



4th Quarter Newsletter - October - December 2026

City of Baldwin

VOTE 2026

★ General Election: ★
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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CITY OF BALDWIN

Council Corner

Written By: Council Member Alan Walker

Keeping Baldwin's Roads Safe — YearRound



As a member of the Baldwin City Council, I want to take a moment to talk about something we all depend on every day—our roads.

Baldwin has approximately 80 miles of roads to maintain. That is a tremendous responsibility for our community and our public works crew. Throughout the year, our roads require attention through pothole repairs, grading, ditch and culvert maintenance, signage, shoulder work and other improvements. Our biggest project this year were new catch basins and pipe installed near Sandy Lake and Lake Diann. Baldwin also did a mill and overlay on 299th Avenue, 129th Street, and 300th Avenue.

Road maintenance doesn't stop when winter begins. Minnesota winters add another level of responsibility. When the snow starts falling, our public works employees are working to keep Baldwin's roads safe and passable.

During a major storm, our crews may spend hours making repeated passes because roads can become covered again almost as soon as they are cleared. Weather conditions, drifting snow, ice and visibility can all affect how quickly roads can be safely cleared.

Our plow drivers must also prioritize roads based on safety, traffic, emergency access and road conditions. One of the best things residents can do is give our snowplow operators plenty of room to work. Please slow down when approaching a plow and maintain a safe distance behind it. Passing a snowplow can be extremely dangerous, both for the driver and for the plow operator. Keeping vehicles, trailers and other objects out of the roadway can also help our crews clear the streets more efficiently and safely.

As a City Council member, I appreciate the work our public works employees do for Baldwin. Much of that work happens behind the scenes, but it has a direct impact on every person who drives, walks or lives along the roads.

We know that road conditions matter to our residents, and we take that responsibility seriously. We will continue working to prioritize road maintenance needs, plan responsibly for future improvements and make the best use of the resources our community has available.

Thank you residents for your patience, especially during the long Minnesota snowstorms. A special thank you to our public works crew for the many hours spent keeping Baldwin's roads safe and maintained.

City Calendar

October 7: City Council Meeting
October 12: OFFICE CLOSED - Columbus Day
October 13: Park Committee Meeting
October 14: Special Planning Commission Meeting
October 21: City Council Meeting
October 28: Planning Commission Meeting

All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

November 3: General Election - Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
November 4: City Council Meeting
November 11: OFFICE CLOSED - Veteran's Day
November 18: City Council Meeting
November 19: Park Committee Meeting
November 24: Planning Commission Meeting
November 26: OFFICE CLOSED - Thanksgiving
November 27: OFFICE CLOSED

December 2: Truth & Taxation/City Council Meeting
December 9: Special Planning Commission Meeting
December 16: City Council Meeting
December 17: Park Committee Meeting
December 23: Planning Commission Meeting
December 25: OFFICE CLOSED - Christmas

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:30 - 1:00
FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

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Snowplow and Ice Control Operations

The City has adopted a Snow And Ice Control Policy that provides for snow and ice control on City roads designated to receive winter maintenance. A copy of the full policy can be found on the City's website.

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

1. First Priority: Priority routes, high volume intersections, hills and curves
2. Second Priority: Stop intersections, moderate volume intersections
3. Third Priority: 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 Fire Department

The Baldwin Fire Department has had a busy summer, hosting two successful community events that brought residents together while supporting the department and promoting fire safety.

In August, the Baldwin Fire Department hosted its 2nd Annual Fire Dance, welcoming approximately 250 people for an evening of music, food, and fun. The band Rhino provided the entertainment and kept the crowd dancing throughout the night. The department would like to thank everyone who came out to support the event and make it such a great success.

In September, the department opened its doors to the community for its Open House. The event provided residents with an opportunity to meet local firefighters, learn more about the department, and see firsthand some of the work firefighters do.

Throughout the Open House, the department held several educational and interactive demonstrations, including kitchen fire demonstrations, car fire demonstrations, and demonstrations in the smoke house. These activities gave attendees a better understanding of how quickly fires can develop and the importance of knowing what to do in an emergency.

The Open House also featured Air Care, giving community members an opportunity to learn more about emergency medical transportation and see the aircraft up close.

The Baldwin Fire Department would like to thank everyone who attended the Fire Dance and Open House, as well as everyone who helped make these events possible. The department appreciates the continued support of the Baldwin community and looks forward to hosting more opportunities for residents and firefighters to connect in the future.



