



Chairman's Corner

What is Happening with Lake Elmo Airport?

On April 4, the MAC (Metropolitan Airports Commission) Planning, Development and Environmental Committee voted in favor to forward the proposed runway expansion project to the full MAC Board for review and approval at their upcoming meeting scheduled for April 18, 2016. The revised proposal shortens the NW to SE runway by 100 feet (3600' to 3500') and reroutes 30th Street around the south end of the runway, back up to the Neal Avenue and eastbound 30th Street intersection. If the MAC Board approves the expansion, it will then be reviewed by the Met Council and eventually be presented to the FAA for final approval. The West Lakeland Township Board, along with nearby residents, remain concerned that the lengthening of the runways will have a significant negative impact on our community. Moving forward, we will continue to closely monitor the steps taken by MAC and look for future opportunities to provide comments.



Land Use Control

Washington County has approached the six townships, within the county, with a proposal to hand over land use control to each of them. The county will still retain control over mining, septic systems, shoreland management, and wetland buffers. In simple terms, this means that the township will have zoning authority to decide what "are" and "are not" allowed land uses within the township. Washington County will continue to offer future assistance concerning land use issues, if requested by the township.

The New Bayport Fire Station

In March, the Bayport Fire Department moved into the new Bayport Fire Station, located on the NE corner of Stagecoach Trail and 5th Ave N, and recently held their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 11,

2016. The Bayport Fire Station currently services approximately 13,000 people within the communities of Bayport, Baytown, Oak Park Heights, and West Lakeland. An open house for the public will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tiller Corp's Proposed Asphalt Producing Plant

On February 29, the Board invited township residents to attend an informational meeting where they were given an opportunity to listen and ask questions regarding Tiller's proposed asphalt plant. Tiller is exploring the possibility of applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate an asphalt producing plant within their sandpit at the NW corner of I94 and Stagecoach Trail. This plant would be very similar to Tower Asphalt's (Hardrives, Inc.) plant, located directly south of I94 from the proposed Tiller location. Tiller has yet to decide whether or not to move forward with this proposal. If and when Tiller decides to apply for a CUP, rezoning considerations will apply and public hearings will also be set for public involvement.

West Lakeland is Not a Dumping Ground!!

Over the past couple years, there have been more incidences of people dumping trash (e.g., couches, refrigerators, tires, microwaves, brush, etc.) into our ditches and onto vacant parcels. The most frequent areas for dumping seem to be along Quant Avenue and 30th Street, but any remote, quiet area is susceptible. Please be on the lookout for these perpetrators and call the Washington County Sheriff's Department if you notice any suspicious activity. Providing a description (or picture) of the person, their vehicle and license plate number will be very helpful to the Sheriff's department with apprehending them.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kylo, Town Board Chairman

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Spring has finally arrived and hopefully we are done with the snow. Just a reminder, 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, (see photo) 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. Thank You.



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

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WARNS RESIDENTS

The Washington County Sheriff's Office continues to receive calls for two scams:



Grandparent Scam—Victims receive a call from someone claiming to be a law enforcement officer. The caller is told that a grandchild is in jail and needs money immediately for court or bail. They direct the victim to give cash, money orders or gift cards for payment. THIS IS A SCAM. Law Enforcement will never ask for money over the phone. If you receive one of these calls, hang up and block the number if you are able.

IRS Scam—Victims receive a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS. The victim will be told that there is a warrant for their arrest and to give cash, money orders, or gift cards for payment to prevent their arrest. THIS IS A SCAM. The IRS will never call you in this manner or demand cash to prevent your arrest. If you receive one of these calls, again hang up and block the number if you are able. Please spread the word to friends, relatives and the elderly.

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. This service is provided to us at no cost. Over the past several years, the board and participating property owners have been pleased with this partnership and the results.

UDM follows the Department of Natural Resource's hunting regulations, including bow hunting in deer stands and carrying identification. There have been no concerns or issues raised among the several residents that allow UDM to hunt annually on their property. 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.

Urban Deer Management donates to the following organizations/individuals:

- * Charitable organizations (e.g., local churches, veterans, MN Deer Hunter Association, and other nonprofit organizations)
- * Needy Individuals
- * Food Shelves
- * Township Residents

West Lakeland Township's Annual Clean-Up Day

WHEN: Saturday, May 14, 2016

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

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

IMPORTANT: Identification is required at the entry gate

RESTRICTIONS: No contractor or commercial disposal

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

"Free Disposal" of Unusable Household Items such as:

- ◆ Carpeting
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Lawn Mowers—**all** oils and gas removed
- ◆ Residential Demolition Materials
- ◆ Mattresses

"For a Fee Disposal"—please have cash or check ready at the entry gate

- ◆ Tires—**strictly** limited to small pick-up size or smaller.....\$5/each
- ◆ Appliances (Residential only) \$10/each

ITEMS **NOT** ACCEPTED:

- ◆ **Electronics** - The Washington County Environmental Center accepts electronics *free of charge*. Visit <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter> or call 651-275-7475.
- ◆ **Hazardous Materials**—Common Household Hazardous Materials: All Batteries, Aerosols, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Automotive Fluids, Paint, Paint Thinners, Solvents, Household Cleaners, Lawn and Garden Chemicals.
- ◆ **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—*Nearest site: Composting Concepts, 4600 Cottage Grove Dr., Woodbury 651/769-0531*
 - Obtain a burning permit for burning trees /shrubs from one of the Township's Fire Wardens:

1. John McPherson 651.439.3754	3. Dan Kylo 651.436.1134
2. Steve Ebner 651.436.6482	4. Dave Schultz 651.436.6816

- ◆ **Brush** - Aggregate Industries (16164 Hudson Blvd. N, Lakeland) is a drop-off site for Brush ONLY. Aggregate Industries offers this as a service to our township on the first Saturday of each month (May through October) with the **exception** of July 9th, due to the 4th of July Holiday. Drop-off hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. CONSTRUCTION LUMBER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please donate reusable items to a charity rather than bringing them to the Clean Up Day Event. Many items will find a new life in someone else's home through your donation.



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Interested in becoming an Election Judge for the 2016 General Election?

Contact our office at 651-436-4773. Election Judge training will be offered in July.



TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Office Hours — 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Phone — 651-436-4773

NEW

Mailing Address—

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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
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Building Official (building permits & inspections)

Duane Stensland— 651-436-7669

Animal Control

Kathi Pelnar— 715-386-7789