

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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 online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us.burningpermits>

Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig

Do your spring projects include digging, planting a tree, installing a new mail box or bringing in a backhoe for trench work?

Before digging, call the underground utility locator service to mark the location of the underground utilities so that accidental contact, damage and injuries can be avoided. Underground utilities, such as buried gas and electric lines, can be a shovel thrust away from turning a project into a disaster.

To find out where utility lines run on your property, call 8-1-1, the national "Call Before You Dig" phone number. Call at least 72 hours before engaging in any type of digging or excavation work. Your call will be routed to a local "one call" center. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing, and local utilities will be notified.

A locator will arrive to mark the approximate location of any underground lines, pipes and cables with flags or marking paint so you will know what's below.

Remember to call 8-1-1 before you dig. It's free, it's easy and it's the law!



The Oath of Office was given to Baldwin Township Commissioner Judy Thorson on June 25, 2013. She has been appointed to a 3-year term.

Judy feels that it is an exciting period of change for Baldwin Township; requiring citizen participation for planning our future.

The Baldwin Planning Commission meets every 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Be a good citizen and pet owner. Please help keep Young Park a happy and healthy place for our furry friends (and their people) to play by cleaning up after your pet.

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP has received a \$10,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation for the *Phase II Healthy Community Partnership Plan*.

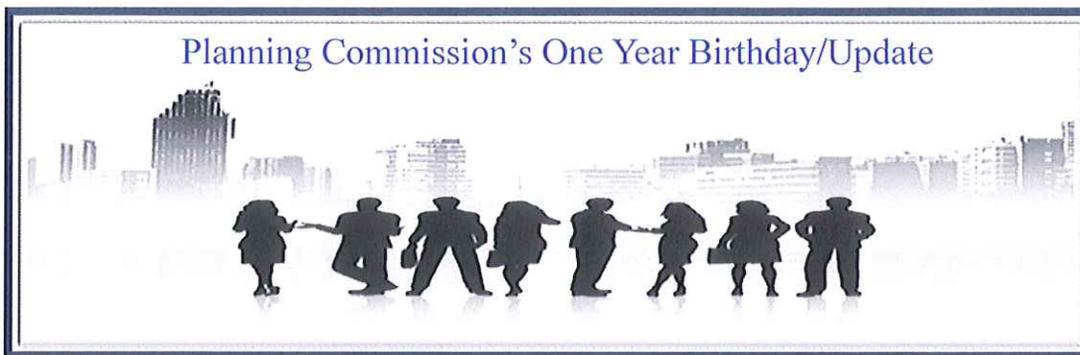
VENDORS WANTED

The Baldwin FunFest will be held on September 21 this year at Young Park. We are looking for vendors who may be interested in selling their wares at this event. Booth fee will be \$15. If you're interested, please contact the Town Hall at 763-389-8931.

We Appreciate your Business

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BALDWIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER?

Contact the township office at baldwintwp2@qwestoffice.net or call 763-389-8931 for more information.



The Baldwin Township Planning Commission has now completed their first year of work and the Township would like to congratulate them.. Their work has dealt with understanding their roles as Planning Commissioners, how to work together and fulfilling their responsibilities of putting together a Baldwin Township Comprehensive Land Use Plan. At this point, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Baldwin community is past the halfway mark and is still on track to be completed in the late fall or early winter.

The Commission began their research of the Township over 2012. On May 3 & 4th, the Commission held Open Houses to present the materials and mapping that the commission had compiled. A presentation was done in May at the Baldwin Business Luncheon. If you missed these meetings, there will be some more in the future and try to attend. Your input is invaluable to completion of a great plan. The Commissioners have enthusiastically put in a substantial amount of time, however, the second portion is your interaction and contact with the Commissioners who may live in your neighborhood. They need your participation. While the Planning Commission has had some recent background information in the form of former surveys and data, they still need to get feedback from the Township residents to build a Plan for the Town's future.

Currently the following Commissioners and their positions on the Commission are: Ms. Peggy Patten, Chairperson, Mr. Scott Case, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Richard Harris, Commissioner, Mr. Ross Perry, Commissioner, Mr. Terry Carlile (retiring), Commissioner, and we welcome our newest Commissioner, Ms. Judy Thorson. Ms. Elly Rittenour just retired from the Commission and we thank her for her wonderful efforts on the Township's behalf. Ms. Cheryl Goetz Dobson, Deputy Clerk, is the Planning Commission Secretary and also the party to whom you can contact. She is available during regular business hours at the offices by calling 1.763.389.8931. You can also go on Facebook and email them at baldwintownship2@qwestoffice.net and by going online to the web page at www.baldwintownship.govoffice.com.

At this time the Commissioners have reviewed, discussed and put to paper the following areas: Natural and Cultural History, Preservation Sites, Population, Housing, Income, Agriculture, Soils, Land Use, Floodplains, Wetlands and Shoreland, Land Use, Economy and Business, Transportation, Infrastructure, Parks and Recreation and Capital Improvement Plans. In addition, Sherburne County has supplied, at no charge, large updated maps for the Township to use in their work. It has been exciting to see all of the research and information come together and paint a picture of Baldwin Township. During this research, a new technology website tool, called *Tools for Business* website was introduced in May at the Business Luncheon as a dynamic worksite for improving economic development in the area and to help businesses increase their efficiency and keep current with the changing scenery of business these days.

