

TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAY EVENT SET FOR

Saturday, May 9th 8 a.m.—Noon



TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Office Hours—8:00 a.m. to Noon

Phone—651-436-4773

Fax — 651-436-2693

Web — 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(east side) and Stagecoach Trail.

West Lakeland contracts with Tennis Sanitation for recycling services every other Monday. Call Town Office 651-436-4773 with questions. Please have cart out by 7:00 a.m. on your recycle day.

Town Board—

Dan Kylo, Chairman 651-436-1134

Dave Schultz, Supervisor 651-436-6816

Steve Ebner, Supervisor 651-6482

Staff —

Susan Agrimson, Town Clerk 651-436-4773

Mary Rinkenberger, Deputy Clerk 651-436-1537

Marsha Olson, Treasurer—651-998-9178

Building Official(building permits & inspections) —

Duane Stensland 651-436-7669

Animal Control —

Kathi Pelnar 715-386-7789

Chairman's Corner



Burning Restrictions are on

The DNR Department of Forestry has initiated burning restrictions as of March 25th and no burning permits will be issued until the vegetation has greened up and the risk of wild fires has diminished. This may last about 6 weeks. You can call one of the Township Fire Wardens listed on the Township website or log on to the DNR website for more information. A small campfire, 3'x3'x3', is still allowed without permit, but anything larger is prohibited.

An Update on the New Bayport Fire Station

Contractor bids for work on the new fire station were released in mid March and will be received by mid April. If the bids are acceptable, then groundbreaking will occur shortly thereafter; possibly early summer. The \$5.7 million project is a collaborative effort between West Lakeland, Baytown, Oak Parks Heights and Bayport. The new site, located at the corner of Stagecoach Avenue N. and 5th Ave N., next to the Stillwater Prison, will be more centrally located and provide a better service to the four communities.

2015 Property Taxes will not go up

West Lakeland property taxes will remain the same for 2015 due to a mistake in the submission of our 2015 levy to Washington County last year. Our 2015 levy was recorded as \$450,000, the same as 2014, so our residents will experience a reprieve from the 18% increase for 2015 that was approved by our residents at the March 2014 Annual Township meeting. What this means is that your West Lakeland property taxes for 2015 should remain relatively the same unless your market value has increased or decreased, but you will experience as much as an 18% increase in your property taxes for 2016. Roughly speaking, a \$200,000 home will see an increase of \$40 in 2016.

BRT and the I94 Gateway Corridor

Plans for the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, now referred to as the "Gold Line", are still moving forward. The dedicated bus guideway route will align itself primarily along the north side I-94 from the Union Depot, in downtown St Paul, to Manning Ave. Bus stations will be located approximately a mile apart along the route. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that will study and assess the environmental effects of the BRT line is ongoing and hopes to be completed by the end of the year. Depending on federal, state and local funding, this transit service may be operational by 2021. See <http://www.thegatewaycorridor.com> for more information.

We have moved out of our "Homes", almost!

Over the years, West Lakeland elected officials and staff have operated out of their homes. All of our Township records, election equipment and supplies have been stored in peoples' musty garages, sheds, basements and barns around the Township. It has worked for many years to our benefit; but Sue, our Township Clerk of 21 years, will be retiring in the next couple months and the Board came to the realization that the Township needed to consolidate all these Township possessions into one secure place. Since West Lakeland does not have any office space available, the Board found a home for its records and equipment in the Joshua A. Taylor building located at 3394 Lake Elmo Ave N, in Lake Elmo. The rental office has about 460 sq. ft. of space to store our possessions and hold small group meetings. We will continue to hold our monthly meetings and elections at the Oak-Land Junior High

That's all for now, have a wonderful Spring,

Daniel Kylo,
Chairman of Town Board

Roads and Bridges —by Dave Schultz, Road Supervisor

Spring has finally arrived and hopefully we don't get any snow in May like we did last year. In past years a number of contractors have placed landscaping materials consisting of large rock, boulders and mulch on the roadways, cul-de-sacs, ditches or in what is called the right-of-way (ROW). First, this is illegal by Township and State statute. Second, there is a liability issue if these materials cause an accident, or impede police, fire and EMS vehicles. Additionally, if in the process of depositing or removing these materials, the road surface or the ROW is damaged; the contractor and/or the homeowner are responsible for any damage caused. So by placing these materials in the street or the 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 at 651-436-6816.

