



BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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8:00 a.m.—6:30 p.m. Thursday
Closed on Friday
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BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEB SITE:

Approved Town Board meeting minutes
can be found at
<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

Burning Permits online at
[http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/
burningpermits](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/burningpermits)

PLEASE NOTE:



Baldwin Township's
new office hours are:

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Just a Reminder

Per Minnesota Statute 160.2715a1, it is unlawful to push or plow snow into or across any public road. When clearing snow from your driveways, snow must be directed on to your own property. Exercise caution in following or approaching plow trucks. Snowplows are not as maneuverable as smaller vehicles.

Any motor vehicle left on any roadway or road right-of-way in the Township that impedes the performance of the Township snowplow efforts shall be dealt with under the provisions of Baldwin Township policies. Your vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.

Roads are plowed when snow accumulation reaches 2".

CHILD SAFETY FIRST: Do not allow children to build snow forts in the cul-de-sacs or road right-of-way.

RESPONSIBILITY OF RESIDENTS

Snowstorms create numerous problems and inconveniences. The residents will also have certain responsibilities. These include clearing their own driveways, clearing areas for trashcans, clearing around mailboxes, and newspaper delivery tubes. These areas should be cleared without depositing any snow into the street. There also must not be any large piles, which obstruct vision of driveways. Trash cans must not be placed on the street surfaces. The Township will not clear private drives.

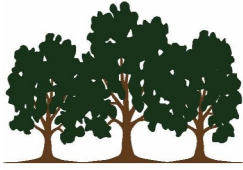
Snow plowing can cause additional snow to be deposited in driveway approaches and around roadside obstacles. Operators are instructed to attempt to minimize these instances; however, it is not practical to eliminate this situation. Residents should be aware they might have to clear their driveways a second time after their street has been plowed.

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE SNOW PLOWING AND ICE CONTROL

Winter road maintenance is one of the most important duties of the public works department. Providing the best service and the utmost safety to the public will always be the first consideration. As important is the safety of the snowplow operators. Although winter weather will always be unpredictable, every effort will be made to provide a consistent and high level of service.

In November of 2009 the Township of Baldwin adopted a snow and ice control policy. The policy set guidelines for snowplow operators to follow while performing winter road maintenance. Responsibilities of residents were also outlined in the policy. Prior to the winter season each year the snow and ice control policy will be reviewed and recommendations will be made for the Township to consider.

Go to <http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com/ordiances> for complete information.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 3 Baldwin Regular Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 10 PAVC (K-Bob Café) 8:00 a.m.
- Dec 13 Princeton Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 13 Baldwin Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 18 Baldwin Regular Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED**
- Dec 27 Princeton Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

LET'S GO GREEN!

To save money on paper and postage

If you send a message to cheryl.dobson30239@gmail.com, we will have your email address for the green edition of the newsletter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

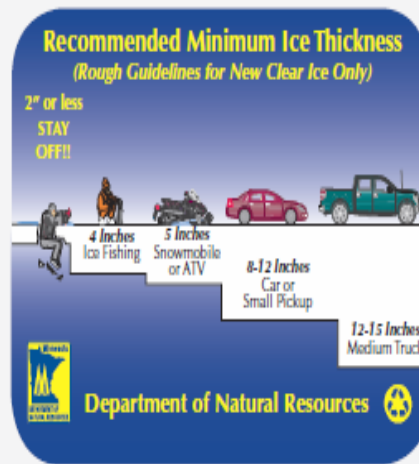
As we approach the heating season, the fire department would like to send out a friendly reminder to all households to check/replace batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms.

If you would like to have the Baldwin Township Fire Department attend an event in your area, visit your daycare, or give your group a tour of the Fire Station, contact Gary Taylor to set up an appointment. 763-447-0421

As the temperatures start to drop the lakes will start to freeze. Check the minimum recommended ice thicknesses from the Minnesota DNR.

FIRE FIGHTERS WANTED

Contact Northeast Sherburne Fire & Rescue at 763-389-7976 for more information. Applications can be picked up at the Baldwin Town Hall.



- ⊗ Many ice drownings involve children. When your child is near the ice, you should be near your child.
- ⊗ Avoid alcoholic beverages when you're on the ice. They can make you feel colder and slow down your reaction time in case of an ice emergency.
- ⊗ Carry two large nails to use as ice picks to pull yourself out if you fall through thin ice.
- ⊗ Never drive on the ice at night.
- ⊗ Avoid pressure ridges, and areas with current if you do choose to drive on the ice.
- ⊗ Drive with your windows down and doors partially open to avoid becoming trapped if your car breaks through.

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Boat & Water Safety Section
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St. Paul, MN 55155-4046
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BALDWIN PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COMMISSION BEGINS WORK

The Baldwin Township Board of Supervisors created the Planning Commission around midsummer of this year. The Commission consists of six Commissioners who are: Peggy Patten, Chair, Scott Case, Vice Chair, Commissioners Terry Carlile, Elly Rittenour, Rich Harris, and Ross Perry.

