



# ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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**TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY** – Many times the town board is asked to solve problems that are not under our jurisdiction. We are classified as an urban township, with urban town powers. We are, however, limited in our authority by state statutes. Our traditional responsibility has been for road & bridges. However, our citizens have increased the range of our services. Some things are not under our authority.... For example, water problems are either civil matters, or covered by other units of government, like the DNR, or the Soil & Water Conservation District; unless they effect the town road or right-of-way, then the township can become involved, but limited to the road issue.

Townships pride themselves on trying to be the least restrictive form of government. It is interesting how we all want to live in a “free” country; but it is surprising how often the town board is asked to pass ordinances to limit our activities.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY REPORT** – The town board would like to thank everyone for bringing in items for our Spring Clean-Up Day that was held on April 26, and also for their patience and cooperation. It was an extremely busy day; we collected twice as much stuff as usual. Here are some estimates on the quantities we collected:

- 442 tires (1.33 tons of steel recovered)
- 140 yards of dumpster stuff (14 dump trucks)
- 160 yards of scrap metal (16 dump trucks)
- 8 cars
- 183 appliances

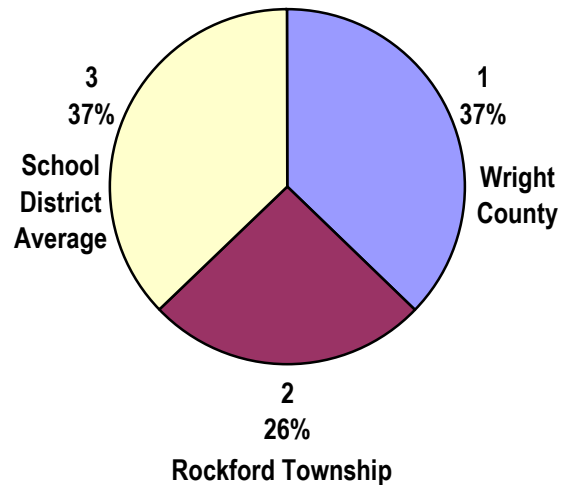
Thanks also to all our volunteers who worked hard all morning!

**SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS** – The town board has reduced speed limit to 30 M.P.H. on Darrow Ave. S.E., and Eaken Ave. S.E., including the Kelly and Valley View Additions south of Co. Rd. 115. The town board may reduce speed limits by resolution, if the section of a town road that has a density of 1 home every 200 feet for a distance of at least ¼ mile. If you have any questions, contact our office.

**THANKS!** – Kathie Gay for planting the beautiful flowers in the planter at the town hall.

**FARMINGTON AVE. ROAD IMPROVEMENT** - The blacktopping of this road in the northern part of our town has been ordered. Assessable properties will be charged \$5,000. per parcel. Work should start and be completed by winter. The town board received a petition from the majority of property owners; the road is classified as a major collector road because of traffic counts, and funding is feasible at this time. Calder Ave. on the West, and Halsey by the Lakes, have also submitted valid petitions to have their roads considered for blacktop, 30<sup>th</sup> St. is also working on a petition.

**“I’M A TAXPAYER, YOU KNOW!”** - Yes, we all are, but do you know what part of your taxes go to the township? And what you receive for those dollars? The simplified graphic below shows the division of your property taxes....



Example: On a single-family house that is homesteaded, on 2 acres, valued at \$154,700.00, the township receives \$335.56 per year in tax revenue. With the tax money, the township provides for Summer & Winter Road Maintenance including graveling, grading, dust control, ditch maintenance, snowplowing, sanding, and road signs for 56 miles of road. To this, add, meetings, elections, fire protection, emergency house number signs, the township hall, recycling service, and animal control. We also have staff (which consists of 5 supervisors, 1 full-time office person, 2 full-time road crew, 1 part-time building maintenance person) to serve the needs of our population, which is 3,444.

**FALL CLEAN-UP DAY – Saturday, September 20, 2003**  
**SEE INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

# ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY

at the Rockford Township Hall  
SATURDAY, September 20, 2003

8:00 A.M. - NOON  
(rain, snow, or shine)

**NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE OR AFTER  
SCHEDULED HOURS!!!**

We will be accepting the following items along with the fees:

## APPLIANCES:

**\$11.00 each** - Freezers, washers, dryers, stoves, heat pumps, dehumidifiers, trash compactors, dishwashers, microwaves, garbage disposals, water heaters, furnaces, humidifiers, refrigerators, (see important note\*)

**\$20.00 each** - Air conditioners

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: GAS/AMMONIA APPLIANCES ARE NOT INCLUDED;** call J.R. Appliance Recyclers directly at 1-800-358-6563.

Water softeners are not appliances, and will go into the miscellaneous.

## TIRES:

**\$1.50** - Passenger tire or light truck tire, not on rim

**\$3.00** - Passenger tire or light truck tire, on rim

**\$6.50** - Heavy truck tire, on or off rim

**\$20.00** - Tractor tire

**MISC:** We will have dumpsters available, and will charge by the load at the discretion of the staff. As a price estimate, **\$25.00** for a level pick-up load, **\$50.00** for a cab-high pick-up load.

**EXCEPTIONS:** We have to charge an additional **\$15.00** for each mattress and each box piece (any size), Chairs - **\$5.00**, Couches - **\$10.00**, TV's - **\$8.00**  
Painted or stained wood, railroad ties, and concrete with re-bar must go into the dumpster, and you will have to pay the misc. fee that applies.

**CHANGE: JUNK CARS – THERE WILL BE A CHARGE OF \$30.00 PER CAR, YOU MUST BRING US A SIGNED TITLE.**

**We used to dispose of the cars for free, but now we have to pay to get rid of junk cars, so, that is why we have to charge the fee.**

**BRUSH: NO CHARGE**

**SCRAP METAL: NO CHARGE**

**CAR BATTERIES: NO CHARGE**

**NO MIXED HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE  
WILL BE ACCEPTED  
NO LOADS OF SHINGLES**

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**THIS RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY IS OPEN TO ANYONE, WILLING TO PAY THE FEES.**

We reserve the right to reject any and all items brought in, at the discretion of the staff.

**ATTENTION !!!!**  
**PLEASE SORT YOUR**  
**LOAD!!!**

**WE WILL CHARGE FOR THE WHOLE LEVEL  
LOAD IF YOUR ITEMS ARE NOT ORGANIZED!  
and YOU WILL UNLOAD THEM BY YOURSELF!**

**\*\*\* NO PAINT \* NO OIL \*\*\***

**\*\*\*NO FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS \*\*\***

**NO HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED BY  
ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP !!!!**

The Wright County Compost & Recycling Facility is now accepting Household Hazardous Wastes and Recyclable Materials

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Items collected include: Paints, Stains, Varnishes, Thinners, Lighter Fluids, Aerosol Cans, Adhesives, Caulk, Putty, Cleanser, Strippers, Inks, Acids, Caustics, Pesticides, Herbicides, \*Oil Filters, \*Anti-freeze, \*Major appliances, \*Tires, \*Fluorescent bulbs

**\* There is a fee for disposal of these items.**

Please call 763/682-7338 to make an appointment.

## TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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## CLERK/TREASURER:

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and Noon - 3 p.m.

**MEETINGS:** Please call the office to be placed on the agenda; we meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. To speak at a meeting you have to be on the agenda, or fill out a public comment form available at the meeting. The board may not be able to act on items not on the agenda. **WEBSITE:** <http://township.rockford.mn.us>