A Special Thank You:

Minesota DNR
Minnesota State Patrol
North Ambulance
City of Baldwin
Princeton Fire & Rescue
North Branch Fire Department
Elk River Fire Department
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Baldwin FunFest





Car Show First Place & People's Choice Winner!

Baldwin FunFest 2026 was a wonderful day filled with community spirit, family fun, and plenty of smiles! Held on September 19 at Young Park, the event brought Baldwin residents and visitors together for an afternoon of activities, food, music, and fun.

Families enjoyed a variety of kids' activities, including a bounce house, face painting, coloring, washable tattoos, color hair spray, and the opportunity to explore a fire truck. The car show had many impressive vehicles on display despite the cold, cloudy, and rainy weather.

A big thank-you goes out to all of our vendors, food trucks, volunteers, car show participants, and everyone who helped make Baldwin FunFest possible. Most importantly, thank you to everyone who came out and supported the event, even with the less-than-ideal weather!

We are already looking forward to making next year's FunFest even better. We welcome your feedback and ideas as we begin planning for 2027. Thank you, Baldwin, for helping make FunFest a special community tradition!







A Special Thank You: NAPA Auto Parts - Princeton Ambassadors - Princeton Cheer Team - Zimmerman Cub Scouts - Santema's Sweets & Savories - Tacopolis - Knapsnacks - DJ Mitch - Baldwin Fire Department - Family Fun Jumps - Old National Bank

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Make Memories. Make a Difference.




HAVE FUN!


MEET NEW PEOPLE!


SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!



BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- **GIVE BACK** to the community you love
- **MEET NEW PEOPLE & MAKE FRIENDS**
- **HELP MAKE** community events successful
- **BUILD A STRONGER, MORE CONNECTED BALDWIN**
- **HAVE FUN** while making a difference!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Event Setup & Cleanup
- Kids Activities
- Parking & Greeting Guests
- Food Service
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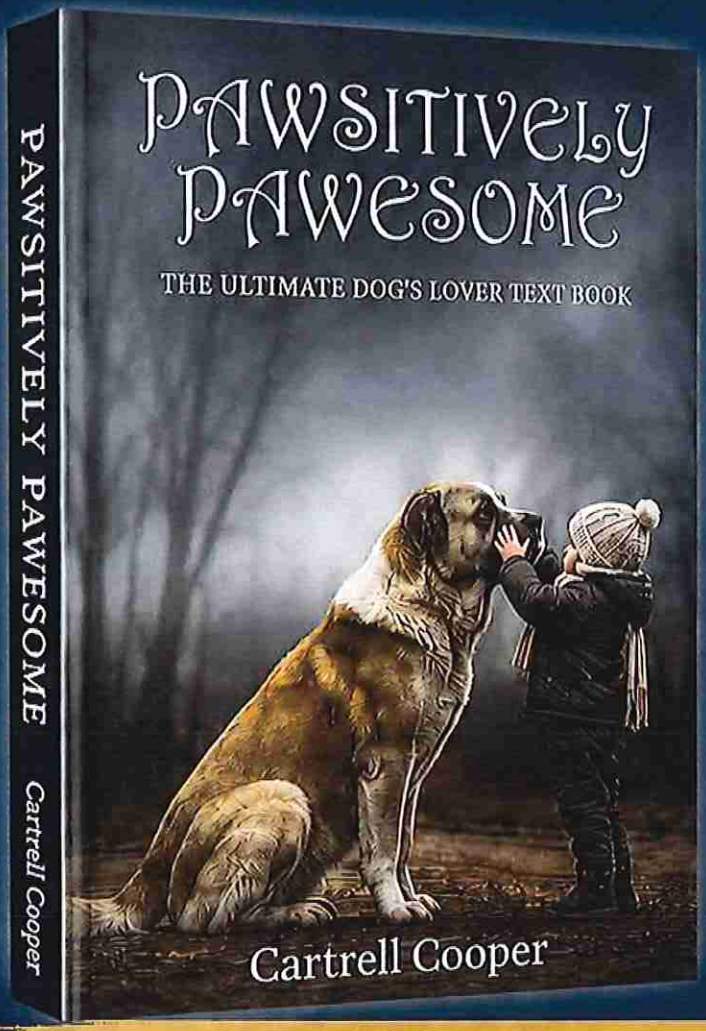
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