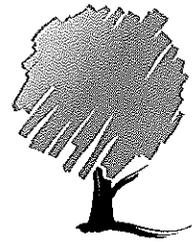


Town of BALDWIN NEWSLETTER



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Road Report

Road maintenance is in high gear through the summer months. We have put down 36 tons of "hot mix" asphalt fixing potholes so far this year.

The 136th Street culvert replacement project has been completed.

The 2nd lift on 283rd Avenue is scheduled for the end of August or beginning of September. We were able to "piggyback" this project with other county projects and save about \$19,000.

The 104th Street road project was awarded to Knife River. Work will entail subgrade correction and overlay.

While doing our shouldering work we have noticed the dumping of grass clippings in ditches and drainage areas. Please refrain from this as it plugs culverts and creates drainage problems in some places. Composting these materials or disposing of them properly is a much better option.



Baldwin Township Supervisors from left to right
Jay Swanson, Larry Handshoe, Bryan Lawrence, Jim Oliver and Jeff Holm

**DRIVE WITH
CAUTION
IN WORK ZONES**



Reuse, Recycle, and Compost

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP can issue 3-day burning permits when there is not a burning ban in effect. This permit is for open burning as allowed and in Minnesota Statute 88.16 Minn. Uniform Fire Code, and local ordinances. Permission can be granted to burn trees, brush and leaves at a specified location.



If granted a permit, your responsibilities are:

- To keep a fire under control and to assume responsibility for all damages and costs that may result from burning done under a permit.
- To attend a fire until completely extinguished.
- To have a permit available at the burn site for inspection.
- Not to burn if there is a practical alternative method for disposal of the material such as chipping or composting.
- To use a clean burning device to start the fire.
- Not to conduct burning during any air quality alert.
- Not to burn paper or cardboard except as provided under Minn. Statute 17.135.
- To extinguish the fire immediately if a permit is revoked.
- That prevailing wind must be away from nearby occupied building.
- That fires will not be allowed to smolder without flame.

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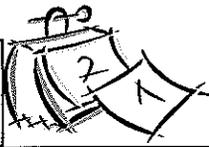
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BALDWIN CALENDAR



LABOR DAY—SEPTEMBER 7 OFFICE CLOSED

- Sept 14 Reg. Monday Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Princeton Visionary Mtg. 8:00 a.m.
At the K-Bob Café
- Sept 15 Reg. Tuesday Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 17 Cty. Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.
- Sept 20 Park Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 21 Princeton Planning 7:00 p.m.
At Princeton City Hall
- Sept 28 Princeton Visionary Mtg. 8:00 a.m.
At the K-Bob Café
- Oct 5 Reg. Monday Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 6 Reg. Tuesday Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

COLUMBUS DAY—OCTOBER 12 OFFICE CLOSED

- Oct. 20 Park Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Halloween

ENERGY

All of us use energy every day—for transportation, cooking, heating and cooling rooms, manufacturing, lighting, and entertainment. The choices we make about how we use energy—turning machines off when we're not using them or choosing to buy energy efficient appliances—impact our environment and our lives.

There are many things we can do to use less energy and use it more wisely. Two main ways to save energy are **energy conservation** and **energy efficiency**. Many people think these terms mean the same thing, but they are different.

Energy conservation is any behavior that results in the use of less energy. Turning the lights off when you leave the room and recycling aluminum cans are both ways of conserving energy.

Energy efficiency is the use of technology that requires less energy to perform the same function. A compact fluorescent light bulb that uses less energy than an incandescent bulb to produce the same amount of light is an example of energy efficiency. The decision to replace an incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent is an example of energy conservation.

Jeffrey Holm



Lifelong resident of Baldwin Township grew up on family farm east of the Baldwin Cemetery. He was elected to the board of supervisors March of 2008. Jeff currently serves as the chairman of the town board, and he also serves on the Sherburne County Planning Commission. He previously served on the township park committee and comprehensive planning committee.

Jeff recently received a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in community development and economics from St. Cloud State University. He also attended and completed the Upper Midwest Basic Economic Development Course at the University of Minnesota Duluth this summer. The course is accredited through the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). Jeff is working towards becoming a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD).

He plans to introduce economic development tools and practices to the town board in an effort to increase sustainable employment opportunities and business development. He feels that business outreach efforts by the township could reduce the threat of annexation. Jeff hopes that Baldwin Township will be recognized as an affordable place to live and do business.

THE LOST PAYROLL—1862

"The gold mystery of Blue Hill gets even better. There could be a second treasure of gold buried in the same area. According to another story, in 1862 a troop of soldiers were transporting an army payroll from Fort Snelling to Fort Ripley. Near Blue Hill Township, they were informed by a dispatcher of a nearby Indian uprising and were ordered to bury the payroll and proceed immediately to Mankato. Only the paymaster and one other soldier knew where the payroll was buried, and both were later killed. The treasure's location remains unknown.

There is also this slightly different version of the Fort Snelling—Fort Ripley gold story. It was told to the writer by Aaron McDonald of Zimmerman in 1978. His version indicated that the soldiers had made contact with some Indians just north of Elk Lake along Battle Brook. This would place the location of the event in Baldwin Township.

It was getting dark when the soldiers buried the two saddlebags of gold coins under the roots of an oak tree...."

And the rest of the story....



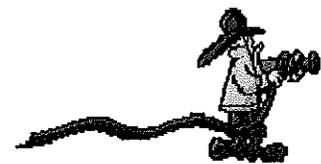
Read Historical Sketches

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Baldwin Township & the Surrounding
Area

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WANTED FIREFIGHTERS



- Paid on Call
- Be Involved in Your Community
- Training and Gear Provided
- Must be 18 Years or Older
- Limited Openings