

### **If You Spot a Water Main Break**

Winter temperatures bring frozen ground and increase the chances of water main breaks. If you happen to notice water running from the ground, through cracks in pavement or from behind curbing, it's probably a water main break. Please call Public Works immediately at 651-470-5056.

To have the water in your house shut off, you will be billed \$25.00 during regular hours and \$250.00 after hours. To have the water turned back on, you will be billed \$25.00 during regular hours and \$250.00 after hours.

**170<sup>th</sup> Street and Whitetail Woods** – Empire Township is getting bids on upgrading 170<sup>th</sup> Street from Biscayne Ave. to Station Trail. The Township will do the preparation work prior to the asphalt. Dakota County will do the asphalt but is not sure at this time when. Whitetail Woods is planning on opening a small section of the park in July, but plan to have the full park open in September.

**Spring Clean-Up is April 12, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Check your flyer for details which is also on Empire Township's website.**

*Auto Batteries may be dropped off at Amcon in Farmington, 957 8<sup>th</sup> Street.*

**Compost Permits – FREE** compost drop off at RRT, 16454 Blaine Ave... Stop at the Town Hall for a free permit which is good for one year.

*Keep leaves, grass, fertilizer and branches off the streets.* They can clog storm drains and also they become a major source of phosphorus which allows algae to bloom in the summer.

**Fire Permits:** A recreational fire permit is required if you are going to burn. The \$10.00 fire permits are good for one year. Recreational Fire Permits may be purchased at Empire Town Hall. All other fire permits need to be purchased at Farmington City Hall.

Empire Township paid over \$130,000 for 2013 fire/emergency calls. Per Ordinance No. 505, which is out on our website, we will be charging for fire/emergency calls.

### **Mark your calendar:**

**Street Sweeping** is scheduled for the week of April 14, 2014. Watch for signs that will be posted. Please do not park on the streets on these days.

**Hydrant Flushing** will be the week of April 21<sup>st</sup> if the weather cooperates. 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.

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" ~Robin Williams

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything. ~William Shakespeare