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# The Louisville Township Update

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Greetings, Louisville Township residents!

Spring has officially arrived and with it fresh possibilities; plant a garden, help a neighbor, volunteer, learn something from a child, soak up the warmth from the sun, run a marathon...the possibilities are endless.

Please take the time to read through this Update as it contains valuable information specific to our township and don't miss our upcoming Arbor Day.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve you.

*John, Bob, Kevin, Lolita and LuAnne*  
The Louisville Township Board

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## Arbor Day

Saturday, April 30, 2011  
9:00 – 11:00 AM



### Minnesota Valley Garden Center

3232 West 150<sup>th</sup> Street  
Louisville Township, MN

Please join us for Arbor Day! Seventy Autumn Blaze Maple trees will be available for distribution on a first-come, first-serve basis. A current driver's license or utility bill is required as proof of residency. Please, no exceptions.

Trees are bare root and should be planted the same day received. If you are unable to do so, volunteers will gladly bag and mulch your tree onsite. For elderly or disabled residents who are unable to plant the tree, contact LuAnne Lemke at (952) 445-8715 no later than Thursday, April 28. Volunteers have offered to help with planting.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please arrive at the Garden Center on Arbor Day by 8:00 AM. Bring gloves and dress for the weather.

*Thank you to Minnesota Valley Garden Center for sharing their location and providing mulch for the trees. While at the Garden Center, please take some time to browse the plants, trees, shrubs, perennials and so much more for sale. The Garden Center is providing a discount to Louisville Township residents.*

*See valuable coupon on inside of last page.*

**Before you dig, please call Gopher State One Call at 1-800-252-1166.**



## Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 30, 2011  
7:30 – 11:30 AM

**Behind Shakopee Public Works Building**  
400 Gorman Street, Shakopee

Louisville Township, in cooperation with the City of Shakopee, Jackson Township and Scott County, will, again, offer Clean Up Day for recyclable and non-recyclable items. Identification will be checked to ensure residency.

For more information and a list of acceptable recyclable items and relevant fees, please use the following resources:

Call (952) 233-9550 or (952) 233-3837 (TTY)  
or go to our township front page and follow the links.

## Shakopee Rotary and Bridging, Inc. are looking for donations on Clean Up Day

Shakopee Rotary is working in conjunction with Clean Up Day and Bridging, Inc. to collect donations of unwanted furniture and household items at the same date, time and location as Clean Up Day.

Bridging, Inc. serves people in need and donations are tax-deductible (thrift market value). To qualify, donations must be in good condition, clean, undamaged and not worn beyond a respectable life.

For more information or to schedule a pickup, contact  
**Rotarian Lee Hennen at (952) 653-1066.**

*“No man was ever honored by what he received.  
He was honored by what he gave.”*

*Calvin Coolidge*

## Non-Resident Recreation Fee

The City of Shakopee offers recreational programs for all ages and abilities. Louisville Township will pay the non-resident fee of \$10.00 per program required when Louisville residents sign up to use the City of Shakopee’s recreation programs.

Please refer to the City of Shakopee Parks and Recreation brochure for a schedule of current offerings.



## Fire Services Fee

911

Louisville Township contracts with the City of Shakopee to provide fire services. In 2011, the township will pay \$88,567 for our fire services standby fee. This fee covers availability of emergency services for Louisville. The City of Shakopee Fire Department is our first responder to 911 emergency calls. Individual calls to 911 for emergency services are **not** included in the standby fee. Township residents are charged \$380 per hour for 911 emergency calls. The hourly charge is reviewed annually. Once a call is dispatched by 911, the charge cannot be reversed, even if it is a false alarm.

If you do incur a charge for emergency services, please check with your insurance company to see if they will cover the hour(s) charged. Insurance companies may reimburse up to \$400 per hour for a fire services call, contingent upon your insurance policy and proper documentation.

**A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.**

*Anonymous*

# Restoring Picha Creek

The Picha Creek Stream Restoration grant project was selected under the Clean Water Act. The project includes the reconstruction of 2600 linear feet of degraded stream channel. The stabilization involves elevating the incised channel bed in some locations, excavating a floodplain bench, stabilizing the banks with biodegradable materials and native plantings, and the installation of buried grade control and exposed cobble and gravel riffle features. The project also includes a habitat improvement and removal of a fish migration barrier.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

The creek restoration began in January 2011 and progress was highlighted at this year's Annual Town Hall meeting. For more information, please contact Jay Picha at (952) 492-2046.

**The nice part of living in a small town is that when I don't know what I'm doing, someone else does.**

*Anonymous*

## What's a Right-of-Way?



A right-of-way is land dedicated to the township when roads are built. Right-of-ways cover 33' in each direction from centerline of roads and are essential to accommodate underground utilities, ditches and snowplowing.

