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January 2020

Community Comes Naturally

LENT TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Township of Lent and the City of Stacy will be hosting the Spring and Fall Cleanup Days Together!

Dates: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 and Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Who: City of Stacy and Lent Township Residents are Welcome

Location: Lent Maintenance Garage: 33212 Hemingway Ave., Stacy
(Across from Town Hall)

Pro Tip: It is a lot less busy after 5:30pm



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

February 4, 2020 – Budget & Audit Meeting – 6:00 pm

February 25, 2020 - GOP & DFL Caucus

March 3, 2020 – Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) Election *

March 10, 2020 – Annual Township Meeting – 7:00 pm

Get Involved! Vote on the Levy, discuss the Comp Plan and more!

April 1, 2020 – Census Day *

May 20, 2020 – Spring Cleanup Day *

August 11, 2020 – Primary Election

September 23, 2020 – Fall Cleanup Day *

November 3, 2020 – General Election

**read the newsletter for more details*

Snowplow Notice

Pushing/blowing/shoveling snow from driveways onto or across public roadways is unlawful per MN Statute 160.2715. Snow deposited or left 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. Accidents and damages caused by these situations may result in liability to the property owner. For questions, call the Township office at (651) 462-3009.

CONTACTS

Chairperson Rick Keller	(651) 462-2703	Rick@lenttownship.com
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Supervisor Troy Nelson	(651) 491-2554	Troy@lenttownship.com
Supervisor Lisa Sinna	(651) 888-1398	Lisa@lenttownship.com
Building Inspector Jack Kramer	(651) 269-5633	Clerk@lenttownship.com

MEETING SCHEDULE

- Town Board Meeting- 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Parks Committee Meeting- Last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm
- CCATO (Chisago County Association of Township Officers) Last Wednesday of each month at the Senior Center in North Branch at 7:00 pm
- Stacy Lent Fire Department Joint Powers Board Meeting- 1st Monday in March, 1st Monday in June, 2nd Monday in September and 1st Monday in December at 7:00 pm at the Stacy Lent Fire Station
- Broadband Meeting – Second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

Special Meetings will be posted at the Town Hall, Tesoro Gas Station, published in the County News Review, Chisago County Press and/or at www.lenttownship.com. *No longer posted at the City of Stacy*

**The Office is Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm & Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Closed on Thursday**

**The website is regularly updated and is the official Township information resource
www.lenttownship.com**

OPEN FIREFIGHTER JOB FAIR

Have you ever thought of becoming a Firefighter/First Responder for your community? Stacy Lent Fire Department is looking for positive people who can make a long-term commitment to serve our communities.

Now is your chance to attend the SLFD Job Fair on January 25th, 2020, between 11:00, am to 3:00 pm at the Stacy Lent Fire Department.

We have immediate openings for the position of firefighter/EMR. This is a paid "on-call" position offered only to residents who can quickly respond to a fire station within our service area.

SLFD provides all training and equipment free of charge.

What to expect during the Job Fair?

- Tour of the Fire Department
- Detailed information on the expectations of becoming a Firefighters/First Responder
- Opportunity to try on Firefighting gear and mask
- A full explanation of the Medical side of becoming a First Responder
- Introduction to Fire Fighter apparatus and tools



Please join us on this day for the informational opportunity becoming a Firefighter and make a difference to the public to: Save Lives, Protect Property and Preserve the Environment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call SLFD at 651-462-3389 leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on January 25th
-SLFD Team

2020 ELECTIONS – THERE WILL BE THREE ELECTIONS IN 2020

The Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) is March 3, 2020

- Absentee ballots are available online or at the County
- Voters will need to declare their party in order to receive their ballot as each major party will have their own separate ballot
 - If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the PNP
- Only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the presidential primary ballot
- Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August
- Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot in the 46 days before presidential primary day

For more information visit: sos.state.mn.us

Primary Election – August 11, 2020

General Election – November 3, 2020

Lent Township has wonderful, energetic and friendly Election Judges! We are thankful for each one of you and look forward to working with you at all three Elections if you're able.



Snow Plow Policy

The Lent Township's general goal is to have all Township roads passable within a reasonable amount of time after a snowfall has stopped. Roads are prioritized by traffic volume and logical routing. The Township does not assure a completely bare road and will not normally sand entire sections of roadway. The sanding of intersections, hills and curves are the priority. Users of the system are reminded to exercise caution and to realize that the legal speed limit may not be reasonable in certain weather conditions. The Township usually will not dispatch snowplows until the snowfall has stopped, with exceptions possible during periods of extended snowfall. Plows will generally be dispatched between 12:00 am and 7:30 am, or when snow and drifting conditions allow reasonable accomplishments to be made. Operator's duty shifts are generally limited to a maximum of 16 hours per day for safety reasons. The plow operator's first job is to make the road passable with one lane in one direction plowed. Then plow the second lane to have one lane in each direction open; lanes are then widened to the edge of the shoulders and sanding is done; cleanup of ice and slush are done as demands allow. Mailboxes damaged during snow removal will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Only those mailboxes that are properly built and installed in a location in accordance with Minnesota Department of Transportation Standards and which were damaged by actual contact with Township equipment will be repaired at Township expense. It is illegal to plow snow across any public roadway. Minnesota Statute 160.2715 RIGHT-OF-WAY USE; MISDEMEANORS states, "it shall be unlawful to: (1) obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon". Piles of snow left on or near the roadway can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. These are general guidelines used by the Lent Township road maintenance department. Each decision to mobilize, to the snow plow crews working, and to apply salt/sand is a judgment call based on the particular weather conditions, past experience, and the availability of resources at that particular time, and therefore may not adhere strictly to this general policy. For any information or concerns, call the office at 651-462-3009.

