



## *Chairman's Corner*

### **2040 Comprehensive Plan Update**



A draft of our updated 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been distributed to the surrounding communities and organizations for comment. Once all the comments have been received, they will be reviewed and incorporated into the plan if necessary, and then submitted to the Met Council, as required, by the end of the year. The Board would like to express our great appreciation to the subcommittee, made up of Supervisor Steve Ebner and Planning Commission members Mark Votava, Betsy Vance and Brian Krafthefer, for the many hours they have volunteered on updating this plan. Dave Dupay also contributed greatly in producing the various maps and illustrations included in the document. Their voluntary efforts likely saved the township between \$10,000 to 15,000, which other neighboring communities have spent for outside firms to update their plan.

### **Mark Votava Heads Up the Planning Commission/ Dave Dupay Retires**

Mark Votava was appointed Chairman of the Planning Commission at the June board meeting. Mark has been a member of the Planning Commission for about 15 years. The Board is confident that Mark is a good fit for the position and has been blessed with a good cast of Planning Commission predecessors who are as dedicated as he is in promoting the best interests of the township. He succeeds former Chairman Dave Dupay, who retired a few months ago after serving approximately 15 years on the Planning Commission. Dave also served as Chair for the last seven years following the late Ray "Doc" Swanson.

### **West Lakeland is Growing Again**

We are not immune to the housing boom, as you probably have seen a lot of building going on around us. Within the last year or so, three new developments

have begun with some already near completion and available for construction. "Burr Oaks" is a subdivision on the south side of 30th Street between Neal Ave and Oakgreen Ave. "Autumn Run II" is a subdivision on the north side of 10th St, near the corner of Omaha Ave and 10th St. "Stensland Woods" is a subdivision off of 8th Street and Paris Ave. All total, there will be approximately 20 new lots available. This is the first time since the housing crash in the mid- 2000s, that a major subdivision has been proposed in West Lakeland.

### **Roadwork, Roadwork, Roadwork!**

It seems that everywhere you go there is roadwork going on and detours to go along with it. The new intersection of Manning Ave and Hwy 14 (Old Hwy 5) is underway. The intersection of Stagecoach and Hwy 14 and some sections of Stagecoach are also getting much-needed upgrades. All that roadwork has cars being diverted down Oakgreen Avenue to and from 10th Street which has made it a very busy stretch. With the increased traffic, I would like people to please drive carefully and pay more attention to those who take their daily walks or bicycle rides on these busy roads. Details of all road projects may be viewed at <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/2018Construction>

Thank you and have a nice summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Kylo".

Daniel Kylo, Town Board Chairman

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

### Landscape Materials

Spring has arrived and every year a number of contractors have placed landscaping materials consisting of large rock, boulders and mulch on the roads, cul-de-sacs and in the ditches or in what is called the road right-of-way (ROW) for work being done at the request of a homeowner. First this is illegal by state statute. Second there is a liability issue if these materials cause an accident, or impede police, fire and EMS vehicles. Also in the process of depositing or removing these materials the road surface may be damaged as was the case a number of years ago when we had just seal coated a street. If in the process of depositing or removing these materials, the road surface is damaged, the contractor and/or the homeowner are responsible for any damage caused. So by placing these materials in the street or in the ROW, it may end up costing you more than just the cost of landscaping materials and the contractor's fee alone. If you have any questions regarding our roads, please don't hesitate to contact me.



### Oakgreen Avenue (County Road 65)

Is it me, or does there seem to be an inordinate number of orange barrels on the roads this year? Washington County is looking to reconstruct Oakgreen Avenue in 2020 between 10th Street (CR 10) and 40th Street (CR 14) in Baytown. Improvements consist of adding turn lanes at key intersections, improved drainage along the corridor, accident reduction and maintaining wide shoulders to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. If you missed the first open house, a second is scheduled for some time in the early fall. Watch our township website for updates or go to <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/County65> for more information.

### 10th Street (County Road 10)

Sometime between September and October, after 40th Street (CR 14) is open to traffic again, Washington County is scheduled to mill and overlay 10th Street between Manning Avenue (CR 15) and Stagecoach (CR 21). Besides improving the pavement and ride, this project will add turn lanes at Neal Avenue (CR 71) and 12th Street.

