



**LINWOOD
TOWNSHIP**

Minnesota



Spring 2022

LINWOOD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022



Minnesota's 1,781 townships will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 8. Known as Township Day, these annual meetings are held every year on the second Tuesday in March. 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.

The proposed levy was not available at the time of this publication, but will be available on the township website, along with the agenda and last year's minutes.

**Mark your calendar to attend at
7:00 p.m. at the Linwood Town Hall,
Tuesday, March 8th.**

Only those in attendance may vote. The meeting stream will be available to view from home or your mobile device. Check our website prior to the meeting for updates, levy amount, and live stream video.



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Septic System Fix Up Grants Available

Septic system fix up grants are available that can pay for 80-90% of the cost of fixing or replacing a septic system. Applicants must meet low income criteria. The septic system to be repaired/replaced must have been inspected and received a certificate of non-compliance. Program details are at www.AnokaSWCD.org under the Financial Assistance tab. Questions can be directed to Kris Larson at the Anoka Conservation District (763-434-2030 ext. 110 or kris.larson@anokaswcd.org).



Town Board Meetings
are live streamed 6pm



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Upcoming Public Meetings

Town Board 6pm

March 8th
March 22nd
April 12
April 26

Road & Bridge 7pm

April 5th
May 3rd

Planning & Zoning 7pm

March 21st
April 18th

Parks & Rec 6pm

March 28th
April 25th

Family Fun Day 7pm

March 7th
April 4th



The 150th Memorial Quilt is done!

A dedication ceremony was held on Sunday January 16th at the Senior and Community Center. We were thrilled with the attendance.

The Quilt was dedicated to all of Linwood Township's Founders; to past and current residents; our students; and to the memories of Ronald Ridge and Stasia Weinke, whose families donated money to the Senior Center as a remembrance.

The quilt is displayed in the Senior & Community Center for everyone to enjoy.

Come walk the land where our American dream was fulfilled... and remember our blessings.



There's a New Organization in Town!

The History Committee for Linwood Township's 150th anniversary has decided to incorporate and create a permanent Historical Organization. This group will be known as The Friends of Linwood Township History. Our mission is to preserve and record the stories, landmarks, and history of Linwood Township.

We want anyone interested to join us. This can't be just a group of senior citizens.

Look for updates and invitations to our first non-organizational meeting of our Friends of Linwood History and the sale of our book, on the Linwood Township website and on the facebook page Linwood Township Mn Neighbors.

"Stories and History of Linwood Township" a book of stories by community members and edited by Kathy Grafft, is now available to purchase for \$10. Proceeds to go to Friends of Linwood Township History. Email Becky Frego at frigon.re@gmail.com to purchase yours TODAY!

A note from the Parks department

By the time this newsletter hits your mailbox we'll be in the middle of winter which can be either good or bad, depending on your perspective of course. Personally, I love all of the seasons in Minnesota as they each have something that I enjoy. If you are looking for some winter fun around our township you're in luck! Our hockey and pleasure rinks are operational again this year with the efforts from a great team of volunteers. If you are able to help volunteer with the rinks (one night a week or once every two weeks), please contact the Parks & Recreation department. We anticipate having cross-country ski trails groomed this winter as well. Don't forget about our beautiful Linwood School Forest if you are up for a nice hike through miles of wilderness trails. And if you aren't the biggest fan of winter, don't worry, spring isn't too far away...

Regarding some recent complaints and activity, please note that unauthorized motorized vehicles are not permitted in any of the township parks.

by David Johnson
Chairperson - PARCS Committee

Upcoming Events

Park Dept. Mtg.
March 28th @ 6pm



PROPERLY DISPOSE OF STORM DEBRIS AND YARD WASTE



Linwood Township Recycling Center Hours

Tuesdays 12pm - 4:30pm
Thursdays 8am - 12pm
Saturdays 8am - 12pm

Burning Permits

Storms may create tree and debris damage. If you are going to burn brush, a burning permit is required when the ground is not completely covered by a minimum of 3 inches of snow. To obtain a burning permit, visit the township office during office hours or contact the local fire wardens.

Town Hall: 651-462-2812
Steve Erickson: 651-462-1090
Joe Jr. & Janet Dolphy: 651-462-4915
Rich Gabrick: 651-462-5068

Be sure to check the DNR fire danger and burning restrictions webpage before considering any debris burning. Escaped debris burns are the number one cause of wildfires. People who burn debris will be held financially responsible if their fire escapes and burns other property.

The burning of building materials, including treated wood, insulation, or shingles, is PROHIBITED.

