



Chairman's Corner

Tiller Corporation's Proposed Asphalt Plant

Tiller Corp. has yet to apply for a Conditional Use Permit or rezoning request. Tiller is still exploring the possibility of applying for the installation of an asphalt plant in their sand pit on the NW corner of I94 and Stagecoach Trail. Tiller sent out invitations earlier this summer to residents, surrounding the West Lakeland sand pit, to tour their operating asphalt plant in Empire Township. Some residents who were unable to attend the earlier tours have expressed a desire to have another opportunity to tour the Empire Township plant. If you would like to tour this plant, please contact Mike Caron, Director of Land Use Affairs, at 763-425-4191 or mikec@tillercorp.com.



Prairie Island Indian Community Purchases Mogren Sod Farm

In 2015, the Prairie Island Indian Community near Red Wing, Minnesota, purchased 112 acres, formerly known as "The Mogren Sod Farm", near the NE corner of I94 and Manning Avenue just north of the Holiday Station. Since the purchase, they have recently filed with the Federal Government to place the property into the Federal Trust Land program. If approved, the land will become part of the Prairie Island Indian Community sovereign nation. Tribal Council President Shelley Buck along with several other Tribal Council members have reached out and requested to meet with the Township Board and the residents to introduce themselves and answer questions. The public is invited to attend and meet the Tribal Council on Thurs., October 13, 2016, at 7:00 pm, in the Auditorium at Oak-land Junior High.

The Intersection of Manning Ave and 10th St. Project

All the improvements (e.g., new turn lanes, signal lights, etc.) to this intersection and to the entrance of Oak-land Junior High should be wrapped up by mid-September. This is all part of the larger Manning Avenue Corridor Management and Safety Improvement Project. The project is divided into 4 phases over the course of several years. The project includes expanding Manning Ave. from two to four lanes from 10th Street North to Highway 14 (old Hwy 5). For more information, please

visit our township website or visit <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/2040/Manning-Ave-Corridor-I-94-to-TH5>

West Lakeland Will Take Over Land Use Authority

Washington County has adopted resolutions to the county development code to transfer land use authority to the township. The resolutions will be sent to the Metropolitan Council for an administrative review and will be published in the official newspaper. The transfer of authority will become effective January, 1, 2017. Washington County will retain some land use authority in areas such as: mining, shoreland, shoreland buffer zones, septic systems and wetlands.

2020 Comprehensive Plan Update

West Lakeland will soon start the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan for 2020 as required by the Metropolitan Council. Our first plan submission is due in 2018. The Board will contract out the Comprehensive Plan *update* to a planning firm. The Initial estimate for the update is between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

EPA Sets New Health Advisory Levels

In May 2016, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued updated protective guidance for two perfluorochemicals (PFCs) – perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluoro-octanoic acid (PFOA) in the drinking water. One or both of these chemicals have been detected in the well water samples collected from four properties on the west side of West Lakeland near Horseshoe Lake. The EPA issued an updated lifetime drinking water Health Advisory (HA) for PFOA of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) and PFOS of 70 ppt. The health concern is with long-term, lifetime exposure for most people, but the evidence indicates shorter-term exposures can present heightened concern for fetuses and infants. If your well water sample is affected, the MPCA will provide bottled water until granular-activated carbon (GAC) filters can be installed in homes at no cost. For more information contact: Doug Schultz, MN Dept of Health, 651-201-4993, or doug.schultz@state.mn.us.

Best Regards,

Daniel Kylo, Town Board Chairman

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Fall Mowing Reminder. The township mows its ditches twice a year, once in the beginning of the summer and again in the fall. Property owners with wildflowers and prairie grass must clearly mark these areas with signs placed a minimum of 8 feet from the edge of the road. That property must be maintained to a minimum of 3 feet from the edge of the road during the summer months and 8 feet from the road edge in the fall. Property that is not posted and maintained will be mowed. Also please help our contractor by removing any obstructions, especially boulders as referenced in 16.8 of our ordinances. This helps prevent damage to his equipment and keeps repair and maintenance costs down. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me.



Stagecoach Trail Corridor Improvement Project. Washington County will be holding an informational open house on pavement improvements and safety upgrades to Stagecoach Trail (County Road 21) on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at the Bayport Library. This portion of County Road 21 extends from Interstate 94 through West Lakeland Township, Baytown Township, and the City of Bayport. The open house will take place in the evening but the specific hours have yet to be determined. Please contact Project Manager, Kevin Peterson, at 651-430-4330 for the scheduled time of the open house or any other questions.

— Dave Schultz , Road Supervisor (651/436-6816)

URBAN DEER MANAGEMENT (UMD)

Preserving Nature's Balance

Due to the overabundance of deer in our township and related safety and health issues (e.g., Lyme Disease), the West Lakeland Board has asked the Urban Deer Management (UDM) group to bow hunt deer this Fall. It will be the township's 11th year partnering with UDM. If you are interested in having a UDM member assist with your deer density issue, please contact our township office at 651-436-4773. For more specific information about UDM, please contact Kent Wheelock at 612-910-3737 or Steve Silk at 651-605-1639.

