### **CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP**

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#### **Castle Rock Board of Supervisors**

 Meet monthly - 2nd Tuesday-7:00 p.m.

 Russell Zellmer, Chair
 651-463-4064

 Drea Doffing, Vice-Chair
 651-463-3121

 Mark Molitor
 651-463-9590

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 651-463-2327

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 651-460-8293

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### **Castle Rock Planning Commission**

 Meet monthly—4th Tuesday-7:30 p.m.

 Sandy Weber, Chair
 651-463-4725

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 651-460-4927

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 651-460-6342

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 651-463-3699

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 651-460-6838

### **Building Official**

Scott Qualle 952-442-7520 MNSpect, Inc.

### **Road Maintenance**

Mark Henry

### **Communication Committee**

Pete Schaffer (Supervisor) Volunteers: Randy Becker Jane Bistodeau Colette Mumm

### Finance Committee

Colette Mumm

### Parks Committee

Mark Molitor (Supervisor)

### **Roads Committee**

Russell Zellmer (Supervisor) Ken Betzold, Chair Elaine Wikstrom, Secretary John Day Mark Henry David Mumm Jim Ozmun

Official notices are published in the Farmington Independent and the Cannon Falls Beacon. They are posted at the Farmers Mill & Elevator, the Town Hall, the township website-www.castlerocktownship@frontiernet.net and the Castle Rock Banks in Farmington and Castle Rock.

# Castle Rock Chronicle

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# From the Chairman of the Board

Hello to the residents of Castle Rock. Pete has stepped down as chairman of the board due to a heavy load of responsibilities at home and elsewhere. I am chair for the remainder of the year with a new vice-chair. The new vicechair is Drea Doffing, and I would like to congratulate her on her new position. By the time you read this the county fair will be underway or worse, over, which means summer is over. The budget is in line with what was proposed earlier this year and should stay that way for the rest of the year.

Russ Zellmer Board Chair August, September, October 2010

# **November Elections**

On Tuesday, November 2nd, 2010 we will be called upon to cast our ballots for the following positions: State Executive Offices:

Governor & Lt. Governor Secretary of State State Auditor Attorney General

Federal Office:

US Representative District #2 State Senator District 36 State Representative Dist 36B Judicial Offices

Go to <a href="www.sos.state.mn.us">www.sos.state.mn.us</a> for complete info on absentee voting and frequently asked questions. Polling hours are from 10 am to 8 pm.



# **CapX2020**

On July 15, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission granted a Route Permit for the CapX2020 Brookings County-Hampton transmission line project. The CapX2020 utilities plan to begin contacting landowners to negotiate easements in mid-2011 and begin construction in 2012. The line is scheduled to be completed in 2015. Additional information and detailed can be found maps www.CapX2020.com. If you have questions or comments, please contact Dan Lesher or Randy Fordice at I-888-473-2279

# **County Tire Recycling Day**

Eureka Township is planning to host a tire recycling opportunity for county residents later this fall. If you are interested or have additional questions, please contact the Eureka Town Clerk at 952-469-3736 or by emailing the town hall at <a href="https://www.eurekatn@frontiernet.net">www.eurekatn@frontiernet.net</a>. Watch for further details as they develop at <a href="http://eurekatownshipmn.us">http://eurekatownshipmn.us</a> or receive email notices about this event by signing up for electronic reminders with the clerk.

# Quote of the Quarter:

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent. ~Abraham Lincoln

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# **Roadsides for Wildlife**

Did you know you can be reimbursed up to 75% of your costs for this program?

Castle Rock Township: Some of our township roads have been implemented with the Roadsides for Wildlife program. Our roads committee has done a great job of researching and keeping costs to a minimum when using this program to redo some of our township roadsides. If you wish to see the native grasses and flowers now in bloom take a drive along Akron Avenue south of 245th street. Also, some areas of 270th street and some areas of 230th street have been seeded into native plants and grasses. What a way to preserve our heritage for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

**Program Purpose:** To encourage local road authorities and landowners to use Integrated Roadside Resource Management Techniques so that ecological values (water, soil, wildlife, native plants) are considered. For example, this program provides information on state mowing laws so that there is reduction in the disturbance of nesting wildlife.

**Eligible Projects:** Revegetation of roadsides with native grass and forb seed, demonstration plots on biological weed control, and native seed planting and harvesting equipment.

**Who May Apply:** Public road authorities, conservation groups, private landowners.

**Priorities:** First priority is given to the revegetation of road ditches during road repair or construction. Second priority is given to reestablishment of native vegetation for weed control. Third priority is given to native grass seeding and harvesting equipment.

**Level of Assistance:** Landowners and road authorities are reimbursed up to 75% of eligible local ecotype native prairie seed costs, with a maximum cost-share rate of \$300 per acre.

**General Information:** This program was initiated in 1984 to inform the public of the vital role roadsides play as wildlife habitat. The cost-share portion of this program is funded by pheasant stamp hunting fees and the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources. The administrative costs of the program are partially funded from duck stamp and hunting license sales.

Form to Request Cost Sharing PDF

Permit to Use Wildlife Equipment
Roadsides for wildlife program information

**How to Apply:** To request an application, contact:

Roadsides for Wildlife Program DNR Division of Wildlife 261 Highway 15 South New Ulm, MN 56073-8915

Attention: Pete Schaefer

Phone: (507) 225-3572 Fax: (507) 225-3795

Related DNR Programs: Environmental Partnerships Grant Program Roadside Curriculum for Schools, K-12, contact Pete Schaefer

**Road Report** 

Gravel placement in Castle Rock Township for 2010 has been completed. Limerock supplied by Solberg Aggregate was placed on Audrey Avenue, Biscayne Avenue south of Cty #78, 225th Street and 275th Street. Class 5 road gravel was placed on 265th Street. 275th Street and Cambodia Avenue.

Dustproofing was completed in two stages; early in May and late in June after gravel operations were substantially completed. Wet weather in early summer has reduced the effectiveness of some of the early applications. A second late application on several high traveled roads such as 225th and 240th Streets in mid August is anticipated.

Mowing of right of ways will be done in August. Thank you to landowners for your cooperation.

### Thank You

A big thank you to the Waterford Warriors Snowmobile Club for their generous \$2000.00 donation. These monies will be used to make improvements to our township park located along Hwy 50.

# **LeDuc Historic Estate**

The LeDuc Historic Estate in Hastings is hosting a Farm, Food & Fun Fair on Saturday, August 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This family-friendly FREE event honors the LeDuc family and their use of the land that was once a working farm for them. For more info, visit <a href="https://www.dakotahistory.org">www.dakotahistory.org</a> or call 651-437-7055.

# **Back to School**

Tuesday, September 7th, 2010 Farmington District #192 Northfield District #659 Randolph District #195



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# Meeting Calendar

Public Hearing regarding Clustering- Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010 Tuesday, October 26th, 2010 Tuesday, September 28th, 2010 Tuesday, August 24th, 2010 7:30 PM Regular Meetings Planning Commission

Tuesday, December 14th, 2010 Tuesday, November 9th, 2010 Tuesday, October 12th, 2010 Tuesday, September 14th, 2010 M9 00:7 Regular Meetings Board of Supervisors

# Get Together! The Great Minnesota

7010 Monday, September 6th, Thursday, August 26th—