Property owners may only use plastic or wood marking posts in the right-of-way. Any other type of posts or boulders **shall not** be used and will be removed by the township and the property owner will be charged for removal and disposal. No trees or shrubs should be planted in the right-of-way.

If you have any questions regarding right-of-ways, please contact a board member.

## Lawn Care Practices for Clean Water - Free Workshop

Saturday, April 30, 2011  
9:00 – 11:00 AM

**Prior Lake City Hall**  
4646 Dakota St. SE- Parkview Room

Learn new, but easy lawn care techniques to reduce the impact to our lakes, rivers and wetlands. The workshop will discuss the importance of a soil test, proper calibration of equipment, mowing techniques, selection and application of fertilizers and lawn care for reduced environmental impacts.

Please register by April 22 with Dan Miller with the Scott Clean Water Education Program by calling (952) 492-5424 or via email at [dmiller@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:dmiller@co.scott.mn.us)

## Louisville Township Park Signs

Park signs will be installed at the three natural grassland parks located in Louisville Township in the near future:

- Antler Park (*leveled, grass park*)\*
- Green Acres (*grass park*)
- Highland Park (*natural grassland park*)

\*A softball backdrop will be installed at Antler Park in the near future.

## Internet Crimes Against Children

Just as there are good and bad places to go in any city or community, there are good and bad places to go on the Internet. Unprecedented collaboration and cooperation between government entities (including law enforcement agencies), the Internet industry, schools, corporations, families, and others are required to help keep our children safe.

A presentation on Internet Crimes Against Children will be given by the Scott County Sheriff's Department at an upcoming Township Board meeting. Once a date is determined, a notice will be published on the township website front page at: [www.louisvilletownship.com](http://www.louisvilletownship.com)

Please stay tuned.

## Time to Talk Trash

Help our infrastructure last longer...  
reduce the number of trash trucks

Did you know that one garbage truck has the same impact on our roads as 1,279 cars? Fewer trucks mean fewer taxes being spent on road repairs, longer lasting roads, less noise and less truck traffic.

Congratulations to our neighbors on Mallard Drive and Ridge Court who have joined together to select a common waste hauler to reduce the number and size of waste trucks on the roads, reduce the amount of waste going to landfills with aggressive recycling, reduce costs and receive incentives for recycling with improved customer service. This neighborhood of 15 homes went from four different waste haulers down to one. Way to go, residents!

There is no time like the present to talk trash collection with your neighbors. If you need help getting started, please contact LuAnne Lemke at (952) 445-8715.



Get out and enjoy spring before our  
state bird, the mosquito,  
carries you away.

*Anonymous*

## TH 169 Frontage Road Study

The town board accepted the TH 169 Frontage Road Engineering Alignment Study prepared by the township engineering firm, Bolton & Menk. The study will be used as a planning guide for future development applications and developers' agreements.

For an electronic version of the study, please contact Clerk LuAnne Lemke at (952) 445-8715 or via email at [town\\_clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:town_clerk@hotmail.com).

## Road Repairs

The township's Annual Road Tour Inspection was conducted by the Board on April 13. Our harsh winter caused some township roads to heave with frost and buckle. Essential road repairs will be approved by the board at the next regular monthly township board meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 5 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Scott Country Government Center in the County Board Room on the second floor. Please drive safely.

Rushing waters also caused a deteriorating culvert on Bluebill Circle at the corner of Marystown Road to collapse. The culvert has been replaced. Thanks to our neighbors who pitched in to sandbag and helped wherever necessary.

## Posting of Meeting Notices

Meeting notices are posted on the township website and on the bulletin board inside the west-side entrance of Louisville Lanes located at 3020 133<sup>rd</sup> Street, Shakopee. Notices will no longer be posted at the Scott County Library, Shakopee location, effective immediately.

Thank you, Louisville Lanes, for allowing township notices to be posted inside your facility.

## Regular Board Meetings

Regular monthly board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Scott County Government Center, 200 Fourth Avenue West, Shakopee, Minnesota in the County Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, unless otherwise posted.

If you would like to be added to the agenda or to receive the monthly agenda via email, please contact Clerk LuAnne Lemke at (952) 445-8715 or via email at: town\_clerk@hotmail.com.

## Louisville Township Board Officials

Official Name	Position	Contact Number	Email
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Bob Pieper	Supervisor, Vice-Chair	(952) 445-5213	bpieper08@hotmail.com
Kevin Theis	Supervisor	(612) 817-7571	kevintheis33@aol.com
John Weckman	Supervisor, Chair	(612) 282-3609	john.weckman@comcast.net

## Minnesota Valley Garden Center

### Valuable Coupon

15% off Fertilizers and Chemicals  
Buy 2 and Get 1 Free on Shrubs and Perennials  
(Mix and Match)

Coupon valid April 15 – May 13, 2011

LuAnne Lemke  
Louisville Township Clerk  
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