

Town of Canosia Newsletter

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Gerhart Erikson Recreation Area



Spring 2024: The Gerhart Erikson Recreation Area will be undergoing several major changes. The back baseball field will be converted to a multipurpose space for picnics, kite flying, and other family activities. The dugouts and backstop fence have been removed, so that the entire area is now open green space.

Swings have been purchased and are awaiting installation. The goal is to have them erected by Memorial Day. This is a huge endeavor; thanks to the town board, Weber Outdoor Recreation, Wastewood Recycling, and Peterson Excavating.

There will be a special meeting for all residents who are interested in providing their input to future recreation area improvements. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Canosia Town Hall. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to complete the below survey to provide your input.

The Township has requested funds for the recreation area improvement projects through the MN Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant, Lake Country Power Community Grant, and Kolar Chevrolet- GMC Cadillac Community Fund. If the township receiving approval from these funds, more accessible features will be added to the playground and playground equipment will be purchased.

The Town of Canosia wants to thank the Pike Lake Area Association for its \$1,500 donation to the recreation area. If other businesses or residents want to contribute, they may send their donations to: Town of Canosia c/o Gerhart Erikson Recreation Area 4986 Midway Road, Duluth MN 55811.

Respectfully,

Penny Dieryck
Township Supervisor

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Aquatic Invasive Species Program



The fishing and boating season are upon us and we anticipate another busy summer on our lakes. We have six certified inspectors this season and they are all ready to start manning the Pike Lake and Caribou Lake Landings. Our inspectors are overseen by myself and Larry Ehresman, our AIS manager. Larry will oversee scheduling, as well as, monitor the landings.

As in past years, please respect our inspectors when launching or removing your watercraft from Pike Lake and Caribou Lake. These folks are trained to inspect your watercraft and will assist you with any questions you may have about aquatic invasive species.

Let's have a great summer of cooperation when you launch, or remove, your watercraft. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 218.590.6473.

Thank You,

Kevin L. Comnick
Canosia AIS Supervisor



Is your dog licensed? If not, make sure to contact the clerk at canosiatownship@yahoo.com and purchase your \$10 Town of Canosia dog license. It is good for the life of your pet and helps people find them if they get lost.

Elections



A big thank you to our election judges who served at the March 5th and March 12th, 2024 elections: Barbara Misgen, Laura Solem, Judy Kehtel, Barbara Trush, Jennifer Brunette, David Hedin, Lyle Thomason, and Penny Dieryck. They did a phenomenal job planning, implementing, as well as, overseeing the elections. As we move into the fall election season the need for election judges will increase. If you are interested in becoming an election judge, please contact Clerk Madoll at canosiatownship@yahoo.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 13, 2024

Primary Election

7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m./Canosia Town Hall/4896 Midway Rd

In this election you help narrow down the contenders for federal, state, and county positions. You will be given the choice between three parties. You will choose a party to vote for and then vote for candidates from that party.

November 5, 2024

General Election

7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m./Canosia Town Hall/4896 Midway Rd

In this election you will vote for all open federal, state, county, and school district positions.

Register to Vote

You can check your voter status and register to vote at www.vote.org.

Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System

To Our Users,

PLAWCS is going into this summer in hopes of not having any major issues to confront. We have upgraded the important infrastructure needs and feel confident in the integrity of the system. Moving forward this year, we will begin the videoing of the lateral lines to meet the WLSSD Mandate to do 10% annually until we complete all of the laterals.

To accomplish this “unfunded” mandate, we will be budgeting \$10,000.00 annually until the system’s laterals are all televised. These funds will be taken from the capital account for the next several years to ensure we meet the WLSSD mandate. MSA Engineering and PeopleService will be overseeing this project. Please be respectful to them as we begin this program.

I met with the MN State Auditor in St. Paul to request that we be required to do our audits every other year, instead of annually. They will be looking at that for the future, and they felt it worthy of a discussion at their office. If successful, PLAWCS can realize a savings of roughly \$10,000.00 every other year. I am hoping for a response from the State Auditor office letting us know if it is something that they can sign on to.