Maintenance Report

- **WATCH FOR SNOW PLOWS!** Use extreme caution and stay back at least 10 car lengths
 - Remove your garbage cans from the road after garbage/recycle day
- Often, if the plows come through while it is still snowing, they are making the roads passable and will be back after the snow has stopped
 - Maintenance will continue to install the blue emergency signs in the Spring
 - White locator flags will indicate where your sign will be placed
 - Road shouldering will continue in the Spring
 - Maintain brushing
- Thank you to everyone who purchased a swing away mailbox post and moved their post to abide by USPS standards! If you have not done so, please get this taken care of. Swing away mailbox posts are sold in the office for \$75.00 and cash or checks are accepted.

Broadband Meetings are the second Monday of every month and are open to all residents.

For more information, contact Lisa Sinna at lisa@lenttownship.com

April 1, 2020 is Census Day! Let's Make Lent Township Count!

It is important that everyone participates in the Census, here's why:

- Minnesota is at risk of losing a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Each year, Minnesota receives \$15.5 billion in federal funding, which translates to \$28,000 per person over the decade
- It is used in planning new roads, hospitals, schools, and other public sector investments
- First responders and disaster recovery personnel use census data to help identify where and how much help is needed

It can be done online and your data is confidential! Visit 2020CENSUS.GOV for more information

UPDATES AT THE LENT TOWN HALL

We have a wonderful addition to the Lent Town Hall; a smaller event room on the east side that can be rented for venues such as showers, Birthday parties, meetings, classes and more! The Birdie Woods room has safety glass pocket doors for space saving and a very nice atmosphere. It includes tables and chairs and can accommodate up to 35 people. There will be a flat screen tv to project from computers and laptops. The agendas for Board meetings will be projected as well. The carpet, heating and air conditioning will be installed later in the New Year. The Birdie Woods event room will be ready for Summer rentals. The Hall has had some nice visual upgrades with paint, artwork, etc. The grounds of the Hall have enhancements with a new fence and the addition of native plants. There are plans to add butterfly gardens at a later date. Changing tables have been added to both the men's and women's bathrooms for family friendly events. Pickleball is free for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents. Equipment is provided for the games...it's a blast please come try it out! We play on Tuesday nights and updates are posted on the website calendar. Thank you all for being so supportive and we are always open to suggestions for improvements!



2020 HALL RENTAL FEES

All Hall Rentals Require (excludes event room):

Application Fee: \$100 & Damage Deposit: \$250

Lent Township Resident:

Hall Rental Non-Public Event: \$600 Public \$800

Daytime (5-hour max – no later than 6pm) \$200

Birdie Woods Room \$25 per hour (3-hour min)

Non-Resident:

Hall Rental Non-Public Event: \$900 Public \$975

Daytime (5-hour max – no later than 6pm) \$400

Birdie Woods Room \$45 per hour (3-hour min)

Please note: there are no longer reduced rates for nonprofits

The Town Board has issued the following ROAD NOTICE:

This notice is for residents, businesses and agencies planning to utilize township roads for commuting and conducting business.

- Lent Township has invested in upgrading the community's roads
- In 2018 & 2019 a major multimillion-dollar investment was made to improve the road surfacing from gravel to bituminous improving resident travel comfort, reduce dust and daily maintenance costs on the existing road system.
- Township bituminous roads consist of either 1/2" bituminous chip coat, 1.5" or 2" bituminous pavement
- Lent Township is following their road standards in providing long term durable roads for residents
- Following Minnesota Department of Transportation Road Design Manual (Section 7.5.0) Township roads just barely meet a 7-ton road standard
- Township roads are not designed for loads greater than 7 tons, less in the spring during road restrictions

The costs for any damages resulting from non-compliant or non-permitted use of Township roads will be billed to the entity responsible for the damage. The Town Board, in its sole discretion shall determine what may impact Township roads.

If you are planning to perform any activity that may impact (over 7-ton, heavy vehicle traffic, etc.) the Township roads, please contact the Board Chairperson of Lent Township prior to performing any activity that may or may not cause damage to the road.