

Town of Canosia Newsletter

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NEW ARRIVAL!



The mini-pumper rescue vehicle arrived this spring! The Fire Chief says it is a great addition to the township.

The mini-pumper has already been put to use at a car accident and medical emergencies. It is fully stocked with life-saving medical equipment, car extrication tools, and foam for fighting car and grass fires.

Our volunteer firefighters have responded to 70 emergencies so far this year (43 medicals, 9 fire calls within Canosia, 12 mutual aid fires, and 6 service calls).

The department also attends regular training classes on a wide range of topics. This includes EPI pen usage, blood pressure, CPR, mass casualty events, and pipeline emergencies. Thank you to all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication!

TRAILS: PUBLIC MEETING!

The township's hiking & biking trail plan is on track for completion this fall! The plan is a reflection of the input we received from the community trail survey and includes ideas both big and small. For example, our short/mid-term goals include:

- Developing a self-contained trail loop on Industrial Rd. using a township-owned parcel as well as the adjoining 200+ acres of state tax forfeit land.
- Creating a winter trail on a township-owned 40-acre parcel on N. Pike Lake Rd.
- Updating trail designations within the Canosia Wildlife Management Area
- Implementing an upkeep plan for the Pike Lake Elementary School Forest (Never heard of it? Check out page 4!)
- Improving signage and raising awareness of all current hiking and biking opportunities within the township

What do you think of these ideas? There is still time for input! We will be holding an open house on **Wednesday, September 6 at 5:30 p.m.** at the town hall. There will be a short presentation and plenty of time for Q&A. The draft plan will also be available on our website starting that same night. We will welcome comments up until the town board meeting on October 4. Once the plan is finalized, implementing the projects will depend on many factors including grant availability,

WEBSITE NOTICE

The township is in the process of developing a brand-new website! Stay tuned for the new address and information. We hope to get it up and running as soon as possible!

PAVED PARKING LOT!



The town hall parking lot is now covered in blacktop! This project has been discussed and planned for the past few years. The board opted to move ahead now since it was within budget and would not impact the tax levy. The newly improved parking lot will allow for an easier recycling experience with less mud and muck. It will make winter plowing a lot easier as well.

The lot was also used for the Pike Lake Association's annual July 4th free community pancake breakfast. Thank you to the PLA for hosting such a fun event for all our friends and neighbors.

RECYCLING

Township Recycling Hours

Tue & Thu:
5- 8 p.m.

Saturday:
9 a.m. –
5 p.m.

Located in the
town hall parking
lot.

Here's a list of items not allowed in your household garbage:

- Electronic waste
- Major appliances
- Tires
- Yard waste
- Medical sharps
- Asbestos
- Household hazardous waste (paint, used oil, chemicals, fluorescent bulbs)

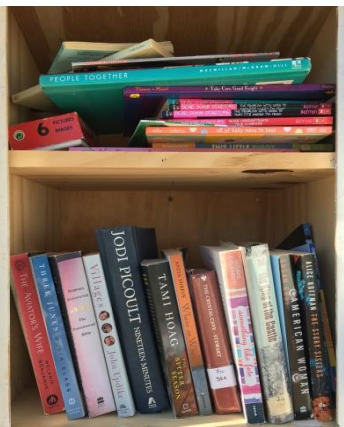
Your corrugated cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper and recyclable containers (plastic, glass, steel and aluminum) can be brought to the township center for recycling. The items listed above can be taken to the various WLSSD sites in Duluth. For details call the WLSSD hotline at 722-0762 or visit wlssd.com.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



The little free library is stocked with some good reads for both kids and adults. Please stop by to browse, borrow or leave a book!

The library can be found right next to the town hall's side door.



CORRECTION

In the last newsletter, we mistakenly said that a township church was changing hands. In fact, the Community Church on Martin Rd. is still happily home to the Pike Lake Presbyterian congregation.

However, since April, they have also been renting space to the Northern Light Christian Church congregation as well. We sincerely apologize for the mistake!

ROAD REPORT

2017 is going to be an active year for road projects in the Township!

As part of the five-year asphalt road improvement plan, the township “scrub sealed” Vaux, Dunaisky and Pike Lane this summer. Since Canosia has partnered with St. Louis County, we are able to be part of the much larger County road program for the year. This type of program enables Canosia to get the best possible prices for our projects since they will be done in conjunction with county projects in the Canosia area.

