

AVON TOWN HALL AND MAINTENANCE  
FACILITY



OPEN HOUSE  
&  
BUILDING  
DEDICATION

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

1:00 – 4:00 PM

AVON TOWNSHIP  
STEARNS COUNTY  
MINNESOTA

AVON TOWNSHIP BOARD

LEROY GONDRINGER, SUPERVISOR, CHAIR  
RICHARD BRESNAHAN, SUPERVISOR  
JOHN MERDAN, SUPERVISOR  
KELLY MARTINI, TREASURER  
STEPHEN SAUPE, CLERK

AVON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

KEN MERGEN, CHAIR  
GERRY KREMERS  
ROGER NELSON  
LOWELL RUSHMEYER  
STEPHEN SAUPE

BUILDING TASK FORCE AND/OR COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS

ZOE GRAUL  
MARCY HEINEN  
STEVE HIMSL  
LEE LARKEY  
ERIC LINN  
KELLY MARTINI  
KEN MERGEN  
ROGER NELSON  
STEPHEN PLANTENBERG  
ED SPRINGER JR.

THANKS TO:

*RINKE-NOONAN ATTORNEY'S-AT-LAW* FOR A  
GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE  
OPEN HOUSE.

*ST. JOHN'S POTTERY STUDIO* (CERAMICS), *RA MORTON  
& ASSOCIATES* (PLANT, NOTEBOOKS), AND  
*STEPHEN SAUPE* (*GOURD*) FOR DONATING DOOR  
PRIZES.

### Avon Township

Avon Township is located in central Minnesota, approximately 15 miles NW of St. Cloud, Stearns County. The City of Avon lies roughly in the center of the township. The landscape, which was shaped by past glacial activity, is primarily rolling hills interspersed with lakes. The pre-settlement vegetation was largely oak woodlands with scattered lakes, wetlands and prairies. The flatter terrain and wetlands have made good farm land. The township is committed to preserving the rural and agricultural atmosphere of this area. Benedictine monks settled in the SE corner of the township and founded St. John's Abbey and St. John's University. Only a few miles away, in St. Joseph, Benedictine sisters established St. Benedict's Monastery and the College of St. Benedict. The township is a hub of renewable energy resources: St. John's is the site of the largest solar array in the upper Midwest and the Blattner Energy Corporation is the largest installer of wind turbines in the US. The Lake Wobegon Trail runs east-to-west across the entire the township highlighting the natural beauty of the area. There are approximately 2100 residents in the township.

The Township Supervisors and Planning Commission meet on the first and last Wednesday, respectively, of the month at 7:30 PM. Meetings are held at Avon Township Hall, 16881 Queens Road, Avon MN, 56310. Township meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

WELCOME	<i>LEROY GONDRINGER, CHAIR AVON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS</i>
INVOCATION	<i>FR. MARK WILLENBRING</i>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	<i>JOHN MERDAN, SUPERVISOR</i>
PROJECT HISTORY	<i>LEROY GONDRINGER</i>
INTRODUCTIONS	<i>LEROY GONDRINGER</i>
CONSTRUCTION PROCESS	<i>STEPHEN PLANTENBERG, RA MORTON DAN TIDEMAN, GLT ARCHITECTS</i>
RECOGNITION	<i>HONORABLE AL FRANKEN, U.S. SENATE HONORABLE AMY KLOBUCHAR, U.S. SENATE STATE, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL OFFICIALS</i>
PLAQUE PRESENTATION	<i>STEPHEN PLANTENBERG &amp; PRESTON EUERLE, RA MORTON &amp; ASSOCIATES</i>
DOOR PRIZES	<i>KELLY MARTINI, TREASURER</i>
CLOSING	<i>LEROY GONDRINGER</i>

PLEASE ENJOY THE REFRESHMENTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MAINTENANCE SHED, AND REMEMBER TO SIGN THE GUEST BOOK. THE SLIDE SHOW IMAGES WHICH DOCUMENT THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS WERE PROVIDED BY RA MORTON & ASSOCIATES.