

# Town of Canosia Newsletter

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## Recreation Area Survey



The Canosia Township Town Board will be making improvements to the Township's recreation area 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 begin this 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/WpjhjyAYCDRuChyWA>

**SAVE THE DATE**

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**AUGUST 1, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Join township residents at the Canosia Township Recreation Area for free activities, food, and connection! We truly hope to see you there!

## Fire Department



The Canosia Township Volunteer Fire Department supports the residents of Canosia Township (and surrounding areas) through the continued training of our firefighters.

We have conducted live burns in partnership with surrounding fire departments and kept up with our medical training with Mayo Ambulance. We have provided mutual aid to surrounding fire departments for medical and fire support. We have also put into service new SCBA breathing apparatus' which will help better protect our firefighters.

As of May 1, 2023, we have already responded to 34 medical EMS calls, 8 mutual aid EMS calls, 6 fire calls, and 8 mutual aid fire calls. The Canosia Township Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the township residents for their continued support.

Submitted by: Gene Stevens, Chief; Clyde Mortinsen, Assistant Chief; Jim Sandstedt, Assistant Chief

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## AIS News



The boating and fishing season is upon us. Let's make it a safe and enjoyable season. Our AIS Inspectors are on duty inspecting all watercraft entering or leaving Pike and Caribou Lakes. Show them the utmost respect as they are performing a service to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in our lakes. Canosia Township received a \$30,000 grant for this 2023 season from St. Louis County. We continue to be held in high regard by St. Louis County for the quality of our program. This year we have five returning inspectors and one new inspector. The continued return of inspectors shows the strength of our program and the level of commitment of the inspectors themselves. Canosia Township is proud of the fact that we have retained our inspectors year after year and have continued to provide quality programming. If you meet one of the inspectors, be friendly and courteous to them. They are doing their job. Thank them for what they do. We all benefit from the service they provide. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Kevin L. Cornick  
Township Supervisor

### Summer is here! You can protect our township lakes by:

- **CLEAN** your watercraft! Remove plants, small animals, and any debris. Use our township decontamination station located at the Pike Lake Public Access.
- **DRAIN** all water. Remove drain plugs and keep plugs out during transport.
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash.
- **DRY** your shoreline equipment for 21 days before moving from one water body to another.
- **NEVER RELEASE** bait, aquarium pets or aquatic pets into our water sources.



Any gear (e.g. waders, nets, wetsuits, traps, blinds, decoys, pushpoles) used in MN waters for fishing, hunting, scuba diving, swimming, sailing, bait harvesting, and ricing should be cleaned off and dried of plants, mud, and debris. They should then be rinsed with water and dried for five days before being put into new waters. This simple process helps keep our waters from being infected with invasive species.

# Road News



Early in June, you will see trucks, graders, pavers, and many folk working on a major road resurfacing project in Canosia Township. St. Louis County has announced that the Midway Road, from North Pike Lake Road to Kehtel Road will be resurfaced beginning this June-July. In addition, both Industrial Road from Midway Rd to Sunny Lane, as well as, Sunny Lane will also be a part of this road project. There will be expected delays as the work progresses, but no road closures are scheduled. This will be a great road improvement project that will have a positive impact on all of the individuals who use these roads.

Please use caution while this work is being done. Slow down and be aware of your surroundings. We have also replaced several culverts, repaired washouts, and performed ditching where needed, on township roads damaged by the severe snow melt and flooding issues. Our hope is that the township will be reimbursed for this work by the state and federal government. A special thanks to all of the folk who were involved in getting this work done. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [canosiacomnick@gmail.com](mailto:canosiacomnick@gmail.com) or 218.590.6473.

