

### **Avon Township News**

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Winter is coming ... thankfully this year is seems to be taking it's time getting here! We had some beautiful fall weather to enjoy the colors and appreciate living in Minnesota and especially in this wonderful Avon Hills area.

### **Annexation Agreement Activity**

The Avon Township/City Joint Board has begun meeting to address issues related to the Melton-Gertken-Mitchell property being developed west of Avon south of County Rd 54.

This is about 300 acres that will be developed and has been annexed to the city under the terms of the Orderly Annexation agreement entered into by Avon Township and the City of Avon.

The current township representatives on the Joint Board are Richard Bresnahan and Lowell Rushmeyer. Cliff Borgerding will be the Zoning Administrator as needed for permits variances, etc. that will be required in the area identified as the orderly annexation area.

In general the area identified in the orderly annexation area will be governed by township and county land use and zoning ordinances. The board will review and provide recommendations and commentary on any proposed developments in the annexation area to insure compatibility with the city's Comprehensive Plan.

This board will provide an opportunity for the city and township officials to proactively work together to manage the growth that will inevitably occur in the Avon area.

### **Planning Board Activities**

Work on the subdivision ordinance is nearly complete and a draft of the ordinance is being prepared and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for review at the December or January Board meeting.

The intent of the ordinance is to provide guidelines for developments proposed for property outside the Orderly Annexation Agreement area.

The ordinance will help the township manage additionally residential growth to insure development does not adversely affect the township and to make sure it is consistent with the provisions of the Orderly Annexation Agreement between the city and the township.

### **Road Issues:**

The board survey of 165<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been completed in anticipation of rebuilding the road to be able to tar the road. This is being done in response to a request of some residents who live on the road.

The board will now begin the process of getting quotes for the cost of the preparing the road for surfacing and the cost of putting down asphalt on the road.

### **Winter Road Right of Way Issues**

The snow will be here before you know it! It may still be nice weather but we all know that eventually "Old Man Winter" will appear.

Plows will be dispatched according to winter conditions and all roads will be opened first and only after all roads have been plowed will the roads be widen and sanded

Remember to keep your vehicles and other property off the road right of way so the snowplows don't hit anything. Also, don't follow plows too close because you will never win the battle with a snow plow!

Plows tend to wreak havoc on sheet metal and plastic on cars and trucks if they hit a plow so give them plenty of space on the road. They may not see you with all that snow flying off the plow.

Remember! Don't put the snow from your driveway in the road right of way or you may be making payments on a plow repair or worse cause an accident.

Your mail carrier and the newspaper carrier will be really happy too if you shovel out your mailbox so the mail and the paper can be delivered easier as well. Give the carriers a break and shovel that snow away from your Mail box.

**Trash Along Township Roads:**

We're still having problems with trash ... tires this summer and now someone dumped there dishwasher and a range in the ditch! This is costing you in taxes to pick up and dispose of this garbage in addition to making our landscape look ugly!!

Norway Road seems to be a popular area used to get rid of "unwanted stuff". We really need you help to stop this from happening.

If you know anything about who is doing this please or see any suspicious activity get a license number and call 911 to report it and then contact a Township Supervisor.

**County Activities -- only includes issues with township contact involved.**

- 2 New Home Permits Reviewed
- 11 Home Remodels/Additions Reviewed
- 4 Residential Acc Bldg Permits Reviewed
- 1 Farm Accessory Bldg Permits Reviewed
- 1 Decks/Gazebos/Porches Reviewed

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**19 Total County Actions Taken**

**Township Activities**

- 10 Accessory Building Permits Issued
- 1 Communications Tower Acc Bldg permits
- 3 Driveway Permits Issued
- 1 Certificates of Compliance Issued
- 5 Plats/Splits Received
- 4 Variances Received
- 1 Rezoning Requests Received
- 1 Interim Use Permit Requests Received
- 3 City Annexation Requests Presented

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**29 Total Township Actions Taken**

**48 Grand Total**