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LENT TOWNSHIP NEWS

September 2013

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LENT TOWNSHIP

Stacy Lent Fire Department



Open House
Saturday, October 5, 2013
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

October is National Fire Prevention month. In honor of National Fire Prevention month the Stacy-Lent Area Fire Department holds an annual Open House the first Saturday in October to enhance fire prevention within the community.

The Open House is a family fun day at the Stacy-Lent Area Fire Department. The Stacy-Lent Area Fire Department encourages families and community members to come to the fire station to familiarize themselves with the equipment used in fire prevention, fire rescue, and fire safety. The North Memorial Helicopter will land at 10:30 am. The Open House includes food, beverages, family fun, goody bags and bouncy houses for the children. Tour the fire station, sit in a real fire truck, watch a live fire in the training simulator and see fire equipment up close, including the brand new fire truck!



Saturday, October 5, 2013 6:00 pm to 12:00 am

The Stacy-Lent Area Fire Department's Annual Firehouse Bash was started in 2008 as a yearly fundraiser and community event. The Annual Firehouse Bash boasts food, beverages, a bonfire and live entertainment, as well as a silent auction.

The Annual Firehouse Bash is sponsored through donations from local business owners which are recognized by placement of their business name, proudly displayed on the annual t-shirt. The t-shirts are being sold now at local businesses. Get yours today!



THANK YOU PAMELA OLSON!

Township Treasurer, Pamela Olson (pictured at right with Board Chairman Gene Olson) was awarded a plaque in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the township as an elected and appointed treasurer. Pam served as an elected Treasurer since 2005 and was appointed by the Town Board in January 2013 and resigned from the Treasurer position in May 2013. Thank you Pam for all your hard work!

Lent Township Meeting Schedule and Contact Information

All regularly scheduled meetings are held each month at 7:00 pm at the Lent Town Hall unless otherwise stated below.

Town Board Meeting: 3rd Tuesday

Planning & Zoning: 2nd Wednesday

Staff Meeting: 1st Monday at 9:00 am

Parks Committee: Last Tuesday

Chisago County Association of Township Officers: Last Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Senior Center in North Branch.

Stacy Lent Fire Dept. Joint Powers: 1st Monday in March, August and December at 7:00 pm at Stacy Lent Fire Station in Stacy.

Special meetings will be posted at the official Township posting sites and/or published in the ECM Post Review and the website.

Contact the town clerk one week prior to a meeting to be placed on the agenda.

Building and driveway permits are obtained at the Lent Town Hall during normal office hours.

Town Hall Office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Town Hall Phone: (651) 462-3009 **Fax:** (651) 462-2991 **Website:** Lenttownship.com **Email:** lenttownship@frontiernet.net

Chairperson Gene Olson (651) 587-3507

Supervisor Lyle Johnson (651) 462-1358

Supervisor Rick Keller (651) 462-2703

Treasurer Stephanie Aker (651) 462-3009

Clerk Laura LeVasseur (651) 462-3009

Building Inspector Jack Kramer

Office (651) 351-5051

Pager (651) 847-9157

Cell (651) 269.5633

Chisago County Veteran Services

Family Pathways, Senior Services has asked for retired veterans to volunteer 4 hours 2 times a month to be a companion to other older adults who may or may not be a veteran. Please contact Susan Taylor at: 651-257-7905.

The veterans office wishes to remind veterans of the transport service of Chisago County Veterans from their home to the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. For more details please contact Wendy at 651-213-5605.

Veterans with general questions can also contact Wendy at 651-213-5605.