*And please slowdown, stay alert, be patient and obey the signs in construction work zones. Thank you.*

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

## What is MSCWMO?

West Lakeland Township is one of ten member communities of the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization (MSCWMO) that collectively works to improve the water quality of Lake St. Croix. The Middle St. Croix watershed encompasses approximately 19.8 square miles and is located in the east-central part of Washington County. West Lakeland Township makes up 4.99 square miles which equates to 25% of the total area within our ten member community. A distinction exists between the Middle St. Croix watershed and the other watersheds of Washington County in that the Middle St. Croix watershed has many small, parallel watersheds that all flow to the St. Croix, whereas the other watersheds in the County generally have one major drainage with a headwaters and outlet. Land use in the watershed is evenly distributed between agricultural uses, rural residential and high-density residential/commercial land uses.

The MSCWMO also provides educational, technical, and financial assistance to West Lakeland Township to effectively manage water resources. They also partner with the Washington Conservation District to provide design and cost share assistance for voluntary conservation projects on private lands that reduce sediment and phosphorous pollution entering the St. Croix River. If you are considering a conservation project on your property or have any questions about the watershed please contact Mike Isensee, Administrator of the MSCWMO at [misensee@mnwcd.org](mailto:misensee@mnwcd.org) or Board Member Dan Kylo, the Township appointed Board Manager and Treasurer for the watershed, at 612-436-1134.

# Second Annual Curbside Cleanup Week

**September 17-21, 2018**

Mark your calendars for our Second Annual Curbside Cleanup Week. Once again, the township will partner with local licensed trash haulers to offer curbside removal of large, unwanted items such as appliances, tires, mattresses, furniture and scrap metal. A reminder postcard will be sent closer to the date with specific rate information.

Each resident will be responsible for arranging a pickup with their local hauler **ahead of time**. Fees will be billed to your account. Although residents may always arrange such pickups at any time during the year, these special rates, in many cases, will only be available during West Lakeland's "cleanup week".

We would like to remind people to please donate or give away those items which are still usable. West Lakeland Township encourages you to donate your quality usable items directly to local thrift stores and charitable organizations. This is the best way to pass top-quality materials on to others in our community. Sales of these items raises money to support these charitable organizations.

## OPTIONAL DROP-OFF SITES

Goodwill Industries, 5980 Krueger Ln., Oak Park Heights or 10450 Hudson Rd., Woodbury  
Savers (Salvation Army and DAV), 8401 Tamarack Rd., Woodbury  
Valley Outreach, 1911 Curve Crest Blvd, Stillwater (accepts clothing all sizes)

## CALL FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Salvation Army -651-487-2002—[www.satruck.org/donate/choose](http://www.satruck.org/donate/choose)  
Disabled American Vets (DAV) -651-487-2002—[www.donatedavmn.org](http://www.donatedavmn.org)  
Epilepsy Foundation of MN -651.287.2300—[www.epilepsyfoundationmn.org/donate-giveaway](http://www.epilepsyfoundationmn.org/donate-giveaway)

## LOCAL ONLINE—SELL OR GIVEAWAY

[www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)  
[www.minneapoliscraigslist.org](http://www.minneapoliscraigslist.org)  
[www.twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://www.twincitiesfreemarket.org)  
[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)  
[www.facebook.com/groups](http://www.facebook.com/groups) (Stillwater)



## **FREE Paper Shredding Events** **Sept. 19 and Nov. 7**

Washington County will host two, free paper shredding events in the coming months. Residents and businesses are invited to bring their personal and confidential papers to the Washington County Environmental Center in Woodbury. Each participant will be allowed to bring up to 6 boxes weighing no more than 30 lbs. each. Staples and paper clips need not be removed. CDs and other media will also be accepted for off-site destruction. See Washington County's website for more information.

In prior years Washington County has accepted shredded paper as a collected recyclable material, but going forward shredded paper is no longer an acceptable material at the Recovery Facility. Materials like shredded paper, plastic bags, garden hoses, etc. tangle and clog the sorting machinery hindering recycling operations. Primarily because of its size, shredded paper is often too small to be properly captured and baled with other fiber materials at the facility.



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*Interested in becoming an Election Judge?  
Contact our office at 651-436-4773.*



## TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

**Office Hours** — 8:00 a.m. to Noon

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

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
Jennifer Samec, Deputy Clerk	651-436-4773
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### Building Official (building permits & inspections)

Duane Stensland— 651-436-7669

### Animal Control

Kathi Pelnar— 715-386-7789