5 SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR TRASH

"Together we can make a Difference"

1. Give your clothing and household items in good condition to a charitable organization. In our area, there are several options:

Goodwill Industries	(651) 439-4207; 14460 60th St N, Stillwater, MN 55082
Disabled American Vets	(651) 487-2002
Epilepsy Foundation	(651)287-2300; www.epilepsyfoundationmn.org/donate-clothing
Vietnam Veterans of America	(800) 775-VETS http://www.scheduleapickup.com/
USAgain drop boxes	various locations community-wide
2. List items from your house, yard or garage on www.twincitiesfreemarket.org. This is a free service for the Metro area that serves to link people with items to give away with those who need them. It's quick and easy to list items. You can sell or giveaway most items on www.minneapolis.craigslist.org or www.facebook.com.
3. Buy in bulk and package into convenient servings, using your own containers. Packaging makes up about 30% of the materials going to our landfills. You'll save money and reduce trash.
4. Compost your yard and food waste, as well as, paper goods, egg cartons, and paper towel/toilet paper tubes. This can reduce your garbage by up to 25%. For more information on composting, visit <http://www.extension.umn.edu/Garden/yard-garden/soils/#composting>
5. Recycle, recycle, recycle. You can recycle more than the materials that are picked up curbside.
 - Clean empty plastic shopping bags can be recycled at Cub Foods, Kowalski's, River Market or Wal-Mart, And other local stores. Be sure to remove all receipts and packaging.
 - Bubble wrap and Styrofoam packaging peanuts can be brought to any area mailing/packing store for reuse or given away on www.twincitiesfreemarket.org or www.minneapolis.craigslist.org. They must be clean and free of debris.



MORE WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR TRASH

Sell your used clothing, sporting goods, or household items. The following locations take consignments (or have free listings):

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| Once Upon a Child | http://www.onceuponachild.com/Locations/List |
| Play it Again Sports | 1705 Weir Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125 651-730-9093 |
| Craigslist | www.minneapolis.craigslist.org |
| Facebook | Join local garage sale group |

Household Hazardous Waste—Bring your extra paint, cleaning supplies and household lawn chemicals to the Environmental Center. <http://www.co.washington.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=604>. The Reuse Room is open to all Washington County residents. It's a great place to drop off or pickup supplies for your house, automobile, or garden. All items are exchanged at no cost in the Reuse Room. This facility is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury MN 55129.

Check out these waste reduction sites on the Web for more great ideas!

- Washington County Residential Disposal Guide <http://www.co.washington.mn.us/index.aspx?nid=630> (download a copy)
- Reduce.org

➡ West Lakeland Township's Annual Clean Up Day ⬅

When: Saturday, May 9, 2015

Where: Bryan Gravel Pit at Stagecoach and 30th St.

Time: 8 a.m. - 12 Noon

Restrictions:

Identification must be provided by residents

No contractor or commercial disposal

We request that you donate any usable items to a charity, rather than bringing them to the Clean Up Day. If it is good enough to give to a friend, it will find a new life in someone else's home through your donation. Or you can give it away through a free listing on Websites, such as www.twincitiesfreemarket.org or www.craigslist.com.)

We Accept -

1. Free Disposal of Unusable Household Items; such as

Carpeting

Furniture

Lawn Mowers(**all** oils and gas removed)

Residential Demolition Materials

Mattresses

2. "For a Fee" Disposal (*please have cash or check ready at the entry gate*):

Tires (limited to small pickup size or smaller) \$5 each

Appliances (Residential only) \$5 each

We Do Not Accept—

Electronics - The Washington County Environmental Center accepts electronics free of charge.

Visit www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter or call (651)430-6655 for specific information.

Yard Waste - Several options for disposal are available

Arrange for yard waste collection through your trash hauler

Deliver your waste to a Washington County Compost Site. The closest one is:

Composting Concepts, 4600 Cottage Grove Dr., Woodbury (651)769-0531

Obtain a burning permit for burning trees and shrubs from one of the Township's Fire Wardens.

Call them directly M-F between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

• John McPherson (651)439-3754

• Dan Kylo (651)436-1134

• Steve Ebner (651)436-6482

• Dave Schultz (651)436-6816

Brush (only)Collection- Aggregate Industries Pit(16164 Hudson Blvd. North, Lakeland) - free of charge

First Saturday each month(May through October) with the exception of July 11th, due to the 4th of July Holiday from 8 a.m.—11 a.m.

Please stay in your vehicle while on-site, except for in the dump area to facilitate removal of brush from your vehicle or trailer.

No construction lumber will be accepted.

Facts:

Did you know that last year at our Clean Up Day, West Lakeland residents brought in 21.26 tons of solid waste?

Appliances collected by J.R.'s Recycling = 44(included dehumidifiers, air conditioners, dishwashers, dryers, etc.)