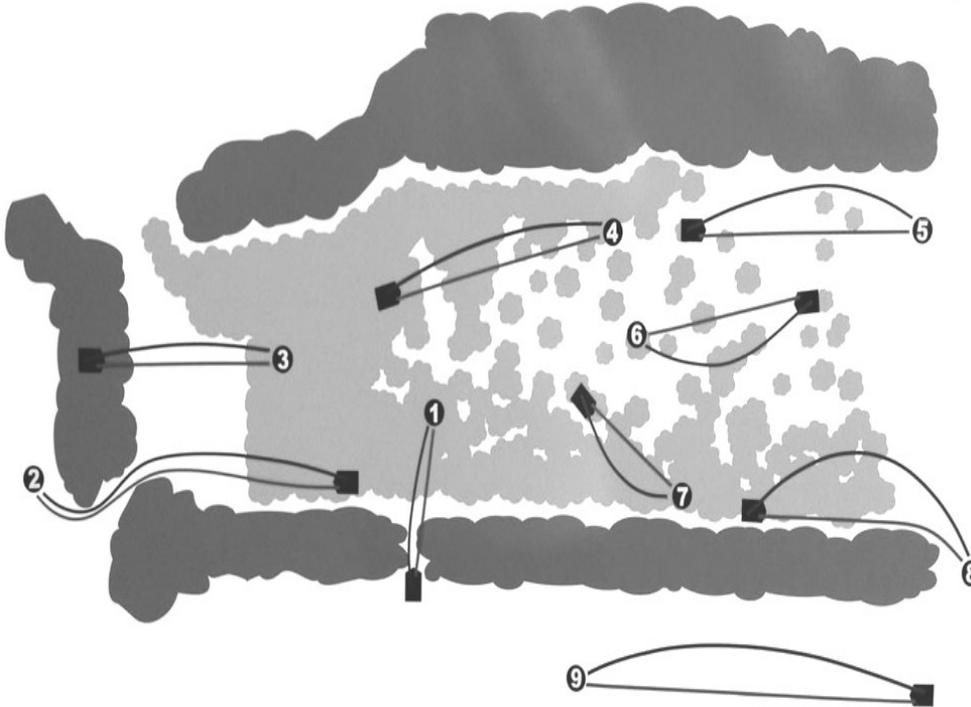
Welcome

Stephanie Aker!

Stephanie Aker was hired in June 2013 as the new Township Treasurer. Stephanie is a Lent Township resident, and is experienced with Bookkeeping duties. We look forward to working with you!



Disc Golf Course Completed!



Check out our new Disc Golf Course located at Reiger Field (next to the fire station in Stacy).

CHISAGO COUNTY SENIOR CENTER NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ 500 Cards-Monday & Wednesday 12:45 pm (\$1)
- ◆ Bingo-Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:30 am (\$1)
- ◆ Foot Clinic- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month 9:00 am- 12:00pm (\$28)
- ◆ NAPS- 1st Wednesday of each month 9:00 am
- ◆ UCare Fitness- Tuesday & Thursdays 9:00 am & 10:00 am
- ◆ Weight Watchers- Wednesday 5:00 pm
- ◆ Zumba- Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am
- ◆ Meals are back beginning September 3. Call 651-674-8658 before 8:30 am to sign up. Cost is \$3.75. Everyone is welcome!

PARK COMMISSION: MEMBERS NEEDED

The Lent Township Park Commission is looking for new members that are interested in the area Parks and Recreation. Please send a letter of interest to the town hall at 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy MN 55079. Members meet the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm to discuss park improvements. Meetings are held at the Lent town hall.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 beginning at 7:05 pm at the Lent Town Hall located at 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy, MN 55079, to review and consider a text amendment to Chapter 2 of the Lent Township Zoning Ordinance to include Rural Retail Tourism as a Conditional Use within the Rural Residential zoning district. Anyone interested in this hearing is invited to attend.

LENT TOWNSHIP'S SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

2013-2014 SEASON

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 4:00 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 12 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. Snowplows will not be dispatched at night except for true emergency calls, such as assisting fire departments or ambulance crews. Icing bridges or snow drifting on roads is an expected aspect of winter travel and generally not adequate justification to dispatch snowplow crews. 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. Residents are cautioned that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways onto or across any public roadway. 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.



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