

Linwood Township
22817 Typo Creek Drive
Stacy, MN 55079

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 14TH, 2017 7:00 P.M.

WHAT MAKES LINWOOD GREAT? INVOLVED RESIDENTS DO!

All across the state of Minnesota, the second Tuesday in March is Township Day.

**Attend Linwood's Annual Town Meeting
at the new Town Hall on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

This is the day that every MN township meets to conduct the business of the people.

The Annual Meeting is what really sets townships apart from other forms of local government. If you are an eligible Linwood voter, you will have the opportunity to select someone to run the meeting. Maybe you will be this year's moderator!

At the Annual Meeting, eligible residents have the opportunity to vote on a variety of matters on which the town board must receive elector approval. But, most importantly, you will vote on and approve your township property tax levy for next year.

Local property taxes are the largest source of township revenues, followed in order by state, county and local grants, charges for services, license and permit fees.

In Linwood, this revenue covers the cost of maintaining and improving 65 miles of roads; protecting the public's health, safety and welfare by providing fire and medical response, in addition to police protection, building inspections, zoning enforcement and planning for future development; park services and recreational activities; and maintaining the community cemetery.

Linwood is an active, caring community because you, the residents, get involved in Grassroots Government.

Save the date (March 14th) and we'll see you at the Annual Town Meeting!

LINWOOD FAMILY FUN DAY BACK AT IT AGAIN

It is that time of year, Linwood Family Fun Day begins planning for that fun filled day in September. We will start meeting on Monday, February 6th, 2017 at 6 pm. Our meetings are on the first Mondays of the month through May. Starting in June we will meet at 5 pm, and in August we will meet more frequently to finalize plans.

We are always looking for volunteers, volunteers, volunteers the more, the merrier. We rely on volunteers for new fun, exciting ideas, planning events for the day, assisting on the day of the event and possibly the night before. Our goal is to make Family Fun Day a success for our community, but also for our volunteers. We usually have shifts for our volunteers so everyone can enjoy the daily festivities. Please email Bob Millerbernd at bkmillerbernd@frontier.com if you are interested in volunteering.

SEPTIC SYSTEM UPDATE

As most of you are aware, the state of Minnesota requires that all septic system owners have their systems pumped or inspected every three years.

The state also sets times for updating non-compliant systems. If an inspection shows a system to be an “imminent health threat,” it must be upgraded within 10 months of receipt of the inspection. An imminent health threat is typically a system backing up into the building, or surface discharging, or an open bottom tank with a bottom at or near the water table.

A system found non-compliant based on the separation from the water table, or the seasonally saturated zone, (this refers to the bottom of your rock bed in your septic having a 3’ separation for systems 1996 or newer or 2’ vertical separation from this zone). This separation is described in soil borings as “Redoximorphic Features “or mottled soil. These systems must be updated within 2 years from the inspection notice.

In the past, we received grant monies to get software to keep track of these things about septic systems. This year we are applying for a grant to start an inventory of septic systems around the Linwood Township lakes. We will start on Linwood Lake and we will map any system that we do not have paperwork on. We need all property owners’ permission to do this. The advantage for all owners is the better water quality control we will have by understanding if any systems are polluting. We will not be giving people notices to replace non-compliant systems as we just want to locate them. Anoka Soil and Water Conservation District will help us with this project, and they will fill out grant applications for owners that want to upgrade their non-compliant systems. We will try for grant monies to do this inventory on all our lakeshore properties in the future. This will help us solve water quality issues that affect our lakes.

LINWOOD ORGANIC DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Linwood Recycling Center is now accepting Organic materials, food scraps, coffee grounds, paper products and more. This program is free for ALL Anoka County residents. Your food scraps and non-recyclable paper products will be recycled into compost at a commercial compost facility. Many people do not realize that compost is a valuable resource. Compost improves soil, decreases the need for fertilizers, and reduces erosion.

Please come into the town hall or our senior center to pick up your free organic bucket with plastic liners. Our drop-off containers are located on the **north side of the Senior Center**. Linwood Recycling Center will be sending out our yearly flyer soon with more information on this exciting new program. For more information please visit <https://www.anokacounty.us/360/Organics-Recycling-Drop-off-Program>.



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Aging Mastery Program®

National Council on Aging

The Linwood Senior Center is pleased to announce that we will be offering a **five-week** health and well-being package to residents 55 and over. The program is called **Aging Mastery Program**. It was developed by the National Council on Aging (NCOA). The NCOA awarded 13 grants in Minnesota to pilot this project, and Linwood Senior Center is one of them.

This is a fantastic opportunity for older adults to participate in, and reap the benefits of, this cutting edge wellness program. We are currently recruiting adults (age 55+) to take part in the educational program. The goal of this program is to empower older adults to make and maintain small but impactful changes. The classes will explore navigating longer lives, physical activity, sleep, healthy eating and hydration, financial fitness, medication management, advanced planning, healthy relationships, falls prevention, and community engagement. For each of these classes, we will provide basic educational materials developed from highly trusted sources, a checklist of action steps, and a system for tracking behaviors. **This five-week course will be Mondays and Wednesdays, March 1st – April 3, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. MUST register, limited to 30 participants.**

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please call the senior center at (651) 462-5565. We hope to recruit a wide range of participants. If this program piques your interest, stop by or call to learn more!

FREE SMOKE ALARM INSTALL

Our Linwood Fire Department is participating in the American Red Cross program to install free smoke alarms and share home fire safety information with our residents.

“Home fires claim more lives in an average year in the United States than all major natural disasters combined,” says Phil Hansen, CEO for the American Red Cross Minnesota Region. “Smoke alarms can save lives and make our communities safer.”

The fire department is preparing and will have this program up and running in the next month or two. Our local contact person is Fire Marshal Scott Smith. Please feel free to communicate with him in the evenings by phone at (612)669-5455 or by email scott.smith@linwoodtownship.org. For more information by the American Red Cross, please visit <http://www.redcross.org/news/article/local/minnesota/Red-Cross-Minneapolis-Fire-to-Install-Free-Smoke-Alarms>.



