

Your Mutual News

MELROSE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

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Terry Microfiber Cleaning Towels

Microfiber towels are the newest evolution in cleaning technology and you will receive one just for attending the meeting.

No larger than 100th of a human hair, these microfibers are woven together into a tight strand and then split into wedge-shaped filaments. There are approximately 90,000 microfibers in 1 square inch of fabric. They can hold 7 times their own weight in liquid and will not lint or scratch. Because of microfiber construction, they can be rewashed over and over again for extra added value. Microfibers also work extremely well without the use of harmful chemicals. This saves you money and helps the environment. The wedge-shaped filaments actually "pick-up" dirt instead of pushing it around. For a streak free shine, microfiber is the towel for a "greener" world.

ANNUAL MEETING

Melrose Mutual Insurance Company's 109th Annual Meeting is Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 8:00 pm. This event will take place at Meadowlark Country Club in Melrose. Mark your calendar!

On the agenda this year will be a presentation of the 2009 financial statement, [Election of Directors](#), discussion of the [Modernization Act](#), amendment to the Articles and By-Laws and other related business.

After business is concluded, we will have a presentation on water damage from Service Master of St Cloud. Prizes will be given away, to include 3 - \$50 cash prizes, plus many more. And, as always lunch will be served. Hope to see you there!

Modernization Act

In 2009, the Department of Commerce made a proposal to the legislature to make changes to the statute that governs township mutual insurance companies. The proposal was incorporated into House File 2123 as Article III of that omnibus budget bill. We called it the "Mutual Modernization Act of 2009". The bill was passed by the Minnesota Legislature and signed into law by Governor Pawlenty effective August 1, 2009.

The new statute changes the basis of authorized territory from townships to counties with minimum surplus requirements based on the number of authorized counties, and it also removed the authority of a company to assess its members.

The Modernization Act requires that Melrose Mutual file amended and restated articles

and by-laws with the Department of Commerce. We have removed all references to assessments and, since we meet the minimum surplus requirements, we have changed our operating territory from individual townships to the entire county where those townships are located. A map of the current operating territory highlighting the proposed expansion is included in this mailing and will be available at the meeting.

In order to be in compliance with this new law, we are asking you, the membership, to vote in favor of the amended and restated articles and by-laws at the annual meeting. If you would like a copy before the meeting to review all of the changes, it will be available at the office.

Election of Directors

The terms of 3 directors are expiring this year. They are: President, Joe Soenneker, and directors; Dave Wenker and Allan Wiechmann. All 3 have agreed to run for another term.

If you are interested in guiding your mutual into the future, you can place your name on the ballot by submitting it in writing to the office in Melrose before March 3, 2010. Nominations are not accepted from the floor at the meeting.

If you can't attend the meeting but still wish to vote, a member may cast a vote through proxy. The appointment of a proxy shall be in writing filed with the Home office before March 3, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact Patti Rothfork.



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Dave Wenker
Don Hellermann
Allan Wiechmann
Jerome Hanfler

A PUN

Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentle men, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

Letter from the President

Another year has passed and it is once again time for the Annual Meeting of Melrose Mutual Insurance Company.

2009 was a year of struggles for many people with the recession, unemployment, low farm prices and a major hail storm in June. In spite of all that, your Mutual had a good year and we were able to add a sizable amount to our policyholder surplus.

Thank you to our member owners for keeping losses down. We had no major fires, in fact we paid more for water damage than for fires, with all the appliances that have water

connected to them there is a problem with hoses going bad and leaking. Check the hoses on your appliances and replace them on a regular basis.

At this years meeting, we will be electing 3 directors, and you will also be asked to approve some changes to the by-laws and articles of incorporation. These are changes mandated by the Department of Commerce. We will no longer have our writing territory defined by townships, but rather by counties. The outdated language calling for special assessments has also been removed. (Special assessments were from a time before reinsurance).



Remember your Annual Meeting is Wednesday, March 10th at the Meadowlark Country Club at 8:00 pm. Join us for the meeting, lunch, and door prizes.