When possible, composting and chipping, or transporting to a brush collection site are preferred to burning. You may bring your leaves, grass clippings and small brush to the Linwood Recycling Center to compost your yard waste.



SRWMO meetings 6:30pm at East Bethel City Hall, Booster West Room

April 7, 2022
May 5
Sept 1
Nov 3
Jan 5, 2023
Feb 2, 2023

West Branch Sunrise River Removed from State Impaired Waters List

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency recently released their every-two-year update of the State's impaired waters list. Among the success stories was the West Branch of the Sunrise River in Anoka County and flowing into Chisago County. It was removed from the impaired waters list.

The impaired waters list is streams and lakes that fail to meet state water quality standards. Most of those standards are for recreation, such as excessive nutrients and algae, or for aquatic life. When a waterbody is impaired, the state and others prioritize efforts to improve water quality.

The portion of the river from Martin Lake to Pool 1 was listed as impaired for high pH which can affect aquatic fish, bugs, and other life.

High pH was due to high nutrients and algae in Martin Lake just upstream.

Water quality improvement projects at Martin and Typo Lakes has led to pH returning to acceptable levels. Projects over the last 10 years have included rain gardens, stormwater ponds, and carp management. Both Martin and Typo Lakes have improving water quality trends, and Martin Lake has on average met state water quality standards for nutrients the last five years. It is hopeful that Martin Lake will be removed from the Minnesota impaired waters list in two years.

Partners in the water quality improvement efforts have included the Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization, Linwood Township, Anoka Conservation District, and Martin Laker Association.



Greetings from the Wildlife Science Center

Melting snow and ice, green leaves and grass are coming back to the Linwood Area in the very near future (maybe not fast enough for most of us). Spring and early summer are a wonderful time to visit the Wildlife Science Center to observe and learn about our resident wildlife including gray wolves, red wolves, Mexican gray wolves, coyotes, foxes, mountain lions, lynx, cougars, porcupines, raccoons, skunks, reptiles, and raptors. Plan a visit to the Wildlife Science Center this spring. Here are some options for 2022.

2022 Calendar of Events

March 17 - The Secret Lives of Wolves in the Northwoods - Tom Gable - Project Lead for the Voyageurs Wolf Project

April 22 - Wine for Wolves; Beer for Bears Fundraiser

May 21 - Canine Carnival

August 13 - Mid-Summer Night's Dream

October 1 - Harvest Howl

October 15 - Oktoberfest

October 29 - Howl-O-Ween

Check our website for more event information.

Group and Family Opportunities

Open Hours – Wednesdays 10:00 to Noon; Saturdays 11:00 to 2:00; No reservation required.

Private Programs and Wildlife Science Center Staff Guided Experiences - available year round with a reservation. Contact the Wildlife Science Center for prices and to reserve your next group visit.

Outreach Programs - Invite our animal ambassadors to your location or event. Contact WSC for details.



22830 Sunrise Road NE, Stacy, MN 55079 www.wildlifesciencecenter.org 651-464-3993



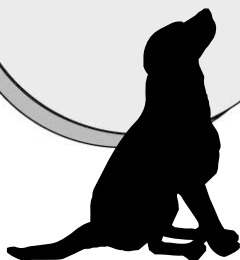
Dog License Requirement

This is a reminder to all dog owners in Linwood Township that dog licenses are required for all dogs over 6 months of age. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.

Dog licenses are valid from January 1 through December 31 and must be obtained every year.

Licenses are available at the Town Hall during office hours or may be requested by mail. Failure to license may result in a fine or administrative citation.

Please note that only 2 dogs are allowed per household in Linwood. A kennel license is required for households wanting 3 or more dogs.



“To protect and serve the community in a manner that preserves the public trust”.

On behalf of Sheriff James Stuart and the entire Anoka County Sheriff's Office, it is an honor to serve Linwood Township. I'm Lieutenant Dan Douglas and I am ACSO's liaison to Linwood Township. In that capacity,

I work closely with township staff and elected officials to provide the most professional and efficient law enforcement services to your community. ACSO provides coverage 24 hours a day with a deputy assigned exclusively to Linwood Township from 2:30 pm until 10:30 pm each day. Your 2022 deputies are Dan Dewey and Mike Redman. As always, to report a crime or suspicious activity or to ask any questions of law enforcement, please call 911.



Sheriff
James Stuart



Lieutenant
Dan Douglas



Deputy
Dan Dewey



Deputy
Mike Redman

Meet Your Friendly Neighborhood Peace Officers

Get Help in a Crisis in Anoka County

Call 911 if you or others are in immediate physical danger and need help from the police, fire department, or an ambulance.

