

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

SAVE THE DATE! August 4th, 2020!

The Perch Lake Town Board plans to hold a "National Night Out" event at the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, for the first time ever! National Night Out is an annual event that promotes law enforcement-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our communities safer, better places to live. We plan to have B&B Market cater the event.

We welcome any suggestions. If you would like to help plan this event, please, please, PLEASE contact Clerk Lora Eames at 218-391-9178.



We're on the web  
<http://www.perchlaketownship.org>

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## ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

Summer is the time when the Township can complete road maintenance projects. Some of this past summer's projects included:

- ◆ Adding Class V gravel to Bergman Road, and portions of Strand Road and Reponen Road.
- ◆ Crack sealing on Homestead Road, Hardwood Lake Road, Lyndhurst Bay Road, Magney Drive, and Brower Drive.
- ◆ Five of the seven culvert

replacements have been completed.

- ◆ Beaver problems have continued on Strand and Reponen Roads.

New home construction also occurs in the summer. Perch Lake Township requires a driveway permit for access to town roads. A



Crack sealing on Lyndhurst Bay Drive

driveway permit application form is on the township website at [www.perchlaketownship.org/Documents.html](http://www.perchlaketownship.org/Documents.html). There were three driveway applications this year.

*Watkins Spur Update.* The Carlton County Transportation Department has completed a survey and wetlands delineation for the project. A design for the new road has not been completed.

When the design is completed, the Perch Lake Town Board will schedule a public hearing on the project.

The Perch Lake Town

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**Town Board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

- December 9, 2019
- January 13, 2020
- February 10
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8

## PERCH LAKE RECYCLING CENTER

Perch Lake Recycling Center, located adjacent to the Town Hall, continues to serve our residents at a high level and you are encouraged to bring your recyclables to us for further processing. We also collect cardboard, including

cereal boxes and paper egg cartons.

The hours of operation are Wednesday – Friday from 2:00-6:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

*This is a free service to all.*

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# 2020 ELECTIONS



There will be three elections at the Perch Lake Town Hall in 2020:

1. The Presidential Nominating Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.
2. The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.
3. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Here are some FAQ's about the Presidential Nominating Primary:

- ◆ *Will all parties participate in the presidential nomination primary?* No, only major parties. Major parties are the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party, Legal Marijuana Now Party, and the Republican Party of Minnesota.
- ◆ *Will all parties be on the same ballot?* No, each major party will have a separate ballot.
- ◆ *How will I be able to vote in the presidential nomination party?* Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on Presidential Primary Day or by absentee ballot in the 46 days before the Presidential Primary

Day (starting January 17, 2020). A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary.

- ◆ *Will other people know which party's ballot I request?* A voter's choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list of who voted in a Presidential Nomination Primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party. How a voter voted on the ballot will be confidential.

The Presidential Primary replaces a system in which Minnesota's parties had expressed presidential preference via a caucus system. The precinct caucuses will not go away. They will be held on February 25, 2020, to conduct other party business.

## GET INVOLVED!

This is YOUR newsletter! We would love to hear about what you would like to read more about!

Feedback has been positive. We will continue to provide updates on township matters through periodic newsletters. But if you have suggestions or ideas for articles you'd like to know more about or know folks you think would have a township related topic residents would want to read about and would be willing to be interviewed, please contact Lora Eames at (218) 391-9178 or leames@perchlaketownship.org.

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## ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

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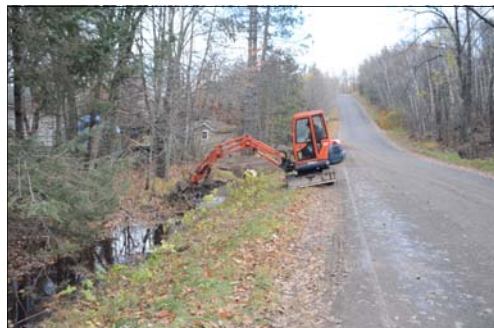
Board has initiated a project to describe and record town roads. There are two kinds of roads involved:

- ◆ Platted roads. The roads around Big Lake are platted and the plats describe the roads.
- ◆ Roads which were originally based on "road orders," and completed in the early twentieth century.

In October, a contractor was approved to survey and describe

town roads with road orders. Platted roads are not part of this project.

**We will soon be entering the winter season. Please remember it is illegal to obstruct a road or deposit snow or ice thereon according to MN Statute 160.2715. Last year, some of our roads became difficult to plow due to individuals pushing snow across town roads. Residents must find room on their properties to deposit snow.**



Cleaning a ditch on Lakeview Drive

# CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

- ◆ The census counts every person living in the US once, and only once, and in the right place.
- ◆ Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.
- ◆ The US Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.
- ◆ The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.
- ◆ After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional

and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

- ◆ Completing the census is mandatory: It's a way to participate in our democracy and say, "I count!"
- ◆ Businesses, local governments, residents, and real estate developers use census data.
- ◆ It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.
- ◆ In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.
- ◆ In 2010, Perch Lake's rate of response by mail was 80%.
- ◆ Minnesota snowbirds should be sure to complete a census. The official definition of where

snowbirds should count is simply wherever they live and sleep most of the time, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 residence criteria.

If you are interested in employment with the Census, call 1-855-JOB-2020, or apply online at 2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS.

Our Town Hall continues to be available for rentals. The rates are \$50.00 for township residents and \$75.00 for non-residents. It's an excellent choice for birthdays, bridal showers, meetings, etc., as the rental includes a recently remodeled kitchen with all amenities. Contact Pat Anderson at 218-879-9720 for an application.

**CAFD is always looking for volunteers. These are on-call paid positions and paid training. Contact Molly Cooper at 218-499-4258.**

## CLOQUET AREA FIRE DISTRICT

As a The Truth in Taxation public hearing for the Cloquet Area Fire District (CAFD) Budget and Levy will be held at 7:00 p.m., December 12, 2019, in the Scanlon Community Center Council Chambers, at 2801 Dewey Avenue.

There will likely be an increase in the

levy not to exceed 5.71%.

Fire Chief Kevin Schroeder has informed the CAFD Board of his retirement plans to leave his position in June of 2020. Therefore, a committee is looking at procedures to hire a replacement for this position.