

## CASS COUNTY LAND DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS



Notice is hereby given that an Oral Auction will be held in the Commissioners Board Room at the Cass County Courthouse, 303 Minnesota Ave West, in Walker, MN at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2023. For information concerning specific parcels, please contact the Cass County Land Department at 218-947-3338, or the Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 218-547-7210. Parcel information may be viewed on the Cass County Website: [www.casscountymn.gov](http://www.casscountymn.gov)

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## TODD TOWNSHIP

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the Todd Township Board of Adjustment will convene on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 8:15 PM at the Hubbard County Law Enforcement Center (lower level community room) located at 301 Court Avenue, Park Rapids to conduct the following public hearings:

Requests related to the adjustment of lot lines between two nonconforming parcels. Approvals required include a variance to adjust lot lines between two lots not meeting the minimum required size of 5 acres or width of 330 feet. The resulting parcels would be 170.2 feet and 165.8 feet in width and 1.37 and 1.33 acres in size. The proposed lot line adjustment will bring a recently built storage building and a previously existing storage building into compliance with the minimum side yard setback requirement of 20 feet. Property Owner: Todd Kumpula. Property address: 12474 and 12476 County 48. Sec/Twp/Range: 9-140-35. Parcel number(s): 27.09.00910 and 27.06.00900.

Details of the above application(s) are subject to change based on the discussions during the meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend these hearings in person or electronically and be heard or send written comments to Todd Township Zoning Administrator, Hometown Planning, 324 Broadway Street, Suite 101, Alexandria, MN 56308. You may submit comments online and find additional information and a staff report for viewing at [www.hometownplanning.com/todd\\_township](http://www.hometownplanning.com/todd_township) (staff report typically 5-7 days prior to the hearing date). A quorum of the Town Board may be present at the meeting but will not hold deliberations or make any decisions.

Todd Township Board of Adjustment  
Dated: May 22, 2023.  
Hometown Planning, Zoning Administrator  
Todd Township

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## Thorpe Township

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the Thorpe Township Planning Commission will convene on Thursday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Thorpe Township Town Hall, 31001 County 91, Nevis, MN to conduct the following public hearing(s):

Any tabled items from previous meetings that have provided the required information.

Requests related to the construction of a fireplace addition to a dwelling and a water-oriented accessory structure. Approvals required include Variances to allow for the construction of an approximate 2' x 8' dwelling addition to accommodate a fireplace approximately 90 feet from a side lot line (minimum 100 feet required) and for the construction of an approximate 5'6" x 8'8" water-oriented accessory structure approximately 60 feet from a side lot line (minimum 100 feet required). Applicant and Property Owner: Timothy & Marcia McFarland. Property address: 29207 Juniper Trail, Nevis. Sec/Twp/Range: 30-142-33. Parcel number(s): 26.30.01400.

Measurements and details of requests, including variances or other approvals needed, are approximate and/or subject to change. All interested persons are invited to attend these hearings and be heard or send written comments to the Thorpe Township Zoning Administrator, 324 Broadway Street, Suite 101, Alexandria, MN 56308. Application information and a staff report are available for viewing at [www.hometownplanning.com](http://www.hometownplanning.com) (staff report typically 5-7 days prior to the hearing date). A quorum of the Town Board may be present at the meeting but will not hold deliberations or make any decisions.

Thorpe Township Planning Commission  
Dated: May 22, 2023  
Hometown Planning, Zoning Administrator  
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# Adopt the Seat Belt Habit and Avoid an Easily Preventable Tragedy for Yourself and Loved Ones

Most Minnesotans buckle up. Those who don't? They're putting their lives at risk — and troopers, deputies and officers will be looking for them during the Click It or Ticket campaign May 22-June 4.

"Do you want your loved ones' gratefulness and peace of mind? Adopt the easy habit of buckling up," said Mike Hanson, director of Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). "It's heartbreaking to see a crash where wearing a simple seat belt could have changed the outcome. Take two seconds and do the right thing."

Buckling up can prevent a tragedy. Last year, 87 people

died and 1,244 people were seriously injured after failing to wear a seat belt.

OTS coordinates the enforcement and awareness campaign with funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The campaign includes overtime enforcement and advertising across Minnesota in support of the Toward Zero Deaths traffic safety program.

#### Buckle Up and Live

The 2022 Minnesota observational seat belt survey showed 93 percent compliance for front seat occupants. There are signs of improvement so far this year in unbelted fatali-

ties, but even one life lost in a crash is one too many.

Through May 14, the 18 unbelted fatalities compare with 25 last year at this time, 35 in 2021 and 25 in 2020.

Preliminary counts show 87 unbelted motorists died on Minnesota roads in 2022 compared with 110 in 2021 and 105 in 2020.

The 87 unbelted deaths last year is a 21 percent reduction from the previous year and slightly higher than pre-pandemic rates.

76 percent of unbelted fatalities in 2022 occurred in greater Minnesota.

**Buckle Up and Prevent Life-Changing Injuries**

Most Minnesotans' choice to wear a seat belt has helped reduce the number of severe crash injuries. In 1987, there were 4,176 vehicle occupants who suffered severe injuries in traffic crashes. That number was 1,244 last year.

#### Proper Car Seat Use Protects Your Littlest Loved Ones

Of the 13,705 children ages 0-7 who were properly restrained in crashes from 2018-2022, 88 percent were not injured. Another 9 percent sustained only minor injuries.

#### Minnesota Car Seat Law and Steps

All children must be in a child safety seat until they are

4 feet, 9 inches tall or at least 8 years old, whichever comes first.

Rear-facing seats: All infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car seat until they have reached the height and weight limits allowed by the car seat manufacturer. It is safest to keep children rear-facing up to the maximum weight limit of the car seat.

Forward-facing seats with harness: Toddlers and pre-school-age children who have reached the height and weight limits of the rear-facing car seat should use a forward-facing seat with harness. They should use this seat until they reach the weight limit of the harness allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

Booster seats: School-age children who have reached the height and weight limits of the forward-facing seat can sit on a booster seat. The booster must be used with a lap and shoulder belt.

Seat belts: Buckling up with a seat belt is for children 8 years old or who have reached 4 feet, 9 inches. Your children are ready for adult seat belts when they can sit with their back against the vehicle seat, knees bent comfortably and completely over the vehicle seat edge without slouching, and feet touching the floor.

**Click It, Don't Risk It. The Law is for Safety.**

Minnesota law requires all drivers and passengers to wear seat belts or be in the correct child restraint. Belts should be tight across the hips or thighs and should never be tucked under the arm or behind the back.

#### Resources:

[DriveSmartMN.org](http://DriveSmartMN.org)

[BuckleUpKids.dps.mn.gov](http://BuckleUpKids.dps.mn.gov)

#### About the Minnesota Department Public Safety

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) comprises 10 divisions where 2,100 employees operate programs in the areas of law enforcement, crime victim assistance, traffic safety, alcohol and gambling, emergency communications, fire safety, pipeline safety, driver licensing, vehicle registration and emergency management. DPS activity is anchored by three core principles: education, enforcement and prevention.

#### About the Office of Traffic Safety

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) designs, implements and coordinates federally funded traffic safety enforcement and education programs to improve driver behaviors and reduce the deaths and serious injuries that occur on Minnesota roads. These efforts form a strong foundation for the statewide Toward Zero Deaths traffic safety program. OTS also administers state funds for the motorcycle safety program, child seats for needy families program and school bus stop arm camera project.



# A TIMELY REMINDER: Don't Drink & Drive

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