



LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

22817 Typo Creek Drive N.E. Stacy, Minnesota 55079

Minnesota

Spring 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

No local government is as close to the people as rural townships. Township governments give their residents the ability to guide decisions that impact their neighborhoods and the roads they drive on every day. Residents of the township will meet to voice their opinions about local issues with other township residents and also vote directly on their annual tax levy - direct democracy in action. Our township carries on the tradition of grassroots government and our community is able to make decisions at our Township Annual Meeting.

The time for Linwood residents to be heard is at the Township's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. and will be held in the Town Hall at 22817 Typo Creek Drive NE, Stacy, MN.

With the uncertain times we are living in, it has been a challenge to plan for Linwood's Annual Meeting. We are trying to provide a safe meeting place, abide by mandated guidelines, and still allow residents the freedom to conduct their Annual Meeting. Fortunately, with advanced technology, we are able to offer you some options for viewing or attending your meeting.

If you would like to participate in the meeting, you may attend in person at the Town Hall located at 22817 Typo Creek Drive NE, Stacy, MN. The township will abide with whatever restrictions are in place on the date of the Annual Meeting.

For those that choose to just view the Annual Meeting, the meeting will be available via live-stream through YouTube. The link for viewing the meeting will be available at www.linwoodtownship.org website. Select the YouTube Video Stream button on the left side of the home page and you will be directed to the video.

If you are unable to attend, but would like an issue to be discussed at the Annual Meeting, please contact the clerk at info@linwoodtownship.org prior to 10:00 am. on the day of the meeting or you may call into the Township phone lines during the meeting (651)462-2812 & (651)462-0501. Please note that there are only two phone lines available, so it may be difficult to get through during the meeting. We will make every effort to have your voice heard, but this is being offered as a courtesy and may not be the most effective way to participate in the Annual Meeting.

NOTE: Only persons attending in person will have the opportunity to vote on the issues. In order to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, you must be a Linwood resident who was eligible to vote in the most recent election.

One option that may be utilized by eligible resident voters who attend the Annual Meeting in person is to reconvene the Annual Meeting at a later date so that more residents may be able to attend and participate.

Please contact the town clerk with any questions you may have regarding the Annual Meeting. Watch the Township website for more information.



Linwood 150th Celebration

Linwood Township is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. The Linwood Family Fun Day committee has been working hard on making this a bigger celebration with new and exciting events. The committee is in the process of planning activities during the week leading up to the main event on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

This is a challenging year to be planning a large-scale event like this, but we will continue to plan to make this a great event for our township. We are currently looking for people to help with the planning as we are getting overwhelmed with what needs to be done and the lack of volunteers to help. We need assistance with planning, getting vendors and stage performers, Grange Hall needs a lot of attention to get it ready for the event, and many other things.

Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall and can add a zoom meeting to this as well. Please consider giving some of your time and talent to our great community and help us celebrate!

We will be celebrating the history of our local families. If you have lived here for your entire life or just a few months we want to hear from you. The Grange Hall will be set up for the township history and your stories and comments will be shared here. Pictures, old maps and other memorabilia are needed as well for the display.

You can contact us by email at
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Town Board
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6pm

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YouTube Live Stream

Town Board meetings are being streamed live via YouTube. Subscribe to the Linwood Township Channel. A direct link is available at Linwoodtownship.org





Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization

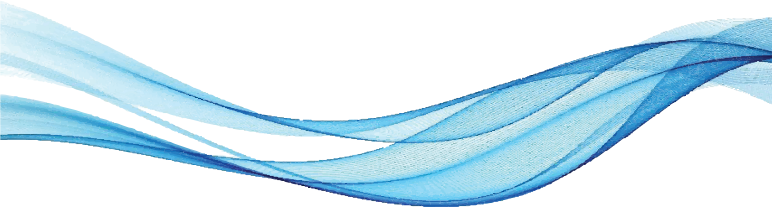
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SPRING WATER QUALITY PROTECTION



Home landscape management activities have impacts far beyond the individual property lines, neighborhoods, and town boundaries because of the way landscapes are linked together by water moving through the environment. By recognizing how your home landscape is connected to the environment, everyone can make a contribution to protecting and restoring all natural resources, especially local water quality.

Where does one start in creating an environmentally friendly home landscape? Very small changes can add up to very big changes in water quality protection.

