



# CORINNA TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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## CORINNA TOWNSHIP AND WRIGHT COUNTY REACH ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT ON ZONING AND BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION

### *Residents Will Only Need to go to Township for Permits and Hearings*

On December 28, 2010, the Wright County Board of Commissioners and the Corinna Township Board of Supervisors reached an agreement regarding the administration of septic system permitting and zoning ordinances in the shoreland areas of Corinna Township; this agreement will be in effect through the end of 2011, at which time it will be re-assessed.

The agreement specifies that:

- Corinna Township will administer all land use (zoning), floodplain, building and septic permitting, with building and septic system permit review and inspections being conducted by Wright County staff;
- Corinna's zoning staff will conduct land use permit reviews and inspections related to the Zoning Ordinance;
- Applicants will drop off all applications and pick up and pay for all permits at Corinna Town Hall.

With the exception of rezoning of properties, all land use public hearings (variances, conditional use permits, preliminary plats, etc.) will be handled completely by Corinna Township and there will be no need for applicants to obtain final approval of such applications from Wright County.

The agreement is the result of more than four months of negotiations between County and Township officials. The Corinna Township Board would especially like to thank Wright County Commissioner Rose Thelen for her tireless efforts to bring this agreement to reality.

Questions regarding the permitting process in Corinna Township should be directed to the Corinna Town Clerk, Mary Barkley Brown at Corinna Town Hall ([320] 274-8049 or [cortwp@lakedalelink.net](mailto:cortwp@lakedalelink.net)) or to the Township's Zoning Administrator (Community Growth Institute's Ben Oleson at [866] 900-3064 or [oleson@communitygrowth.net](mailto:oleson@communitygrowth.net)).

## **BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS AND HOMEOWNERS**

Building and land use permit applications may be obtained at the Township Hall. Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. You may drop off completed applications and/or plans in the drop box after hours. Zoning-related applications (variances, conditional use, etc.) may also be obtained at [www.corinnaplanning.info](http://www.corinnaplanning.info).

## **ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION, TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011**

One supervisor will be elected for a three-year term. Chuck Carlson is the only candidate that has filed for this position. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Corinna Township Hall located at 9801 Ireland Avenue NW. The Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 PM after the polls close. The agenda items for the Annual Meeting are:

1. Report from Township Board on completed projects for 2010, projects for 2011 and projects proposed for 2012.
2. Report on Township Planning and Zoning.
3. Presentation of proposed 2012 budget. (Only in township government do the citizens who attend the Annual Meeting approve or amend the budget.)

## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

You may find that you will be absent from your polling place or you are ill or have a disability. You may obtain an Absentee Ballot through the mail by completing the Absentee Ballot Application on website: [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) and sending it to the township clerk or by calling the Corinna Town Hall at 320-274-8049 to request an Absentee Ballot Application.

## **TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

Town Board Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month, 7:00 PM at the Corinna Town Hall.

## **CORINNA TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING**

The Township Planning Commission meets monthly the 1st Thursday of the month. Ben Oleson of Community Growth Institute works as the Township Planner. [www.communitygrowth.com](http://www.communitygrowth.com).

## **BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**

The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 3:00 PM at the Corinna Town Hall. If you have concerns about the assessed value placed on your property, please set up an appointment to attend by calling 320-274-8049. If you have questions, contact Ken Yager, the Township Assessor, at 320-963-6219. He may be able to answer your questions about the value assessed and give you suggestions to bring to the Board for review.

## **JUNK AMNESTY DAY**

Junk Amnesty Day will be held Saturday, July 30, 2011, 7:30 AM to noon, at the Corinna Township Hall. You will receive a newsletter in July giving you more details about Junk Amnesty Day.

## **MAILBOX REMINDER**

Please make sure your mailbox post is in good condition. Check to see that it is firmly in the ground. Pressure from plowed snow can knock over a rotted mailbox post. Mailboxes should be set 42" to 44" above the ground. Mailboxes will only be repaired or replaced if the mailbox support was damaged by a direct hit from township equipment. Mailbox supports (swing-away type) are available for purchase from the Wright County Department of Highways.

## RECYCLING - PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Corinna Township has beautiful natural features such as wetlands, lakes, wooded areas, wildlife and rolling topography. We ask that everyone help protect this resource by participating in the monthly recycling program that the township offers. If you need recycling bins, contact the township office at 320-274-8049. Curbside recycling pick up times are:



Please clip-and-save the pick-up schedule.

