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Cormorant Township
Spring 2018



Becker County Special Waste Recycling Day

Friday, June 15 ~ 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Cormorant Township will once again offer residents the opportunity to recycle waste items at little or NO CHARGE. They will partner with Becker County Environmental Services who will bring their portable recycling operation to the Community Center on Friday, June 15 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. ** The following items will be accepted:

- ◆ Passenger Vehicle Tires – limit 4 free
- ◆ Fluorescent Bulbs – limit 10 free
- ◆ Appliances – no limit
- ◆ Electronics – cost to be paid by Cormorant Township
- ◆ Household Hazardous Waste – paints, stains, automotive products, household cleaners, garden & business pesticides, oil



Don't miss this opportunity to "clean house" and dispose of old, broken and unneeded items, in a proper manner.

****This service is available to Cormorant Township residents only.**

ANNUAL LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

June 2	9:00 am	Little Cormorant Lake	June 9	11:00 am	Lake Ida
June 3	12:00 pm	Upper Cormorant Lake	June 16	9:00 am	Big Cormorant Lake
June 9	9:00 am	Middle Cormorant Lake	July 21	11:00 am	Turtle Lake



The 2018 Easter Egg Hunt, held on a snowy day in March, was never-the-less a huge success! Pictured above are the Easter Bunny Cake Contest participants. The cakes were sampled afterwards by all. Families enjoyed games, crafts, prizes, the musical Easter treat walk, and pictures with the Easter Bunny and Mr. Carrot .

UPDATE

Township Directory

Cormorant Community Center
10929 County Highway 5
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Clerk Office hours:
Wednesdays 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
218-532-7042
cormorantcc@loretel.net

Tim Erickson
Supervisor
11387 County Hwy 5
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572
218-532-3649

Steve Sorenson
Supervisor
10194 Sherbrooke Beach Ln
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572
218-532-7717

John Buhaug
Supervisor
11335 147th Street
Lake Park, MN 56554
218-532-3181

Claudia Hanson
Clerk
14321 Oak Ridge Road
Lake Park, MN 56554
218-532-3644

Susie Braseth
Treasurer
12787 Braseth Bay Road
Lake Park, MN 56554
218-532-2404

Ila Lindstrom
Facility Manager
14480 Globstad Beach Rd
Lake Park, MN 56554

2018 ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

The 2018 Annual Township Meeting and Elections were held on Tuesday, March 13th. There were 17 people in attendance for the meeting and 24 votes were cast in the election. John Buhaug was elected to a three-year term as Supervisor and Claudia Hanson was elected to a two-year term as Clerk. The total levy proposal for 2019 was passed at \$432,000. This amount has remained consistent for the last 10 years.

A letter from Rep. Paul Marquart was read at the meeting in which he pointed out that “township government is the most direct form of Democracy, as it is the closest to the people. It is grassroots government at its’ best, each year allowing residents to vote directly on the budget, elect township officials and approve other important issues that impact the township.” Surprisingly these annual meetings are sparsely attended. If you are interested in your local township government and how it works for you, please attend the next annual meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

INTERESTING FACTS

There are about 50 miles of roads that are maintained each year by the township.

Tax Comparisons for 2016-2018 – figures provided by Becker County 2/22/2017.

Total tax capacity for 2016	\$3,786,240
Total tax capacity for 2017	\$3,874,901
Total tax capacity for 2018	\$4,115,198

Taxable market value 2016	\$375,844,800
Taxable market value 2017	\$384,910,800
Taxable market value 2018	\$406,915,800

Estimated market value 2017	\$387,471,000
Estimated market value 2017	\$408,253,100
Estimated market value 2018	\$430,612,900

Parcel count 2016	1942 (213 were mobile homes)
Parcel count 2017	1850
Parcel count 2018	1863 plus 82 mobile homes

During 2017 there was \$6,187,300 of new construction done in Cormorant Township.

SWING-AWAY MAILBOX POST PROGRAM

Cormorant Township has a swing-away mailbox post program available to residents at NO COST! This is a great incentive for you to switch to a type of mailbox post that is less likely to be damaged when the snowplow comes around each winter. Simply contact the township office and fill out an application. A Gopher State One Call will be done and the Township will dig the hole and place the post for you.