- Recycle winter debris. Don't dump brush and leaves into streams or wetland areas. They add excess nutrients to the system and may cause flooding by blocking water flow.
- Rethink the early dose of lawn fertilizer. Avoid "weed and feed" type products that mix pesticides and fertilizers. Apply a thin layer of compost to provide a more balanced dose of nutrients for healthy lawn growth.
- Cover bare soil, don't leave it exposed. Re-seed or mulch to prevent soil erosion.
- Start a landscaping log. Spending a few minutes a week writing down what plants are growing well or having problems, what was eaten, and what yard chores take too much time will help when you are making plans for next year.



Linwood Township Recycling Center

2021 RECYCLING GUIDE

22817 Typo Creek Dr Stacy, MN 55079
Telephone: 651.272.5102
recycling@linwoodtownship.org

Paul Deuth

Recycling Coordinator

Open: Tuesday 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Thursday & Saturday 8:00 am - 12 noon **Closed Holidays**



Accepted for no charge at the recycling center:

- American flags
- Antifreeze
- Batteries (household, auto & power tools)
- Bikes (any condition)
- Boat wrap*
- Bottles & cans*
- Tires (Car & light truck, ATV, lawn equipment)
- Cardboard (corrugated)*
- Cell phones
- Clothing, sheets, blankets & towels*
- Small electronics
- Eyeglasses
- Fluorescent bulbs/ballasts
- Glass jars (clear, brown, green)*
- Housewares for Re-use/Donation Centers
- Oil & filters (auto)
- Magazines/catalogs
- Newspapers/shredded paper*
- Paper & phone books*
- Plastic bags and film (clean and dry only)
- Plastic containers (**only** #1, #2 & #5)*
- Printer toner & cartridges
- Scrap metal - ALL steel, aluminum, copper, etc.
- Small gas engines - lawnmowers, snowblowers, yard equipment, etc.
- Styrofoam® (open cell) & packing peanuts*
- Yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, small branches)
(see article on page 13)

* 24/7 drop-off available

**LINWOOD
RECYCLING CENTER**
Recycle Quick . . . Recycle Safe!
*Please follow our new **SAFE** procedures:*

SPACE
keep 6 feet of space from others

ALWAYS
handle & unload **YOUR OWN** materials

FACE MASK
wear a face mask if possible

EXIT
drop items & exit quickly

THANK YOU for following our new safety precautions due to COVID-19



Accepted at the Recycling Center for a fee *

Appliances: Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers/Dryers, AC, Water Softeners/Heaters, Gas grills, Vacuums, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, etc.	\$5/ea
Carpet (per room)	\$25/ea
Carpet padding (per room)	\$15/ea
Chairs (upholstered)	\$15/ea
Couches (upholstered) (ie. 2 seats = loveseat, 3 seats = couch)	\$15 per seating area
Mattresses (any size)	\$20/ea
Box springs (any size)	\$20/ea
Printers/copiers/computer towers VCR/DVD/DVR/Stereos/etc	\$5/ea
Televisions, Computer monitors (up to 20")	\$10/ea
Televisions, Computer monitors (21" to 30")	\$20/ea
Televisions, Computer monitors (over 30")	\$30/ea
Truck tires (large)	\$15/ea
Tractor/farm equipment tires	\$50/ea
Trash (Landfill)	\$10 per 100 lbs or \$30 per yard (whichever is greater)
* ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NEEDED	



Do **not** place batteries or electronics **in your recycling cart**; bring them in a separate container to the Linwood Township Recycling Center.

Why: Batteries and electronics can damage equipment and harm workers sorting the recycling. Batteries are particularly dangerous, especially lithium-ion batteries found in cell phones, since they can start fires when punctured.



Freezing Problems with Septic Systems

According to many septic system professionals, a winter of cold temperatures and little snow can cause freezing of onsite systems.

Even in a normal Minnesota winter, freezing can occasionally be a problem. Identifying and correcting a potential freezing problem is far easier than dealing with a frozen system. Here are a few common causes of onsite system freeze-ups.

- **Lack of snow cover** – snow acts as a insulating blanket over the septic system.
- **Compacted snow** – will not insulate as well as uncompacted snow.
- **Lack of plant cover** – this often occurs with the instillation of a new septic in fall. A vegetative cover (grass) insulates the system and hold snow.
- **Irregular use of the system** – When homes or cabins are unoccupied for long weekends no warm sewage is entering the system to help maintain temperatures above freezing.
- **Leaking plumbing fixtures and furnace drips** – the slow moving water can freeze in sewer empty pipes that freeze over time.
- **Cold air entering the system** – broken and uncapped riser pipes and manhole covers and allow cold air to enter the system.



