



# Town of Big Lake News

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## *2010 Town Road Improvements*

### **Seal Coating - What It Is & Why We Do It.**

Seal Coating is a common method the Township uses to maintain its roads. It involves spraying an asphalt emulsion onto the existing road surface and covering it with aggregate. Normal traffic packs the aggregate into the asphalt which creates a new road surface. After several days the roads are swept, removing any excess aggregate from the roadway.

The main reasons to seal coat is to protect the pavement from weather deterioration and to provide a new

road surface. When a road is exposed to sun, rain and temperature changes it eventually will oxidize and harden. The bituminous becomes brittle and

small cracks will appear. Applying seal coat provides a new surface which slows the oxidation process down and helps shed water off the roadway.

As a bituminous road ages the surface loses fine particles, called raveling, leaving the coarse aggregate in place. These larger stones become smooth and polished from continuous traffic. Seal coat replaces the lost aggregate and creates a rougher surface for added friction.

The Township has a maintenance program which determines which roads get seal coated each year. If your road is chosen, please have patience and use caution while driving during construction. Gravel trucks and Rollers are continuously traveling around the area. Contractors have workers which are on the roadway and have personnel which direct traffic. Keeping our roads safe and maintained is a major objective of the Township.

### **Township Roads Planned for 2010 Seal Coat:**

206<sup>th</sup> St. – “Echo Ridge”  
221<sup>st</sup> Ave. – West Side of Twp  
220<sup>th</sup> Ave. – West Side of Twp  
217<sup>th</sup> Ave. – West Side of Twp  
202<sup>nd</sup> Ave. – “Tanglewood”  
195<sup>th</sup> St.– Entrance “Sleepy Hollow”  
203<sup>rd</sup> Ave.– “Burntwood/Triple Oaks”  
Ranch Road – East Side of Twp

217<sup>th</sup> Ave., 216<sup>th</sup> Ave., 215<sup>th</sup> Ave., 155<sup>th</sup> St., 152<sup>nd</sup> St & Circle – All located in “Whispering Meadows”

152<sup>nd</sup> St. – East Side of Twp

212<sup>th</sup> Ave. – East Side of Twp  
150<sup>th</sup> St. – East Side of Twp  
156<sup>th</sup> St. – East Side of Twp  
159<sup>th</sup> St – “Knudson Addition”

199<sup>th</sup> Ave., 154<sup>th</sup> St., 197<sup>th</sup> Ave., 196<sup>th</sup> Ave., 154<sup>th</sup> Drive–“Riverdale Estates”

200<sup>th</sup> Ave., 150<sup>th</sup> St., 199<sup>th</sup> Ave., 198<sup>th</sup> Ave., 197<sup>th</sup> Ave. – “White Water Hts”

### **Overlay – What It Is & Why We Do It.**

A pavement overlay is the application of a layer of bituminous paving to an existing paved surface. This adds structural capacity and smoothness of ride while traveling on the road.

When an asphalt pavement surface deteriorates to the point of needing repair, an asphalt overlay is an effective solution. The thickness of an overlay is typically 1 ½ to 3 inches. The amount of traffic, and the existing pavement condition are taken into consideration when determining the thickness of the overlay. The existing asphalt surface may be milled if grades need to be maintained or altered. Milling is the process of using a machine to plane the pavement surface to an appropriate depth before it is covered with the new overlay.

### **Township Roads Being Considered for 2010 Overlay:**

214<sup>th</sup> Ave., 213<sup>th</sup> Ave., 215<sup>th</sup> Ave. – “Wild Run I & II Additions”

191<sup>st</sup> Street – Eagle Lake Park

162<sup>nd</sup> St., 160<sup>th</sup> St. – “Sherburne Woods”

160<sup>th</sup> St., 224<sup>th</sup> Ave. – “Birch Lake Beach”

147<sup>th</sup> St. – East Side of Twp



## 2010 State Primary And General Election Information

**Primary Election – August 10**  
**General Election – November 2**

### WHERE TO VOTE

Precinct #1 is located at Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, ¼ mile north of Highway 10 on the frontage road (190<sup>th</sup> Avenue). This precinct includes all residents living in Elk River School District # 728.

Precinct #2 is located at the Lions Community Park, on County Road 5. This precinct includes all residents living in Big Lake School District # 727.

Precinct #3 is located at the Big Lake Fire Station, on County Road 43. This precinct includes Big Lake School District # 727 **residents living SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 10**, Monticello School District # 882, and Becker School District # 726.

Polling place information available on the web at ~  
<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>  
or contact the Town Clerk at 763-263-8111 or [bltwp@izoom.net](mailto:bltwp@izoom.net).

### VOTING HOURS on August 10<sup>th</sup> & November 2<sup>nd</sup>

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee ballots are available at the Sherburne County Auditor's Office beginning June 25<sup>th</sup> for the Primary Election; and, beginning September 17<sup>th</sup> for the General Election. The Auditor's Office will be open extra hours for voting by absentee ballot. Please call 763-241-2861 for information on dates and times.

### VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Be 18 years old or older.
- Be a U.S. Citizen.
- Maintain residence in Minnesota for at least 20 days before the election.
- Not be a convicted felon without civil rights restored.
- Not be under court ordered guardianship in which their right to vote has been revoked.
- Not be ruled legally incompetent by a court of law.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

You need to register if you just became eligible to vote, moved, changed your name, or haven't voted in the last four years. Voter registration applications are available at the Township or County Offices, in state income tax booklets, electronically at the Secretary of State website [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us), and in several phone books. Complete the card and drop it off or mail it to the County Auditor's Office before July 20<sup>th</sup> for the Primary Election; and, October 12 for the General Election. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, please call the Sherburne County Auditor's Office at 763-241-2861. You must call on your own behalf.

