

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Center turn lanes

BY SGT. CURT S. MOWERS
Minnesota State Patrol

Q: Within the past few years or so, we had a four-lane with bike lanes and a middle turn lane through town. Many people are using that middle turn lane to pull out into and then merge into the traffic on left hand turns — it really is very dangerous. I really wish that this would be covered for a period of time by law enforcement issuing warnings or even citations so that people get educated. I think we need information sent out about the protocol for using the middle turn lane that both directions are to use and who has the right of way concerning the bicycle lane. Thank you.

A: We still see some issues with drivers in cities where those types of road designs have been around for a long time. It is a good road design and drivers using it do have to understand some things, for sure. The

center lane is a turn lane only, not a driving or acceleration lane — it cannot be used to drive out into from a side road, street or driveway to merge or fit into the traffic flow. Again, it can only be used as a turn lane.

If your center lane also is a bicycle lane, then bicycles would have the right of way, in most cases. I haven't seen where they are used as both, but perhaps the one you are talking about is. For other bicycle lanes, bicyclists typically have the right away. There may be some exceptions, but the bottom line is: always physically turn your head and look before turning or changing lanes, or turning so you can watch out for bicycles, motorcycles or even pedestrians.

On a related note, don't get into that center turn lane too soon, as you might meet other vehicles head on who are trying to turn into a place closer than your turn off. Don't forget to signal all your turns in advance!

Thanks for asking.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

SENIOR FORUM

A senior forum will be held to discuss options to improve membership in local senior clubs. Koochiching County senior program executive is expected to attend to provide information. The noon potluck luncheon will take place Wednesday at Loman Church Hall.

ACT ON ALZHEIMER'S

The public is welcome to learn about the Greater International Falls ACT on Alzheimer's initiative and join the action team at a community meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Backus Community Center, 900 Fifth St. Call Douglas Skrief at Koochiching Aging Options at 283-7084 for more information.

CLASS OF 1962

Falls High School Class of 1962 will meet for lunch at 11:27 a.m. Wednesday at Chocolate Moose Restaurant.

ACTING WORKSHOP

Borealis Bards, local theater group, is offering a second acting workshop Monday at Backus Community Center, Room 101/102. Ages 6-15 meet from 5 to 6 p.m., and ages 16 and up, from 6:30 to 8. The workshop, led by Jonathon Isenor, is free. Everyone is welcome to attend. No previous acting experience necessary. For more information, info@borealisbards.com.

FREE PRESENTATION ON ASSETS

Koochiching Aging Options will sponsor a free public informational presentation on financial planning for older adults and family caregivers Wednesday. "Your Assets, Your Choices" will feature Kim Literovich of the Shermoen and Jaksa law firm and Rob Raplinger of Legal Aid Service's Senior Law Project. Registration begins at 6 p.m. for the 6:30 presentation at Backus Community Center. Call 283-7030 for more information.

VFW AUXILIARY

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Post Home dining room. Installation of 2014-15 officers will be conducted and plans for the June dinner finalized. A light lunch will follow the brief meeting. Members are encouraged to attend.

CLASS OF 1965 GIRLS

Falls High School Class of 1965 Girls will meet for lunch at noon Wednesday at Giovanni's.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; Mother's Day Supper, Caribbean Pork, 6 (reservations, 283-3615); Pat Porter entertainment, 8-11.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- American Legion Post 66 serving breakfast, 8-11 a.m., VFW Post.
- Open Discussion, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- Sunday Night Into Action Group, Step and Tradition Study, (bring Big Book and Twelve by Twelve), 7:30-9 p.m., Borderland Alano Club.

MONDAY

- North Koochiching Area Sanitary District Board, 8 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Retired Minnesota, Dakota and Western Railroad employees, 8:30 a.m., Chocolate Moose Restaurant.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- After School Arts – KinderArt, 3:45-5 p.m., Backus, Room 205.
- Borealis Bards acting workshop — ages 6-15, 5-6 p.m.; ages 16 and up, 6:30-8, Backus Community Center, Room 101/102.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Ranier Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m., Ranier Community Building.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Borderland Substance Abuse Court Alumni Recovery support group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, "How It Works" step gathering, 7:30-9 p.m., Alanon Club.

TUESDAY

- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Health Department.
- WIC Clinic, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Women of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 9:30 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Koochiching Development Authority, 9:30 a.m.; Koochiching County Board of Commissioners following, Koochiching County Courthouse.
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Stroke support group, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ, Fireside Room.
- Immunizations, 1-5:30 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).

- Crafty Science, 3-7:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Women's Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., pork and potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Ham Sandwiches with Summer Salad Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Peter Graham Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 and Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Post Home.
- Texas Home 'Em, 7 p.m.; House, 7; Lodge, 7:30, Moose Lodge.
- A.A./N.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- BigBook Study, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.
- Non-smoking Alcoholics Anonymous Group, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY

- Recycling curbside collection, 8 a.m. — International Falls, Shorewood Drive and areas south of 11th Street and east of Highway 53; Ranier and lake district, east on Highway 11 to Almost Lindy's.
- Boise Cascade Machinists Union Local 760 retirees, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- Immunizations, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- WIC Clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Community Clothes Closet drop-offs, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aquinas Hall.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Wednesday Study Group, 10:15 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Falls High School Class of 1962, 11:27 a.m., Chocolate Moose Restaurant.
- Senior forum, noon potluck, Loman Church Hall.
- Falls High School Class of 1965 Girls, noon, Giovanni's.
- Sunbeams and Girl Guards, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- International Falls Public Library Board of Trustees, 4:30 p.m., library.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Community Band, 5 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., prime rib.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King's Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- American Legion Post 66, 7 p.m., VFW Club.
- Women of the Moose, 7 p.m., clubrooms.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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CORRECTION

A quote by International Falls City Councilor Cynthia Jaksa to International Falls Mayor Bob Anderson in a story in Wednesday's edition should have said "I beseech you to be more inclusive."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Koochiching Economic Development Authority, Grantee of FTZ 259, has filed with the FTZ Board an Application to reorganize the general-purpose foreign-trade zone under the Alternative Site Framework.

The Application was submitted pursuant to the FTZ Act, as amended, and Board Regs. Public comment on the Application is invited from interested parties.

Submit to the address below.
Closing period for receipt of comments is June 30, 2014.

Office of Ex. Sec., FTZ Board,
Room 21013, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

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