



# Wacouta News

## January 2024

### **Hello and Happy 2024!**

Winter will officially be over in less than two months! It has been a fairly tame snow season so far and we appreciate the feedback (*mostly positive!*) about the new plowing service.

Our yearly reminder about driveways: please do not push the snow across the public roads into the ditches.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

There have been some recent reports of vandalism to vehicles and poisoned meat left on private property. Please be alert for suspicious activity and call the sheriff if you see something. And, of course, keep your pets safe!

### **NEW TOWNSHIP WEBSITE**

The township website is being upgraded.

Included in the new redesign will be reports from the monthly township meetings, township officials' contact information, newsletters, and pertinent links to County and Township files.

We will also be posting new reports as they happen and intend to create additional 'nice to know' sections. If you have digital photos - recent or historical – that you are willing to share, please send them or a link to [wacoutatownship1853@gmail.com](mailto:wacoutatownship1853@gmail.com).

### **ELECTIONS & ANNUAL MEETING**

With 2024 being a presidential election year, there will be several voting dates to remember. New this year is a Minnesota State Presidential Primary on Tuesday March 5, 2024. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Primary for State, Federal, and Local offices, as needed. Then, the General Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The polling times for the PNP and General Election are 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM; the site is the Wacouta Town Hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, MN, 55066.

Additionally, the March Township Elections (*one Supervisor and one Clerk/Treasurer position to be filled*) will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 5:00-8:00 PM, at the town hall. The Annual Meeting follows starting at 8:15 PM. The sample ballot for these two positions is attached to the email with this newsletter.

A couple of new proposed policies will be presented for discussion at the annual meeting: one regarding AirBnB/Vrbo's, and then, one regarding Cemetery policy changes. Contact Township Clerk Laan Dommer at [wacoutatownship1853@gmail.com](mailto:wacoutatownship1853@gmail.com) for more information or if you have additional agenda items to propose.

### **ASH TREE REMOVAL**

No doubt you have noticed the many ash trees on public and private property that have been affected by the Emerald Ash Borer.

Several property owners are considering a cooperative rental of a boom truck to aid in cutting the dead trees or other private trimming. Contact George Thoma if you are interested in participating.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be Monday, February 12 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

The Board of Audit is scheduled for February 10, 2024, at 2:00 PM, at 31176 Lakeview Avenue, Red Wing, MN, 55066.

The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 8:15 PM at the Town Hall.