**You can register to vote on Election Day at your polling place. With one of the follow:**

-A valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, Minnesota ID card, or receipt for any of these

- A valid student ID card including your photo, if your college has provided a student housing list to election officials
- A Tribal ID card that contains your picture and signature

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- A valid registration in the same precinct under a different name or address
- A notice of late registration sent to you by your county auditor or city clerk
- A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address with a signed oath

### VOTING

**When voting at the Primary Election** – The State, Legislative, and Federal Offices are arranged in partisan format. On the partisan formal ballot, a voter must vote for candidates of only one political party. **Voting outside of a political party will result in a spoiled ballot. None of the votes cast on a spoiled ballot are counted.** Voters must adhere to the instructions advising the number of candidates that votes can be cast for under each office. County and Judicial Offices are non-partisan positions on this ballot.

**When voting at the General Election** – Voters have the option to votes for any Offices(s), and **are not restricted to one political party**. Voters must adhere to the instructions advising the number of candidates that votes can be cast for under each office.



### **BIG LAKE FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION DANCE...**

**Date: SAT., AUGUST 21, 2010**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.**  
(band starts at 8pm)

**Location: Big Lake Fire Station**  
**20243 CR 43, Big Lake**

This FUN event helps raise funds for the Big Lake Fire Relief Association. Come out and support your local volunteer fire department!



## *Burning Permits*



Recently, Sherburne County was added to the Electronic Open Burning Permit system.

You can still get a three-day permit which allows burning of piled, vegetative material, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. from your local fire warden; OR, you can obtain the on-line permit that is good for the rest of the calendar year, until December 31, for a fee of \$5. The website address for an on-line permit is:  
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/burningpermits>

Whichever method you choose to use to get your burning permit, you must activate the permit **DAILY** by calling 1-866-533-2876. **This applies to the handwritten permits and internet (on-line) permits.** You must write the activation number on the permit in the space provided. Failure to activate the permit or to write the activation number on the permit can result in a legal violation and a potential fine.



## *Have you ridden the Northstar ?*

For train schedules, fare information and "how-to-use" information regarding the Northstar, light rail and/or Metro Transit bus service go on-line to <http://www.metrotransit.org>

April 2010 ridership from Big Lake to Minneapolis was 7,720. The average daily ridership was 266.

## *Big Lake Township Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP)*

The Township was required in 2007 to develop, implement and enforce a storm water pollution prevention program designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants to protect water quality and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. The Township submits an annual report as part of the SWPPP requirements. During the April 2008 annual town road tour, the road committee took an inventory of Township storm drainage facilities. The road committee identified 9 culverts, greater than 18" in size, located under Township roads. The outlets have since been mapped and are inspected annually during the Town Road Tour.

The Township's SWPPP plan is on file at the Clerk's Office and is available for public review anytime during business hours. If you have any concerns or comments regarding Township's SWPPP or a report regarding the discharge pipes, please contact the Clerk's Office at 763-263-8111.

**Residents of Big Lake Township can help reduce the amount of runoff and potential stormwater pollution with these simple, effective practices:**

\*Reduce the amount of paved or hard surface areas. Consider

permeable paving for that new patio or driveway.

\*Look for ways to keep runoff out of the stormwater system so it can soak into the ground. Plant rain gardens. Use rain barrels. Wash your car on the lawn or at commercial car wash that recycles water.

\*create cleaner runoff by reducing the amount of fertilizers, turf builders & pesticides used on your lawn and garden. Use small amounts of slow-release fertilizer and environment-friendly products for problem areas.

\*Reduce pollution from roads, driveways and parking lots. Fix vehicle fluid leaks Immediately.

\*Reduce bacterial pollution from animal waste. Scoop pet waste and put it in your garbage. Cover and control animal manure on small farms.

\*Maintain your septic system. This will keep it from failing and causing pollution.

\*Get involved with community stormwater projects such as maintaining neighborhood green spaces, establishing "pesticide aware" neighborhoods.

\*Participate in your local watershed management group's community improvement activities and river clean up.

\*Support smart development practices that maximize the natural vegetation.

**BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP & CITY  
DOG VACCINATION AND LICENSING CLINIC**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Lake Dog Vaccination Clinic will be  
**Saturday, Sept. 11 , 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**  
at Lions Community Park, 21960 County Road 5 (garage).



**ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH!  
ONLY HEALTHY DOGS WILL BE VACCINATED.**

A Dog License is required to be eligible for the  
discounted vaccinations.

The \$10.00 license fee is valid for the lifetime of the dog.

City and Township residents will be able to purchase a dog license on site on Saturday 11th.

Barrington Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Elk River, will provide vaccination services at this event.

**CASH PAYMENT REQUIRED -  
NO CHECKS, DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED FOR VACCINATIONS.**

One year Rabies Vaccination: \$ To Be Announced  
Canine DHPP\* Vaccination: \$ To Be Announced  
Canine Lymes Vaccination: \$ To Be Announced  
(\*Note: DHPP includes Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo, Parainfluenza.)

Note: These prices are good ONLY at the Sept. 11, 2010 Dog Vaccination Clinic for Big Lake Twp.

**For information contact Big Lake Township at 763-263-8111**