

Balkan Township Newsletter

Summer 2020

Let's talk garbage...

St Louis County is having its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Wednesday July 1st from 10 am until 1 pm at the Canister site in Balkan. More information can be found on line at stlouiscountymn.gov/hw or call 1-800-450-9278.

Keeping fire numbers visible...

Please check your fire number to make sure it is visible from the road and free of any obstructing debris or tree limbs.

Need COVID-19 related advice...

Do you have any questions or concerns related to COVID-19? Your local liaison from St Louis County, Carol Haasl, would like to hear from you. She sends weekly updates to cities and towns in the northern St Louis County area. She is available for calls and emails from 8am-430pm Monday through Friday. Her contact information is by phone, 218-471-7339 or by email at haaslc@stlouiscountymn.gov.

Balkan's Roads...

Balkan has a new employee. Steve Johnson is our new equipment operator. Please wave to him when you drive by the grader, on the roads. Welcome Steve!

A civil rights leader, named Mahatma Gandhi, once said “The best way to *find* yourself is to *lose* yourself in the service of others”.



Congratulations Graduates!

Upward and Onward

Congratulations to all graduates. This is a BIG milestone in anyone's lives. What you do with it tells your story.

In this unprecedented time, plans rarely go as you want them to. Graduation parties have been scheduled and rescheduled to fit the guidelines set by the governor for a safer Minnesota.

The “dials” have been loosened to allow 10 people to be indoors (while maintaining six feet distancing) and a maximum of 25 people who can gather outdoors.

Balkan's community center pavilion is available for rent.

In the works....

- Balkan's new website is being designed and put together by W.A. Fisher. This new website will have a link to Balkan's Facebook page, what's happening in your community, board meeting minutes and agendas, a calendar of events, information regarding the community center rentals and use, and many more interesting items. The website should be up and running by July 1st!
- The town of Balkan is getting ready to spray calcium chloride to control dust on your roads. This should take place in July. The board of supervisors have decided to spray less this year due to residual chloride still on the roads.
- The primary for the presidential election is scheduled for August. If you or anyone you know has any interest in learning how elections work or would like to volunteer to be an election judge, please contact Balkan's clerk, Misty Hendrickson. There's paid training and you will be paid to be an election judge.
- Get out and Vote! Or just stay at home and submit an absentee ballot. It's easy! On-line sign up for absentee voting takes, literally, 2 minutes. Go to vote.org. You need to have your name, address, date of birth, an email address, and a phone number.



- For children/families that qualify for free or reduced lunches during the school year, a new federal program to provide students age 5-18 with a replacement food benefit to pay for groceries while schools are physically closed. They can apply at www.mn.p-ebt.org beginning June 8.

Help wanted...

Balkan Township has an immediate opening for a part-time Canister Site Attendant and for substitute Canister Site Attendants. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM; approximately 24 hours/month. Attendants are expected to complete necessary records and maintain the daily operation of the canister site. Applicants must be able to perform general property maintenance, including shoveling, opening and closing the canisters and containers, assist residents by punching tickets and directing traffic, and correctly fill out daily log forms. Must be dependable, self-motivated and have effective communication skills.

To request an application, please call 254-3967, stop by the garage/office at 5524 HWY 73, Chisholm, MN 55719 or email us at

balkantown@gmail.com.

Balkan township is an equal opportunity employer.

Township meetings...

Township meetings are a good way to get involved with your local government at the grassroots level. Our township holds their bi-weekly meetings at the Balkan Community Center, that meets at 6 pm. Our next meetings will be held on:

June 30th

July 14th

July 28th

August 13th (Thursday, due to election on Tuesday)

August 25th

September 8th

September 22nd

October 6th

Please come and see what's happening in your community.

Mailboxes...

Summer is a great time to check your mailbox height. The USPS suggests:

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox.
- Place your mailbox so that the front of the mailbox is 6" to 8" back from the edge of the road.
- The end of mailbox must **not** extend into a traffic lane.
- Put your house number on the mailbox. Rural box number (house address) must be printed on the box in numerals not less than one inch in height. Number should face the direction of the mail server.



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