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Season's Greetings!

As we enter the winter season, here's a reminder to all residents regarding plowing on driveways. Please avoid pushing snow across public roads into ditch areas or around mailboxes. Remind any plowing contractors, as well. If you encounter icy conditions on public roads that need special attention with sanding and plowing, feel free to contact John Plehal at 703-508-8738, the liaison with the township plowing service.

TRAIL GUIDELINES FOR DOGS

For those of you who use the Rattlesnake Bluff Trail or dog owners who live nearby, please take note of the new sign to be posted this week on the activity court fence near the town hall trailhead. Without formal patrols, we ask dog owners to self-police their animals and for others to report unpleasant encounters.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OPENING

Looking ahead to 2025, there will be one vacancy for a 3-year term as Supervisor on the Town Board. The filing period for candidates is December 31, 2024, to January 14, 2025, and the election will take place on March 11, 2025. This is an excellent opportunity for public service and a way to impact our community positively.

FORUM FOR POSSIBLE TRAIL UPGRADES

Speaking of the Trail, there will be a special agenda item at our January board meeting *(January 13, 2025)* to allow discussion about significant upgrades for the trail. Some Wacouta residents are advocating for a planned maintenance effort, which would need funds that might affect the tax levy 2026 and beyond.

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The Board is soliciting opinions to get a sense of the community before submitting the proposed levy at the Annual meeting in March.

2025 ELECTION & ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting and Township election are scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Polls will be open from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for voting on Township Board vacancies, and the Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 PM.

One item that is sure to be raised at the Annual Meeting is the Township Picnic. For the past several years, funds earmarked for a picnic have gone unused due to a lack of volunteers to plan and conduct an event. Please consider whether you might be willing to step up. It has been an enjoyable experience in past years; typically, only three or four people have been needed to make it happen.

WINTER TRAVEL

Many residents travel during the winter months. If you do, you may want to notify the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office so that they can increase patrols and pay special attention to your property if it's vacant for an extended period.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Who remembers this? Check out more memories on the township website, wacoutatownship.org