Your President,

Joseph Soenneker

Take the Home Wiring Safety Quiz

- Is your main electrical panel more than 40 years old? If so, it may not have sufficient capacity or may be overloaded.
- Are you having to replace blown fuses or re-set tripped circuit breakers?
- Do receptacle outlets, switches or appliances ever get hot or smell hot when you use them?
- Do your appliance cords fit loosely or sometimes fall out of receptacles outlets?
- Do any light fixtures, switches, outlets, cords, or appliances ever work intermittently or emit sparks?
- Are you using extension cords and/or multi-plug adaptors?
- Do switch, outlet, or junction boxes have missing or broken covers, and are there any exposed wires or taped splices?
- Are there any ungrounded (two-prong) receptacle outlets in your home?
- Are any bathroom, kitchen or outside receptacle outlets missing ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) devices?

If you answered YES to one or more of the questions above, then your home electrical system is in need of repair or upgrading. For your personal safety, it is imperative that you consult with a licensed, bonded, electrical contractor to inspect your electrical wiring!

Privacy Policy

Melrose Mutual Insurance Company will collect only the personal information necessary to conduct our business. That means what is needed to provide competitive financial products (which includes insurance policies) and services to our members.

This township mutual will protect personal information obtained from our consumers and maintain strong security controls to ensure that information in our files and computer systems is protected against unauthorized access. We will ensure accuracy and integrity of communications and transactions and protect our consumer's confidentiality.

Consumers will always have access to personal account information. You will always have the opportunity to review your personal information and make necessary changes to ensure that our records are complete and accurate.

This township mutual will only share information when absolutely necessary. We will only share information with companies with which we partner to offer additional products or services through a joint marketing effort or when required to do so by the government. For example, information may be disclosed to others, including our independent agents and brokers, to enable them to provide business services or functions for us. Such services may include helping us to evaluate requests for insurance or benefits, performing general administrative activities such as maintaining existing accounts, or to otherwise assist us in servicing or processing an insurance product or service requested or authorized by the consumer.

We will not disclose information about our customers to others without written consent unless the disclosure is necessary to conduct our business. By law, we are permitted to share information about our customers without written permission under certain circumstances and to certain person or organizations, such as:

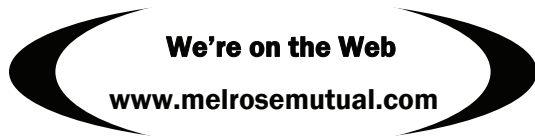
Our affiliated insurance companies.

- Your agent or broker.
- Parties who perform a business, professional or insurance function for our company, including our reinsurance companies.
- Independent claims adjusters, appraisers, investigators and attorneys who need the information to investigate, defend or settle a claim involving you.
- Businesses that help us with data processing or marketing.
- Other insurance companies, agents or consumer reporting agencies as reasonably necessary in connection with any application, policy or claim involving you.
- Insurance support organizations, which are established to collect information for the purpose of detecting and preventing insurance crimes or fraudulent claims.
- Medical care institutions or medical professionals to verify coverage.
- Insurance regulatory agencies in conjunction with the regulation of our business.
- Law enforcement or other governmental authorities to protect our legal interests or in cases of suspected fraud or illegal activities.
- Authorized persons as ordered by a subpoena, warrant or other court order or as required by law.
- Lien holders, mortgagees, lessors or other persons shown on our records as having a legal or beneficial interest in your policy.

We will not share information without written permission except for items listed above. We will not, under any circumstances, sell member information to telemarketing firms.

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MIKE KUTTER AGENCY
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SAUK CENTRE
SCHIFFLER AGENCY
ALBANY
VANGUARD INSURANCE
LONG PRAIRIE
WEALTHCARE INSURANCE
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Announcing The 109th Annual Meeting

of the policyholders of Melrose Mutual Ins Co.

**Wednesday,
March 10th, 2010**
Meeting starts at **8:00 pm**

Meadowlark Country Club

837 Country Club Drive
Melrose, MN

* Election of Officers * Amend Articles and By-Laws *

Door Prizes - Lunch

All members are encouraged to attend.

