

ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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TOWNSHIP ELECTION The township election will be held on Tuesday, March 12. There are two supervisor positions up for election this year, each position is a three-year term.

BALLOT QUESTION There was a petition presented at the Regular December 10, 2001 Town Board Meeting to place an option on the ballot, asking that the Clerk/Treasurer position be changed back to an elected position. Currently, this position is by appointment (hired). If this option is voted in, the election for Clerk/Treasurer would be held every two years.

Due to the fact that this question is on the ballot, there also must be an election held for that position. This would be for a two-year term. This election will be held on the same date as the option question, March 12. If the ballot question would fail, the person successful in winning the Clerk/Treasurer position would not take office.

FILING PERIOD The filing period for the supervisor positions and the Clerk/Treasurer position is open until **Tuesday, January 15, 2002, 5 p.m.** You may file at the township hall during office hours, M-W-F, 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. or you can 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, and occasionally our Clerk needs to run errands, and is away from the office for short periods, like during lunch.

VOTING INFORMATION The polls for the township election will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2002. Absentee ballots will be available from our office starting on February 8, 2002. You may stop in our office or submit a written request for an absentee ballot. The office will also be open for absentee voting on Saturday, March 9, 2002, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING After the polls close at 8 p.m. on March 12, 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 2003. In case of bad weather, the alternate date for the annual meeting and election will be Tuesday, March 19, 8 p.m.; there will be a message on the township answering machine, if the election and meeting date is changed due to weather

Vote on Tuesday,
March 12

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING The Town Board has been working on a couple of projects:

- An Annexation Policy, providing for compensation to the township if land is annexed into a neighboring city, at the property owner's request.
- A Right-of-Way Ordinance, to assure that when utility companies work in our roads & right-of-ways, utility companies will need a permit, so we can monitor the project and assure that the area has been restored to an acceptable level.
- The Town Board has entered into an animal control contract with the Crossroads Animal Shelter, where we will take impounded animals. Please keep your pets at home. Leave a message on the township answering machine about your missing pet, and we may be able to inform you, if it was impounded. There is an impound fee. Contact our office if you wish information about our animal control ordinance. Impounded animals are held for 7 days, and once they are released for adoption, they may not be available to be returned to their original owners.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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Clerk/Treasurer: Lori Bohall

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, like during lunch.

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>

**RECYCLE!!! 2002 CALENDAR ON BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER!!!
CLEAN-UP DAY DATES ARE: APRIL 27 AND SEPTEMBER 21**