



LINWOOD TOWNSHIP
22817 Typo Creek Drive N.E. Stacy, Minnesota 55079 *Minnesota*

LINWOOD FAMILY DAY

September 9, 2017

Linwood Family Fun Day is back this year with all your old favorites, plus some exciting new additions. The **5k Run/Walk** starts off the day followed by the Cub Scouts serving up an early morning **Pancake Breakfast**. The **Bake Sale** has a wide array of homemade delicious treats, with proceeds going to the Linwood Helping Hands.

Across the street in Broadbent Park you will again find the **Car Show**, this year with a new twist as you can dance to the music of a rock and roll band while you're wondering through the maze of classic cars. Then keep your eyes open for the **Tractor Parade**. Also in Broadbent Park, you will find the **Farmers Market**, they have something home grown for everyone.

Business Expo/Craft Fair has a wide and interesting variety of vendors to appeal to all. The **Public Safety Displays** are back and will be giving demonstrations throughout the day. This year for your comfort the **Kiddy Games** have been moved indoors to the Senior Center, where you will also be able to sample and vote on your favorite chili in the **2nd Annual Chili Contest**.

Back outside for the kiddos are front runners, **Tommy Petting Zoo**, **Pony Rides**, and **Bouncy Houses**. New this year is a **Rock Wall** along with **Log Rolling** demonstrations by Northwoods Log Rolling, which you can also try your luck at.

The Fire Department is having a **Coloring Contest**, perhaps you would enjoy sitting down with your favorite food or drink while putting the crayons to the paper. If coloring is not your forte you may want to take in some of our local talent on the outdoor main stage. **Mary Hall**, the **North Star Theater Company** and back by popular demand **Magician, Karl Achilles**.

There's an added reason to participate in or watch the **Cow Chip Throw**, which has a category for everyone, with outgoing Linwood Elementary Principal Jim Caldwell as the MC. You will want to stop by to say "Hi" while congratulating him in his new position of Forest Lake Area High School Principal.

Meander back across the street for the fun to watch, yummy to compete in **Pie Eating Contests**, once again sponsored by the Village Inn.

Just when you think things may be done it's all just begun. The **2nd Annual Night Time Edition** will be starting off with the **Annual Bean Bag Contest**, **Hula Hoops**, and **dancing** to the music of the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's band the **WAYBACK WHENS**. All good things must come to an end but not without a big bang which is just what you will get along with oohhhh's and ahhhh's of the **Fireworks**, by Northern Lights Pyrotechnics.



**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT
OUR ANNUAL LINWOOD FAMILY FUN DAY CELEBRATION!**

Let's Try for Zero Waste this Year!

Let's aim for zero waste this year at Family Fun Day. WE CAN DO THIS LINWOOD!!

This year at Family Fun Day we will be recycling again! There will be recycling, waste and garbage collection points throughout the grounds at the Town Hall. **Please ask if you are unsure where to place any of your "trash".**

We are looking for volunteers to help at all the waste collection points during Linwood Family Fun Day and the Fireman's Dance. Please call Ed Kramer at 651-462-4979 if you would like to help out. Ed will be having a training class on what should and should not be placed in these waste collection points.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Linwood would like to thank our volunteers Karen Kramer, Tom Sausen, Hank Singer and Ron Usher for your volunteer work at the recycling center. For the last 4 years these four people have shown up each month to help Ed Kramer at the recycling center. Thank you for your time and dedication we don't know what we would do without you.

Our Recycling Center is open the 4th Saturday of every month from 8am-12pm (Noon).

We accept many materials, compost materials and we have also teamed up with Bridging. Bridging takes slightly used household items and recycles them to families. Please visit linwoodtownship.org under Recycling for more information.



HELP WANTED

Linwood Family Fun Day is just around the corner and we could use your help.

Organizational meetings will be held at 5:00 pm every Monday in August at the town hall.

Please come and be part of the planning.

Volunteers are also needed on Linwood Family Fun Day, September 12th,

to assist with games and activities, set-up and clean-up.

Join in the fun and help make this community celebration the best day ever!

Collecting Organics at Linwood Family Fun Days!

What is organics for composting?

Collecting organics for composting is a natural process that recycles organic materials, such as food waste, yard trimmings, and non-recyclable papers. Over time, tiny micro-organisms break down these organic materials into a dark brown, organic soil amendment or mulch that is rich in nutrients.

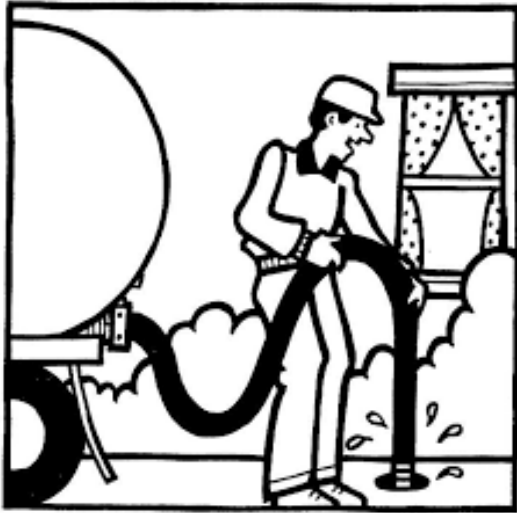


Why collect organics for composting at events?

