



Chairman's Corner

Solicitors are required to carry a Peddling Permit!



Lately, there have been solicitors combing our streets, both on foot and Segways, knocking on residents' doors pushing everything from bug control to roofing work to environmental products. Any salespeople who enter onto private property, with the intent to sell a service or product, are required to have a "Peddling Permit" from the Township Board, per township ordinance. They may give an excuse that their permit is still being processed by the township, or they forgot it at the office. They are most likely lying! They are not allowed to roam our streets until a permit has been issued and, even then, they are required to produce it upon request. So far this year, the township has not issued any Peddling Permits. So don't be fooled! Report them to the Washington County Sheriff's Department at 651-439-9381. Note: religious, political and school organizations are exempt.

3M Settlement Update

The MPCA/DNR has completed their ground water modeling project. This model is anticipated to predict the direction of the flow of PFAS contaminants into our ground water over the next 20 years. It will also help predict who will be impacted and need future water treatment. The MPCA/DNR is presently analyzing the model and will come out with "good, better and best" community treatment recommendations later this fall. These recommendations may range from POETS (point of entry systems), also commonly known as GAC (granulated activated charcoal) filters, to a municipal water treatment system. The MPCA/DNR will be scheduling informational meetings open to the public later this year.

30th St N will have a new look!

The easterly half mile section between Manning Ave and Neal Ave will be closed for a couple weeks after July 6th. MAC (Metropolitan Airport Commission) reconstructed that section to loop down to the south,

and up again, to accommodate the extension of their NW to SE runway. The new loop will be adjoined to 30th Street N at each end and eventually open up for regular traffic. Please be aware of the lower speed limits and tighter curves in the new loop. Drive accordingly and safely.

Thank you and have a nice summer.

Daniel Kylo, Town Board Chairman

Roads and Bridges

Landscape Materials

Summer has finally arrived and things are heating up. Every year a number of contractors place landscaping materials consisting of large rock, boulders, mulch and dirt on the roads, in the cul-de-sacs, or on what is called the road right-of-way (ROW). This work is being done at the request of a homeowner. First, this is illegal by state statute and township ordinance 16.8. Secondly, there is a liability issue if these materials cause an accident, or impede police, fire and EMS vehicles. Lastly, 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 the road surface is damaged in the process of depositing or removing these materials, the contractor and/or the homeowner are liable for this damage. 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. If you have any questions regarding our roads, please don't hesitate to contact me.

One final note, please slowdown, stay alert, be patient and obey the signs in construction work zones. Construction workers' lives depend on you.

Thank you,
Dave Schultz

BEWARE! Please help the Township!

There are significant patches of Wild Parsnip in the township!

Please keep an eye out and help control Wild Parsnip. The plant sap contains toxic chemicals that are activated by sunlight and can cause serious burns and blisters to human skin after contact! It is serious and not a plant you want around your yard! It is the #1 weed the MN Dept of Agriculture would like to see controlled because of the health concerns.

Wild Parsnip is relatively easy to identify:



Options to control the weed include (summary):

1. Herbicides: 2,4 D or metsulfuron-methyl or glyphosphate based
2. Cutting / Mowing/ mechanical removal (small patches) and manual tool to remove Parsnip Predator
https://www.theprairieenthusiasts.org/parsnip_predator/
3. Prescribed Fire: along with herbicides or cutting

Recommended schedule for other options:

		April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.-Mar
Herbicide	Burn									
	Foliar		■	■			■	■		
	Cut stem									
	Mow		■	■						
	Don't mow				■	■	■	■	■	
Flowering Period				■	■	■	■			



2020 Elections—Voting and COVID-19

**Tuesday, August 11: State Primary Election*

**Tuesday, November 3: General Election*

West Lakeland is working closely with Washington County to stay prepared and respond to COVID-19, and is relying heavily on the [CDC Recommendations for Election Polling Locations](#) as well as those from the Minnesota Department of Health. If voting in person poses a concern, please take advantage of voting absentee. You may do so at the County Auditor’s office before Election Day.

The township will continue to hold the next two elections in the gymnasium at Oak–Land Middle School. Since our poll workers will be following the recommended guidelines from the state /CDC to ensure the safety of our voters (social distancing, hand sanitizing, masks, table barriers, sanitizing hard surfaces frequently, etc.), we are asking our town residents to also practice some of these guidelines; specifically, to wear a facial mask. It is preferred that you bring your own mask but if you do not have one, we will have one available for you. Thank you in advance!

4th Annual Curbside Cleanup Week and More....

Washington County Recycling Grant

West Lakeland is grateful to receive grant assistance from Washington County to support recycling efforts in our township. The monies may not be used to directly pay for recycling services, but instead are primarily intended for educational purposes. The funding level varies annually according to household counts and recycling program plans. Presently, West Lakeland uses those funds to support the recycling information provided on our township website, periodic newsletter updates in the area of county-wide initiatives and other recycling opportunities, and promotion of our own annual curbside clean up week event (see below).



Curbside Cleanup Week

Begun in 2017, this event was created as a replacement for the annual Cleanup Day which was deemed to be increasingly costly and occasionally misused. The town board felt a Curbside Cleanup Week would achieve the same purpose of encouraging residents to properly dispose of unwanted junk from their properties while placing the responsibility of cost on each individual who chooses to participate. The idea was modeled after similar programs in other municipalities. Basically, the township designates a particular week each year and coordinates with the local trash haulers to offer slightly reduced rates on the pickup of large, unwanted items from individual driveways. Those residents who are interested may then contact their local hauler to arrange for pickup and payment. The first few years the opportunity was offered in September. This year, the town board decided to switch seasons. The June 15-19, 2020 dates seemed to encourage greater participation from residents. Examples of items collected included: large kitchen appliances, microwaves ovens, washers/dryers, air conditioner units, water softeners, mattresses/box springs, scrap metal and furniture.

Next year, we hope to offer our Fifth Annual Curbside Cleanup Week even earlier in the year when folks are doing their spring cleaning. Watch for exact dates on our township website next April or May. We will also send a green postcard reminder to each household.

Food Scraps (Organics)

With many people buying more groceries during the pandemic and the increased opportunity for food waste, this seems a good time to mention the new food scraps program offered by Washington County. Below is a basic summary of the program which can be found in more detail at <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/2969/Food-Scraps-Organics-Drop-off>

How to Get Started

Step 1 – Go to the Washington County website and sign up for a FREE STARTER KIT

Starter kits include a 2 gallon kitchen pail and 10 compostable bags. Kits are available to Washington County residents only and must be picked up at the Environmental Center or the Northern Yard Waste Site. Limit one kit per household.



Step 2 – Start collecting food scraps at home

Collect food scraps in a compostable bag inside of your kitchen pail and tie off the bag when full. Be sure to review the list of accepted items on the county website.

Step 3 – Bring bagged food scraps to a drop-off site

Visit the Environmental Center or Northern Yard Waste Site during normal operating hours for self-serve drop-off. Replacement bags are available.



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Please consider being an Election Judge for the upcoming General Election on Nov. 3, 2020. Contact the Town Clerk at 651-436-4773.



TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Office Hours — 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Phone — 651-436-4773

Mailing Address—

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Town Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Oak-Land Middle 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

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Building Official (building permits & inspections)

Duane Stensland— 651-436-7669

Animal Control

Kathi Pelnar— 715-386-7789

Burning Permits

Contact one of our Fire Wardens listed on our website. Burning permits are *free*.