



# ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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**TOWNSHIP ELECTION** The township election will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003. The McDougall & Wetter positions are the two supervisor spots up for election this year; both positions are for a three-year term.

**FILING PERIOD** The filing period is open now and runs until **Tuesday, January 14, 2003, 5 p.m.** You may file at the township hall during office hours, M-W-F, 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. or call our Clerk, Lori, and set up an appointment to file. You must sign an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee. We recommend that you call before you come to the office, since it is a one-person office; Lori is occasionally away from the office for short periods.

**VOTING INFORMATION** The polls for the township election will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2003. Absentee ballots will be available from our office starting on February 7, 2003. You may stop in our office or submit a written request for an absentee ballot. The office will be open for absentee voting on Saturday, March 8, 2003, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

**TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING** After the polls close at 8 p.m. on March 11, our Annual Meeting will be held at our township hall. At this meeting, attendees receive reports on things that have happened during the past year and future plans. Also, resident attendees get to review and vote on the recommended tax levy for the year 2004. In case of bad weather, the alternate date for the annual meeting and election will be Tuesday, March 18, 8 p.m. If the election and meeting date is changed due to weather, there will be a message on the township answering machine.

***Vote on Tuesday, March 11***

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND CONFERENCES** In September, Chair Dennis Beise, Pam Kelley & Karen McDougall attended the National Association of Townships Annual Conference in Washington D.C. and, in November, they attended the Minnesota Association of Townships Annual Conference in Alexandria. They met with the Congressmen & Legislators and attended training sessions. They listened to many speakers; Homeland security was a definite concern and priority and the effect of 9/11 on local government. It was interesting visiting with other township officers sharing ideas. The officers also brought back many educational materials and learned of departments that could help us deal with problems.

**FOR SALE** Used 8-foot tables... \$20.00 each - call the office.

**LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE** The town board has had requests for land to be rezoned for more development in areas where our current Land Use Plan does not allow that type of development or density. Also, property owners adjoining our neighboring cities have been annexing into the cities to develop. The town board has appointed a Land Use Committee. In order for the town board to ask the County to review our land use plan, the people who attend our annual meeting on March 11 must vote to request the review. The town board appointed a committee to evaluate our current plan and they will make a recommendation to you at the annual meeting on whether or not they feel the plan needs review at this time. The committee members are: Chairman Paul Aarestad, Secretary Cathy Balasz, Rod Strenge, Ted Moonen, Shirley Workcuff, Stan Droneck, and Vance Desens. They are meeting monthly gathering information. If you have an opinion on how you want the township to develop or not develop... please attend the annual meeting.

**TOWNSHIP TRIVIA...** The Road Crew has just finished a culvert inventory for the County Surveyor. This information will be entered into a data bank, and will allow records of location and sizes of culverts in Wright County. They are also using this information to evaluate problem flood areas. **In Rockford Township, how many culverts are under township roads and are the responsibility of our township and the road crew? (not counting all the private driveway culverts the crew maintains)** (Answer on Back)

## **TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY**

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**SUPERVISORS:** Chair, Dennis Beise - 763/972-2880; Vice-chair, Leander Wetter - 763/477-5723; Matt Walker - 763/682-6535; Karen McDougall - 763/477-5484 (e-mail: karen.mcd@worldnet.att.net); Pam Kelley 763/682- 5130.

**CLERK/TREASURER:** Lori Bohall (e-mail: rckfdtwp@lkdllink.net)

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. We have a one-person office, so we recommend calling before you stop in; occasionally, Lori has to leave the office for short periods of time, for example - to go to the bank, post office, or during lunch.

**MEETINGS:** Please call the office to be placed on the agenda; we meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

**WEBSITE:** <http://township.rockford.mn.us>

**IMPORTANT !!! It is against State Law to plow snow onto or across the township roads or the right-of-way leaving piles of snow or ridges. Please do not do this! Contact the office if you want a copy of our snow plowing policy. Thank you!**

Happy New Year !!!! From The Town  
Board & The Crew !!!!