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For Free Burning Permits, please contact one of our Fire Wardens between 8 am and 5 pm Mon-Fri. Phone numbers listed on website.

www.westlakeland.govoffice2.com

Recycling Updates

ONLINE RECYCLING RESOURCE WashCoRecycles.com/Disposal

- An easy way to discover recycling options in the metro area for various household items.
- Enter a material you want to recycle into the search bar and find the closest location(s) for proper disposal.
- This is the updated link offered by the county. Please disregard any previous information.

COMING ONCE AGAIN THIS SPRING.....CURBSIDE CLEANUP WEEK

- Township wide effort to encourage residents to recycle large, unwanted household items properly. Residents can arrange pickup with their local haulers and put items out at the end of their driveways.
- Takes place in May, 2023. Watch front page of website for exact dates. Reminder postcard with more information, including pricing, will be mailed to all households a few weeks prior to the event.
- Examples of items disposed of in the past: hot water tanks, washers/dryers, stoves, humidifiers, window air conditioners, microwaves, furniture, mattresses/box springs, toilets, grills, trampolines, scrap metal, etc.

FREE PRODUCT ROOM AT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

- Did you know there is a Free Product Room located at the Environmental Center? Residents may browse the shelves and take home products such as paints, stains, automotive fluids, and household cleaners.
- All products brought to the Environmental Center are inspected to determine if they are usable. If the container and product are in good shape, it is put in the Free Product Room for others to take. One person's waste can be another's useful product!

Environmental Center
4039 Cottage Grove Drive
Woodbury, MN 55129
Phone: 651-275-7475

Hours
Tuesday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.



TOWN BOARD ELECTION—

Tuesday, March 14, 2023— 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Polling Place—West Lakeland Town Hall

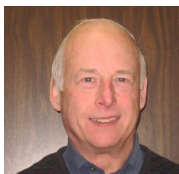
2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING —

Tues, March 14, 2023—8:30 PM West Lakeland Town Hall

If you will be absent on election day, Tuesday, March 14, you may vote by absentee ballot in person at the Stillwater Government Center at 14949 62nd St. N., Stillwater or request an application for an absentee ballot. For more information, please contact Washington County Elections at 651-430-6175.

Chairman's Corner

With the retirement of Dan Kylo, I am assuming the role of Board Chairman which means writing his regular column in the newsletter. First, let me say Dan will be sorely missed. After 17 years on the board, he gave a lot back to the community and always had the best interests of the township in mind. He was both a colleague and a friend.



In early January of this year, the town board held a rather lengthy Budget Meeting to review our township financials. We examined each line item in detail and created a proposed budget for 2024 based on historical trends and projected costs.

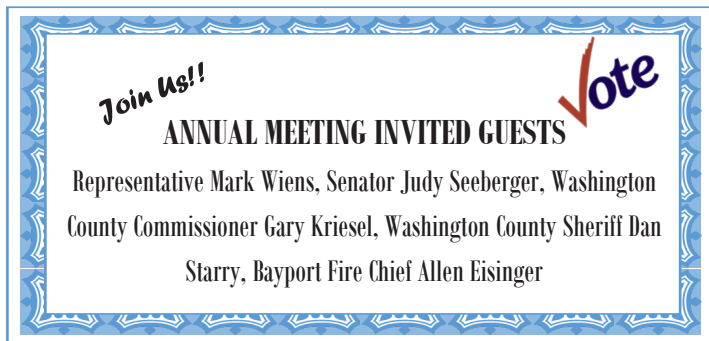
As we all know, this past year saw a significant rise in inflationary costs overall. Though it is very hard to predict what will happen with the economy in 2024, we managed to keep the budget increase to 8% in the **General Fund**, a number which closely reflects the current inflation rate.

In the **Road and Bridge Fund** it is always harder to budget because we rely solely upon contractors who pass their costs along to us. We have been experiencing price hikes in every area from snow plowing to crack sealing. To the best of our knowledge, these costs will only continue to rise, and therefore, we must budget accordingly to keep our roads in decent shape. We settled on an approximate 17% increase in the **R&B** budget to maintain our roads for 2024.

These increased costs also directly impact the **Capital Improvements Fund (CIP)**. The primary purpose of this fund is to pay for major township road improvements, although it is also used to fund other large expenses, such as the shared costs of county projects. Examples of such expenses in 2023 include our contribution to the stoplight at the corner of 30th St. and Manning Ave, and our contribution to reconstructing the remaining portion of 30th St. due to the Lake Elmo airport expansion, plus a county traffic study of 22nd St. between Stagecoach Ave and Highway 95 in anticipation of a turnover to the county planned for 2024 which may cost us \$500,000+. All of these “extra” projects are quickly depleting our CIP fund.

We know our township roads need major work, and this must be a priority. Asphalt roads, in general, last about 25 years. Unfortunately, for us, many of our roads have recently begun to exceed that age limit. A growing number are even in need of total replacement. Given this fact, as well as the increased construction costs and the unpredictable economy, the town board feels it prudent to add an additional \$200,000 to the proposed levy to maintain the **CIP fund**. The goal would be to afford at least one large road improvement project annually during construction season beginning in 2024. This translates into the greatest area of increase for our levy.

At our annual township meeting on March 14th, we will be presenting to the community the 2024 proposed budget in much greater detail as well as a long-term road project plan.



Official Ballot	Town Election Ballot
Judge _____	Town of West Lakeland
Judge _____	March 14, 2023
Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●	
Town Offices Town of West Lakeland	SAMPLE
Town Supervisor Seat A Vote for One	
<input type="radio"/> Marian R. Appelt	
<input type="radio"/> John Buelow	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	
Special Election for Town Supervisor Seat B To fill vacancy in term expiring March 11, 2025 Vote for One	
<input type="radio"/> Philip Moosbrugger	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	
West Lakeland Township	

Budget numbers always need to be understood within context. On our website, you will find a financial report supporting the proposed budget which will also be provided at the annual township meeting. Feel free to review this information in advance. If you have questions, please bring them to the annual meeting so that all may benefit from the answers. If you prefer a speedier response, you may reach out directly to our Township Treasurer, Marsha Olson at 651-998-9178 or myself at 651-436-6816

—Dave Schultz