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Hours:

Mon. & Weds. 8:00 – 3:00
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Board of

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Meetings 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.
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Terry Holmes, Chair
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Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.
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Park & Rec

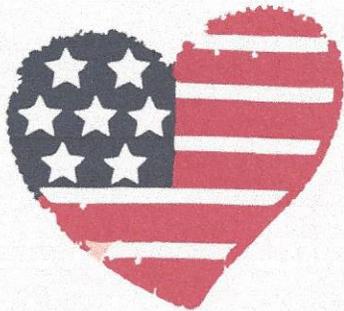
Meetings 2nd & 4th
Mondays 7:00 p.m.
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"Yesterday, the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America; and a greater perhaps never was, nor will be, decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony that those United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States." ~John

Flag etiquette: The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. The Flag should never be carried flat or horizontally. The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should always be allowed to fall free. The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be taken to the American Legion or the VFW for proper disposal.

Mosquito facts: There are 45 species found in the metro area. Mosquitoes lay around 150 to 200 eggs at a time, by the water. When the eggs get wet, the larvae hatch. Only female mosquitoes bite. They need blood to develop eggs. How to protect yourself? Wear a repellent containing DEET. Wear light-colored clothes and cover as much skin as possible. Avoid the outdoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. Don't leave places where water can collect near your home since that's where some mosquitoes may like to lay eggs.

Disc Golf is a flying disc game, as well as a precision and accuracy sport, in which individual players throw a flying disc (plastic) at a target. The object of the game is to traverse a course from beginning to end in the fewest number of throws of the disc. The game is played in about 40 countries around the world.

Empire Township maintenance crew is building a disc golf course down at Empire Fields, by Biscayne Avenue... The course will be along the river. They are hoping to have the course completed by the middle of July.

Elections: August 9th is the Primary election and November 8th is the General Election. www.mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us is a wonderful source for voting information. You can find out if you are registered to vote, you can register online or print out the form. If you are pre-registered, it will make voting faster and easier. Register now, don't wait. October 18th is the last day to preregister before the November 8th election. You may also pick up the registration form at Empire Town Hall.

If interested in being an election judge, call 651-463-4931. Election training with Dakota County will be required. We can sign you up.

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 In 1776, Senator "John Hancock had signed the petition that stated that our country was "free from all others!"

Mowing – The Empire Township maintenance personnel are once again mowing and spraying Empire land, the out lots and along the trails, for thistles and other noxious weeds. Per the State of Minnesota and Dakota County we are required to do this.

Empire Township's clean-up day increased again in cost a little over \$6,000. On EmpireTownship.govoffice.com under Helpful Links is a listing of recycle centers for those items that are hard to get rid of and that won't be taken on clean-up day. Please check it out.

Dogs: Empire's Ordinance 210-A states that it is unlawful for any dog to run at large. Your dog(s) must be in your yards or on a leash. Nuisances include habitual barking and damaging property. The owner of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal whether on their own property, on the property of others, or on public property. Empire Township has doggie waste bags located throughout the trail system. Any owner of any animal in violation of any nuisance shall be punished by a fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

Watering Ban: It has been noticed that there has been an excessive amount of water used this past month and a lot of water has been seen running down the street into the storm sewers. So if you have a high water bill, this is probably why. Please monitor your water usage.

Keep in mind that Empire Township has a constant water ban. If your house number ends in an even number, water on even calendar days. If it ends in an odd number, water on odd number calendar days. There will be no watering of yards/gardens between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any given day. Citations will be given. The first offense is \$25 and \$50 every time after that. If there is a power outage, please check your irrigation system to make sure the clock is set correctly. If you have new sod and need to water more, call the Town Hall. **With watering lawns come high water bills!**

Fire Permits: A small recreational burning permit is no longer required. If you are going to burn, you still need to watch for the burning restrictions. You can find this at www.dnr.state.mn.us type in burning restrictions and select "Statewide fire danger & current burning restrictions". It will also allow you to apply for a burning permit for a larger fire online or pick one up at Farmington City Hall.

Compost Permits: SET/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.

~ ~ ~ **Patriotism** ~ ~ ~

Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime. ~ ~ ~ *Adlai Stevenson*

Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it. ~ ~ ~ *George Bernard Shaw*