The Planning Commission is now heading towards working on Goals and Objectives as well as reviewing and developing a future land use map along with a proposed future road transportation map. The Commission will continue to reach out to the community to get your comments. Once this last section of work has been completed, there will be a series of Open Houses again and then there is a formal Public Hearing as required. Finally, the Town Board will consider the whole Plan once they receive the recommendations of the Planning Commission and move to adopt the Township Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This document will serve to steer the Township into the future and help understand the needs and plan for them. This document is only a *guide* and is not meant to do anything more than let the community understand how the Township started, where you are standing now, and where you may wish to go in the future.

If you want to be a part of the thoughts and plans for the future, the Planning Commission will next meet on July 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Town Hall. All of their meetings are open to the public and the Township encourages you to come to the meeting and share your interests and comments. Happy Birthday Planning Commission!

Respectfully Submitted: Bridget Chard, Planner





BALDWIN'S "GOING TO THE DOGS"



Photos taken by Joel Stottrup of the Princeton Union-Eagle

THANK YOU to Brad Schumacher and Victoria Lanthier.

Brad for donating the signs, and Victoria for painting the signs that were used to advertise Baldwin's Going to the Dogs.

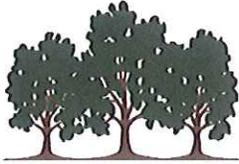
On June 22 Baldwin Township held its first ever animal focused event at Kermit Young Park which featured both local and area vendors and veterinarians. There were more than 100 pets and owners in attendance. Local veterinarians were onsite providing discounted micro-chips by Princeton Animal Clinic as well as heart worm and lymes disease testing by Kivisto Animal Clinic.

Portraits with pets and their owners were available as well as refreshments from the Finish Line Cafe. A canine agility course was also provided for all pets to try provided by Paws Up 4 You. Many pets were available for adoption through Ruff Start Rescue and No Dog Left Behind. Chuck and Don's Pet Food Outlet brought their prize wheel and many prizes were won. There were games for children along with face painting for everyone.

Pets impounded with micro-chips will receive a \$25 discount off the impound fee with a goal of quickly reuniting a pet with its owner. Princeton Veterinary Clinic will continue to micro-chip pets for the \$25 discounted fee for a limited time. Please contact them for more information. Baldwin Township also recently installed a doggy waste station with bags provided. Residents are encouraged to use these facilities to help keep the park clean and healthy.

Leashed Dogs are always Welcomed at the Park.

Submitted by Kim Good



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- July 22 Baldwin Volunteer Corps Mtg
- July 23 Planning Commission Mtg
- August 1 Town Board Reg Mtg
- August 8 Planning Commission Mtg
- August 15 Park Committee Mtg
- August 19 Baldwin Volunteer Corps Mtg
- August 20 Town Board Reg Mtg
- Sept 2 **LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**
- Sept 9 Town Board Reg Mtg
- Sept 12 Planning Commission Mtg
- Sept 17 Town Board Reg Mtg
- Sept 19 Park Committee Mtg

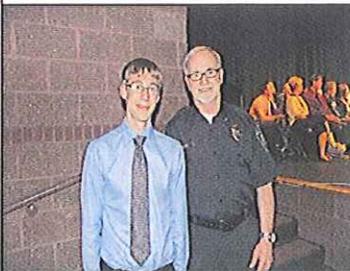
LET'S GO GREEN!

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

The Baldwin Fire Department Relief Association will be hosting its annual dance on Saturday, August 24th. The dance will run from 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.. Food and beverages will be served. A live band will also be playing. All proceeds will go the fire department relief association.



The Baldwin Fire Department Relief Association recently awarded their first annual \$500 scholarship. The recipient was Kenneth Cowles. The Scholarship is awarded to a Baldwin Township graduating senior who has certain academic requirements. The relief association gets its funding through the

hard work by our dedicated firefighters and the fire department women's auxiliary club. Throughout the year this group works on numerous fundraisers such as the department garage sale, annual dance, township cleanup day, and other activities.

The Fire Department has a few openings for individuals who can respond to daytime calls. If you are interested, please contact the township clerk for an application.

ADDRESS SIGNS

If anyone still needs address signs we will be placing an order soon.

Please contact the Baldwin Town Hall at 763-389-8931 or email at baldwintwp2@qwestoffice.net

ILLEGAL DUMPING on Township property is an extra cost to the taxpayer. Please no dumping. Be considerate.

2013 ROAD PROJECTS

- *112th Street *100th Street Soil Borings
- *Crack Seal * Sandy Lake * Elk Lake (Calcium)
- *Sink Holes (Long Pond/300th Avenue)

DRIVE WITH CAUTION IN WORK ZONES

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.

The Baldwin Township newsletter is a quarterly publication