

# MUNSON Township News

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## ✓ ELECTION DAYS ✓ Don't forget the dates and times

### **AUGUST, 14TH 2012 • 7:00 am - 8:00 pm**

All legal residents of Munson Township are hereby reminded that Munson Township will hold the State Primary Election on August 14th with the polling hours being 7:00 am-8:00 pm. The location for the primary election is the Munson Town Hall located at 23857 Co Rd, Richmond, MN. This would be a good time if you are not already registered to vote in Munson Township to get registered to vote. That way your name will already be placed on the roster for the state general election in November. Any questions about registering to vote or if you can vote in Munson Township can be answered by the Township clerk Boni Behnen at 320-597-3068, or the Deputy Clerk Michelle Hemmesch at 320-293-7313.

### **NOVEMBER, 6th 2012 • 7:00 am - 8:00 pm** **ELECTION DAY**

All legal residents of Munson Township are hereby reminded that Munson Township will hold the State General Election on November 6th, 2012 with the polling hours of 7:00 am-8:00 pm. The location for the State General Election is the Munson Town Hall located at 23857 Co Rd, Richmond, MN. At this election residents will be voting for State and Federal offices as well as the Presidential office. If not already registered to vote in Munson Township and you missed the primary election you can still register that day and vote! Thank You to all the election judges that serve at the many elections to make sure our vote counts and that we can still hold elections at a township level!

**THANK YOU!**

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## A little update on the Chain of Lakes Fire and Rescue Squad

### **To the people of our service area:**

The Chain of Lakes Fire and Rescue Squad would like to take this opportunity to give a little more insight to our newly formed fire and rescue department. We have been in service for almost 8 months now, we have had approximately 61 calls. These calls range from car accidents, structure fires, broken bones, cardiac arrests, water rescues, and many other health related problems. To handle these calls all 25 members are certified 1st responders, of those 1st responders, 3 of them are EMT /Paramedics, 3 RN's, and 2 LPN's. Our medical staff has experience from working in the ER rooms, assisted living homes, local clinics, and also Gold Cross and Paynesville Ambulance Service. With our medical staff, our department has also had the successful completion of the state mandated fire fighter 1, and along

with fire fighter 1, we decided to go above their criteria and complete fire fighting 2. As a department we are committed to giving excellent care, provide prompt response times and give our area a fire department that they can be proud of.

We also would like to send a sincere Thank You, to all of the people who support us, whether it be financial, or with gifts of goods and supplies, or just a wave in the street. We are so lucky to be part of such giving communities.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, Please feel free to contact any member and we will be willing to assist you in any way possible!

Thanks Again,  
Chain of Lakes Fire and Rescue

## Did You Know?

Munson Township lies in the south-central part of the county, and has an area of 23,040 acres. The surface is chiefly rolling prairie, but the meandering Sauk River adds a number of small lakes and some larger bodies of water, namely Big Lake and the Horseshoe Chain of Lakes.

Historical documents indicate that the first settlers where undoubtedly Herman Brunning and Joseph Young who arrived in the mid 1850's. The following year they were followed by four more settlers, and within a couple of years there was a marked increase in population.

This township was originally organized as Richmond, then later the name changed to Richardson and then later yet, to Munson. With the name of Munson Township which was officially organized in 1859, came the influx of residents and the need for some kind of formal schooling for the children. The first formal school was taught by Henry Klostermann during the winter of 1859-1860, in a log structure. The attendance grew rapidly and it wasn't long until more teachers were employed to help teach the many children. The first school was placed on the "state graded list" by 1903.

The 2000 US Census showed that there were 496 households, with a total township population of 1,351 people.

Munson Township was organized in May of 1859. Learn more about Munson Township at this website. <http://stearnscounty.mn/townships/munson/>. You can also find information regarding graves in local cemeteries at this site.

*References from Stearns History Museum and US Census information.*

## Township Statistics

According to the United Census Bureau, Munson Township has a total of 37.6 square miles, or which 34.6 square miles of it is land and 3.0 square miles of it is water. The elevation is 1,089 ft.

According to the 2010 census, there is a population of 1351 individuals living in Munson Township, comprising 563 households. There is a population density of 39.0 per square mile.

In 2000 there were 496 households out of which 32.7% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 78.6% were married couples living together, 2.6% had a female householder with no husband present, and 16.3% were non-families. 12.7% of all households were made up of individuals and 3.4% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.72 and the average family size was 2.98.

In the township the population was spread out with 25.0% under the age of 18, 5.8% from 18 to 24, 28.6% from 25 to 44, 27.9% from 45 to 64, and 12.7% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 38 years. For every 100 females there were 111.4 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 116.5 males.

The median income for a household in the township was \$49,539, and the median income for a family was \$51,974. Males had a median income of \$32,350 versus \$23,073 for females. The per capita income for the township was \$20,446. About 2.3% of families and 3.3% of the population were below the poverty line, including 5.2% of those under age 18 and 10.8% of those age 65 or over.

## Need a place to rent for a gathering!

Don't forget the Munson Town Hall is available to rent for any and all gatherings as well as meetings for up to 100 people. The Town Hall is equipped with a full working kitchen, as well as handicapped accessible bathrooms, an outside grill and picnic tables, the rent is \$75.00 with a \$50.00 refundable deposit. If interested call Boni Behnen at 597-3068 to view the facility or to book a date!



## A New Face At The Meetings!

If you recently have attended a Munson Township meeting you may have noticed a new face. After 12+ years as your township clerk I relocated out of the Township leaving me no choice but to resign as your Township clerk, the new face that has replaced me is Boni Behnen. She was the deputy clerk for many years and it made very logical sense for her to replace me. I would like to take this time to thank the many residents of Munson Township that I had the pleasure to work with and help, it was a very challenging 12 years but interesting to say the least. I will still be acting as deputy clerk to help insure the transition goes smoothly. If you have any questions or need to get on the township agenda please call Boni Behnen at 320-597-3068. Good Luck Boni and Thank You Munson Township!

## Just A Reminder

Munson Town Board meets every month on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 pm. If you need to get on the agenda call the Munson Town Clerk, Boni Behnen at 597-3068.

Munson Planning and Zoning Committee meets every other month on the even month at 8:00 pm to get on the agenda call the Munson Planning and Zoning Secretary, Michelle Hemmesch at 293-7313. Any zoning questions or for any permits needs call the Munson Zoning Administrator, Lynn Burg at 597-3335.

Any additional information needed can also be obtained by using the Munson Township web-site at [www.munsontownship.org](http://www.munsontownship.org). If you have not had a chance I urge you to take a minute to look around the site since it is loaded with useful information from Stearns County as well as monthly township meeting minutes, public notices, and permit applications. Don't forget to sign in so we know you've been there.

Any resident can also reach the township clerk with questions and concerns by e-mailing her at [munson@netlinkcom.com](mailto:munson@netlinkcom.com). All questions will be answered in a timely matter and concerns will be presented to the Town Board.



# Munsontownship.org

## Visit often to be informed!

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