

CITY OF BALDWIN

30239 128th Street NW, Baldwin, MN 55371

January 2025

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Office Hours

Mon—Thurs: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed for Lunch: 12:30 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Phone: 763-389-8931
Email: city.clerk@baldwinmn.gov

CITY COUNCIL

Jay Swanson, Mayor —763-631-8545
Tom Rush—763-389-8931
Scott Case—763-350-0374
Jeff Holm—763-389-8931
Alan Walker—763-389-8931

CITY CLERK / TREASURER

Joan Heinen—Clerk/Treasurer
Kayla Nielsen—Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

FIRE STATION

****EMERGENCY DIAL 911****
Scott Case, Fire Chief
763-350-0374

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Zachary Good, Supervisor
763-389-8931

CITY OF BALDWIN WEBSITE:
www.baldwinmn.gov

CITY OF BALDWIN FACEBOOK:
[www.facebook.com/
CityofBaldwinMinnesota](http://www.facebook.com/CityofBaldwinMinnesota)

Calendar of Events for 2025

(unless otherwise noted all meetings start at 7:00 p.m.)

January 1	New Years Day — OFFICE CLOSED
January 6	City Council Meeting
January 15	Special Planning Commission Meeting
January 16	Park Committee Meeting
January 20	Martin Luther King Day — OFFICE CLOSED
January 22	Planning Commission Meeting
January 27	City Council Meeting
February 3	City Council Meeting
February 17	President's Day — OFFICE CLOSED
February 19	Special Planning Commission Meeting
February 20	Park Committee Meeting
February 24	City Council Meeting
February 26	Planning Commission Meeting
February 28	2025 Building Blocks CE
March 3	City Council Meeting
March 17	City Council Meeting
March 19	Special Planning Commission Meeting
March 20	Park Committee Meeting
March 26	Planning Commission Meeting
April 7	City Council Meeting
April 8	Special Election for Sunday Liquor Sales
April 17	Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting 3:00 p.m.

**Burning Permits are available at City Hall or online at
www.dnr.state.mn.us.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT IN BALDWIN **BUILDING BLOCKS CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Remember the City's website at <https://baldwinmn.gov/>
is a good resource for information regarding the City of
Baldwin. If you have further questions or don't find the
information you're looking for, call City Hall at**

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Baldwin Township is now, legally, the City of Baldwin. The planning and implementation of this result has taken over 20 years.

On March 7 and 8, 2024, an evidentiary hearing and public comments of the Petition for the Incorporation of Baldwin Township came before Administrative Law judge Jessica A. Palmer-Denig and a decision was made. On April 19, 2024, the record was officially closed upon receipt of the final filings in the matter of Baldwin Township becoming the City of Baldwin.

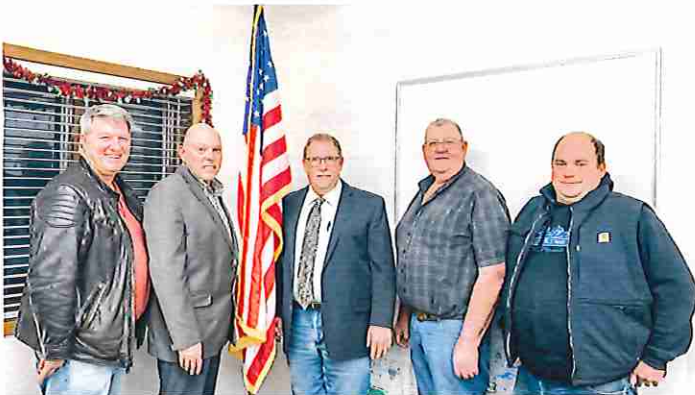
As a township, the governing factor was determined by a Town Board of Supervisors comprised of a Chairperson and 4 board members. To operate as a city, a Mayor and 4 Councilmembers needed to be elected. On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the General election was held and included candidates running for Mayor and Baldwin City Council.

Jay Swanson was elected Mayor, Jeff Holm (City Council Member-Seat A) and Tom Rush (City Council Member-Seat D) were elected for two-year terms. Alan Walker (City Council Member-Seat C) and Scott Case (City Council Member-Seat B) were elected for four-year terms after a recount was completed on November 20, 2024.

On Monday, November 18, 2024, the first official meeting of the City of Baldwin occurred. After being sworn in, Mayor, Jay Swanson and City Council members Tom Rush and Jeff Holm officiated over the meeting. Since there was a quorum of the Council, business could be conducted.