Call 763-755-3801 if you or someone close to you is having a mental health crisis. The Anoka County Mobile Crisis Response team will help you. The line is open all day, every day, and the call is free. The Crisis Response line is for both adults and children.

Text MN to 741741 to be connected with a counselor who will help defuse the crisis and connect the texter to local resources. Crisis Text Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you want more information about the services you see here, call:

- Adult Mental Health at **763-324-1420** or
- Children's Mental Health at **763-324-1430**.

SHERIFF
ANOKA COUNTY

DON'T FALL FOR DISCOUNT STAMP SCAMS

USPS Holiday Stamps - Scanning Holidays - **100 Pcs**

USPS Forever Stamps, US Flag 2017 Postage Stamps (1 Cent Of 100) **100 Pcs** \$35.99

USPS Forever Stamps, 2018 US Flag First Class Postage Stamps (100) **100 Pcs** \$35.99

USPS Forever Stamps, 2018 US Flag First Class Postage Stamps (100) **500 Pcs** \$35.99

Senior & Community Center

**Coming
Up...**



March 11th & 14th 9:30am - 1pm



First Time Course

March 11th (pt. 1)
March 14th (pt. 2)
9:30am - 1pm

10% off

car insurance!*



MN Statute requires the completion of an 8 hour initial course. To maintain your discount, a 4 hour refresher course needs to be completed every 3 years. *Upon completion, submit your certificate to your insurance company. Our 55+ Driver Discount Program courses are approved by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
driverdiscountprogram.com

March 24th 6:30pm

WILL TRUST AND PLANNING FOR THE UNEXPECTED

Shelley Beckman with Johnson/Turner Legal offers an informative and eye-opening presentation to bring awareness that estate planning does not have to be complicated or expensive, it just needs to be done.

All are welcome!

April 16th 11am

Easter egg hunt



Linwood Senior & Community Center will host an Easter egg hunt. The egg hunt will be in the field behind the Town Hall/ Senior & Community Center. If weather doesn't cooperate, we will move to the Senior & Community Center.

All classes and activities can be RSVP'd by calling 651-462-5565 or by email srcenter@linwoodtownship.org

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES ADDED MONTHLY, CHECK SENIOR CENTER TAB OF TOWNSHIP WEBSITE OR FOLLOW LINWOOD COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER ON FB FOR MORE INFO.

Bookmark linwoodtownship.org/senior for activity details and more information.

LOBBY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-5pm
Friday & Saturday 8:30am-12pm

Come check out the free baked goods and free donated books!

What's NEW!



NACE food shelf blessing box (upon availability) for those in need can be requested by calling the senior center.

Senior Traveler van available! Rides by appointment.
24-hour notice recommended.

651-462-5565

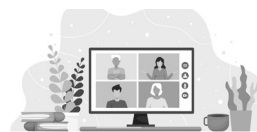


Linwood Senior and Community Center is available to rent, along with tables and chairs for offsite use. Keep us in mind for the upcoming graduation party season!



Freshly updated conference room For rent. Whether it be For in-person or online meetings, small gatherings, or just need a private place to get work done, we have the spot For you.

Call For details!



Walkers, wheelchairs, crutches and other medical equipment available to rent free of charge. Give us a call if you, or someone you know, are in need.





Linwood Township Recycling Center

2022 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**

** Please bring help to load/unload if needed **



Accepted for no charge at the recycling center:

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

Hunt for your next treasures in the Re-Use Area at the Linwood Recycling Center

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Antiques & Collectibles | Home Repair |
| Electronics | Reclaimed Wood |
| Exercise Equipment | Seasonal Decorations |
| Furniture | Small Appliances |
| Garden Art | Sporting Goods |
| Hardware | Tools |
| Home Decor | Toys |

Why Re-Use ?

- extends the life of an item
- environmentally preferred
- diminishes carbon footprint
- consumes less energy
- it diverts items from landfills
- endless creative or conventional uses!



At-will donations are accepted for any **Re-Use Area** item. Proceeds are reinvested into the recycling program.

Open during Linwood's Recycling Center hours.
All items are in good/reusable condition.

We accept cash, local checks w/ valid I.D., & credit cards

Linwood Township, its employees and volunteers, are NOT responsible for injuries/damages while on property.

