



**Meetings & Events @
Town Hall
(unless otherwise noted)**

Township Board*

1st Wed/month Reg. Mtg @ 7 p.m.

Oct. 16 @ 5 p.m. meet @ Little Wabana Rd/Lydia Ln prior to the Oct. 16 @ 6 p.m. Public Hearing on Road Establishment @ Town Hall

Planning Commission*

Dec. 16 @ 7 p.m.

***Meetings also via Zoom and open to the public**

MEETING ID: 841 1114 6136

PASSWORD: WabanaMtg2

Community Fund Mtgs

Mon. Oct. 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 28 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mon. Nov. 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Shows

Sat. Oct. 12 @ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 7 @ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Property Taxes Due Tues. Oct. 15

Daylight Savings Time Sun. Nov. 3

ELECTION DAY - Tuesday. Nov. 5

Tues. Nov. 5 @ 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Hunter's Supper

Sat. Nov. 9 @ 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Exercise - Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

Tues & Fri /wk @ 10 a.m. Free

Cribbage - Tuesdays @ 1 p.m. \$3

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Wabana Warbler

A newsletter for residents of Wabana Township

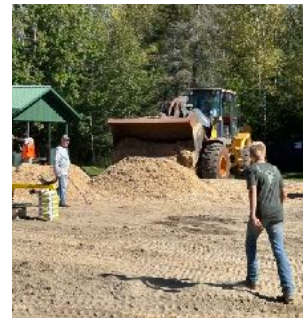
Recreation Project Construction Begins

The Community build hockey rink and playground was a HUGE success.

On August 29-30, the hockey rink construction took place thanks to volunteer time from Al Keller and his company Elite Construction, as well as several resident volunteers. Posts and boards were installed with the bulk of the rink completed in two days! Corner boards were completed over the next few weeks by Bob Moore and Ken Aho. What an amazing effort by so many. During the playground construction, Iron Oaks installed the fencing at the east and west ends of the rink to catch all those flying pucks! This beautiful new rink will be ready for use this winter, as will the free skating area outside the west end of the hockey rink.



On Thursday, Sept. 26, there were 18 men from Togo as well as 14 people from our township to help pour cement, rake wood chips, and piece together playground equipment. There were three HUGE piles of wood chips in the parking lot. And we'd still be working on them if it wasn't for Kolton Wagner/Wabana Clearing & Excavating, his grandpa Floyd Kackley, Wayne Speedling, & Steve Bjerke, who moved the wood chips from the parking lot to the playground with their equipment. With the help of volunteers and those Togo men, we were 99% done with the build on the first day. Hard to believe!



On Friday, Sept. 27, several "dignitaries" (business donors) gave speeches including representatives from Industrial Lubricants, GRACF, MN DNR, CEDA, Mesabi Metallics, and Paul Bunyan Communications. Thanks to all (too many to list) who provided food for both days. Fun times were had by all. **Continued on p. 2**



Loon Count for 2024

The loon count took place on July 23.

Wabana: 14 adults & 2 chicks
Counters were Steve Melin, Sue Nordgren and Ken Zimmer

Bluewater: 5 adults & 1 chick
Counters were Steve Melin and Sue Nordgren

Big Trout: 10 adults and 0 chicks
Counter was Jim Christmas

Little Trout: 2 adults & 0 chicks
Counter was Jim Christmas

Doan: 2 adults & 0 chicks
Counter was Susan Hawkinson

Little Wabana- 2 adults and 0 chicks
Counter was Lynne Pernsteiner

We did not count Clearwater this year but will next year. Last year was the first year.

The big drop this year compared to last year was at Big Trout - we counted 22 less adults this year compared to last year.

Overall numbers compared to last year: 39 this year vs 63 last year.

This is a cause for concern. Mary and I brought up to the WCOLA board the idea of having more monthly counts next year, as this might help improve the data.

Thanks and feel free to email with any questions.

Scott & Mary Hutter
scottandmary1981@gmail.com

Ice Cream Social

Residents, families, and friends attended this year's ice cream social on August 2. If you missed it, you will have to check it out next year.

Everyone enjoyed ice cream with several topping choices and cookies. Two of the township scholarship winners, Dominic Broberg & Lillian Jorgensen, as well as volunteer residents, served the ice cream. Thanks to the Community Fund and WCOLA for hosting this social event.

Recreation Project (continued from p. 1)

On Saturday at 8:30 a.m. the 'stay off' signs were removed and we had kids trying out that zipline! Pretty sure it's a hit.

So now you're saying "What's next"?

We should be getting the hockey lights installed the early part of October. The boards for the free-skating rink will be placed. Then a little landscaping, and we take a break until spring.

In Spring/Summer of 2025 you will see a tennis court, two pickleball courts, a basketball pad, and a walking trail constructed.

To see this vision completed is amazing. It's a true WOW moment!

A township our size take on a project like this?? Well all I can say is I'm impressed with the generosity and dedication to all of you who made this possible.