The system is running well right now and we hope it continues. What users can do to aid us is to put nothing in the system except toilet paper. Thank you for your help in ensuring the system continues operating in an efficient manner.

Kevin L. Connick
PLAWCS Supervisor

PLAWCS Customer Responsibilities

- Maintain the sewer plumbing within the home
- Maintain the sewer line from the home to the main
- Notifying PeopleService immediately if there is something wrong with the system- this includes damaged or missing caps
- Paying their monthly bill on time and any outstanding assessments
- Notifying PLAWCS that line capping is needed and completing the capping process
- Completing a new or alterations application when making any changes to the property- building a structure, modifying the land, taking down a structure, etc.
- Completing a sewer line inspection when selling a home, making necessary repairs, and notifying PLAWCS immediately once the home is sold

How To Protect Your Home’s Sewer DON’T FLUSH THE FOLLOWING:

- **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/yarn, yard waste

Recycling News

Recycling Center Hours of Operation

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

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.



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.

Food... Gross



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

NO METAL SCRAPS OR BROKEN ITEMS

Boxes must be flattened before arriving at the recycling center.



NO STYROFOAM



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

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.

Cemetery News



The Canosia Cemetery land was donated in the 1890 to the township and has been a proud cornerstone ever since. The township has always tried to keep the grounds immaculate maintained and in the past few years added a Columbarium for residents and nonresidents to peacefully rest.

This spring we updated the Veterans Plaque and are transferring names to the new one. We are currently asking residents if they had a Veteran who resided in Canosia township this would be a great time to get them added to it. If interested in this please reach out to Jeff Erikson 218-393-4965 or email me at Canosiaerikson@gmail.com.

The cost to be buried in the cemetery is \$200 per resident/\$500 per non-resident and to reserve a burial slot is \$500 per resident/\$1,000 per non-resident. To be buried in the columbarium it is \$1,000 for one remains in one niche/\$1,200 for two remains in one niche. To reserve a niche it is \$250. All expenses related to the niche are included.

To Reserve/Purchase a plot or niche, please complete one of the following documents and either mail it to 4896 Midway Road, Duluth MN 55811, drop it off in the black box on the side of the town hall, or email it to the clerk at canosiatownship@yahoo.com.

Jeff Erikson
 Township Supervisor

Canosia Township Historical Society

As we recognize the commitment of members of America's military services, Memorial Day honors those who lost their lives while defending their country. Known Canosia residents who lost their lives while in uniform are noted below. Their names are even carved on the walls inside the Lincoln Memorial: *"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain--that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom--and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."*

Robert S. Pavlick
Private First Class, U.S. Army
Killed in Action
Died: September 3, 1951 in Korea

Private First Class Pavlick was a member of the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on September 3, 1951. Private First Class Pavlick was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.



Robert S. Pavlick



Walter J. Pavlick

Walter J. Pavlick
Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps
Died: October 1, 1944
Buried: Manila American Cemetery
Location Fort Bonifacio, Manila, Philippines
Awards: Purple Heart with Gold Star

Robert Carl Abrahamson
Killed in Action June 16, 1945, aboard the U.S.S. Twiggs, 8 months, 24 days, Went down with the ship.
World War II Veteran
Seaman, First Class, United States Navy
Entered the Service from: Minnesota
Died: June 16, 1945; Missing in Action or Buried at Sea; Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii Awards: Purple Heart
Attended Proctor High School



Robert Carl Abrahamson

Earl Haltli (no photo available)

Canosia Township, Earl Haltli was the gunner on the Flame McGoon-(this name, based on a character in Al Capp's comic strip "Lil Abner.")