If Your System Freezes

Contact a septic system professional. This will likely be a pumper or an installer who can help determine the cause of the problem and offer solutions. Unless the cause of the freezing is corrected, the system will refreeze next cold winter day. There are many wrong ideas about how to address a frozen septic system:

- **Do NOT** add antifreeze, salt or septic additives.
- **Do NOT** pump sewage onto the ground surface.
- **Do NOT** start a fire over the system
- **Do NOT** run water continually to try to unfreeze the system.

What to Know About Septic Compliance Inspections

It’s always a good idea to make sure your septic system is functioning properly. It’s important to the health of you, your family and the environment while you’re living in your home, and to help the process go more smoothly when it’s time to sell. A compliant septic system is a healthy system, and that’s in the best interest of everyone.

Inspections are done by a Licensed Inspector

- Determines vertical separation of system bottom to saturated soil or bedrock.
- Evaluates absorption area for signs of surface seepage or surface discharge.
- Inspects all tanks for signs of cracks, leaks, degradation
- Inspects filters, baffles, and risers of tanks
- Measures required setbacks
- If the inspection passes, a certificate of compliance is issued.

When a Compliance Inspection is Required

- For a new or replacement SSTS.
- When altering a structure to add a bedroom.
- When a parcel having an existing system undergoes development, subdivision, or split.
- Whenever a permit or variance of any type is required for any improvement on, or use of, shoreland property.
- Upon construction of a public, church accessory building, commercial building additions over 240 square feet.
- Prior to the sale or transfer of ownership of any property that contains a septic system.

Firearms Discharges

There have been several recent complaints about the misuse of firearms in our Township. As a reminder, the applicable sections of our Township Firearms Ordinance are included for your reference.

Subd. 6. Discharge of Firearm. No person shall discharge a firearm within the Township as follows: a) Near buildings.

No person shall use, fire or discharge a firearm in the township within 300 feet of any dwelling, house, or commercial or industrial building. A person, however, may use, fire or discharge a firearm within such distance of a dwelling, house, or commercial or industrial building which is owned by that person or if the person has the written consent of the owner of the property to so use, fire, or discharge a firearm.

c) Time Restriction on Discharges. Firearm discharges which are not prohibited herein and are not associated with legal hunting activities are only permitted from one hour after sunrise to one hour prior to sunset. Further, firearms CHAPTER 7 Linwood Town Code PAGE 9 discharges which are not prohibited herein and are not associated with legal hunting activities, are only permitted on any given property for a maximum of four hours in any given 24 hour period and a maximum of 12 hours in any seven day period.

You can view the full Ordinance on www.Linwoodtownship.org



Snow Removal Policy

It is unlawful to plow snow from driveways onto or across City, County, or State roads under Minnesota Statue 160.2715(a) (1).

With the advent of Minnesota snow season comes the concern about access to work, school and business. The safety and convenience of the traveling public is a main concern of Linwood Townships Public Works Department. The goal of the Public Works Department is to have all Township streets passable within a reasonable amount of time after a snowfall has stopped.

Linwood Township does not assure a completely bare road and will not salt/sand entire sections of roadway. Users of the roadway system are reminded to exercise caution and drive with care.

Dispatching Snowplows

Linwood Township will usually not dispatch snowplows until after a snowfall has stopped. During extended periods of snowfall, exceptions may be made. Snowplows will not be sent out in situations that may be hazardous due to restricted visibility or other hazard conditions.

Information- Questions or concerns regarding snow removal and/or road conditions should be directed to Linwood Townships Public Works Departments email at maintenance@linwoodtownship.org or reach the office at 651-462-2812. Emergencies may be reported to the Anoka County Sheriffs by dialing 911.

*full policy can be found on Linwoodtownship.org





School Forest Committee Update

The Linwood School Forest is a unique asset to our community. It is a partnership between Linwood Township and Linwood Elementary School. The committee is made up of representatives from both. Every project and event that we plan is completely funded by fundraising and private donations. We generally hold a fall and a winter community event. We are planning to host a winter medallion hunt event in the forest on February 20th. More information will be sent home in Linwood student’s Friday folders and posted on our Facebook page as the details are finalized. Follow Linwood School Forest on Facebook for the most up to date information. We also have an email address and can be reached at

linwoodschoolforest831@gmail.com.

