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burningpermits](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us.burningpermits)**

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

The snowplows may be called out when an accumulation of 2 INCHES or more of snow has fallen. They are not sent out until snowfall has stopped or snowfall is more than 6 inches.

- The Township is not responsible for: Snow thrown in driveways, repair or replacement of mailboxes, fences, etc., damaged by thrown snow or equipment hitting the above objects that are not properly located or installed, or **damaged to any type of landscaping done within the Right-of-Way.** (Township Right-of-Way is 33 feet from the centerline of the road.)
- Per MN Statute 160.27a1, it is **unlawful to push or plow snow into or across any public road.** When clearing snow from your driveways, snow must be directed onto your own property. Exercise caution in following or approaching plow trucks. Snow-plows are not as maneuverable as smaller vehicles. Violators will be cited. Snow piles left on or near the side of the road create a hazard to all vehicles including plow equipment.

Snowstorms create numerous problems and inconveniences. The residents will also have certain responsibilities. These include clearing their own driveways, clearing areas for trashcans and clearing around mailboxes. These areas should be cleared without depositing any snow into the street. The Township will not clear private drives.



ICE CONTROL AND SALT AND SAND APPLICATION:

First Priority:

Priority routes, high volume intersections, hills and curves. These areas will be sanded with the first pass of the plow.

Second Priority:

Stop intersections, moderate volume intersections.

Third Priority:

Residential intersections.

Baldwin Township is accepting applications for up to four (4) on-call seasonal **Snowplow Operators.** Requirements: Must be 18 years of age; valid Class B driver's license preferred with a clean driving record. Individual may be operating a variety of large trucks with plow and sander. Snowplowing experience a plus. Applications are available at the town hall during our business hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or visit our website at <http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>. Deadline is 4:40 pm on Friday, October 12, 2018.



Baldwin FunFest and Car Show

Even though the weather was unreasonably hot, the 2018 Baldwin FunFest and Car Show was enjoyed by 125 plus residents who gathered together throughout the afternoon to enjoy the festivities. Kermit and Margritte Young, for whom the park is named, donated the park's 80 acres in 2004 to the township to be used as a community gathering place for recreational and wild-life purposes to be enjoyed by the citizens of Baldwin Township.

Activities began at 12:00 noon with games for the kids, cookie decorating, face painting, hayrides, music, food and demonstrations. The FunFest also held it's 1st Annual Car Show. Door prizes and awards were given to the top 10 cars with an additional 'Peoples Choice'.

Thank you to Heidi's Facepainting, the Baldwin Maintenance Crew, the Baldwin Fire Department, Dick Dobson, Terry Carlile, Bill Zdenek, Marv's True Value, the Princeton Lion's Club, the Princeton Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cheryl Dobson, Jay and Carol Swanson, Frank King and all the participants who showed their cars.

Calendar of Events

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

October 15	Town Board Regular Meeting
October 24	Planning Commission Meeting
November 6	GENERAL ELECTION (Polls open at 7:00 a.m. Close at 8:00 p.m.)
November 12	VETERANS DAY OBSERVED (Office Closed)
November 13	Town Board Regular Meeting
November 19	Town Board Regular Meeting
November 22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING (Office Closed)
November 28	Planning Commission Meeting
December 3	Town Board Regular Meeting
December 17	Town Board Regular Meeting
December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Office Closed)



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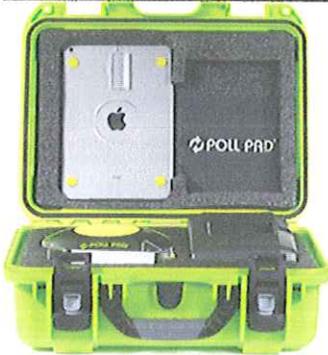
Vandalism is an "action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property". Vandalism of Township property results in increased property taxes. Street signs that are stolen, cleaning garbage dumped in Township right-of-ways or deliberately damaging the township parks affect all of the residents. Baldwin Township will take appropriate measures to prosecute any offenders. If you see anyone vandalizing any township property please contact the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department non-emergency number at 763-765-3500.



NOVEMBER 6, 2018 MID-TERM ELECTIONS

Polls open at the Baldwin Town Hall at 7:00 a.m. November 6, 2018 and close at 8:00 p.m. for the Mid-term General Election.

