

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Fog lights – blinding drivers

Q: Can you give out information about fog lights? I notice a lot of people have them on and when I am meeting them on the road in the evening or at night, some are very bright and make seeing the road very difficult. Some of them appear to be out of alignment and are blinding. I hope that having people read this will help make a difference, thanks.

A: There are some specific requirements for those lights, but if the fog lights are aimed too high and/or are too bright then they are not legal just for that reason, even if they are in compliance with the rest of the law. All lights for vehicles have to be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety and they have to be allowed (or required) by statute.

M.S.S. 169.56 Sub 2 says, “Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed two fog lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than 12 inches nor more than 30 inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands and so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity portion of the light to the left of the center of the vehicle shall at a distance of 25 feet ahead project higher than a level of four inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes. Lighted fog lamps meeting the above requirements may be used with lower headlamp beams.....”

Another relevant law is M.S.S. 169.63(b), which also tells us that, “When



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a motor vehicle equipped with headlamps, as (herein) required, is also equipped with any auxiliary lamps, spot lamps or any other lamps on the front thereof projecting a beam of intensity greater than 300-candle power, not more than a total of four of any such lamps on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when upon a highway.”

Also, some of the lights you are seeing might actually be “daytime running lights.” Many of those are on automatically and are installed by the manufacturer. The driver may not always have the ability to turn them off. They cannot be used in lieu of headlights, but sometimes they are, which would be a violation. It is best practice to keep your lights on at all times on the road to make yourself more visible to other drivers. It’s the law to have head lights (and tail lights) on during rain. I hope some of this information helps.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws in Minnesota, send your questions to: Sgt. Neil Dickenson, Minnesota State Patrol, 1131 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN 55811. Or reach me at neil.dickenson@state.mn.us.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission, 8 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, Commissioners’ Boardroom.
- Recycling curbside collection, 8 a.m., areas north of 11th Street and west of Highway 53 (includes Terrace Lane).
- Retired Boise Cascade Papermakers Local 159, 9 a.m., Lenard’s.
- AARP Tax Aide preparation, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Backus Community Center, Rooms 208/209 (free, appointments, 283-5236).
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- 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.
- East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Girl Guards, Sunbeams and Adventure Corps, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 5:30-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Men’s Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., pork chops supper.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King’s Kids (1st-5th grades), Youth Group (6th grade-up), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Women of the Moose, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Adult Mixed Volleyball, 7 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

THURSDAY

- AARP Tax Aide preparation, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Backus Community Center, Rooms 208/209 (free, appointments, 283-5236).
- Bone Builders, 10-11:30 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.

- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Storytime, 10:30 a.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Koochiching Aging Options annual gathering, noon, Backus Community Center boardroom (RSVP 283-7084).
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- Community Café, 5:30-6 p.m., chicken tenders, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Tacos Supper, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Beginner’s Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- The Lamplighters, women’s support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

- AARP Tax Aide preparation, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Backus Community Center, Rooms 208/209 (free, appointments, 283-5236).
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Serenity Sisters, Women’s A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- Nancy Anderson retirement open house, 2-4 p.m., Forestland building, lower level conference room.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., French dip sandwiches.
- Ethnic Food Festival, 5:30-7 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- For Those in Need, Addiction Recovery, 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1340 Keenan Drive.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard’s.
- Guided Snowshoe Hike, 1-3 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center.
- Moose Lodge events – Women of the Moose 93rd Anniversary — Open, noon; Guy and Crew’s stuffed pork chops supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

A retirement open house honoring Nancy Anderson, director of the Falls Hunger Coalition, is planned for 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at the Forestland building, lower level conference room.

BOOK CLUB

Rainy River Book Club will meet at noon Saturday at Lenard’s. Book for discussion is “Invention of Wings” by author Sue Monk Kidd. The book for April will be “The Railway Man” by Eric Lomax. All book lovers are welcome.

LOTTERY

Sunday’s Daily 3 8, 9, 8	Saturday’s Hot Lotto 3, 8, 15, 25, 32	Mega Ball 7
Sunday’s Northstar Cash 9, 16, 18, 20, 29	Hot Ball 3	Saturday’s Powerball 11, 16, 30, 38, 42
Friday’s Gopher 5 2, 12, 22, 23, 28	Friday’s Mega Millions 7, 50, 54, 61, 75	Powerball 7

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OfficeMax asks all recreationalists to avoid the Moonlight Rock landfill and use approved open public recreation areas instead. OfficeMax has posted “Private Property” signs along the property perimeter to indicate boundaries and help direct public access away from the closed landfill site.

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