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**FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS**  
A monthly newsletter  
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**NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT**

This year's Neighborhood Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 1 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Community members will enjoy refreshments, bouncy house for the children, and there will be drawings for donated items from local businesses. This event will be held at the Fredenberg Community Center/Town Hall.



**APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for JUNE 7, 2023**

**Board members present:** Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, & Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner. Treasurer Pam Blekestad was absent.  
**Others in Attendance:** There were 12 others in attendance.  
**Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner at 7:00PM.  
**Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance.  
**Approval of the Agenda:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Open Forum:** Resident Gary Muiki spoke about supporting improvements to the skating rink and supporting the establishment of a committee to review needs. He suggested a few people who are willing to be on the committee. Interested in being involved, call Andy Olson. Jeff Blix asked the committee to have at least one board member and a mix of other residents that are pro and con on improvements/repairs.  
**Approval of the Minutes:** Regular meeting of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Amendment under #7 first sentence change Walter to Wagner. **Financial Report** – Clerk Hanson: Clerk Hanson reported she was balanced with the bank. Hanson discussed the negative balance of the fire department fund. She will look in to the reasons for the negative balance. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to accept the clerks cash control report and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.  
**Clerks Report** – Ellen Hanson: Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Chair

Wagner to accept claims 10670-10684 for \$41,221.02 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. She reported the town will not be reimbursed for the sandbags. The town would need \$3,800 in expenses to qualify for reimbursement. Minnesota State Demographer Report of 2022 Population and household estimates; Population estimate is 1,468 and household estimate is 577. **Correspondence:** Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 12 total received: 2 mail and 10 emails. **Reports:** Roads report May 2023: Road Forman Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions. Gravel will be placed on township roads and then applications of chloride. East Cook Lake Road should have ditch work. Black top and crack filling on Bear Island Road is not necessary at this time. Overall, the town roads are in good condition.

Research is being done on the best sources and products for crack repair. Fire Department report for May 2023: Chair Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief. There were 13 calls in May and the first week of June. The calls included 9 medical calls, one outside fire, 2 mutual aid structure fires, and 1 public service. Members participated in wildland training and a live fire burn. They also participated in the annual Rescue Scramble. Cemetery report for May 2023: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open. Parks and Recreation for May 2023: Supervisor Blix explained he had a request to reserve the pickleball courts for Tuesday evenings. Everyone would be welcome, and it will be round robin play. Request was granted. Supervisor Rapp will build a sign for the pickleball courts stating the dates of usage. Community Center & Pavilion report for May 2023: Clerk Hanson stated there were 3 rentals for June and only one in July to date. Town hall main entrance door: It was suggested written instructions on how to lock and unlock the doors be placed on the doors. Weather stripping the doors will help with heat loss. Roof repairs: One quote was withdrawn. Supervisor Cich will get a second quote to review along with the Vessel quote for the next meeting. It was suggested the front concrete step be repaired. It was suggested all buildings be supplied with lock boxes. The Board had a discussion on security systems for town buildings. The Fire Chief will look into systems that might work out. Recycling report for May 2023: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. Hazardous Waste Day: It was a very successful day. There were 87 persons that participated. **Other Meetings for May 2023:** Clerk Hanson attended the DAT meeting on May 19. **Old Business:** There was no old business. **New Business:** Resolution 2023-2: Donations from Reservoir Riders. Hanson presented this resolution for Board approval. The town had received a \$1,000 donation for new pickleball nets. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept the resolution and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The second monthly Board meeting is June 21, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Neighbor Night Out: This year it will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Pawlowicz requested volunteers to contact her. **Adjourn:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

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## Fire Safety and Your Pets: Keeping Them Safe from the Unexpected



Emergencies can happen at any moment and can come in a myriad of ways. While we may never be able to fully prevent such events from happening, we can prepare ourselves and our pets for when they do. In light of National Pet Fire Safety Day coming up on July 15, we put together important tips concerning fire safety in your home. Use this list to ensure that you and your furry friends are prepared should a fire break out.

- Consider installing monitored smoke detectors. If you live in a fire-prone area or are concerned about a fire potentially starting, monitored smoke detectors are always a smart choice. Should a fire start, firefighters will be notified and can respond, even if you're not home.
- Note where your pets like to nap or hide. This is important in the event that you must evacuate your home quickly. Remember that pets can be exponentially more difficult to round up if they sense stress—especially cats! Practice crating your pets in advance to make it a positive experience so they don't go running when you pull out their crate during any type of emergency.
- Have an emergency plan, and practice escape routes with your pet. Include all members of the family in this plan, and make

sure they know what to do and where to go.