The scrub seals will be complete by the time you read this, as will the right-of-way/ditch mowing on all township-owned roads.

Also on tap for this summer is the painting of yellow and white road striping on Lindahl and Kehtel Roads. All gravel roads will continue to be graded and maintained to our high standards.

There are additional asphalt road projects scheduled and budgeted for 2018 and 2019. We will do our very best to keep you informed of these projects as they are scheduled.

The town board is very pleased we can continue road improvements without increasing the Road & Bridge Levy. Good sound planning and budgeting make this possible!

Thanks,
Kevin L. Comnick
Canosia Supervisor – Roads

FRIENDSHIP BENCH

A big THANK YOU goes out to Girl Scout Troop #4341 for this new friendship bench at the Township rec area. They designed, constructed and secured all donations as part of their Silver Project. They also taught the Pike Lake Elementary students how it should be used.

Friendship benches are popping up at playgrounds around the country as part of the anti-bullying movement. Anytime a student doesn't have a friend to play with, they can go sit on the bench. Other kids will then come invite them to play.



Girl Scout troop
#4341 members:

Meilee Walden, Opal
Bourdage,
Mackenzie Lysher,
and Josie Maahs.

7th & 8th graders at
Proctor Middle
School.

BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile will be at the Pike Lake Dairy Queen Parking lot on the following dates from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.:

Aug 14, Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Nov. 6 & 27, Dec. 18

The bookmobile carries adult and children's books, large print books, DVD's, CD's, and mail-a-book catalogs. Materials are checked out for three weeks and are due back the next date the bookmobile stops at our location. They can also be returned to any of the 28 Arrowhead Library System location.



SCHOOL FOREST

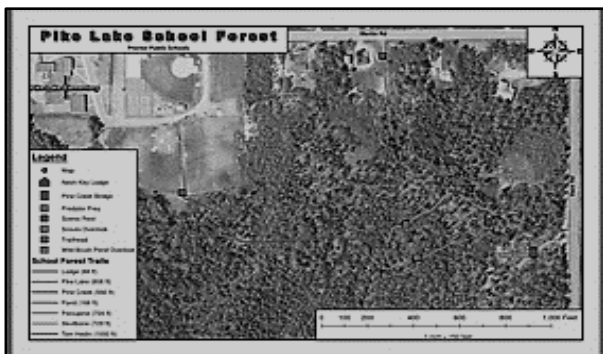
The Pike Lake Elementary School Forest is one of the best-kept secrets in town. The property can be reached from the township rec area (behind the back baseball field) or from the designated parking lot about a half-mile down Martin Rd.

If you wander the trails, you'll come across the Red Pine shelter, a small pond and dock, a gathering circle of handmade log benches, and a variety of wildlife.

Our challenge now is to keep the forest trails maintained and accessible. In the summer, the plants and weeds grow faster than we can handle. The upkeep has always fallen mostly to a small group of Proctor ISD employee volunteers. However, the township trails committee is hoping to get a maintenance plan in place to help them out moving forward.

The ultimate goal is to get the trails in good enough shape to accommodate a riding lawn mower. That way the community and school could use the trails year-round.

A map of the school forest can be found on the Pike Lake Elementary School website, in the "About Us" section.



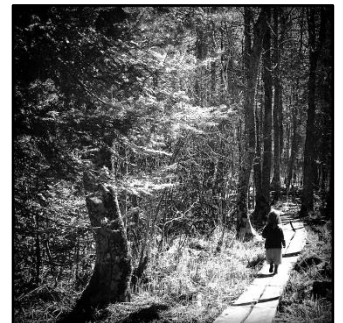
HANDY HELPERS NEEDED FOR INDEPENDENT PROJECTS!

There are a handful of minor school forest projects that we'd love to have some handy volunteers take on at their convenience. All supplies/costs will be covered by the township:

- Constructing some simple boardwalks (roughly 4 ft. wide x 8 ft. long) to cover the marshy areas
- Painting the letters on the entrance sign on the Martin Rd.
- Treating the log benches
- Weed whipping the trails
- Other general trail maintenance

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help out, please let us know by calling 218-590-6746 or emailing canosiatownship@yahoo.com.

