

# NEWS



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### LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO HOLD INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department will be holding eight information sessions designed for citizens to have a better understanding of land use permit requirements and the property tax assessment process.

Information sessions regarding land use will be held on August 12, 2013 at the Ideal Town Hall from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and at the Lake Edward Town Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm and on August 19, 2013 at the Deerwood Town Hall from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and at the Long Lake Town Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

“We believe that folks want to do the right thing when it comes to their property” stated Land Services Supervisor Chris Pence. “This is an opportunity to learn and understand rules and regulations for developing and improving their property.”

The ordinance follows a set of performance standards for lake lots that need to be adhered to as a condition for receiving land use permits from the County. These site-based performance standards apply practical approaches based on the actual characteristics of a property and are designed to achieve measurable results in achieving the goal of keeping our lakes healthy. Rather than a one size fits all approach to land use, site specific performance standards such as stormwater management, vegetated buffers and septic system maintenance are part of the ordinance requirements.

Information sessions to discuss the property tax assessment process will be held on August 12, 2013 at the Lake Edward Town Hall from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and at the Ideal Town Hall from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm and on August 19, 2013 at the Long Lake Town Hall from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and at the Deerwood Town Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

“People want to know they are being treated fairly. Part of our job is to communicate our policies and procedures clearly so the taxpayers in this county can make informed decisions about their property” stated Land Services Supervisor Gary Griffin.

The policies and procedures the county must follow are determined by the state legislature. These laws and rules are administered by the Department of Revenue in St. Paul.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact Environmental Services at (218) 824-1125 or Property Valuation and Classification at (218) 824-1010. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at [www.crowwing.us](http://www.crowwing.us).