The goal of UDM is to bring the balance of humans and deer back into harmony. UDM provides discrete, effective control and management of deer—specializing in Twin Cities Metro areas where people and deer live close together.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY for Deputy Clerk

West Lakeland Township is thankful for Mary Rinkenberger's service as Deputy Clerk over the past 15 years. Mary will certainly be missed but we are grateful for her contributions and years of commitment as a board member for the township!

We are now accepting applications to appoint a new Deputy Clerk. This is a part-time position with hours ranging from 10 to 20 hours per month. Please visit our town website at www.westlakeland.govoffice2.com for a job description and application, or call 651-436-4773 for more information.

Teens & Social Media – A Parent’s Guide to Popular Social Media Platforms

Learn about popular social media platforms and how to help your kids use them safely. You’ll also learn strategies for managing online time and how social media impacts development. This workshop is presented by SARAH HOLMBOE, M.A., Parent Education Coordinator at Youth Service Bureau, Incorporated (YSB). She has been employed with YSB since 2014 and is also a licensed parent educator. In her role at YSB, she develops and coordinates programming for parents and families in the community; as well as provides direct parent education through educational workshops and presentations.

The Youth Service Bureau has been operating in Stillwater since 1978. Its mission is to help youth and families learn the skills they need to be more successful at home, in school and throughout their community. Their vision is to be the leader in providing youth and family services throughout the St. Croix Valley. The Stillwater office is located in the Washington County Historic Courthouse near downtown Stillwater.

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

*Location: East Ridge High School—1035 Green Center
4200 Pioneer Drive
Woodbury, MN 55129*

*Cost: \$10/Adult
\$5/Spouse*

Min. Age: 15 Years

To register, please visit: <https://sowashco.thatscommunityed.com/course/fall-2016--1/teens-social-media-a-parent-s-guide-to-popular-social-media-platforms> or visit <http://ysb.net> (click on Parent Education, then Classes and Events).

Regions Hospital Car Seat Clinic

When:	December 17, 2016 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Where:	Bayport Fire Department 1012 5th Ave N Bayport, MN 55003
Call for Appointment:	651-357-2798
Or Email:	carseatinfo@healthpartners.com

Is your child in the correct car seat?





P.O. Box 447, Lake Elmo, Minnesota 55042

www.westlakeland.govoffice2.com

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Job Opening for Deputy Clerk - Contact the town office or visit our website for more details



TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Office Hours — 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Phone — 651-436-4773

NEW

Mailing Address—

P.O. Box 447

Lake Elmo, MN 55042

www.westlakeland.govoffice2.com

Town Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Oak-Land Jr. High School Cafeteria, 820 Manning Avenue.

Changes to this schedule can be viewed on the Township website calendar or posting board located at 10th Street and Stagecoach Trail.

West Lakeland contracts with Tennis Sanitation for recycling services every other Monday. Call Town Office 651-436-4773 with questions.

Town Board

Dan Kylo, Chairman	651-436-1134
Dave Schultz, Supervisor	651-436-6816
Steve Ebner, Supervisor	651-436-6482
Carrie Seifert, Town Clerk	651-436-4773
Marsha Olson, Treasurer	651-998-9178

Building Official (building permits & inspections)

Duane Stensland— 651-436-7669

Animal Control

Kathi Pelnar— 715-386-7789



WEST LAKELAND TOWNSHIP

ECOFLYER

MAKING CHOICES IN TODAY'S WORLD

Submitted by Karen Richtman,
Recycling Educator

Have you ever thought about the order and significance of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle? This waste hierarchy was established by the State of MN in the 1980's, and remains in place today. Reducing waste is the first priority because it is the most compelling action needed to control our garbage and save the Earth's resources. On average, each of us makes 4.40 lbs. of garbage in a day, according to the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency). That equals 1,600 pounds per year. MPCA reports that "1.2 million tons of recyclable material was thrown away, but could easily have been recycled for an additional estimated value of \$285 million dollars. Instead, it cost Minnesota more than \$200 million to throw it away into landfills."¹ Most of what we throw away is food waste (31%), paper (25%), and plastic (18%).

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION:

STEP 1: REDUCE the amount of trash you make. Simple ideas for reduction include purchasing fewer pre-packaged goods, using refillable bottles and containers, bringing your own reusable bags shopping, and utilizing home composting to throw less food waste in the trash cart. It also means donating usable clothing, household items and toys to others, rather than throwing them away. Reducing waste is an attainable challenge for us all.