- Reduce food waste from going to a landfill or incinerator. Each year in the U.S., approximately 40% of household trash is food waste, yard waste, and non-recyclable paper waste, all of which can be composted.
- In a landfill, there is very little oxygen exposure and the breakdown process is inefficient, generating emissions of methane gas that are harmful to the atmosphere and people. Composted food and paper waste does not produce methane gas and creates a valuable soil amendment to use on farms, lawns, gardens, and potted plants that increases the nutrient content in existing soil and reduces the need for fertilizers, pesticides, and water.
- Organics do not burn well to make a good fuel source for incineration at resource recovery plants, and more land space is required for landfilling organic materials that could be composted.

For more information, please contact Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-323-5730.

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PUMP YOUR SEPTIC TANK

It is a Minnesota State Law that septic systems are pumped every 3 years. It is the longest anyone should go between septic system pumping's. It helps to avoid costly repairs and keeps our groundwater, lakes and rivers clean.

In September of 2014 we have been tracking residents who have had their system pumped. Since September of this year we will be sending out post cards to notify the residents who have not had their septic systems pumped.

It is not recommended to have systems pumped in the winter. On our website, linwoodtownship.org, you will find a list of reputable licensed septic pumper contractors that other residents have used under septic information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Linwood Township is looking for a few volunteers for our Road and Bridge Committee. Linwood Road and Bridge Committee is comprised of 6 volunteer members. The primary function is to advise the Town Board on Township roads and bridges, recommend road projects, review bids and specifications, recommend a long term plan for sealing coat, overlays and road construction, sweeping and blading, tree trimming, plowing, and a yearly budget for roads and bridges in our Township. This committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm. If you are interested please submit a letter of interest to Linwood Townhall at 22817 Typo Creek Dr NE, Stacy, MN 55079.



New Ordinances

The Town Board recently passed two new ordinances: a housing ordinance for rental properties and a firearms ordinance. The complete ordinances are available at the town office and on the township website.

The Firearms Ordinance is meant to protect the safety and welfare of persons within the Township by regulating the discharge of firearms within the Township.

The purpose of the Housing Ordinance for Rental Property is to provide minimum standards to safeguard public health and welfare by regulating the use and occupancy, maintenance and repair of all buildings and structures within the Township used as rental housing. The scope of the new ordinance applies to all buildings or portions leased for human living and sleeping purposes, for one to four individually rented units or bedrooms that are non-owner occupied and five to nine individually rented units or bedrooms even if owner occupied. If you think this may apply to you, please contact the Zoning Office for more information.

Quick Note—Snow Policy

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

WITH THE ADVENT OF ANOTHER SNOW SEASON COMES THE CONCERN ABOUT ACCESS TO WORK, SCHOOL, AND BUSINESS. THE SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC IS A PRIMARY CONCERN OF LINWOOD TOWNSHIP. THE TOWNSHIP'S GOAL IS TO HAVE ALL ROADS PASSABLE WITHIN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AFTER A SNOWFALL HAS STOPPED. THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ASSURE COMPLETELY BARE ROADS, AND NOT ALL SECTIONS OF THE ROADWAY WILL BE SANDED. USERS OF THE ROAD SYSTEM ARE REMINDED TO EXERCISE CAUTION AND DRIVE WITH CARE. DRIVING AT THE LEGAL SPEED LIMIT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE AT ALL TIMES.

Snow Removal Procedures

1. Dispatching of Snowplows

The Township will usually not dispatch the snowplows until snow accumulates to 4" or more and the snow has stopped, with the exception of extended periods of snowfall. The snowplows will not be sent out in situations where limited visibility poses a hazard.

2. Operations

Generally, the clearing of roads will consist of three phases: making the road passable, widening and sanding, and clean up. Conditions may allow more than one phase to be accomplished at one time.

3. Personal Properties

- a. Mailboxes and fences damaged during snow removal will be evaluated case by case. Only metal mailboxes, properly located and installed on approved supports, which were damaged by actual contact with township equipment will be repaired at township expense. The township is not responsible for garbage cans that are knocked over/damaged either by direct contact with township equipment, or pushed by the snow plowed from the road.
- b. Township residents are reminded that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways onto or across public roads. Minnesota Statute 160.2715, subdivision 1, advised that pushing snow from driveways and sidewalks onto public roads may be punishable as a misdemeanor. Snow dumped on roadways creates a real hazard to passing motorists, which can cause serious accidents. Even heavy snowplows have been damaged when hitting compacted and frozen snow deposited on the roadways. Because the practice is illegal to begin with, the person depositing the snow, as the prime cause of any accident, may also find him/herself faced with civil liability lawsuits.
- c. Residents are further reminded of Linwood's parking ordinances. No vehicle, or any portion of a vehicle, shall be allowed to remain parked upon the roadway in such a manner or place that obstructs or impedes emergency vehicles or general traffic. No vehicle, or any portion of a vehicle, shall be allowed to remain parked upon the shoulder or non-driving portion of right-of-way continuously, without being moved, for more than 72 hours. These provisions include those vehicles believed to constitute a potential traffic hazard, as determined by the local authority. Additionally, during the period of November 1 through May 1 of any calendar year, no vehicle, or any portion of a vehicle, shall be allowed to remain parked within the road right-of-way of any town road or street in such a manner or place that obstructs or impedes township snow removal vehicles during snow removal conditions. Vehicles may be towed.
- d. The Maintenance Department will not attempt to remove stuck vehicles from ditches, snow banks or any other impediment.

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Communications Information

We are able to email the newsletter and any other mailing to you. If you wish to be added to this list, please email **linwoodnewsletter@gmail.com**. In the subject put "Newsletter". In the body of your message please give your Name, Address and Email address. The reason for the name and address is so we can take you off the paper mailing. Your information will not be shared.

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linwoodnewsletter@gmail.com

Please remember to visit our website for up-to-date information of events, happenings and Township information at www.linwoodtownship.org.

