CORINNA TOWNSHIP NEWS



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Urgent Winter Bulletin

We need your help with snow plowing.

Our crews try to plow our roads as quickly and as often as possible. You can help. Anything parked in the right-of-way - cars, trucks, snowmobiles, docks, boats, RV's - slows down the plows and is a hazard to our drivers and equipment.

Corinna Township has an ordinance explaining what is allowed and what is not. In extreme cases, a violator may have their property removed or towed and a ticket issued. The Town Board hopes everyone will voluntarily comply with the rules.

Please help us keep the roads open and safe for you, school buses, first responders, and our drivers.

WINTER PARKING IN TRAVELED PORTION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

No person shall park any vehicle, motorized or non-motorized, within any part of the traveled portion of a Road Right-of-Way during the hours of 12:00 midnight through 7:00 a.m. between November 1 and April 1.

SNOWFALL PARKING IN TRAVELED PORTION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

No person shall park any vehicle, motorized or non-motorized, within any part of the traveled portion of a Road Right-of-Way at any time during or after a snowfall until the entire traveled portion of the Right-of-Way is plowed to its customary width. Also - it is illegal to push snow across public roads. Snow must be placed on private property.

ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

No person shall place, maintain, or allow any obstruction in a Right-of-Way. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, retaining walls, fences, posts, structures, piled materials, hay bales, vehicles, trailers, campers, boats, pontoons, docks, boat houses, fish houses, equipment, junk, or any other items that interfere with the safe use or maintenance of the Right-of-Way. No one may plant crops, trees, bushes, or shrubs within a right-of-way. No one may place watering systems or sprinkler heads within a right-of-way.

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 and if the mailbox support meets the township's standards. Mailbox supports (swing-away type) are available for purchase (and installation) from the township.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION, TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

One Township Supervisor will be elected for a three-year term. John Dearing 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 include:

- 1. Report from Township Board on completed projects for 2020, projects for 2021 and projects proposed for 2022.
- 2. Presentation of proposed 2022 budget.

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR TOWNSHIP ELECTION

You may vote by absentee ballot by completing the absentee ballot application on website www.sos.state.mn.us and sending it to the Wright County Auditor Treasurer's Office-Elections; or - absentee ballots will be available beginning Friday, February 5, 2021, at the Wright County Courthouse. Hours for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call Wright County at 1-763-682-7692 and ask for Auditor/Treasurer's Office – Elections, to apply for absentee ballots. The Wright County Courthouse will also be open for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2021 and on Monday, March 8, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Wright County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 for President's Day.

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 4:00 PM at the Corinna Township Hall. If you have concerns about the assessed value placed on your property, please 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.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Town Board Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM at the Corinna Township Hall.

CORINNA TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING

The Township Planning Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Corinna Township Hall. Ben Oleson of Hometown Planning is the Township P&Z Administrator. He may be reached at 888-439-9793 or oleson@hometownplanning.com.

BUILDING, SEWER, LAND USE and ZONING PERMITS

Building permits, sewer permits, land use applications and zoning applications are available at the Corinna Township Hall or at www.hometownplanning.com. You may drop off completed

applications or plans in the drop box after hours. Please bring these permit applications to the Corinna Town Hall.

NEW VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED – NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

In May 2020, after study of the issue by a Township committee and several public hearings to gather public input, the Corinna Town Board adopted a new Section 781 of the Corinna Township Land Use Ordinance entitled "Private/Vacation Home Rental" that regulates the rental of homes by the night or week. A portion of these regulations were effective in May and the remainder became effective on January 1, 2021. More details about the regulations can be found at: http://www.hometownplanning.com/corinna-township.

TOWNSHIP ROAD SUPPLIES

Please do not remove black dirt, sand, gravel or salt from the Corinna Town Hall property. Violators will be prosecuted.

JUNK CLEAN-UP DAY

Junk Clean–Up Day will be held Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 7:30 AM to noon, at the Corinna Township Hall. You will receive a newsletter in July giving you more details about Junk Clean-Up Day.

BURNING PERMITS AND FIRE WARDEN CONTACTS

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

Burning the following items is 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, paint filters, mattresses, stuffed furniture
- -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 online from the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at www.dnr.state.mn.us, or from the Corinna Town Hall.

DOGS

Krista Grossinger is the Corinna Township 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 Krista Grossinger at 320-420-5888. Impounded animals are taken to the Annandale Veterinary Clinic – phone 320-274-3535.

911 SIGNS

If your sign is missing, call the Corinna Township Hall at 320-274-8049 for a replacement sign.

NORTH CORINNA CEMETERY

Cemetery plots are available for \$600. Please contact the township clerk for more information.



RECYCLING - NOW SINGLE SORT

The following are recyclable: aluminum beverage cans; metal food cans; glass bottles and jars (all colors); plastic containers and lids (#1-7); cartons – milk, soup, broth, wine, juice boxes; newspaper; cardboard; boxboard (cereal, cracker, shoe boxes); mixed mail (magazines, office paper, envelopes). Please have your recycling bins at the curb by 6:00 AM. For additional information, please check our website: www.corinnatownship.com. Township General Funds are used to pay for the cost of this service.

<u>Place your carts at the end of your driveway, not on the road, when it is snowing. It is difficult for snow plow drivers to avoid carts. The recycling truck's arm reaches 6 feet.</u>

2021 Recycling Calendar

Fridays, February 5 & 19

Fridays, March 5 & 19

Fridays, April 2, 16 & 30

Fridays, May 14 & 28

Fridays, June 11 & 25

Fridays, July 9 & 23

Fridays, August 6 & 20

Fridays, September 3 &17

Fridays, October 1, 15 & 29

Friday, November 12, and Saturday, November 27

Friday, December 10 & 24.

Recycling Service is provided by Randy's Sanitation and Recycling, 763-972-3335.