

**C.E.E.F. Enhancement Group** is a non-profit charitable organization that has Castle Rock, Empire, Eureka and Farmington working together to promote community involvement. One of the things they do is host the Dew Days celebration. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time, I am sure C.E.E.F. would be happy to have you. Please inform Empire Township either via email, phone call, or stopping in. We will forward your information.

C.E.E.F. is having an omelet breakfast as a fund raiser at the American Legion on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 – noon. Please join them.

**CDBG Grant** - Empire Township has received a grant from the Dakota County Community Development Block Grant Funding for updating our Planning Zoning Ordinance and for our Planning of our Parks and Trails Master Plan. The Planning Commission is working with our Township Planner on re-organizing and updating the Zoning Ordinance. The Park and Rec along with the Public Works Supervisor, and our Planner are working on the Parks and Trails Master Plan. The proposed Master Plan is intended to include detailed summaries of existing park facilities, estimates of future park land and facilities needs, and estimates of the costs of future park acquisitions and improvements.

**Water and Sewer Account: Any Past Due amount on your water/sewer account on December 15<sup>th</sup>, will be assessed to your property taxes. Interest will be applied. Make sure your bill is paid in full.**

**Sustainable Community** - Empire Township is keeping informed on the plans of UMore Park's sustainable One Planet Community they are hoping to create. Principles of a One Planet Communities are: zero carbon, zero waste, sustainable transport, sustainable materials, local & sustainable food, water, protecting and restoring existing biodiversity and natural habitats, reviving local identity and wisdom, creating bioregional economies that support fair employment, and encouraging active sociable and meaningful lives to promote good health and well-being.

**Yard waste** - It's been noticed that people are dumping yard waste by our storm water ponds and on empty lots. Yard waste is to be composted on your own property or taken to the compost facility which is here in Empire Township. Stop at the Town Hall for your free compost permit and you can drop yard waste off for free.

**Recreational Fires:** When having a recreational fire, remember winds must be less than 5 mph. The smoke cannot offend anyone. Only firewood can be burned; no leaves, yard waste, paper, garbage or other flammable materials are allowed. \$10.00 permits can be obtained at the Town Hall.

**Hydrant Flushing** - The scheduled date to start hydrant flushing is the week of October 17. When the hydrants are being flushed, you may notice a change in water pressure and clarity. This change should only occur during the flushing cycle.

**Snow removal and parking:** We would like to remind you that any vehicle left unattended upon any street, parking lot or public area, which constitutes an obstruction to traffic or to removal of snow, may and will be removed at the vehicle's owner's expense.

Also, this is a reminder that it is unlawful for anyone to deposit any snow or ice in a public road right-of-way or to otherwise obstruct a public road. This does include pushing/plowing snow across the public road.

**Safety:** Snow piles along roadways and in parking lots are not safe for children to play on. Instruct your children not to play on them.

Also, it is important to keep fire hydrants shoveled in case we might need them!

**Empire signs are disappearing.** If you find them, please drop off at the Town Hall or the Public Works building. No questions will be asked. Signs are expensive.

