

**Black Bears** have been cited in Empire Township. Black bear species have a widespread distribution and a large global population. Black bears easily develop a taste for human foods and garbage. Black bears are rarely considered overly dangerous when confronted by humans. If you sight a black bear, sing, shout, and make noise. Do it loudly and let them know you are there. They will get out of the way. **Do not try to sneak up on them! They will hurt you!**

**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.

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

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**August 4, 2011 Celebrate Empire!** Join us as we celebrate the Township of Empire with food, music fun and friends. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Volunteers needed: 651-463-4494

**August 18, 2011 annual open house at UMore Park from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m..** Tour the gardens and get answers to questions from Master Gardeners; sample foods that help to prevent cancer and other chronic diseases; taste wine made from University-bred grapes; Hop on a wagon-ride research tour and eat your fill of corn-on-the-cob!

**Dakota County Gun Club Youth Shoots** – Free – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in July and August. Kids 16 and under shoot our .22 rifles, shotguns, bows and arrows.

Ladies shoot – Free – August 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. Women 16 and older can come out and shoot for free. They provide the equipment. For more info: [Dakotacountygunclub.org](http://Dakotacountygunclub.org)



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