We are also hoping to gather names of those interested in a volunteer workday to get the forest ready before school starts. Please let us know if you'd like to take part!



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS)

Canosia Township has taken steps this year to enhance and grow the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) inspection programs on both Pike and Caribou Lakes. With an increased grant amount of \$50,000 from St. Louis County this year, we will be able to schedule more inspections and add a boat cleaning station, called a CD3 (Clean-Drain-Dry-Dispose). More info below!

Our inspection program is sponsored by St. Louis County and done in collaboration with the Minnesota DNR. This year we hired eight AIS inspectors. They were trained and certified by the DNR. The training included an on-site boat to show where and what to look for when doing inspections.

The AIS inspectors are led by manager Alyssa Hagemeyer who handles the scheduling and payroll reporting. The inspectors are Charlie Stenstrom, James Falk, Austin Carlson, Rick Kaneski, Desirae Marchand, Molly McKeen and April Benedict.

When you are at the landings, please be respectful to these dedicated folks who have shown a great desire to assist in protecting Pike and Caribou Lakes from AIS. They are out there in all kinds of weather and a great way to show your appreciation is to say, "Thank you."

Special thanks to Canosia Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, and St. Louis County's Michael Scharenbroich for the time and effort in seeing that the AIS program is a success.

Thanks! Kevin L. Connick, Canosia Supervisor – AIS Program



Our new CD3 station had its moment in the spotlight during a media event on July 12th. The local TV stations came to learn more about this new invention being used to halt the transfer of AIS from one lake to another.

The CD3 can be used by boaters to quickly clean their boats on their way into the lake...and again on their way out. Remember, zebra mussel larvae are so tiny you would need a microscope to see them; they love to cling to motors and live-wells to reach their full, destructive potential. However, the CD3 comes equipped with several tools that can get rid of any lingering AIS:

- Special tools to pull weeds/debris from all the hard-to-reach places
- A blower to dry-off your motor, live-well, and other wet areas
- A high-powered vacuum that can suck up bait and other debris
- A specialized wrench to aid with pulling the boat plug
- Spotlights (high and low) activated with the push of a button

The CD3 can be used free of charge for boaters at the Pike Lake Landing. It is monitored electronically so we can track usage and service needs. It was used 65 times in the first two weeks after installation. To learn more visit www.cd3station.com.

Our CD3 is the only one of its kind in the northland. It was paid for by grant money through St. Louis County. Four other stations are being installed in Minnesota as part of the company's initial pilot program.



Interested in learning more about AIS? The St. Louis River Alliance is hosting free canoe/kayaking "Spot the Invader" events along the river every Wednesday in August. These interactive seminars are family-friendly. For more information, contact sentry@stlouisriver.org or 218-733-9520.

HISTORICAL NOTES: END OF AN ERA

Contributed by the Canosia Township Historical Society

The following is a reproduction of an article about the dedication of the Pike Lake Auto Club which originally ran in the Duluth News Tribune 96 years ago (June 1921). This spring AAA made the decision to sell their Canosia Township property. While this may be the end of an era, the township is grateful for the past century of fun on the Auto Club grounds.

Pike Lake Home Dedicated with Official Talks

Two-thousand persons yesterday attended the opening ceremonies held at the Duluth Auto club's new home at Pike Lake.

The ceremonies were opened with a cannon salute. The Morgan Park band played "America". Otto Swanstrom, president of the Duluth Auto club, briefly outlined the history of the organization and introduced the speakers. The ceremony was followed by a dinner served in the clubhouse dining room on the west porch. Many of the visitors brought picnic lunches.

Dedicating the grounds, Judge C.R. Magney said, "There is no section of the country where an automobile club has such an opportunity to do constructive work as right here in Duluth and northeastern Minnesota.

Inside the city limits and adjoining, there is a great deal of wonderful scenery practically inaccessible. The automobile club of Duluth has wonderful opportunities for the unselfish service along this line. The citizens of Duluth united, could accomplish these things in a short while, and what a pride to Duluth fans would it not be! We have no particular reason to be proud of the things that have been created for us. That is not a result of our own efforts. The more things we ourselves create the prouder we will be in our city and it will be a worthy pride."