STEP 2: REUSE things again and again. Yes, it can be a bit more time consuming to pack a lunch in containers you reuse. You might have to wait a bit to find your child a "new" bike or skates through Craigslist, but it's worth it. The environmental impact will be felt across the generations to come through cleaner water, air and preserved resources for the future. Embrace the concept that a no-longer needed, but still usable item is a positive thing. Stigmas about thrift stores and resalers being only for those who can't buy new are disappearing. Vintage is now "cool" and stores like Goodwill have been thriving with this new acceptance. Jobs and training are supported by funds raised at the thrift stores.

STEP 3: RECYCLE all that you can, so it can be remade into new materials. You may wonder why recycling is the final tier of the hierarchy. Recycling has environmental costs. It requires energy, natural resources (like water and ferrous metals), transportation, and people to make new materials. New materials must be added to strengthen the recycled materials. In 2010, Minnesota recycling programs collected approximately 2.5 million tons of material worth \$690 million. So yes, recycling makes a difference and provides jobs and saves resources, however, recycling is not the answer. It is a part of the solution. Your participation in Tennis Sanitations's recycling program is paramount. Only the items on list belong in your Recycle cart. Not on the list? Check the "Going Green Guide" from Washington County.

**NEXT TIME YOU WANT TO THROW SOMETHING AWAY, ASK YOURSELF,
"CAN THIS ITEM BE REUSED, COMPOSTED, OR RECYCLED?"
BEFORE YOU TOSS IT IN THE CART.**

RECYCLING CHANGES IN 2016

TENNIS SANITATION RECENTLY NOTIFIED ALL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS OF SEVERAL CHANGES TO THE RECYCLING PROGRAM. THERE ARE OPTIONS FOR THINGS NOT RECYCLEABLE CURBSIDE LISTED BELOW.

1. Linens: Place clean “usable” towels, bedding and clothing in a plastic bag. The items must be clean, dry and of use to others. No rugs, please. Tie the bag shut and place on top of your recycling cart, not in it.

2. Plastic Bags: Retail shopping bags are collected curbside, like the bags you get when shopping at Cub or Kohls or similar places. Many other plastic bags, if dry and free of food waste and paper residue, can be taken to the Washington County Environmental Center at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive Woodbury, MN 55129. **For complete information on items collected for recycling at the Environmental Center, download the “Going Green Guide” at WWW.CO.WASHINGTON.MN.US/DOCUMENTCENTER/VIEW/7432 .**

3. Rinse all recyclable materials and place dry items directly into your Recycling cart. This helps reduce contamination. The materials should not be bagged. Simply dump your unbagged items directly in to the cart and throw away (or reuse) the plastic bag or recycle your paper bag. This helps simplify sorting at the Tennis Recycling facility. **For a complete list of recyclable items, visit WWW.TENNISSANITATION.COM/?PAGE=RECYCLING**

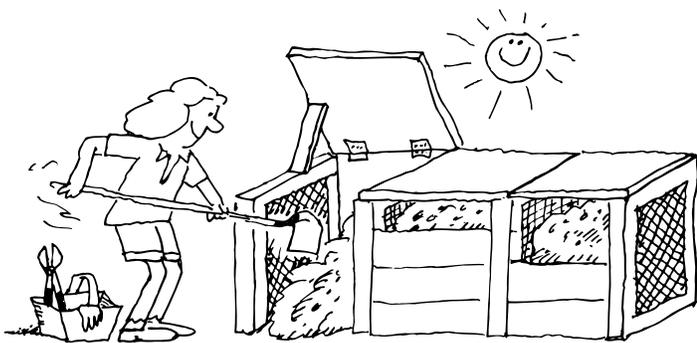
4. No Sharps! Sharps endanger the health of the workers at the Tennis Recycling facility. Place in a sturdy container with a cover such as a detergent bottle. Label container: “HOUSEHOLD SHARPS” and bring to the Washington County Environmental Center.

5. Please do not put garbage in your recycling. This includes clothing, styrofoam, and food waste. If an item is not on the list provided by Tennis, it is not collected curbside. Check the list of items accepted at the Environmental Center before throwing items in the trash. You may be surprised by all the items you can drop off for recycling!

THE ENERGY CONSERVED FROM
RECYCLING A SINGLE PLASTIC
BOTTLE CAN LIGHT A 60-WATT LIGHT BULB
FOR UP TO 6 HOURS.



COMPOSTING



Food waste makes up over 30% of the garbage collected curbside. No need to pay to throw it away if it can be composted. By composting leaves (browns) with kitchen scraps (greens), you create a dark, crumbly soil-like mixture that can be used to improve your soil and reduce the need for fertilizer and water. To learn how to compost, visit:

WWW.PCA.STATE.MN.US/LIVING-GREEN/START-COMPOSTING-YOUR-BACKYARD

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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West Lakeland Township	www.westlakeland.govoffice2.com	651-436-4773
Washington County	www.co.washington.mn.us	651-430-6655