The target that day was the oil storage dumps at Targoviste, Romania, July 31, 1944

Note: Every year there is a Memorial Day ceremony at the Canosia Township Cemetery to honor the veterans buried there. The ceremony is always at 1:30, held by the Proctor VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). All are welcome.

Source: Proctor Area Historical Society Memorial Day Booklet

Submitted by: Canosia Township Historical Society

General historical items: If you would like to view historical artifacts displayed in the Town Hall, feel free to attend a township or historical society meeting.

Aquatic Invasive Species Education

ATTENTION BOATER

Do your part to protect Minnesota waters

The majority of boaters visiting public water accesses on Minnesota lakes and rivers take action to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Before leaving a water access or shoreland, take these steps:



Clean your boat, trailer and gear.



Drain all water (bilge, ballasts, livewells, bait containers, etc.) and keep drain plugs out during transport.



Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Violating these laws may result in fines up to \$1,000.

Go above and beyond:

Rinse your boat and gear with cold water.

Dry your boat and gear for 5 days.



Decontaminate your boat: Rinse with hot water at 120°F for 2 minutes or 140°F for 10 seconds. If needed, spray with high pressure to remove attached debris.

Find FREE decontamination locations here: mndnr.gov/decon



ATTENTION SHORELINE RESIDENT

Do your part to protect Minnesota waters

The majority of Minnesota shoreline residents take action to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Before moving docks, lifts and swim rafts between water bodies, take these steps:



Clean equipment to remove plants, small animals and debris.



Drain all water.



Dry for 21 days.

The clean and drain steps apply to boats, trailers and gear too.

Moving your shoreline equipment?

If you hire someone to help remove, install, decontaminate or transport your docks, lifts or other equipment, make sure they are a permitted Lake Service Provider (LSP). LSP owners and employees are required to take Department of Natural Resources (DNR) training and must have a DNR permit to operate in Minnesota waters. Find permitted LSP businesses at mndnr.gov/lsp-list.

Minnesota law requires docks, lifts, swim rafts and associated water-related equipment remain out of the water to dry for 21 days before moving it from one water body to another.

Township News

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.

June 5, 2024

Special Recreation Area Meeting 5:00 p.m.

June 5, 2024

Regular Town Hall Meeting

July 1, 2024

Regular Town Hall Meeting

August 7, 2024

Regular Town Hall Meeting

September 4, 2024

Regular Town Hall Meeting

Reminder: The Town Hall parking lot is for township business only 24/7. Do not park in the township parking lot unless you are there for township business or to recycle materials during the recycling center's hours.

Summer Safety Tips

- **Stay Hydrated**, especially during the summer. Also, carry water with you when you go out. You never know when the weather or temperature will change and dehydration does not lead to summer fun.
- **Stay Indoors** when the air is smoky, especially if you have health concerns, or when there are heat warnings in order to prevent heat stroke. If your home does not have air conditioners, have a plan for where to safely go on hot days.
- **Apply Sunscreen** even on cloudy days. The sun never takes a day off!
- **Dress in Layers** because that is what all Minnesotans do.
- **Check the Forecast** as our MN weather is every changing. Being prepared is important. Have supplies on hand (at home and when enjoying the outdoors) in case severe weather develops or knocks out the electricity.
- **Use bug spray** because disease carrying ticks and mosquitoes love Minnesotans.
- **Tell someone** when you are going hiking, boating, camping, etc. If you are injured while enjoying the outdoors, it will be easier for medical help to reach you.
- **Check your medications** as some interact with the heat and intensify sunburns and heat stroke. Check your mailboxes if you receive medication delivery as many cannot sit outside in hot mailboxes.
- **Check on your neighbors** when there are heat warnings, severe weather, etc. as they may need assistance.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**TOWN OF CANOSIA
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

AUGUST 6, 2024

This year marks a special milestone in the Town of Canosia's history as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of our volunteer fire department! Mark your calendar for this wonderful community event as there will be food and merriment as we celebrate this milestone and our community at the Gerhart Erikson Recreation Area.