"I have been greatly impressed with the development of transportation, said Duluth Mayor Samuel F. Snively, in his address to the clubmen. My first trip to Pike Lake many years ago was on foot and required three hours' time. Later, I came to Pike Lake on horseback and that took an hour and a half. Today, I was literally

whirled through space and the distance from town to this location was reduced to a matter of minutes."

In addition to the new bathhouse, the club has provided a spacious picnic ground completely equipped. There is sufficient ground set aside for parking.

Following the dedication, the membership campaign sought to recruit 400 new members, which will bring the total to 2000. The Duluth organization now ranks second in the state, the Minneapolis club leading.

The directors of the club spent two years in seeking new and larger quarters before the Pike Lake site was decided upon. The 28 acre grounds were acquired at the cost of \$1,500.

Duluth New-Tribune
June 26, 1921

CEMETERY RULES UPDATE

The Town Board has recently been reviewing and updating some of the cemetery rules. The allowable days for keeping flowers at the cemetery has been extended and now runs from May 20th to October 1st.

A new sign will also be posted to remind everyone of some of the changes and some of the old rules that keep the grounds looking great and make mowing and trimming easier for our groundskeeper. Thank you for your efforts in helping out.

The cemetery is on the corner of Midway and Seville Roads and has been in use since the early 1890s. It is intended to be used primarily for Canosia Township residents. Please contact the Town Clerk if you would like to reserve a plot or have any questions. For more information on the cemetery policies, see the Canosia Township website.

↔ Cemetery Rules ↔

1. The cemetery is open to the public during daylight hours.
2. Live or artificial flowers and solar lights are allowed in a single standard cemetery box, hanging basket or vase between May 20th and October 1st.
3. Any items left in the cemetery after October 1st will be removed and discarded.
4. Birdbaths, feeders and other decorations are not permitted.

Complete rules are available at the Canosia Township website

PLAWCS

2016-2018 is requiring a major investment of capital funds for the upgrades and improvements of our five PLAWCS lift stations. These improvements are being paid for out of a Capital Reserve Fund that the PLAWCS board has set aside to be used for replacements such as these as equipment wears out.

2016 saw the completion of Stations 1, 4, and 5. Lift Station 3 will be done this year, and Station 2 in 2018. These are major improvement projects that will ensure the system integrity of the system for years to come.

PLAWCS approved a sewer access charge for any new future hookups to the system.

PLAWCS HOOK UP COSTS	
Permit Fee	\$250
WLSSD CAF Fee	\$940
Easement Costs	\$800
System Materials	\$14,050
Engineering	\$2,600
TOTAL SEWER ACCESS CHARGE = \$18,640	

Any PLAWCS connection costs exceeding those listed above are the responsibility of the customer. Any customer-owned equipment needed for the connection will be installed by the customer.

The PLAWCS System debt service is scheduled to be paid by August of 2020. Some folks have the belief that the system will be turned over to the users at that time. Canosia Township, which has 69% ownership in the system, has no plans to abandon our ownership, management or maintenance responsibilities. This is a township-owned wastewater system that we hope to keep providing quality service to our residents for many years into the future.

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TOWN HALL

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Email: canosiatownship@yahoo.com

Official Posting Places:
Town Hall and Intersection of Lavaque & Martin Roads

TOWN BOARD

Regular meeting: first Wed. of each month at 7 pm

Kurt Brooks, Chair: 393-0304
Kevin Comnick, Supervisor: 590-6473
Dan Golen, Supervisor: 464-2365
Susan Krasaway, Clerk: 590-6746
Cheryl Borndal, Treasurer: 729-9833

PLANNING & ZONING

Regular Meeting: 2nd Wed. of each month at 7 pm

Tim Walburg, Director: 340-5924
Call for building permits or P&Z questions

PLAWCS

Phone: 729-9007 Fax: 729-9447
Email: plawcs@qwestoffice.net
Website: www.PLAWCS.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT & BURNING PERMITS

Gene Stevens, Chief: 729-6211
Emergencies: 911
Burning Permits: Tom Amendola 393-5533

OTHER

Rec Area: Director Mike Ellingson: 260-5599

Historical Society: 729-9833, Regular meeting on the
fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Recycling: Tues/Thu 5-8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. – 5p.m.