Accepted at the Recycling Center for a fee *

Large Appliances: Refrigerators, Freezers, AC, Stoves, Washers/Dryers, Water Softeners, etc.	\$10/ea
Small Appliances: Heaters, Gas grills, Vacuums, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Kitchen Appliances, etc.	\$5/ea
Carpet (per room)	\$25/ea
Carpet padding (per room)	\$15/ea
Chairs (upholstered)	\$15/ea
Couches (upholstered) (i.e., 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/laptops 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 - off rim)**	\$15/ea
Tractor/farm equipment tires (off rim)**	\$50/ea
Trash (Landfill), Wood Cement, Bricks (to be recycled)	\$10 per 100 lbs or \$30 per yard (whichever is greater)
<p>* ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NEEDED</p> <p>** TIRES ON RIMS WILL INCUR A \$3 SERVICE CHARGE</p>	

Visit
Linwoodtownship.org/recycling
for more information on
pricing and accepted items.



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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.

**Styrofoam™ Recycling is Available at the
Linwood Recycling Center**

PLEASE

**ONLY clean - white - open cell block
polystyrene!!
(the type that makes little beads
when you break it)**

IMPORTANCE OF HOUSE NUMBERS DURING AN EMERGENCY



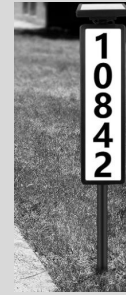
The fire code states address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less than 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch. The following guidelines will help you know how to display your house number.

On Your House

- Visible from both directions of travel
- Trees, bushes, or other debris should not block visibility from the road.
- Numbers should be placed above eye level near the front door within a radius of the porch light.



Clear signs of any obstructions



On Your Mailbox

- Mark both sides of your mailbox, instead of the door
- The numbers on the mailbox need to be highly visible.
- Another option is to mount a sign above or below the mailbox making sure the sign color contrasts from the mailbox color.
- If your mailbox is not in front of your house or near your driveway, emergency responders cannot locate you unless you have your house number on your house or on a post or sign in your yard.

Address Signs

- Bigger **IS** better. The number should be at least four inches tall if displayed on a house or sign.
- Address signs should be placed about two feet from the driveway in the direction of the house.
- Pick a color that will contrast with the background. If your house is a dark color, then the address sign should be light so that the number stands out and can be viewed from the street. For example, a black number is perfect on a white house. A white number will also show clearly on a brick house. A lighted number is even better for easy visibility at night.
- Avoid bronze numbers.



Black sign with white numbers



White sign with black numbers



Yellow sign with black numbers



High contrasting house signs

Following these guidelines will save valuable time in the event of an emergency. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have by visiting <http://www.linwoodfire.com/contact-us.html>. When facing a critical event, you don't want to worry that emergency responders can't find you. Help us help you & stay safe!

CAN YOU FLUSH BABY WIPES, OR ANY KIND OF WIPES, WHEN YOU HAVE A SEPTIC SYSTEM?



There are so many kinds of wipes these days – baby wipes, medicated wipes, wet wipes, makeup wipes, lotion wipes, cleansing wipes, deodorant wipes and more – and some of their manufacturers insist they're flushable. Yes, they'll flush, but should you? **The simple answer is no.**

Obviously, you don't want any of these issues. Wipes of all kinds are better put in the garbage can.

What can happen if wipes are flushed into your septic system?

- ! The chemicals in them offset the bacterial balance in the tank.
- ! Wipes can plug your septic tank and cause it to back up in your house.
- ! Grease, fat and, grime collect with the wipes and create huge clogs called fatbergs.
- ! An accumulation of wipes prevents the tank from separating solids from the water.
- ! If you have an aeration system, wipes build up on the air distribution system and cause failures.

Linwood Township
 22817 Typo Creek Drive
 Stacy, MN 55079
 Office: 651-462-2812
 Building Dept: 763-331-7722



September 10, 2022!

Planning meetings are
 1st Monday of the month @ 7pm
 Volunteers are always Welcome!



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FREE FIX-IT CLINIC

May 8, 2022 • Linwood Community Center
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Have broken stuff lying around? Don't trash it - fix it!
 Bring items like small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more. Volunteer fixers will help you disassemble, troubleshoot and repair your item. First come, first served. No items over 40 pounds. *More information: AnokaCounty.us/fixit*

LINWOOD TOWNSHIP
 Minnesota



Silver Sneakers exercise
 every
 M-W-F 8:45am-9:45am
 Coffee social
 every
 Thursday 9am-10am
 Helping Hands
 1st Wednesday at 1pm
 Paint class
 3rd Tuesday at 10am
 Golden Club
 3rd Wednesday at 12pm
 Kid's Activities
 3rd Thursday at 11am
 Zumba
 Every other
 Saturday at 10:30am
 Next Classes:
 March 5th
 March 19th
 April 2nd

*Monthly Activities @
 the Senior Center*