Kevin L. Comnick  
Township Supervisor

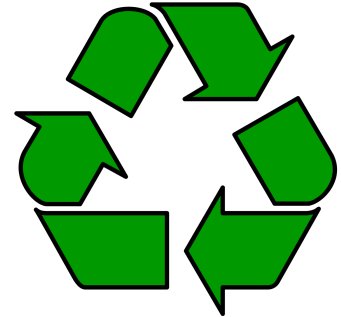
Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
<p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move to a cooler area</li> <li>• Loosen clothing</li> <li>• Sip cool water</li> <li>• Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <p><b>CALL 911</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move person to a cooler area</li> <li>• Loosen clothing and remove extra layers</li> <li>• Cool with water or ice</li> </ul>
<p><i>Dizziness</i></p> <p><i>Thirst</i></p> <p><i>Heavy Sweating</i></p> <p><i>Nausea</i></p> <p><i>Weakness</i></p>	<p><i>Confusion</i></p> <p><i>Dizziness</i></p> <p><i>Becomes Unconscious</i></p>
<p><i>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</i></p> <p><i>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</i></p>	
<p>Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!</p>	

## 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**



## Recreation Area News

The Canosia Recreation Area is buzzing with activity. The Proctor Baseball Association has begun its summer T-Ball and Coach Pitch games, along with Little League. The Duluth Titans Lacrosse Team is practicing on the fields during the week to prepare for their games. The playground is being used by the Pike Lake School Summer Program, and the tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts are constantly in use.

In this edition of the Township Newsletter, you will find a survey asking the residents what improvements/ upgrades should the township make at the Recreation Area. It is a web-based survey and easy to fill out. Please take a look at the survey and send in your thoughts.

Two community reminders: The Recreation Area has cameras installed to keep watch over the facilities and to eliminate vandalism. We also ask that you utilize the trash cans and pick up after your use of the Recreation Area so we can keep it looking nice.

Two thanks: One to Clyde Mortinsen and Laird Erikson for keeping the Recreation Area mowed and looking great. The other to Mike Ellingson for his many years as the Recreation Area Director. His hard work and dedication to Canosia Township ensured that the Recreation Area was properly maintained and is reflected each and every day in the amazing outdoor space the township possesses.



Penny Dieryck  
Township Supervisor

## Town Hall News

Canosia Township is going to start a NEW e-mail based Information System in order to bring township-related news to residents quicker. If you would like to join our email list, please register on our website at [canosiatownship.org](http://canosiatownship.org).

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).

Canosia Township is seeking a Deputy Clerk. This is a great way to become more involved with the township. For more information, please contact the Clerk at [canosiatownship@yahoo.com](mailto:canosiatownship@yahoo.com) or 218.260.5600.

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).

- July 5, 2023**
- August 2, 2023**
- September 6, 2023**

## Summer Safety Tips



- ⚙ **Be Water Safe:** Always wear a life jacket. Don't let children swim unsupervised. Tell someone what water source you are going on/to.
- ⚙ **Fireworks:** Never let a child use fireworks. Keep them away from buildings and structures. Have a plan if something goes wrong.
- ⚙ **Home Safety:** Use window guards to prevent young children from falling out of windows.
- ⚙ **Car Safety:** Don't leave children nor animals in cars alone- even for a short amount of time. Keep extra water in your car for emergencies.
- ⚙ **Bike Safety:** Wear bike helmets and reflective gear. Carry water and obey road rules. Make sure that children understand road rules and assume that vehicles cannot see you.
- ⚙ **Road Safety:** Slow down and closely watch for pedestrians walking, biking, etc. Our township roads do not have sidewalks and some only have narrow shoulders. Assume that they cannot see your vehicle.
- ⚙ **Self Care:** Wear suntan lotion and stay hydrated. Take frequent breaks with outdoor activities so as not to overheat especially children and the elderly. Use bug spray. Tics and mosquitos carry all sorts of cooties.

# Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System (PLAWCS)

This Spring has been one to remember when it comes to the PLAWCS system. We experienced a major incident during the two day massive snow melt that occurred.

Lift Station #3 experienced a massive increase in I & I, which put us in a position to contact local pumping companies to keep the lift station operating.

With PeopleService and MSA Engineering on site to monitor the flow, we were able to maintain operations throughout the entire incident. That is the good news.

The bad news is that the expense was in the neighborhood of \$55,000.00. This included pumping costs, labor hours, equipment purchases, and clean up costs. We were able to cover the costs with capital funds. After the event, St. Louis County requested emergency funding from the state of Minnesota and the federal government. If St. Louis County reaches a certain threshold, PLAWCS may be able to be reimbursed for 75% of our costs related to the incident. Minnesota did not reach the federal threshold, so we did not qualify for a federal reimbursement of 25% of our costs. No determination has been made to date on the State Emergency Funding, but I met with the State FEMA Representatives and reviewed all of our costs.

