

CORINNA TOWNSHIP NEWS 9801 Ireland Avenue NW Annandale, Minnesota February 2022 Phone: 320-274-8049 E-Mail: clerk@corinnatownship.com

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## <mark>Urgent Winter Bulletin</mark>

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.

## 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. **Please set recycling and garbage carts off the road surface – at all times.** Please set cart out at the edge of your yard – where it meets the road.

## 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 45" from road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry. 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.

#### **TOWNSHIP ROAD SUPPLIES**

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

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION, TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

One Township Supervisor will be elected for a three-year term. Larry Smith 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 2021, projects for 2022 and projects proposed for 2023.
- 2. Presentation of proposed 2023 budget.

#### ABSENTEE VOTING FOR TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Absentee Ballots will be available beginning Friday, February 4, 2022, at the Wright County Government Center. Hours for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call Wright County at 1-763-682- 7692 to apply for absentee ballots. The Wright County Government Center 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 5, 2022 and on Monday, March 7, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Requests for mailed absentee ballots will also be accepted. The Wright County Government Center will be closed on Monday, February 21 for President's Day.

## **BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**

The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 3:00 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM at the Corinna Township Hall.

#### CORINNA TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING

The Township Planning Commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>oleson@hometownplanning.com</u>.

#### **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 <u>www.hometownplanning.com</u>. You may drop off completed applications or plans in the drop box after hours. Please bring these permit applications to the Corinna Town Hall or apply via the Corinna Township website.

## VACATION RENTAL REGISTRATION/PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

The vacation rental regulations first adopted in May 2020 and which became fully effective on January 1, 2021 remain in place and are currently being reviewed by the Township for possible amendments. A public hearing was held at the January 11, 2022 Planning Commission meeting to gather input on proposed changes. Many comments were received and a revised draft taking those comments into account will be presented to the Planning Commission for discussion at its regular February 8, 2022 meeting. The February meeting will be open to the public but no additional public comment will necessarily be taken. The Planning Commission may or may not make a final recommendation to the Town Board at the February meeting. The Town Board, once it has received the recommendation of the Planning Commission, will make the final decision as to what amendments to make.

You may view the latest draft amendments approximately 5-7 days prior to the February 8 meeting at: <u>https://www.hometownplanning.com/upcoming-corinna-township-board-of-adjustmentplanning-commission-agenda.html</u>.

## JUNK CLEAN-UP DAY

Junk Clean–Up Day will be held Saturday, July 30, 2022, 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 <u>www.dnr.state.mn.us</u>, 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: <u>www.corinnatownship.com</u>. 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</u> <u>surface, when it is snowing. It is difficult for snow plow drivers to</u> <u>avoid carts. The recycling truck's arm reaches 6 feet.</u>

# **2022 Recycling Calendar**

Fridays, February 4 & 18 Fridays, March 4 & 18 Fridays, April 1, 15 & 29 Fridays, May 13 & 27 Fridays, June 10 & 24 Saturday, July 9 & Friday, July 22 Fridays, August 5 & 19 Fridays, September 2, 16 & 30 Fridays, October 14 & 28 Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 26 Friday, December 9 & 23.

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