The Town Board Liaison is Mr. Randy Atwood and his role is to communicate between the two groups and give feedback and updates to the Town Board.

The Town Board also employed Bridget Chard, as Planner and guide to the Commission and to help them understand their roles in planning and to develop the Town's Plan.

The Town Board charged the Planning Commission to create a Community Comprehensive Plan for the Township's future. Together, the Commissioners and Planner have now actively begun their work.

To date, the following items have happened:

1. Planning Commissioners terms have been determined.
2. Planning Commission's Bylaws (the rules they work under) have been adopted.
3. Planning Commission Code of Behavior has been accepted.
4. Training is done monthly for the Commissioners.
5. Research has begun on the identified twelve components of the Plan. They are as follow:
 - * History / Community and Natural
 - * Population / Housing and Income
 - * Environment / Infrastructure
 - * Agricultural / Soils
 - * Economy / Land Uses
 - * Transportation System in Township
 - * Community Services / Facilities
 - * Parks / Open Spaces
 - * Shoreland / Floodplain / Wetlands
 - * Green Options
 - * Inter-governmental Relations
 - * Capital Improvement Plans

It is estimated that the time to complete the Plan for the Township will be about eighteen (18) months. Once the research is completed and compiled, the Planning Commission will hold informational meetings to provide the community the opportunity to review and ask questions.

These discussions could be in the form of community meetings in the winter months, either in areas of the Township or by stakeholder groups. If you are interested in holding a meeting, feel free to contact the Town Hall at 1.763.389.8931 and let them know. Planner Chard will contact you.

After the input from the residents, the Planning Commission will identify action plans for each of the components and begin to consider a future land use map for the Township. As this is completed, the Township will again hold informational meetings to get the citizen input.

The final work will culminate in a formal Public Hearing to take final comments on the whole Plan. The Planning Commission is to be complemented on their great work to date and their efforts towards a better and more efficient Baldwin Community. It is hoped that with your help and input along with the Planning Commission, the Baldwin Township Community Comprehensive Plan will become a successful road map for your future.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Town supervisors are charged with the duty to make decisions on behalf of the Township and have the responsibility to see the Town fulfills its duties to the State and to the Town residents.

To be eligible to run for Town office you must be:

- * An eligible voter
- * A filed candidate for only one position at the same election
- * At least 21 years of age at the time of assuming office
- * A resident of the Township for at least 30 days before the election

A supervisor should have sufficient time throughout the year to attend meetings, listen to concerned residents, serve on various committees, attend training sessions to learn and remain current on the duties of office.

**Baldwin Township Annual Meeting and Election
Second Tuesday in March, 2013
Polls Open at 10:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting starts at 8:01 p.m.**

The terms of both Baldwin Town Board Supervisors Randy Atwood and Tom Rush are ending in March. Filing for office begins January 1 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2013. Filing fee is \$2.00.

If interested, file your candidacy with the Baldwin Township clerk.

The Baldwin Town Board offers a sincere THANK YOU to the Zimmerman-Livonia Fire Relief Association.

Captain Sheldon Pool of the Zimmerman-Livonia Fire Department presented a check in the amount of \$2,200 to the Baldwin Fire Department at their regular meeting on November 13th to assist in the acquisition of ice rescue equipment.



Sherburne County donates Goose Lake land to Baldwin Township.

Sherburne County has donated about 37 acres of land to Baldwin Township so that a park can be established.

Rachel Leonard, who represents part of Baldwin Township on the Sherburne County Board, made the action official on Saturday, Oct. 6, at a presentation in Young Park, Baldwin Township's first park, and presented Township Chairman Jay Swanson with a quit claim deed to the property.

Goose Lake sits northwest of the Fairway Shores Golf Course between Little Elk Lake and Cantlin Lake. Baldwin Township, at the request of its parks board, requested that Sherburne County turn the property over to the township.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF BALDWIN TOWNSHIP?

Be a member of the

BALDWIN VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Meetings are at the Baldwin Town Hall.

Check the online calendar for dates and time.

EMS SIGNS: The project is almost complete.

The missing/extra EMS signs have been ordered and should be installed by Christmas.

Property owners shall be responsible for:

- * Maintaining the area around the fire number sign so that shrubbery, trees, brush, weeds, or other items do not obscure the visibility of the sign.
- * Ensuring signs remain free of dirt or snow.
- * Ensuring that nothing is attached to the fire signpost other than the fire sign..
- * Notifying a Town official when a sign is missing or damaged beyond repair Such notification shall be within 48 hours of the occurrence.

Baldwin Park Board

Is looking for persons interested in joining the park board committee

If interested please call the Baldwin Town Hall

James Skogquist

Baldwin Township thanks you for the generous donation of the decorative rock to compliment the landscape of Young Park