

Silver Creek

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Wright County, Minnesota

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P & Z Meeting
First Tuesday of Month 7:00pm

Supervisor Meetings
First Tuesday of Month following the
P & Z Meeting and the
Third Tuesday of Month 7:00 pm

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Bishop Ave Rebuild

The township has been working on the rebuilding of Bishop Ave this past summer. The project was let for bids in late July for construction completion by Oct 31st 2017. The bids came in very favorable and below estimates. The early fall (November weather in October and October weather in November) didn't help the project, but overall in a little over 3 weeks, the majority of the dirt work was completed. This road will have a 30 foot driving surface, compared to the old road base of 22 – 26 ft. of driving surface. It wasn't the safest road to navigate, with steep pitches and no recovery zone if you did get off to the side a little too much. Now the inslope is graded at a 4:1 slope for 12ft recovery zone, which allows for a safe zone if a

vehicle would wander off the driving surface. The wider road will allow safer walking and recreational use. There is always the concern of faster speeds on rebuilt roads. The reality is, speeding on gravel roads is too fast for the surface, and people generally drive fast regardless of the road or conditions. There are still a few items that the contractor will finish in the spring. The road will be ready for a hard surface in the future. The Board wants to thank the residents on Bishop Ave for their cooperation to complete this project. This is an integral part of construction rebuilds.



Winter is Here ~

Read about Silver Creek's snowplowing policy and winter parking restrictions.



Recycling

Report on recycling with the new containers.



Silver Creek Township Snow Policy



Snow Removal Procedures

The township will usually not dispatch the snowplows until after a snowfall has stopped. During extended periods of snowfall, exceptions are made. The snowplows will not be sent out in situations that may be hazardous due to restricted visibility.

If snowfall stops during regular working hours, the plows may be dispatched at that time. If the snowfall stops during the night or early morning hours, the plows will be dispatched between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Weekend plowing will be handled in a similar fashion.

Operations

Generally, the clearing of roads will consist of three phases: Making the road passable, widening and sanding, and cleaning up. Dependent upon the situation, more than one phase may be accomplished at one time.

- a. Make the road passable.
Clean one lane in each direction. Generally plow and wing are used.
- b. Widen the lanes to edge of shoulders.
Sanding is done at problem locations on paved roads, including intersections, curves, hills and bridges. A 6–10 percent salt to sand mixture is used for problem areas.
- c. Clean up.
Remove ice and slush from roadway after salt and sand have been allowed to work.

Personal Properties

- a. Only those mailboxes and fences that were properly located and installed and which were damaged by actual contact with township equipment will be repaired at township expense.
- b. Township residents are reminded that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways onto or across public roads. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles placed in the roadway may result in liability to the property owner. Piles of snow increase the chance of drifting snow onto the roadways.
- c. Township residents are reminded to remove parked vehicles from township roads to assist in snow removal.
- d. The township vehicles will not attempt to remove stuck vehicles from ditches, snow banks or any other impediment.

Information

Questions or concerns regarding snow removal and/or road conditions should be directed to the township at (763) 878-0141.



Important Reminder

The Township Annual Meeting will be held March 13, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Please mark your calendar for this important meeting. More information will be available on our website: silvercreektwp.com.

Road projects completed this season

In addition to grading and mowing, the maintenance guys worked on cracking sealing the asphalt roads. This was something new. Generally this task is hired out to an outside contractor. The Board is always looking for ways to stretch or make the road and bridge funds to go further and by doing this task in house, the guys were able to get many more cracks filled as compared to hiring the job out. The team worked for 3 ½ weeks blowing out and sealing cracks. They did find it required more than 2 guys to perform the task, with temporary help, the 4 of them blew in \$11,000 dollars' worth of asphalt sealant material. They rented a heated pot to apply the crack fill material. In all, \$15,000 was spent for crack sealing – not including wages. The maintenance team felt they covered twice as much road as hiring it out.

