

CORINNA TOWNSHIP NEWS

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JUNK AMNESTY DAY - Saturday, July 31st, 2010 from 7:30 AM to Noon

Held at the Corinna Town Hall, 9801 Ireland Ave. NW, Annandale, 1/3 mile north of County Road 39.

The cost per load will be \$15.00 to \$30.00 depending on size plus any surcharges which may apply.

Surcharge Categories

Per Unit

White Goods - Dehumidifiers, Dishwashers, Dryers, Freezers, Furnaces, Garbage Disposals, Heat Pumps, Humidifiers, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Space Heaters, Stoves, Trash Compactors, Washers, Water Heaters **\$15.00**

Air Conditioners, Water Softeners **\$20.00**

Mattresses, Box Springs, Stuffed Furniture **\$15.00**

General Household - Carpeting, Furniture (not stuffed), Glass, Lawn Mowers, Wood **No Charge**

Scrap Metal - Aluminum, Iron, Pipe, Steel, etc. that can be handled manually **No Charge**

Brush, Car Batteries and Used Motor Oil **No Charge**

Oil Filters **\$1.00**

Tires

Car	\$2.00
Car on Rim	\$3.00
Truck	\$8.00
Tractor	\$21.00

Electronics

CD Player, DVD, VCR, Scanner	\$5.00
Computer with Monitor	\$20.00
Computer/Laptop	\$10.00
Copy Machine	\$30.00
Monitor	\$17.00
Printer	\$15.00
Stereo (console)	\$35.00
TV up to 19"	\$20.00
TV 20" & larger	\$25.00
TV (console)	\$35.00

NO PAINT, NO ADHESIVES, NO FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Wright County Compost & Recycling Facility (505 County Road 37 NE) accepts hazardous wastes by appointment only. Call 763-682-7338 to set up an appointment.

*****HELPFUL HINTS FOR LOADING*****

JUNK AMNESTY is a service for Corinna Township property owners. Please follow these guidelines when loading. If your load contains appliances, put them near the front of the load. They are unloaded last. If you have cement or shingles, load them on a pallet or boards so that they can be unloaded with the bobcat or loader. Keep scrap iron separate from the other material. If you are able bodied, please help unload your trash. Our "muscle power" supply is limited. Thank you for your cooperation.

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:

Recycling Pick-Up	<u>Last Friday of Month:</u> <u>South of County Road 39</u>		<u>Last Saturday of the Month:</u> <u>North of County Road 39</u>	
	July	30	July	31
August	27	August	28	
September	24	September	25	
October	29	October	30	
November	26	November	27	
December	31	*December	24 (note Fri. pick-up)	

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, dishes, 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. Township General Funds are used to pay for the cost of this service.

BUILDING AND LAND USE PERMITS

All building permit applications may be obtained at Corinna Town Hall, whether in shoreland or non-shoreland areas. Land use permits (these are permits that address zoning regulations) outside of shoreland areas are also handled exclusively by Corinna Township. If your property is within 1,000 feet of a lake or 300 feet of a DNR-protected stream, you must first obtain a land use permit from Wright County before obtaining your building permit from Corinna Township. See below for further information.

PRESS RELEASE - October 23, 2009

Wright County ordered by state agency to stop issuing building permits in Corinna Township.

The Commissioner of the MN Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) has upheld an October 2008 order that Wright County has been illegally issuing building permits in Corinna Township for the last year. The September 1, 2009 order makes Corinna Township the sole building inspector throughout all areas of the Township.

Applicants in shoreland areas of Corinna Township have been illegally required to obtain building permits, including payment of application fees, by Wright County since the fall of 2008. Wright County appealed the October 2008 order to the Commissioner of DOLI, who ultimately agreed with the state agency that Corinna Township has properly appointed its own building code official and that Wright County must stop issuing such permits.

Wright County has appealed the recent decision, but is currently abiding by the September 1 order and is no longer issuing building permits or conducting inspections in Corinna Township. Corinna landowners, whether in shoreland or non-shoreland areas, now need a building or septic permit only from the Township and can direct applications or questions to (320) 274-8049.

Corinna Township has previously attempted to become the sole shoreland zoning authority so that landowners do not need to go to two places for their permits. A July 2008 resolution by the Wright County Board denied the Township this authority.

Documents relating to the DOLI order and the ongoing efforts of the Township to obtain shoreland zoning authority can be found at www.corinnaplanning.info or by contacting Corinna Township at 320-274-8049.

The goal of this effort has been to create a local permitting program that is convenient for residents and contractors and that would allow for a smooth transition from Wright County's procedures and fees to Corinna Township's own procedures and fees. The Town Board remains committed to this goal and we thank many of you who continue to show your support.

In the meantime, please be aware of the following:

- If you are in a shoreland area (1,000 feet from a lake or 300 feet from a river), you will need to obtain any required land use (zoning) permits from Wright County, for which they are charging a flat \$50 fee. If during this process you find you need a variance, conditional use, or subdivision approval you will need to apply to Corinna Township and obtain a recommendation via the Township's public hearing process. Since Wright County has so far refused to allow Corinna sole shoreland authority, you will then need to go through Wright County's public hearing process for a final decision.
- If you are outside of a shoreland area, all zoning, septic, and building code applications and approvals are obtained through Corinna Township. You need only contact the Township Hall to begin the process of applying for these permits.
- The Minnesota DNR is in the process of proposing changes to state law. Should these changes be adopted (timeline uncertain, but anticipated for 2010/2011) the Township may not need Wright County approval to administer shoreland zoning. Under current law, the County Board still has the authority to allow Corinna to administer shoreland zoning if it decides to change its previous decision.
- Wright County has appealed the MN Department of Labor and Industry's decision that Corinna is the sole building code authority in all areas of Corinna Township. A ruling by the Court of Appeals is expected by mid-July.

CORINNA TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING

The Township Planning Commission meets monthly the 4th Thursday of the month. Exceptions due to holidays: Nov. and Dec. meetings are Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Ben Oleson of Community Growth Institute (866-900-3064 or oleson@communitygrowth.net) works as the Township Planner.

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.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7:00 PM at the Corinna Township Hall.

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 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 township.

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!

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.

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
Barry Schultz, 320-274-5517

Annandale City Hall, 320-274-3055
Maple Lake City Hall, 320-963-5983

