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ANNUAL MEETING

The 142nd Annual meeting of Farmers Mutual Insurance Company Manchester will be held at the Wedgewood Cove Golf Club at 2200 West 9th Street in Albert Lea on Thursday February 28, 2019 and will begin at 10:30 A.M. All company reports will be presented and lunch will be served to all.

Please accept the notice on the right side of this page as your invitation to attend your upcoming annual meeting. We enjoy seeing you there and value your comments, questions and concerns.

Any policyholder with a graduating high school senior may be eligible for a college scholarship from Farmers Mutual or our state association. Please see your agent for details.

Sandy Walstrom, Manager

GETTING READY FOR SPRING

Since we are already into winter and it's a bit late to do anything to protect your home from the hazards of that season, I thought I'd jump ahead a bit to spring. When it looks as though winter is finally coming to an end and warmer weather means you'll be going outside to clear winter debris and get your home ready for spring, make sure you do it safely. This means:

- ★ Wear safety goggles, sturdy shoes and long pants when you are operating lawn mowers and other machinery.
- ★ Protect your hearing when you are operating machinery. If you have to raise your voice to talk to someone who is an arm's length away when operating machinery, the noise level is potentially harmful to your hearing.
- ★ Wear gloves to protect your skin from plants, cuts and other irritations. Remember that the poisonous oil (urshinoil) from poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac remains toxic even when the plants are dormant in winter and does not evaporate. All parts of the living or dead poison plants, including roots, flowers, or berries, contain the urushiol oil. Be especially careful of dead vines on firewood and leafless vines in the winter. Also, keep in mind that if these plants are burned in an open fire, it is possible to get poison oak or inv systemically by breathing the smeke of

FARMERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Wedgewood Golf Club @ 10:30am 2200 West 9th Street, Albert Lea

The annual meeting of the members of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company Manchester will be held at the Wedgewood Cove Golf Club at 2200 West 9th Street in Albert Lea, Minnesota on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

At said meeting, two directors will be elected to succeed the directors whose terms expire this year. Directors whose terms expire are: Gary Geesman and Jim Troe. Members seeking nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall submit their names in writing to the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

The company's officers will make their reports and such business shall be transacted as shall properly come before this meeting.

Lunch will be served following the meeting.

DOOR PRIZES * \$100 CASH * NUMEROUS GIFTS

Marcia McKean

Secretary

DIRECTORS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE





to get poison oak or ivy systemically by breathing the smoke of burning poison oak or ivy and this is something that requires immediate medical attention as it can be fatal. Better still, **NEVER BURN THESE PLANTS!**

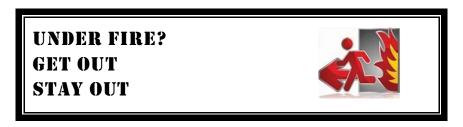
- ★ Read and follow the directions on any chemical or lawn and garden product. More is NOT better as the U.S. Military has discovered to the dismay of many Vietnam Veterans who are dealing with cancer issues thanks, in part, to the military ignoring the manufacturer's mixing directions for Agent Orange during that war.
- ★ Reduce your risk of sunburn and skin cancer by wearing long sleeves, a broad brimmed hat and sunshades. Use sun screen with an SPF of 15 or higher.
- ★ Pay attention to signs of heat-related issues including a high body temperature, headache, dizziness, rapid pulse, nausea or confusion. If you are doing spring cleaning in your house, be careful moving large pieces of furniture or appliances. Be safe using ladders and step stools. Follow the directions on cleaning products and wear

Gary Geesman

Jim Troe

wear a mask when you are cleaning dusty areas.

★ Keep children and pets away from your work areas. If your home was built before 1978, be sure to test for lead paint before you do any type of painting or sanding.



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WHY YOUR TOWNSHIP **MUTUAL IS IMPORTANT TO YOU**

When you insure your property with your local township mutual, you are dealing with a company that is located in your neighborhood and an agent that is a neighbor.

The people you are dealing with are people you know as part of your community. They are not fair-weather folks who are only there when everything is going great. They are there to serve you all the time.

Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Manchester has been serving the people of this area since 1876. The policyholders are the owners and therefore run the company by electing its directors and voicing their concerns. The perpetual goal of the company is to provide the best possible product at the lowest possible cost and provide those services through employees and agents that live in the area and know the insurance needs of the people.

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We invite you to contact your agent regarding your insurance program. They will be more than happy to review and answer any questions you may have. Farmers Mutual is a sound company that continues to grow. We hope you will pass this information on to your neighbors, as we would look forward to being their insurance company

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