CORMORANT DAZE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Becker County Public Recycling (Big Blue Bins):

<p>What can I recycle? PAPER: Newspaper, office paper, phone books, magazines & paper-board (e.g. tissue, cereal & pop boxes) METAL: Clean aluminum, tin, steel cans (no need to remove labels) and small pieces of scrap metal GLASS: Bottles and jugs - all colors (NO windows, mirrors, & ceramic dish type) CARDBOARD: Corrugated cardboard boxes. (NO pizza boxes or freezer food boxes)</p>	<p>What plastic can I recycle? Becker County recycles plastics #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Containers such as- soda and water bottles, milk and juice jugs, shampoo and detergent bottles/jugs, yogurt & margarine tubs, non-Styrofoam & clamshell deli containers There are exceptions: WE CANNOT RECYCLE: Styrofoam peanuts/parts, plates, & meat trays. Bags: grocery bags, and salt & dog food bags. You can take the grocery bags to grocery stores.</p>
<p>Do I have to rinse out container? YES. Liquids or food residue contaminate the materials and prevent them from being recyclable. Be sure recyclables are clean and dry before recycling.</p>	<p>Can I put scrap metal in the metal bin? Yes you can, provided is small and fits easily in the bin.</p>
<p>Can I recycle bottle caps? Plastic bottle caps are made of a different plastic than the bottle but are still recyclable (cap on the bottle).</p>	<p>What paper can I recycle? Newspaper, office paper, phone books, magazines & paper-board (e.g. tissue, cereal & pop boxes). How about pizza boxes? NO- the grease from the pizza contaminates the fiber and makes the cardboard non-recyclable.</p>
<p>Do I need to take labels off? NO. You do not need to take labels off the containers; they will be taken off in the recycling process.</p>	<p>QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL:</p>
<p>Recyclables in Plastic bags- yes or no? NO. Place recyclables in the 'big blue bins' loose, and take the bags home and reuse them.</p>	<p>Becker County Environmental Services 24413 County Road 144 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Office: 218-846-7310</p>  

LARL Library

The Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) operates a LINK Site in the lower level of the Community Center.

Library Site hours
 Monday 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Thursday 10:30 am—12:30 pm
 Thursday 4:00 pm—6:30 pm
 218-439-3072
cormorant@larl.org

Historical Room

The Historical Room, located in the library, was created by a former teacher and long-time resident, Mary Erickson and is modeled after a one-room school house, with photos, journals, reference books and historical accounts of the village. These are available for checkout.



*Little Miss Sunshine
 Contest 2018*

Applications available on the township website.

**CORMORANT DAZE 2018
 VENDOR &
 CRAFT FAIR**

**\$20.00
 PER SPOT**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18
 CORMORANT VILLAGE, MN
 VENDORS WANTED!**

**CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY
 TAMMY AT (218) 849-3403**



*Little Miss Sunshine 2017
 Caylisa Bahls.*

CORMORANT DAZE - AUGUST 18

Cormorant Daze will be held on Saturday, August 18th this year, so save the date! This is a family friendly event that you will not want to miss. Start the day with a great Lion's Club pancake breakfast, before or after running a 5K or perhaps participating in the Shoe-Canoe-Bike race. The kids will love Penny and Pals or maybe you have a future beauty contestant in your family who would like to enter the Little Miss Sunshine contest. There will be music throughout the day for everyone to enjoy, as well as the chance to find that special treasure at the Vendor & Craft fair. Stay tuned for more on this fun-filled day.

The planning committee is hard at work on this event. If you have an interest in meeting new people or helping out, you are welcome to attend the next Cormorant Daze planning meeting on Monday, June 11th at 6:30 pm at the Cormorant Pub. This event takes a lot of work and extra hands are needed.

Cormorant Township UPDATE

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SHOWTEAM



Join us for a cuppa and cookies!

Wood Picks - Thursday, June 21 - 7-9 PM

Offering a unique blend of instruments and vocals, strong harmony and music styles of Gospel, Bluegrass, Country and Americana. Tickets \$15

Hidden Talent Show - Thursday, July 19 - 7 PM

Enjoy local talent of young and old, musical and artistic and all the in-between's!! Tickets \$5

Lobster Dinner - Friday, August 24 - 6 PM

"Dinner is served", featuring fresh Maine lobster, clam chowder, hors d'oeuvres and local corn on the cob. Ticket price TBD.

June 15 Conceal carry permit explained by Johnson Performance - Firearms Sales & Service
~ Josie & Matthew Johnson, Frazee

July 27 Organic Lambchops or Chicken on your menu?
~ Ewetopian Farms, Horace, ND

August 10 Tour Air-Ambulance Outfitter
at Med Pac Inc. in Lake Park ~ Red Braaten

All "Talk of the Town" events are free and held at the Cormorant Community Center on a Friday at 9 am unless otherwise stated.

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Cormorant Area Art Club

21st Annual Fine Art Show

Sat & Sun, July 7 & 8 ~ 10 am-5 pm