

CLEAN UP DAY ALMOST HERE!
Saturday , May 17th - 8 a.m. to NOON
 at Bryan Gravel Pit (Stagecoach Trail and 30th)

WEST LAKELAND TOWN BOARD....

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TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

OFFICE 436-4773 FAX 436-2693

**HOURS Monday—Friday
 8:00 a.m.—12 Noon**

Town Board Meetings are held on the
 2nd Monday of each month . Changes will
 be noted on the website.

BURNING PERMITS are free of charge by calling
 John McPherson(439-3754), Dan Kylo(436-1134)
 Dave Schultz(436-6816), Steve Ebner(436-6482).
 Permits are for burning excess brush, etc. and are
 good for 48 hours after issuance. Call M-F between
 hours of 9:00 a.m.—5 p.m.

Animal Control Issues can be addressed by calling
 Officer Kathi Pelnar at 715-386-7789. Unidentified
 dogs are taken for impound to the Hillcrest Animal
 Hospital, 1320 Co. Rd. D, Maplewood—
 651-484-7211
Please I.D. tag your pet—it will save you time

Chairman's Corner



Is Your Septic System Non-compliant?
 Washington County has financial assistance available to help residents replace non-compliant septic systems. The Washington County SSTS Low Interest Loan Program utilizes state funds from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to offer loans ranging from 1.5-3%, to replace non-compliant septic systems. The County is partnering with the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to administer the program. There is also a small pot of grant funds to assist low income households in cost sharing part of the cost of replacement, available while funds last. See <http://www.co.washington.mn.us/septic> (click on financial assistance) for more information or to obtain application and guidance materials.

Get Rid of Those Unused Drugs!
 On April 26th , a one day event is part of the National Prescription Take-Back Day by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to collect potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction at sites nationwide. This event is sponsored by the Washington County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). For additional Prescription Drug Take-Back sites in MN and the Nation, go to:http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

It's not your only chance: unused medication drop boxes open year round
 Washington County residents can also dispose of their unused and expired medications at **year-round** collection drop boxes in Forest Lake, Stillwater and Cottage Grove. Open Monday–Friday, 8:00am–4:30pm. See the following link for more information on the year round drop box: www.co.washington.mn.us/meds

Progress on the I-94 Gateway Corridor.
 In 2013, the Alternative Analysis study selected the Hudson Road route alignment alongside I-94 from The Union Depot, downtown St Paul, to Manning Ave. as the preferred route alternative. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now underway. The Draft EIS will assess effects of BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) and LRT (Light Rail Transit) on air and water quality among other potential impacts and determine mitigation measures for any impacts. Depending on federal, state and local funding, a transit service may be operational in 2021. See <http://www.thegatewaycorridor.com> for more information.

Burning Restrictions are on.
 The DNR Department of Forestry has initiated burning restrictions as of April 14th and no burning permits will be issued until further notice. Usually, burning restrictions last about 6 weeks or until the vegetation greens up significantly. You can either call one of the Township fire wardens or logon to the DNR website or the Township website for more information. Residents are still allowed a small campfire, 3'x3'x3', without a permit, but anything larger is prohibited without a permit.

The New Bayport Fire Station is Coming our Way.
 The Bayport Fire Department and the City of Bayport are putting the final touches on an agreement to procure about 4.2 acres of land on the corner of Stagecoach Ave. N. and 5th Ave N. from the Stillwater Prison. All four participating communities: Bayport, Baytown, Oak Park Heights and West Lakeland will contribute towards the construction costs of the new station. Over the years our communities have grown, so too have the responsibilities of the Department to provide quality fire and emergency services. Larger and improved facilities are desperately needed. An added benefit is that the new station will improve the Department's response time by being more centrally located among the communities and closer to West Lakeland. Hopefully, construction of the new fire station will start later this summer or fall.

Have a wonderful Spring,
 Daniel Kylo, Town Board Chairman

IT'S COMING!—ANNUAL TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAY—Saturday, May 17th
(Turn to page 3 for more details)
 This event is for West Lakeland residents and all of the materials have to be **residential**—no commercial items!



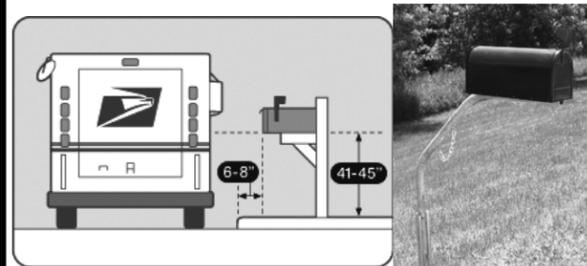
Do you live at the end of a cul-de-sac?

by Dave Schultz, Township Road Supervisor

Do you live at the end of a cul-de-sac and is your mailbox in the cul-de-sac? If you do and your mailbox is in or at the end of a cul-de-sac, then you probably experienced issues with mail delivery and/or removing snow from in front of your mailbox this past winter. Do the letter carrier, yourself and our snow plow operators a favor and consider moving your mailbox out of the cul-de-sac and on to the straight-a-way portion of the road this summer. Every cul-de-sac has a finite area for snow storage and each cul-de-sac has different issues with the number of driveways and in some cases pushing snow up hill. Adding mailboxes to this equation just compounds these problems for everyone. And if there are a number of mailboxes in the cul-de-sac, then get together with your neighbors and come up with a common solution. As long as the order of the mailboxes is not changed the post office does not care where they are located. In fact the post office no longer **allows** mailboxes to be installed in new cul-de-sacs.