With this being said, it was determined that there was a lateral line which had a cap removed. Along with the extreme snow melt, this was a major factor in the additional flow from PLAWCS to WLSSD.

Going forward, PLAWCS would like to remind everyone that it is of the utmost importance to ensure that your lateral lines and clean outs are in proper working order.

We will be addressing the lateral line and cleanouts in the near future. Please be respectful if representatives from PeopleService or MSA Engineering stop by to check lateral lines and mark them. This will benefit all of the users if we all pitch in and do our part.

Thank You,

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

**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 Part 1

### CLUB TO DISCUSS PIKE LAKE PARK

**Farmers' Plan to Be Taken Up by Duluth Commercial Club Committee, Say Chairmen.**

### HENRY NOLTE BELIEVES PLAN MERITS ATTENTION

**Farmer's Get 54 Signatures to Petition for Park-Road Change Asked.**

Farmers' fight for a county park at the outlet to Pike lake will be taken up by the Duluth Commercial club's agricultural committee, according to J.G. Williams, chairman of the committee.

"The plan will be discussed by the agricultural committee at its next meeting and if it meets with favor at the hands of the committee it will be carried before the club," said Williams yesterday.

"The county park plan is a good one," said Henry Nolte, chairman of the public affairs committee of the Commercial club. "I am sure the club will seriously consider the establishment of a park if the agricultural committee reports favorably."

Active work among Pike lake farmers in the county park is being done, according to S. N. Peterson, head of a temporary organization of farmers formed to ask county commissioners for the establishment of a park.

"Fifty-four farmers in this vicinity have signed the petition asking for a park at the Pike lake outlet," said Peterson last night. "The petition circulators are having no trouble to get signatures. A special committee composed of farmers from this territory will be present at the county commissioner's meeting Friday to offer suggestions on the building of the park and to present the petition. We will oppose rerouting of the Swan lake road, unless we are assured by commissioners that the county park will become a fact."

Owners of property around the shores of Pike lake will ask commissioners Friday to change the course of the road.

S. Morterud, one of the property owners who appeared before the board at the last meeting, asking that the road be changed, said yesterday that the property owners still are active in the fight to change the route.

"We are not opposed to the park plan," said Morterud, "but we are determined to have the road removed from the shores of the lake. If the commissioners see fit to build a park they will have to buy land that is now occupied by summer homes."

## Canosia History Snapshot Part 2

### BOARD ADVANCES LAKE PARK PLAN

**County Commissioners View Site at Pike Lake-Will Learn Price.**

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS NAMED TO INVESTIGATE

**May Purchase One Acre as Start for Public Recreation Ground.**

Pike lake farmers' campaign for a county park at the outlet to the lake advanced another step yesterday when the board of county commissioners, after inspecting the site for the proposed park, ordered a special committee, composed of Commissioners Swanstrom, Little and Kauppi to investigate the price of the property.

The commissioners passed three hours the lake in the morning. The special committee will report to the county board Monday.

The board asked Special, Counsel Charles E. Adams for an opinion on the establishment of a park, and he said the board has no right to purchase or receive as a gift more than one acre of land for park purposes.

#### Consider One-Acre Plan.

With this ruling the commissioners voted to consider the project on the one-acre basis. It was the sentiment of commissioners that this step would be a start toward county parks and that they would extend the plan when favorable legislation was passed allowing them to purchase more than one acre of land as a park site.

In their campaign for a park, Pike lake farmers have asked for a site composing of 10 acres. According to S. N. Peterson, if this plan could be carried out, there would be no objection to re-routing the road around the outlet which step has been advocated by owners of summer cottages around the lake.

#### "Park or No Road Change."

"If the board can purchase one acre and the road can be changed so that it will touch the lake at the outlet the farmers of the community will be satisfied," said Peterson. "We will fight any plan to move the road unless some step is taken toward building the park."

S. Morterud, owner of the land which is wanted for the park, values the property at \$10,000. The land lies north and west of the outlet to Pike lake. It has 400 feet frontage along the shore of the lake and extends back from the shore 700 yards.