Scott Case and Alan Walker were sworn in at the December 2, 2024 City Council meeting. Meeting topics included the budget for 2025, a Fire Department new hire, as well as numerous other agenda items that Baldwin as a City needs to handle opposed to relying on the County. After every meeting, the meeting minutes from the prior meetings are reviewed and approved for publication. Then the minutes are published on Baldwin's website at <https://baldwinmn.gov/>.

Congratulations residents of the City of Baldwin! It will be exciting to see what's next!



From left to right:

Scott Case (Council Seat B), Tom Rush (Council Seat D), Jay Swanson (Mayor Seat E), Alan Walker (Council Seat C), and Jeff Holm (Council Seat A)

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From left to right:

Brad Schumacher (Sherburne County Commissioner), Jeff Holm (Council Seat A), Scott Case (Council Seat B), Jay Swanson (Mayor Seat E), Tom Rush (Council Seat D), Alan Walker (Council Seat C), and Bryan Lawrence (MN State Representative)



CITY OF BALDWIN
SNOWPLOW AND ICE CONTROL OPERATIONS

Snow removal and/or ice control operations will begin under the direction of the City Council and/or designated representative. Operations will begin when **two or more inches** of snow have fallen. It is the intent of the City to complete plowing, widening, and sanding operations within 48 hours of the time the snowfall ceases, but such operations typically will not remove all snow or ice from the roads. Residents are reminded to use caution while driving, as the legal speed limit may not be safe or reasonable during winter weather conditions. Snow and ice removal operations may be suspended during periods of limited or zero visibility and when weather conditions make snow and ice control operations unusually dangerous for the snow plow operators.

ICE CONTROL AND SALT/SAND APPLICATION

<u>First Priority</u>	Priority routes, high volume intersections, hills and curves
<u>Second Priority</u>	Stop intersections, moderate volume intersections
<u>Third Priority</u>	Residential intersections

PROPERTY DAMAGE: The City will not be responsible for any of the following damage occurring during the normal course of snow removal from City roads: 1) mailboxes or fences damaged by thrown snow or from improperly placed mailboxes per Postmaster policy; and 2) damage to landscaping or objects within the City road right-of-way.

RESPONSIBILITY OF RESIDENTS: Responsibilities include clearing their own driveways, clearing areas for trash cans, 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 City will not clear private drives. **Parking of vehicles or other objects on City roads from November 1st through April 30th is prohibited. Any illegally parked vehicles may be towed to an impound lot at the car owner's expense.**

Residents are reminded that it is against the law to plow snow from your driveway across a public road as this creates a hazardous situation for the public using the roads. Property owners who plow snow into the right of way will be billed for the cost of the City removing this snow.

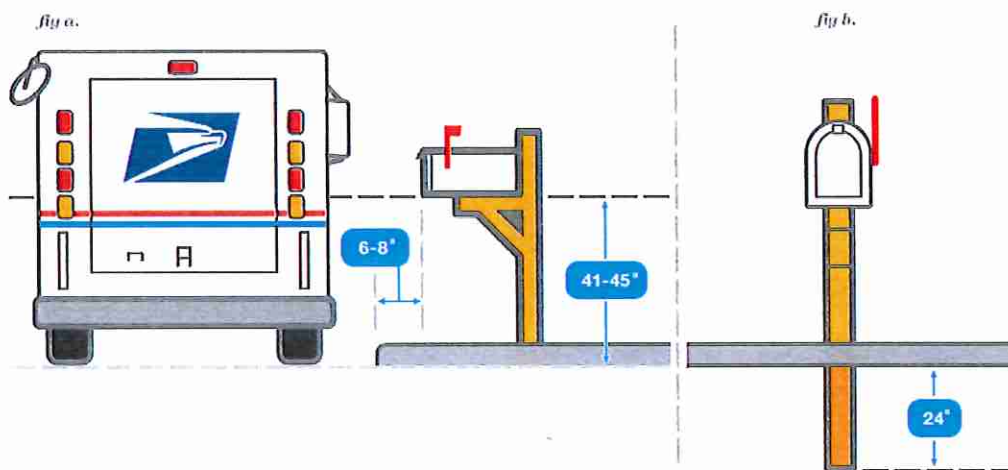
Baldwin City Council

MAILBOXES

The City of Baldwin will not be responsible for any damage or replacement of mailboxes that are improperly placed during the normal course of snow removal.

All mailboxes must meet Postmaster Policy. You can find the full policy online at www.usps.com.

