
and broken items  
cannot be recycled.

Please be prepared to quickly unload your recycling. We have a small parking lot and one unprepared person can cause the recycling line to significantly back up... sometimes into the road.

## Canosia History Snap Shot

### **Auto Club Will Open Pike Lake Home on June 1**

Clubhouse Will Be Remodeled, Grounds Improved to Accommodate Summer Guests.

Formal opening of the Duluth Automobile clubhouse at Pike Lake June 1 was decided yesterday noon at the meeting of the Board of Directors at the Chamber of Commerce. Because of the urgent demand for the club for early summer social activities, and the extensive program outlined for the season, the early opening date was made necessary, Otto Swanstrom, president, said.

The grand opening, which will be featured by an entertainment and speaking program will be held June 17.

#### **Grounds Improved.**

Improvements and extensions of the recreation grounds and clubhouse together with work on the highways and general cleaning of the lake vicinity, has been under way for the last month. Drainage of swamp lands and the remodeling of the clubhouse will be started this week. It was said it was planned to enlarge the dining hall to double the present size.

Laying out of tennis courts, horse shoe pitching grounds and a croquet lawn will be completed by June 1. Flower beds and vegetable gardens have been placed on the grounds.

A gate at the entrance of the grounds will be installed and a watchman stationed there to transport each entrant, Mr. Swanstrom said. Dancing will be held each night with the exceptions of Sundays and the clubhouse will be closed at 11 p.m. nightly.

More than 1,400 automobile owners have taken membership in the club and an effort to enlist half as many more will be made this month, it was decided.

## Road News



This construction season we are seeing multiple road projects in and around Canosia Township. The Culvert Replacement Project is in full swing on Industrial Road, Sunny Lane, and parts of Midway Road. These upgrades are being done this season so that the resurfacing of Midway Road, Industrial Road, and Sunny Lane can be completed in 2023.

The intersection of Midway Road and 194 will remain closed until the new Turn Around is completed. In addition, US 53 and 194 has a J-Turn being installed this season.

We will also be striping all of our Township asphalt roads and replacing several culverts on township roads.

As the summer progresses be mindful of the construction workers. They are working in an environment that can be extremely dangerous. Please slow down and be aware of all of them as you approach the construction sites.

Canosia continues to keep our roads in good driving condition and continue to partner with St. Louis County on our ongoing maintenance. Please use caution this summer and I hope you all have a great summer! As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at 218-590-6473 or at canosiacomnick@gmail.com.

Thank You,  
Kevin L. Comnick  
Canosia Township Supervisor



## Cemetery News



The Canosia Cemetery grounds were donated to the township in the early 1890's and have been cared for by the township ever since. While the fire of 1918 destroyed the original ledgers, the township has worked to recover all past listings of the residents buried there and preserve the information for future generations.

In addition, the township has always worked to maintain the grounds with continued maintenance, including improvements to the land. Examples include the paved driveway, the Veteran's Monument, and how the most recent installation of the columbarium. The columbarium was set in June 2022 and will hold the remains of 24 individuals.

This new addition provides individuals with another way in which to preserve the remains of their loved ones. Currently, a standard cemetery plot is \$200 per resident/\$500 per non-resident and a reserved cemetery plot is \$500 per resident/\$1,000 per non-resident. The costs for the new columbarium are \$1,000 for a single remains in one niche/\$1,200 for two remains in one niche with all expenses included. A deposit of \$250 is required to reserve a niche. This price structure is set to cover the basic cost and maintenance of the columbarium as the township board is committed to not making a profit off of the cemetery but instead keeping it in good condition for future generations. To reserve a space at the cemetery, please contact the township Clerk at [canosiatownship@yahoo.com](mailto:canosiatownship@yahoo.com) or 218-260-5600.

Jeff Erikson  
Canosia Township Supervisor

## Town Hall News



Come join us at a town hall meeting and check out the new upgrades to the town hall. The town supervisors have upgraded the building's technology to include new video streaming capabilities, automatic accessible doors, automatic restrooms, video cameras and new secure locks, etc. They have also continued to provide maintenance and upgrades to the building. These repairs and upgrades were made possible through the federal allotment of ARPA funds.

## Upcoming Town Board Meetings

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).

**August 3, 2022    September 7, 2022    October 5, 2022**  
**November 2, 2022    December 7, 2022**

## Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System (PLAWCS) News

2022 is a very busy year for the Pike Lake Sewer District. Currently, we are in the process of a total upgrade to Lift Station #2. It is located adjacent to Carmen's Way. This project has an estimated cost of \$220,000. The cost is being covered by funds PLAWCS has in the Capital Account. The fund in this account is specific for this type of improvement. Currently, \$9,000 is deposited monthly into this account. The funds come from a portion of the district's monthly resident fees.

In addition, Canosia Township approved \$69,000 of ARPA Funds to upgrade the control panels of Lift Stations #1, #3, #4, and #5 at the same time. The Township Supervisors determined that this was an outlined use of the ARPA Funds. When these projects are complete, it is the hopes of PLAWCS, this this will give us a period of 10+ years of concentrating on basin repairs and replacements, additional pump purchases, as well as, absorbing the cost of the WLSSD mandate of videoing district sewer lines. When PLAWCS first announced plans to comply with this new ordinance, the cost was estimated at about \$120/district property owner. The current cost has doubled since then and PLAWCS will need to address the rising costs. We are required to complete 10% of district lines/year. We will be discussing ways to fund these costs in the next several months. We will keep district users updated with our progress. Please continue to abide by the "Do Not Flush" guidelines, as they are very important in the success of the PLAWCS System.

Thank you,

Kevin L. Comnick  
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 at [canosiatownship@yahoo.com](mailto:canosiatownship@yahoo.com).

### Upcoming PLAWCS Board Meetings

August 29, 2022  
September 26, 2022  
October 24, 2022  
November 28, 2022  
December 19, 2022