- Keep the phone number and address of a local animal hospital handy. If your pet is injured, you'll need to know where to take them for treatment quickly.
- Pet-proof your home. Ensure there are no areas where pets can start fires accidentally (including stove knobs, loose wires, candles, fireplaces and other potential hazards). Never leave a pet unattended with a lit candle or fireplace.
- Get a rescue alert sticker. This easy-to-use sticker will let people know that pets are inside your home. Make sure it is visible to rescue workers (we recommend placing it on or near your front door), and that it includes the types and number of pets in your home, as well as the name and number of your veterinarian. If you must evacuate with your pets, and if time allows, write "EVACUATED" across the stickers. To get a free emergency pet alert sticker for your home, you can fill out the ASPCA's online order form, or visit your local pet supply store.
- If you evacuate, take your pets with you whenever possible. If you leave them behind, they may become trapped or escape and be exposed to numerous life-threatening hazards. Note that not all shelters accept pets, so it is imperative that you have determined where you will bring your pets ahead of time:
- Contact your veterinarian for a list of preferred boarding kennels and facilities.
- Ask your local animal shelter if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets.
- Identify hotels or motels that accept pets.
- Ask friends and relatives in your area if they would be willing to take in your pet.
- Prepare emergency supplies and traveling kits. If you must evacuate your home in a crisis, plan for the worst-case scenario. Even if you think you may be gone for only a day, assume that you may not be allowed to return for several weeks. To minimize evacuation time, take these simple steps:
- Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification information at all times. Your pet's ID tag should contain their name, your telephone number and any urgent medical needs. Be sure to also write your pet's name, your name and contact information on your pet's carrier.
- The ASPCA recommends microchipping your pet as a more permanent form of identification. A microchip is implanted under the skin in the animal's shoulder area, and can be read by a scanner at most animal shelters.
- Store an emergency kit and leashes as close to an exit as possible. Make sure that everyone in the family knows where the kit is, and that it is clearly labeled and easy to carry. You can see a full list of items to include in your evacuation pack, including food, water, medication and a photo of your pet in case you get separated here.

While these tips can't prevent crises from occurring, they can help you keep your pets safe should tragedy strike. Keep these tips top-of-mind, and remember that being prepared is always the best line of defense when it comes to your pets.







## **Fredenberg Art Weller Recycle Center News**

The Center is sponsored by an annual grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD).

**Hours:** Wednesdays: 5 to 8 PM and Saturdays: 9 AM to 1 PM

Chesney Auto Salvage, 6250 Beaver River Road, will accept batteries and waste oil.

Please use WLSSD Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Product Reuse Center, 2626 Courtland St. (take the S 27th Ave W freeway exit), for other household hazardous waste and yard waste materials.

Below are a few rules to follow when using the Fredenberg Recycle Center.

1. The Center will only accept rinsed/cleaned & emptied cans, bottles & containers.
2. Styrofoam, in any form, is not recycled at this Center.
3. The Center does not accept household garbage of any kind and it is NOT to be dumped at the Center or the dumpster. Dumping garbage of any kind at the Center is illegal.
4. The Center does not accept any metal or plastic gas cans.
5. The Center does not repurpose any form of electronics. They can be brought to WLSSD Materials Recovery Center, 4587 Ridgeview Road, off the Rice Lake Road. For more information, check out the web-site at [wlssd.com](http://wlssd.com).
6. The Center does not accept take out containers, fruit/vegetable plastic containers or deli clam containers.
7. The outside dumpsters are for cardboard, newspaper/paper and glass/plastic/tin cans.

**Please be respectful of the rules when using the Center. The Town may be charged for dumpsters/bins containing non-recyclables. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

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## Exercise Classes

**Classes held at the Community Center/Town Hall**

Instructors: Sandy Rock: \$4/class,  
Sheila Wixo: \$5/class, Anita Anderson: \$5/class

**Sandy Rock classes are held through out the week.  
Please call her at 218-320-2902 for information.**

### **Tuesday**

Zumba Gold: **9:30 AM**

Classes are held in 6 week sessions and registration is through Hermantown Community Education . For more information contact Judy Gordon 218-355-0677

### **Tuesday**

Yoga: **7-8 AM** (Outdoor pavilion)

### **Thursday**

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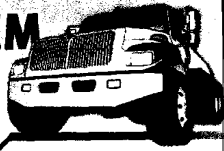
## Pickleball at Fredenberg

Pickleball on Tuesday, Thursday and  
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### **Fredenberg Town Board Meetings**

**Regular Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7 PM at the Town Hall.**

Meetings are in-person and held in the Board room, second floor.

The next 2023 scheduled meetings are:

**August 2**  
**Sept. 6**



### **Fredenberg Community Center**

The Center is open to the public and available to rent.

For information on rentals and fees, please contact the Town Clerk at 218-721-3991 or email at [Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com](mailto:Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com).