Our committee meets the first Monday of each month at 5pm. Normally, these meetings happen at the Town Hall. Recently, we have been holding them through zoom. Contact us through Facebook or email to get the details and link if you are interested in attending a meeting.

Linwood students have the opportunity to go to the forest frequently during the school year. In addition to their classroom visits, the committee sponsors a naturalist from Wargo Nature Center who teaches 3 lessons per year with each classroom. This generally happens once in the fall, winter, and spring. You will also find 2 outdoor classrooms in the forest that our school uses for lessons. The School Forest is open to the public to enjoy, so please check it out!

Invite a Linwood student to join you, they can be your guide. There are laminated maps at each entrance, and maps along the trails. You can also find printable maps on the township website.

There are many exciting things on the horizon for the school forest. We hope to have an event to celebrate Linwood’s 150th anniversary this fall that coincides with Linwood Family Fun Day. We are also looking into the possibility of installing a Little Free Library and hoping to host a wood fundraiser sometime in the future.

School Forest Committee

1st Monday @ 5PM

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Happy winter from everyone at the Parks and Recreation department! We all know that these have been challenging times, so I encourage you to head outside and explore some of our many wonderful parks in Linwood township! Even though it’s winter, we still have a lot to offer. You can take a walk or slip into some snowshoes or cross-country skis and visit a nearby park or ski some groomed trails. If skating or hockey is your thing, the hockey rink and pleasure rink at Four Seasons Park are both in great condition this year. The lights are on until 9pm every night. A big thanks to all of the staff and volunteers that help keep the ice in great condition. If you would rather think warm thoughts, spring isn't too far away! We have pickleball and tennis available in Broadbent park or maybe frisbee golf is your thing and a stop by Fairway Flyerz is in your future plans. You can find a map with all of the available parks and locations on our township website. Also, if you have a passion for the parks in our community, consider joining the PARC board this year.

David Johnson
Chairman Park & Recreation Committee



KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE FROM FIRE

To use a fire extinguisher, remember the acronym PASS:

-  **P**ull the pin.
-  **A**im low at the base of the fire.
-  **S**queeze the handle slowly.
-  **S**weep the nozzle side to side.



When using space heaters :

- Never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended; Turn off heaters and make sure fireplace embers are extinguished before leaving the room
- If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, nonflammable surface, like ceramic tile; not on a rug or carpet, or wood
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters
- When buying a space heater, look for models that shut off automatically if the heater falls over
- Keep all flammables like paper, clothing, bedding, drapes or rugs, at least 3 feet from a space heater, stove, or fireplace



When cooking, make fire safety a priority by keeping these tips in mind:

- Be alert; if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the oven or stovetop
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling or broiling food
- When simmering, baking or roasting, check the food regularly, remain in the kitchen while cooking and use a timer
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stove top



Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan providing early warning reducing your risk of dying in a fire. The National Fire Protection Association recommends you:

- Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen, at least 10 feet from the stove, to reduce false alarms
- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 or more years old
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas on the ceiling or high on the wall
- Use special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers for people who are hard of hearing or deaf
- Replace batteries annually, and change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector at the same time



Bring Your Brush, Tree, and Yard Waste to the
Linwood Township Recycling Center (no charge)












State law prohibits putting brush, tree and yard waste in your garbage, (Minnesota Statutes 115A.931). Mulching naturally fertilizes and strengthens the lawn to make it more resistant to disease. Simply mow and leave the clippings where they lay.

You are required to:

- Unload your own yard waste
- Take empty bags/containers with you
- Ensure any yard waste you bring to the site is free of garbage, recyclables, or plastic.

Leaves, Grass, Tree, and Yard Waste



The following materials are accepted:

-  acorns
-  garden waste
-  grass clippings (must be debagged on site)
-  leaves (must be debagged on site)
-  pinecones and needles
-  soft-bodied green plants and weeds
-  branches up to 2” in diameter
-  brush & shrub trimmings
-  lily pads and lake weeds
-  pumpkins
-  christmas trees (undecorated)



*** Please unload and debag all yard/tree waste and bring all bags/containers home. Even paper or other compostable bags need to be debagged and brought home. Reusable alternatives to bags that work well are plastic garbage cans or tarps.**

Take Home from the
Linwood Township Recycling Center
(no charge)

-  woodchips from recycled brush and branches
-  compost from recycled yard waste



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