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.
- Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.
- Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.
- The best mailbox supports are stable and bend or fall away if a car hits them.
- It is recommended that residents have a swing-away mailbox. The post and hardware can be purchased at City Hall.



Sherburne County Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Representative

City of Baldwin resident Dean Kleinhans is your Sherburne County Parks and Trails Advisory Committee representative. This committee was formed in 2024 to receive comments, concerns, and questions about our County parks and recreation spaces. The committee meets monthly and takes community input on park development and usage activities. It then forms recommendations for actions to be taken by County Board Commissioners. Dean will serve in this role through 2026, along with six other committee members representing each of the County's five legislative districts, plus two at-large committee members. Baldwin is part of County Commissioner Brad Schumacher's district which includes Zimmerman and Livonia.

Any questions about County parks as they continue to develop and the Great Northern Regional Trail which will come through Baldwin along County Rd. 45, can be directed to Dean at 612-716-0282.

TEXTMYGOV

TextMyGov

The City of Baldwin has launched ! This convenient and smart text messaging service provides the City of Baldwin's residents with important information and updates such as road closures, elections, and other relevant matters. You may sign up by texting **BALDWIN** to **91896**. After texting here is what you can expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- You may receive multiple text messages a month.
- You can text STOP anytime to remove yourself from the notification list.

This feature is being used by various governmental entities across the country with great success and is something the City of Baldwin is providing its residents to help keep them informed of important information.

(Msg & data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for details. View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions.)

If you have questions or need help regarding TEXTMYGOV, or are looking for information regarding meetings, the City calendar, or events, please visit the City's website at <https://baldwinmn.gov/> or call City Hall at 763-389-8931.

Sign up to receive text alerts!

Sign-up by texting,

BALDWIN

to: **91896**



Scan to Start Texting ↗

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization

CITY OF BALDWIN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR 2025 TAXES.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Baldwin will meet on April 8th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Baldwin City Hall, 30239 128th Street NW, Baldwin, MN. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the City of Baldwin's Assessor, Jake Stenzel, at 763-308-5049 or email Jake at assessorjake@gmail.com to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussion with Jake Stenzel, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

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2025 Building Blocks Continuing Education

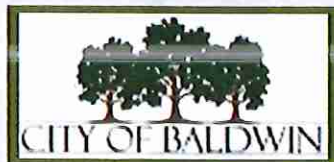


This course is approved by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry for 7 hours CE for Building Officials, Residential Building Contractors and Remodelers who have a qualifying license number.



2025 BUILDING BLOCKS CONTINUING EDUCATION SERIES: DECKS, PORCHES AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

Presented by The City of Baldwin
and Rum River Consultants



LIMITED Seats Available (30 seats)
Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Don't wait - reserve your spot today!

DATE: February 28, 2025
TIME: 8:00am - 4:00 pm
LOCATION: City of Baldwin Fire Station
30239 128th St NW, Baldwin MN
COST: \$150.00
REGISTRATION:
<https://www.rumrivercc.com/continuing-education>
PHONE: 763.331.7722

- INTRO and WELCOME**
- MN rules, 1300 code changes
 - Administration

- BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (1 hr)**
- Contractor responsibility for permits, inspections and documentation

- DECKS, PORCHES, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS and MORE**
- When is engineering needed
 - Slab on grade
 - Post frame
 - Narrow wall bracing

- ENERGY CODE (1 hr)**
- Energy Certificates of Compliance
 - Online tools
 - REScheck

**2025
BUILDING
BLOCKS**

Our Teaching Staff (varies depending on location)

- Adam Barthel
- Roger Axel
- Andy Schreder
- Brant Schreder
- Nick Gilliland
- Barry Brainard

Knox Box for Residential and Commercial Properties

The Knox Box provides first responders with quick and secure access when responding to community members homes during an emergency situation. It significantly reduces the need for forced entry and the resulting damage repairs. The Knox Box holds one key, has wall mount or door hanging mounting options, and is weather-resistant.

Benefits of using a Knox Box:

- Provides firefighters with residential rapid access
- Minimizes the need for costly property repairs due to forced entry
- Resecuring the residence is simple and quick
- One time purchase that requires no monthly monitoring fees
- Reduces the risk of injury to first responders

Baldwin Fire is excited to announce Knox Box options for our residents. For more information, visit knoxbox.com or call 855-438-5669 to learn more.



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RAPID ENTRY SYSTEMS