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Recycling Pick-Up	<u>Last Friday of Month:</u>	<u>Last Saturday of the Month:</u>
	<u>South of County Road 39</u>	<u>North of County Road 39</u>
	January 28	January 29
	February 25	February 26
	March 25	March 26
	April 29	April 30
	May 27	May 28
	June 24	June 25
	July 29	July 30
	August 26	August 27
	September 30	September 24
	October 28	October 29
	November 25	November 26
	December 30	December 31

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### New Guidelines for Recycling:

**Cans, mixed glass and plastic may be combined.**

Cans: Aluminum and tin cans, including the lids. All cans must be rinsed and labels on tin cans removed.

Glass: All glass food and beverage containers. All glass containers must be rinsed and lids or covers should be removed. Labels may be left on glass jars.

Unacceptable glass items: Broken glass, light bulbs, windows, dished, drinking glasses and lids.

Plastic: All plastic bottles with necks accepted. All plastic containers must be rinsed thoroughly and caps removed. Labels may be left on.

Unacceptable plastic items: Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups, produce or deli take out containers, toys and automotive fluid containers.

Paper: All newspapers (including the inserts), magazines, phone books, and any junk mail. Make certain it is kept clean and dry. All paper must be separated from other recyclables and placed in paper bags.

Cardboard: All cardboard must be broken down flat and bundled. This includes cereal boxes, flattened and plastic bag removed. Please place in a paper bag or bundle. Maximum length and width should not exceed 3 feet.

Questions: You may call Wright Recycling at 763-972-2031 or 763-238-2727.

Please have your recycling bin at the curb by 6:30 AM. For additional information, please check our website: [www.corinnatownship.com](http://www.corinnatownship.com). Township General Funds are used to pay for the cost of this service.

### PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON TOWNSHIP ROADS

Grading and plowing equipment need to maintain the entire road surface. Also please note that it is illegal to push snow across public roads.

### TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL

The township hall is available to residents on a rental basis. Contact the clerk for information and rates.

## **DOGS**

Corinna Township has obtained the services of Sue Eaton as the Animal Control officer. Most of her activities deal with lost or stray animals. If you have a problem with a stray animal **contact Animal Control Officer Sue Eaton at 612-366-4370. Impounded animals are taken to the Annandale Veterinary Clinic – phone 320-274-3535.**

## **DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS**

On Jan. 19, 2010 Wright County adopted an Ordinance for Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs. This Ordinance will allow the County to regulate the ownership and possession of dangerous dogs and potentially dangerous dogs. The purpose of the Ordinance is to protect the public from such dogs and to reduce the threat to the health and safety of people and other animals that may come into contact with such dogs. A copy of the Ordinance is available at the Corinna Town Hall.

## **EMERALD ASH BORER / CORINNA TOWNSHIP BRUSH PILE**

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has notified Corinna Township that we may **NOT** allow dumping of ash tree material in our brush pile at the township hall. This is to help slow the spread of Emerald Ash Borer. Thank you for your cooperation!

## **911 SIGNS**

If your sign is missing, call the township office at 320-274-8049 for a replacement sign.

## **BURNING PERMITS AND FIRE WARDEN CONTACTS**

**Burning Permits:** Burning permits are required for open burning unless there is three inches of snow cover.

### **Burning the following items is strictly prohibited:**



- Hazardous wastes, industrial solid waste
- Demolition debris of commercial or institutional structures. (A farm building is not a commercial structure.) Burning of any structure should be referred to a forest officer.
- Salvage operations
- Motor vehicles
- Oils
- Rubber
- Plastics
- Chemically-treated materials
- Other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke, such as, but not limited to: tires, railroad ties, chemically-treated lumber, composite board, sheet rock, wiring, paint, or paint filters
- Garbage, defined as discarded material resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, serving, or consumption of food
- It is **never** permissible to burn household garbage.

Permits may be obtained from Corinna Township Fire Wardens:

Bill Lieb, 320-963-6202

Annandale City Hall, 320-274-3055

Barry Schultz, 320-274-5517

Maple Lake City Hall, 320-963-5983

## **FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Maple Lake Fire Department serves all parts of Corinna Township that are east of a north-south line dividing Cedar Lake.

Annandale Fire department serves all parts of Corinna Township west of the north-south line dividing Cedar Lake.