Baldwin Township has two precincts. Precinct 1 services the residents who live on the west side of Highway 169; Precinct 2 services the residents who live on the east side of Highway 169.



Need to register on Election Day?

In Minnesota, you can register or update your registration at your polling place on Election Day.

Other Ways to Vote

Vote early (absentee)

In Minnesota, you can vote early with an absentee ballot starting 46 days before Election Day.

[Vote early by mail](#)

[Vote early in person](#)

[Vote from military or abroad](#)

Who can vote in Minnesota

You must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days

Finished with all parts of any felony sentence
You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has revoked your right to vote.

You cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent.

Baldwin Township now has 3 Poll Pads per precinct to help facilitate more efficient voter check-in on election day to take the place of paper rosters, and a separate area for new registration.

Poll Pad Electronic Poll Book

A proven solution for seamless voter check-in and verification

- Simple, speedy setup and training
- Streamlined voter lookup and check-in
- Electronic voter sign-in

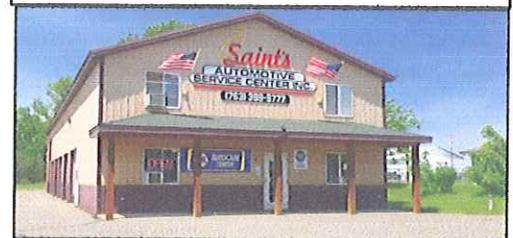
The Poll Pad was developed in 2011 by election officials and poll workers with time-saving, efficient features: check in pre-registered voters in seconds, streamlined voter lookup, no more printed election rosters, because the voter signs electronically.

Compact and completely portable, the Poll Pad requires no external wires or peripherals when in use. Users simply connect the iPad to its cradle, plug in the printer, and the Poll Pad is ready for voter sign-in. Its long-life battery eliminates the need for frequent charging, and the internal iPad camera replaces an external ID scanner. Voters sign in on the unit, so no external signature pad is needed.

Poll Pads are deployed and monitored from a single console for one-stop main office oversight. The ePulse Central Command dashboard allows administrators to monitor the number of check-ins, percent turnout, active polling places, Poll Pads deployed or unplugged and even which batteries are running low. It provides real-time access to Early Voting and Election Day reports, as well as post-election voter history and reports.

Elections can be defined and built independently through the ePulse Central Command module. Once the election is built, all you need is an internet connection to load the files to the Poll Pads. Additional features include poll worker management and messaging out to the one or all of the Poll Pads.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



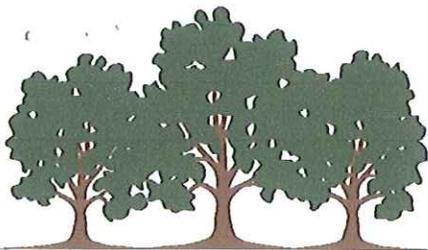
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Since 1995, Saint's Automotive Service Center has provided motorists in the Princeton, MN 55371 area with comprehensive auto repair services. Our goal is to offer the best services available at affordable prices to get you back on the road in no time.

For a high-performing vehicle, trust Saint's Automotive Service Center with your car, truck, or van. To learn more about the services we offer, please contact us by phone at 763-389-9777 or send us an email. We also invite you to learn more about our dedication to you, our valued customer.

If you're a local business and would like to be featured in our next newsletter, please contact us.



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Greetings from the Baldwin Fire Department. We are pleased to welcome 2 new firefighters to the department, Shawn Frink and Jon Corrigan. If you see them out and about in the community, please thank them for their willingness to volunteer to the community and the fire department. We also were happy to have received delivery of a new Rosenbauer 3000gal water tender in July built by Heiman Fire Equipment to replace our old 1994 Volvo 2250 gal water tender T-2 which had over 530,000 miles on it. T-2 will go up for auction on KBid along with a few other items no longer in service. The new tender will be designated Tender 1 and should have many years of service for the Baldwin Fire Department.

Our fall events will include an open house at the Baldwin Fire station on Saturday, October 13 from 10-2pm. We are also participating with Princeton Fire Department on a relocation training exercise in conjunction with the Monticello power plant. As we are coming into fall and winter, please test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and change batteries immediately if needed.

Anyone who is interested in becoming one of our dedicated volunteer firefighters, please stop by the town hall or the fire station and pick up an application. It is a very rewarding opportunity to serve the community you live in. Thank you and have a safe and wonderful fall season.