

BALKAN TOWNSHIP

Summer 2021 edition

THE PANCAKE BREAKFASTS ARE A SUCCESS....

The pancake and sausage breakfasts will be offered from **8:30 am to 11 am**. Paper plates and plastic cutlery will be provided at these events.

Balkan will hold three remaining pancake feeds this summer. The pancake breakfasts are scheduled for:

- **July 31st, 2021,**
- **August 28th, 2021, and**
- **September 25th, 2021**

Please come and enjoy the breakfasts offered for **\$5 per person** and the community camaraderie.



All-you-can-eat Pancakes, 2 sausage, coffee, milk, juice and water are offered at the Pancake Breakfasts all for \$5!

those roads will get dust control, too.

COMMUNITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALES

Balkan's community-wide rummage sales are scheduled for **August 14-15th, 2021**. Clean out the closets, the basement, the pole buildings and **SELL** it! Balkan will be putting an ad in the Chisholm paper to advertise the community-wide rummage sales. If the Balkan office gets enough addresses of families that are participating in the rummage sales, we can get a flyer ready for buyers to pick up that have a list of addresses. This will increase the likelihood of more buyers to your sale. **Please email balkantown@gmail.com with your address or call us at 254-3967.**

"To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.

~ Reba McEntire

DUST CONTROL FOR BALKAN ROADS

Balkan has heard from a few residents asking about dust control. The roads started being dusty in early May, this year. There is less residual chloride from last year due to reducing the concentrated amount sprayed in 2020, per residents' requests. Balkan plans on spraying more this year to help with spring and early summer dust control, in 2022.

Balkan ordered the calcium chloride for dust control from Edwards Oil on June 17th, 2021. We expect they will start spraying the west side of Balkan after July 5th, 2021. Once road repairs and road lifts are done on the east side of Balkan,

BALKAN IS LOOKING FOR CANISTER SITE ATTENDANTS

The pay is **\$15.00 per hour**. The days and hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday open at 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Please stop by the office or call 254-3967 to get more information to apply. You can also access Balkan's website at [balkantownship.com/ Notices](http://balkantownship.com/Notices), to print an application for employment.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2021 - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Balkan is planning a fun and safe National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021**. A committee is being formed to plan the event. If you are interested in helping out at the National Night Out on August 3rd, please call the Balkan office at 254-3967 to sign up. **Please come join the fun!**

FREE LUNCH FOR KIDS – MEET UP AND CHOW DOWN : JUNE 7 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

North St. Louis County The Youth In Action (NSLC – YIA) is partnering with the United Way this summer for Meet Up & Chow Down. They have volunteer opportunities for students in grades 7-12 to help on **Tuesdays from 11:30am - 1:30pm, June 8th to August 31st**. This is an excellent opportunity to try your hand at volunteering! Help as little or as often as you would like - All help is welcome! For more information, please reach out to YIA Program Coordinators: Taryn 218-966-9061 or Angela 218-780-9109. Let's MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

FREE SUMMER LUNCH FOR CHILDREN!

Meet Up & Chow Down will be available grab & go style for children ages 1-18 at the following sites this summer:

AURORA Location: Public Library Time: 12 pm - 1 pm Days: Monday - Thursday June 7 - September 2	NASHWAUK Location: Public Library Time: 12 pm - 1 pm Days: Monday - Thursday June 7 - September 2
CHISHOLM Location: Kiwanis Park Time: 12 pm - 1 pm Days: Monday - Thursday June 7 - September 2	VIRGINIA Location: AEOA Time: 12 pm - 1 pm Days: Monday - Thursday June 7 - September 2
MT. IRON Location: Public Library Time: 12 pm - 1 pm Days: Monday - Thursday June 7 - September 2	HERRING Location: HRA (Pine Mill Court) Time: 12 pm - 1 pm Days: Monday - Thursday June 7 - September 2
HIBBING Location: Bennett Park Time: 12 pm - 1 pm Days: Monday - Thursday June 7 - September 2	OLCOTT PARK Location: Olcott Park Time: 12 pm - 1 pm Days: Monday - Thursday June 7 - September 2
HRA PLAYGROUND Location: HRA Playground Time: 12 pm - 1 pm Days: Monday - Thursday June 7 - September 2	

MEET UP CHOW DOWN

Lunches are served first-come-first-served and are available rain or shine!



GET ONE MONTH FREE BROADBAND

The Federal Communication Commission's Emergency Broadband Benefit Program launched on Wednesday, May 12. The program, which is being administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company, provides eligible households a **discount of up to \$50 a month for broadband service**. Consumers can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop, or tablet supplied through a participating provider.

Households can sign up by contacting a participating provider or they can enroll online at <https://getemergencybroadband.org/>. More than 825 broadband providers are participating in the program.

PORK AND BEAN BAG FEST AND THE HAYRIDES– CANCELLED

The Pork and Bean Bags Fest was scheduled for July 31st, 2021. This has been cancelled. Also cancelled are the hayrides in the fall. This cancellation is due to an unforeseen liability.

BLAST FROM THE PAST ... 1931 COMPARED TO 2020

In 1931, the unemployment rates surpass 70 percent on the Iron Range and food riots break out in Minneapolis and elsewhere in the U.S. *In 2020, riots break out due to the alarming number of African-American people being shot and killed by police officers.* The annual teacher's salary in 1931 was \$2,077, compared to *in 2020, \$63,195.* Annual tuition to the U of MN was \$81 in 1931, *in 2020, annual tuition was \$28,942.* The annual cost of living was \$1,272 in 1931. *The annual cost of living in 2020 is \$85,800.* The average cost of a house in 1931 was \$4,297, and *in 2020 it would cost \$285,690.* The cost of a new car was \$430, in 1931. *In 2020, the average cost of a new car is \$38,961.* In 1931, gas was \$0.17/gallon and *in 2020, gas was \$2.17/gallon.* In 1931, the household size was larger (3.67 people per household) than *the average household size in 2020 of 3.15 people per household.* Putting this information into perspective, the U.S. had some of the same issues in 1931 as we do today.

THANK YOU FOR PICKING UP GARBAGE ALONG THE ROADSIDES!

Thank you to all of you who have gone out picking up garbage from the sides of the roads, safely! Garbage picking is usually a thankless, but necessary job. The easiest time to pick up garbage is in the spring when the foliage hasn't grown in yet. It's important we all pitch in to keep our communities clean, where ever you are. **Thank you all!**



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