The diagram below shows the post offices' recommendations for installing mailboxes. Following these guidelines will allow the snow plow wing to slide under the box thus preventing possible damage to the mailbox. Another option is to install a swing-a-way type mailbox post also pictured below. These meet county and MNDOT criteria.

If you have any questions contact your letter carrier or me at 651-436-6816.



Landscaping and Liability

This past summer numerous contractors placed landscaping materials, rock, mulch and some rather large boulders on township roads and or in the road right-of-way. This is illegal according to Minnesota state statute [Minnesota Statute 160.2715 (A) (1)] and also according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency MS4 rules regarding our storm water permit. The contractor is liable for any and all accidents caused by placing such materials in the road or in the road right-of-way. In one case the township just completed seal coating a road when a landscape contractor dumped rock, mulch and other materials on the road and used a bobcat to scoop up the materials. The landscaper was informed that he would be responsible for any damage done to the road and that he was subject to a citation. Other communities cite for such violations and we are investigating our options to prevent such damage to our roads. Please remind your landscaper of the rules. It is **your** tax dollars that maintain **your** roads.

West Lakeland Recycling Contact

West Lakeland has a contract for recycling with Waste Management. They do a good job for us, but every now and then a cart is missed which could be due to weather, a new driver, etc. The Township Clerk is the contact person with Waste Management for issues. The Clerk will troubleshoot your complaint and get back to you promptly!

West Lakeland does Single Sort recycling and all carts should be out at the end of the driveway by 7 a.m. every other Friday.

Please refer to our website for the recycling calendar and what to recycle by clicking on the recycling tab on the Home page—www.westlakeland.govoffice2.com

Please call the Township office with recycling questions — 651-436-4773 or:

townclerk@westlakeland.govoffice2.com

CLEAN UP DAY DETAILS...

Saturday, May 17, 2014

8:00 a.m.—**NOON**

Bryan Gravel Pit(Stagecoach Trail & 30th St.)



PLEASE COVER AND TIE
DOWN LOADS!

You will be required to provide I.D.

ACCEPTED: All unwanted household and yard items(i.e. carpeting, furniture, lawn mowers(gas removed) residential demolition items(no commercial or contractor, please).

NOT ACCEPTABLE: Brush*, hazardous waste(see information below), propane tanks, trailers, boats, campers, snowmobiles and truck toppers.

ELECTRONICS— The Household Hazardous Waste Facility accepts electronics free of charge.—Check it out—

www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter or 651-430-6655

APPLIANCES—\$5 per unit

TIRES—\$2.00 per tire up to small pick up size

* Burning permits to dispose of shrubs and tree limbs, etc. on your property may be obtained by calling fire wardens— John McPherson(439-3754) , Dan Kylo (436-1134), Dave Schultz(436-6816)

or Steve Ebner (436-6482) **Hours to call and obtain permits—Monday thru Friday... 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Save-the-Date: Thursday, August 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

“ An Evening in the Big Back Yard”

—the yards of the Juran’s(9784 -57th St. N.) and Grabowski’s (9652- 55th St.) in Lake Elmo —

Get ideas for how to landscape a large lot to manage runoff issues, improve habitat for birds and wildlife, and reduce the environmental impact of your lawn. Visit two beautiful yards that both feature native landscaping and raingardens but also have their own unique characters. There will be stations set up with information about trees, lawn care, watersheds, raingardens and other topics and Master Gardeners and staff from the Washington Conservation District will be on hand to answer questions and sign people up for free site visits as well.



For more information, contact Angie Hong at angie.hong@mnwcd.org or 651-275-1136 x 35.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD FRIDGE FOR SOME MONEY

LIMITED-TIME BONUS \$50 REBATE



If you have an old, second, working refrigerator or freezer chugging away in your garage , it could be costing up to \$100 in energy every year. Why not call Xcel Energy today and ask them to haul it away and recycle it? It’s a good move for the environment and it’s as simple as giving them a call. Xcel Energy will pick it up free of charge..and if you do it between April 1 and August 31, 2014, you’ll get a special \$50 bonus rebate.

Visit ResponsibleByNature.com/Fridge or call 1-800-599-5795 to learn more.