

Spring 2015

Hours:

Mon. & Weds. 8:30 – 4:00

Tues & Thurs 7 – 4:30



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Board of Supervisors

Meetings 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.
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Terry Holmes, Chair
651-463-3091
Edward Gerten
651-463-4433
Jamie Elvestad
651-463-4748

Planning Commission

Meetings 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.
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Trent Larson
651-460-6404
Tom Kaldunski
651-460-6912

Jared Sachs
651-463-3169
Cheryl Jacobson
651-463-2131

Jim Hagerty
651-428-4726

Park & Rec

Meetings 2nd & 4th
Mondays 7:00 p.m.
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Joy Bester, Chair
651-463-0014
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Duane Snesrud
651-463-3198

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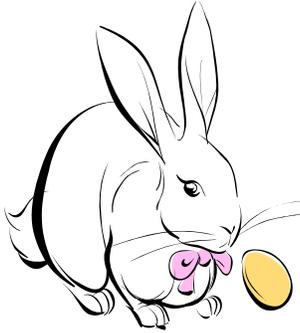
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Maintenance

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Luke Fischer
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The Easter emotions does not end,
It expresses a new beginning,
Of nature, spring, and brand new life,
And friendship, peace, and giving.
The spirit of Easter is all about
Hope, love and beautiful living.

Spring Clean-up – May 16, 2015 (watch for flyer)

Items that will not be handled on clean-up day are recyclables, construction material, hazardous waste, liquids, oil, car batteries, household trash, paints and pesticides. Please, contact Dakota County at 952-891-7025 for more information on proper disposal of these materials.

Congratulations to Ed Gerten being re-elected for another three year term as Town Board Supervisor.

Stelzel Fields – Empire’s maintenance guys are working on getting our dugouts ready for playing this summer. They have been staining and varnishing the boards and should be ready to install shortly.

Starting in April, the FTBA, Farmington Travel Baseball Association will be using the fields on Mondays. In May, the FGFA, Farmington Girls Fast Pitch Association will be back on Tuesdays and Thursdays. And this year Empire will be hosting the Dew Days Softball Tournament.

Adult Softball Leagues have room!

Any interest in Adult Leagues: Women’s, Men’s or Coed, Wednesday, Friday or Sunday. Please contact:

- softball.empire@gmail.com or
- Facebook - Empire Township Softball or
- www.empire.township.empire.mn.us or
- Call 651-463-4931.

Quality Awards – Empire Township has been presented from the MN Department of Health Oral Health Program and Drinking Water Protection Section the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **2013 Water Fluoridation Quality Award**. This award recognizes outstanding performance in fluoridation management by public water systems. Congratulations to Empire’s water department for an excellent job!

Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s Party!” ~ Robin Williams

Streets and Roadways – The Empire Maintenance crew have been working cleaning brush out of the ditches to help alleviate visual obstruction. They do this early in the spring.

The plans are to crack seal, chip seal and restripe 197th Street and Biscayne Avenue from 197th to County Road 66. The 2015 budget should cover this.

Due to some expansion by a couple of the mining companies in Empire, Highway 3 will be closed for a short period of time north of 170th Street. Signs will be posted.

Parks – Stelzel Park playground area was completed last fall. This spring it was noticed that there were animal feces in the playground area. This is not healthy for our youth. **No pets are allowed in the playground areas or on the ballfields.**

Clean up after your pet. Empire has doggie waste bags that are located throughout the trail system in case you forgot your own bag. All dogs on the trails and in the residential areas must be on a leash or in your yard. The owner of any dog that is creating a nuisance such as habitual barking, damaging property, owner not cleaning up after his dog, or the dog running at large shall be punished by a fine of \$75.00 per Ordinance No. 210- B.

Vandalism in the parks and on building sites is a costly issue. Keep your eyes and ears open. If you see anything that looks suspicious, call 9-1-1. The Deputy Sheriff did report that there were some items stolen from a building site in Empire. He said if you have your home broken into, do not touch or walk around the area. Call 9-1-1 immediately. They can tell a lot by studying the footprints.

Fire Permits: A burning permit is required if you are going to burn. Recreation fire Permits are good for one year and must be renewed each year at a mall fee of \$10.00. You may purchase your recreational fire permit at Empire Town Hall. All other fire permits need to be purchased at Farmington City Hall.

Compost Permits: RRT, 16454 Blaine Ave., has offered to process Empire Township's resident's compost for free. **Stop at the Town Hall for a free permit which is good for one year.**

Street Sweeping is scheduled for April 6 - 9. Please do not park on the streets on these two days.

Hydrant Flushing will be the week of April 13. While the hydrants are being flushed, you may notice a change in water pressure and clarity. This change should only occur during the flushing cycle. Try not to do laundry during this time. But, if you should notice rusty water in your laundry, do not dry the clothes. If this happens, stop by the Town Hall and pick up some rust remover.

A. Water Conservation

1. Annual Watering Restrictions

- a) An odd-even outdoor water usage restriction based on street addresses is in effect from April 15th to November 1st each year. Residents with odd numbered addresses shall only water outdoor plants and lawns or irrigate properties on odd numbered calendar days, and residents with even numbered addresses shall only water outdoor plants and lawns or irrigate properties on even numbered days.
- b) Township water cannot be used for the purposes of irrigating properties or watering outdoor plants and lawns between ten o'clock (10:00) a.m. and six o'clock (6:00) p.m. daily.

Plan your summer! Summer programs are being planned. A flyer will mailed within a couple weeks.

