

Empire Township's Summer Programs, Entertainment in the Park, Community Celebration and Holiday Party were well attended and considered a success. If there are any suggestions on these events, please let us know. Call Elaine Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Empire Township is working on Part II of our Wellhead Protection Plan. Several residents in the urban area have received letters requesting information on any wells or septic systems that they may have. This is a reminder to please turn this information in if you haven't. We have had several turn their information in already and we appreciate the prompt response.

Election: The annual Township election of officers will be held on March 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. held at Empire Town Hall. Following the election will be the Township Annual Meeting.

If you are new to the area or are not yet a registered voter, you may do so before Tuesday, February 12, 2012. Registration closes at 5:00 p.m... Forms are available at the Town Hall or on line from Dakota County or State of Minnesota Election Division. Pre-registration is helpful as it speeds up voting on Election Day. You may also register on Election Day with the proper identification.

Winter Snow Removal

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. Minn. Stat. §§ 160.27, subd. 5(a)(1); 169.42, subd.1. Depositing snow or ice in a road also increases snowplowing costs, creates a potential public safety hazard, and could damage equipment. A violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor, and the prosecution of any said violation shall be commenced before the Dakota County District Court as provided by law.

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!

Street Lights: Empire Township's street light policy allow up to three street lights to be added to Empire Township's developed areas which are inadequately served by street lighting. Property owners may submit petitions for new street lights. The deadline for submitting petitions shall be May 1st for street lights to be installed in the same calendar year. If your petition is not accepted, it may be re-submitted on an annual basis.