

News from Avon Township

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As I write, we are being hammered by yet another winter storm. It reminds me of the classic expression, “every cloud has a silver lining,” which refers to the idea that no matter how bad it seems, there is something positive that can come from it. I’m not sure what positives will come from this storm, but once it passes there will be lots of things happening in Avon Township.

Next week (April 22) the Supervisors will hold the annual Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting. This meeting provides residents an opportunity to have their property value reevaluated if they think they are paying more tax than they should. To get on the agenda of this meeting, contact me or the County Assessor’s office.

One dark lining to the wintery clouds that we’ve dealing with is that it tends to wreak havoc on our roads. As a result, once a year the Supervisors drive all 44 miles of Township roads to determine the repairs for the coming year. The Supervisors meet on Saturday, April 27, at 9 AM at the Town Hall to begin this process. Township residents are welcome to tag along in their own vehicles. In addition, at 8:30 AM the Town Hall and maintenance shop will be open for residents to inspect.

A silver, or perhaps dark lining, to the end of winter is yard work. Once again, Township residents will be able to drop off grass clippings and yard waste at the City Compost site at the end of Angelfish Avenue. Keep posted for open hours by checking the City of Avon website (<https://www.cityofavonmn.com/>).

Speaking of Angelfish Avenue, the City of Avon is considering a proposal from Dollar General to construct a store at the corner of Angelfish Avenue and County Road 155. The City will be holding meetings about this proposal in the next few weeks.

Perhaps another silver lining to the end of winter is that the building season will soon be here. If you need a construction site permit (building permit), these are obtained from Stearns County Environmental Services. You can now apply for your permit online at <https://co.stearns.mn.us/Environment>.

Building permits are required in Avon Township if you do any work that will modify the size of the building envelope of your home, or if you build anything a foot or more off the ground. This includes decks or adding sheds to your property. You don’t need a building permit to reroof

your home or replace your windows, however you do need one if you change the roofline or plan to install a bay window in place of a standard one. If in doubt, contact me or Stearns County Environmental Services at 656-3613. You may be required to get Township approval for your building permit. This step is to ensure that residents also get a driveway permit if necessary. Contact me if you need your building permit signed.

Though the dark cloud of winter is still hanging over us, the silver lining is that when you read the next Avon Township News in mid-May, spring should finally be here!