Widen Clementa Ave and 159th street

Maintenance worked on widening Clementa Ave and rebuilding the inslope. They also widened 159th street and created a turn around on the east end of it. These roads are now ready for a chip seal surface in the 2018 summer season.

10,000 yds. of gravel was hauled on gravel roads this season. Another 7000 yds. were hauled on Bishop Ave after they finished widening it. It took about 2 ½ weeks of grading and packing to spread the 10,000 yds., and another week and a half to spread and pack the 7000 yds. on Barton Ave.



Recycle

The 2018 recycling calendar is enclosed, guidelines on how to prepare your recycling are also listed. If you have not received a can and wish to recycle, please contact our office at 763-878-0141.

Town Hall Rental

The Town Hall is available to rent for events or family gatherings. Only \$100 for township residents. Please call for more information.

Trailblazer Transit Service available for Townships in 2018



Wright Co has joined in the funding for Trailblazer Transit, therefore all of Wright Co. will have unrestricted use of the transit system to go anywhere in Wright Co. starting in 2018. Trailblazer Transit is hoping to grow to 18-20 bus schedules by the end of 2018. For information about this service see their website at www.trailblazertransit.com or call their dispatch office at 763-682-1600 or toll free at 1-844-743-3828.

Residential Waste Garbage Service

Silver Creek Township has many different residential waste garbage providers (there are 9 different haulers that pickup in our township). Here are some tips that will help keep the town right of ways cleaner and possibly lessen the large truck traffic.

Heavy trucks really beat up our roadways (asphalt and gravel). Most roads have several providers picking up waste. It would be nice to reduce the traffic from the trucks by using the same providers as your neighbors. Most companies have comparable pricing. If you and your neighbors could all use the same provider – that would help tremendously with the wear and tear on the roads.

If all household waste/garbage could have the liner bags tied shut when placed in the container, then when the garbage provider dumps the trash, the wind would not blow the loose refuse out of their hoppers as the container is hoisted into the truck. There is a lot of loose garbage blowing out of the garbage trucks and littering the roads and ditches. Please do what you can to contain the loose refuse within your garbage container.

Please set your garbage containers in your driveway or off the shoulder of the road. The trucks have mechanical arms that can reach into your drive and pick up your container. When garbage containers are on the driving surface of the road, it poses a liability for you and the township if a vehicle accident were to occur.

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January - December, 2018

Every-Other-Week Single Sort Recycling

Guidelines

Your recycling is single sort; you can place all items together in your container. They do not need to be sorted. Recycling cart may include the items listed below. Please set your cart out by 6:30 a.m. on collection day following these placement guidelines:

**** Wheels should point toward your house, away from the street. Cart should be 1 foot from curb, not the street. Cart should be 3 feet from any other obstructions such as mailboxes, trees, poles, etc. No bungee cords on the lid. IF IN DOUBT, NOTICE THE CART'S POSITION AFTER SERVICE AND PLACE IT THE SAME WAY EACH WEEK.**

ALUMINUM AND TIN CANS – Includes small scrap pieces of clean aluminum. Labels may remain on cans.

GLASS – Please rinse. All colors of glass are accepted. Labels may remain on glass. **NO BROKEN GLASS!**

PLASTIC– Please rinse. Labels may remain on containers. Items with #1 thru #7 in the recycling triangles are acceptable.

PAPER PRODUCTS/PAPERBOARD – This includes newspaper, ad inserts, magazines, catalogs, mixed residential mail and paperboard. (Paperboard includes items such as cereal, snack and tissue boxes as well as paper grocery bags.)

CARDBOARD– Can accept small amounts, please break down.

Please discard items not recyclable as trash.

**** These items are not recyclable! ****

Styrofoam containers, waxed or food contaminated paper, drinking glasses, windowpanes, light bulbs, broken glass, paper towels and aerosol cans

**WEST CENTRAL
SANITATION
1-800-246-7630**

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