Thank you,
Kim Oja, Wabana Recreation Committee



November 9 Deer Hunter's Supper

The Deer Hunter's Supper will take place this year on Saturday, November 9, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. We will likely be serving pork loin dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, vegetables, dinner rolls, and dessert. Cost for the dinner will be set at the Oct. 7 Community Fund meeting. There will be raffle drawings, a silent auction, and a baked goods sale. Tickets for the raffle drawing (\$1) are available at the dinner or by contacting Janeen at jgueltzow@gmail.com. Need not be present to win.

Volunteers will be needed on Fri. Nov. 8 with room set up starting around 11:15, and on Sat. Nov. 9, with food preparation, serving, & clean-up. *Donations are needed* for the bake sale and silent auction and may be dropped off at Town Hall on Fri. Nov. 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or on the morning of Sat. Nov. 9. The Wabana Community Fund puts on the Hunter's Supper, which serves as its largest fundraiser for student scholarships and other community events. Your help and donations are much appreciated. Email Jean Koewler at djkoewler@paulbunyan.net for questions about donations or serving as a volunteer.

Township News Sources

The Township wants to keep its citizens informed on news and events. One way to do this is by encouraging property owners to sign up for the email news list. Another way is to visit the township website www.wabatanatownship.org. Important and timely information is distributed by e-News and on the website.

To subscribe to e-News, go to www.wabatanatownship.com, click on

Wabana e-News at the top right or contact Jean at 952-250-6690 or email jeanonwabana@gmail.com to be added to the e-News. You will be able to unsubscribe from the e-News at anytime, if you so choose.

Arts & Crafts Shows Oct. 12 & Dec. 7

For the fourth year in a row, the Wabana Northwoods Creations will offer a variety of goods for sale at its Arts and Crafts shows on **Saturday, October 12 & Saturday, December 7**. The shows are being held at the Town Hall. This event is spear-headed by local resident Janeen Gueltzow. Don't miss this opportunity to support local and area artists, including wood carvings, metal works, jewelry, and many more handmade and homemade goods. **Doors are open from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Come shop local for unique and one-of-a-kind items. If you are interested in being a vendor at a show, contact Janeen Gueltzow at jgueltzow@gmail.com

Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 5

WHERE TO VOTE: On Election Day, Wabana Township residents vote at Wabana Town Hall, 30980 Clearwater Rd. Voting hours are between 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The following residents filed to run for Township offices on the ballot. All of the incumbents were the only people who filed.

Town Supervisor Seat B: B. Jane Moore
Town Supervisor Seat C: Mark Johnson
Town Treasurer: Deborah Kee

EARLY / ABSENTEE VOTING: For information about where to vote early in-person or to obtain the absentee ballot application form for voting by mail, go to the MN Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>. If voting by mail, the form must be filled out and submitted to Itasca County in advance to have a ballot mailed to you, and to allow enough time to return the ballot by mail.



More information on how to Register to Vote, to see what's on the Ballot, and other important Election information may also be found on the MN Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

Wabana Township Public Hearing Notice of Road Establishment

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Wabana Township, Itasca County, Minnesota will convene on October 16, 2024 for the purpose of considering and acting upon a petition received calling for the establishment of township roads for Little Wabana Road and Lydia Lane. A road review will be conducted at 5:00 p.m. starting at the intersection of Little Wabana Rd & Lydia Lane. The hearing will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Wabana Town Hall or by Township Zoom. All persons interested in in this matter are encouraged to attend the road review and hearing. Please see the Wabana Township website for Zoom connection information.

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Fall Roadside Clean-up

Thank you to Bruce and Bonnie Larson, Denny and Jean Koewler, Kirk Carlson, Pam Friesen and Louie and Janeen Gueltzow for doing this year's fall roadside clean-up. We appreciate your help in keeping the township roads clean.

Help with roadside clean-up is always welcome and needed. If you can spare two hours, plan to help with the Spring roadside cleanup on May 14. Pencil it on your calendar and we'll see you in the spring.

Cemetery News

Please have all flowers and decorations removed by October 15.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov. 3 - turn your clocks back one hour.



New Hockey Rink

Wabana Township Officers and Staff

Jane Moore, Chair (ph: 563-580-5253; email: jane.moore.wabana@gmail.com)

Lloyd Adams, Supervisor (ph: 218-999-9749; email: lloyd.adams.wabana@gmail.com)

Mark Johnson, Supervisor (ph: 218-398-6959; email: mark.johnson.wabana@gmail.com)

Steve Melin, Clerk (ph: 218-256-5913; email: wabatanatownshipclerk@gmail.com)

Deb Kee, Treasurer (ph: 218-326-2115; email: deb.kee.wabana@gmail.com)

Carol Speedling, Deputy Clerk (text: 612-518-8992)

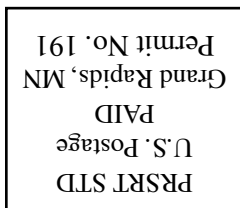
Ken Aho, Maintenance (ph: 218-256-7230)

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Jean Panchyshyn, Newsletter Editor, 952-250-6690 or email: jeanonwabana@gmail.com

Return Service Requested



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