

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

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Fall is Here!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Town supervisors are charged with the duty to make decisions on behalf of the Township and have the responsibility to see that the Town fulfills its duties to the State and to the Town residents.

To be eligible to run for Town office you must be:

- * An eligible voter
- * A filed candidate for only one position at the same election
- * At least 21 years of age at the time of assuming office
- * A resident of the Township for at least 30 days before the election

A supervisor should have sufficient time throughout the year to attend meetings, listen to concerned residents, serve on various committees, attend training sessions to learn and remain current on the duties of office.

Two positions are open. Supervisor 'A' and Supervisor 'E'. Sign up for the position(s) start on January 2, 2018 and ends January 16, 2018. The filing fee is \$2.00.

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www.co.sherburne.mn.us

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEB SITE:

Approved Town Board meeting minutes
can be found at

<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

**Burning Permits at the town hall or
online at [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us.
burningpermits](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us.burningpermits)**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR UPGRADING FAILING RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Sherburne County has two financial assistance programs to help residential homeowners upgrade failing septic systems. One is a low-income grant program funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the other is a low-interest loan offered by the Department of Agriculture as part of a program to improve water quality in rural areas. Both programs require a certificate of non-compliance by an MPCA licensed septic system professional to verify that the septic system is not working properly.

Low-Income Septic Upgrade Grant

Sherburne County has received funding to provide grants to help homeowners that qualify as low-income and their system has been found to be failing. Homeowners must also have the property homesteaded. Grants may be awarded for up to 25% of the cost of the system for those who qualify. The landowner must provide 2 years of IRS 1040 Income Tax Returns for all occupants of the home that are over 18 years of age.

Low Interest Septic System Replacement Loan Program

The County also has a low-interest loan program for owners of a single family residential home where the system is found to be failing. This loan is not based on income and the only qualifying criteria are that the homeowner is current on property taxes and their mortgage payments.

Both of these financial assistance programs have a limited amount of funds per year and they will be provided on a first come, first served basis. The two programs can be used together or separately depending on the landowner's situation.

This is an excellent way for property owners to repair a failing system and improve the value of their property.

If you are interested in more details we encourage you to contact the Sherburne County Planning & Zoning Department at 763-765-4461 or 763-765-4464.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF RESIDENTS

Snowstorms create numerous problems and inconveniences. The residents will also have certain responsibilities. These include clearing their own driveways, clearing areas for trashcans, 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 Township will not clear private drives.

Snow plowing can cause additional snow to be deposited in driveway approaches and around roadside obstacles. Operators are instructed to attempt to minimize these instances; however, it is not practical to eliminate this situation. Residents should be aware they might have to clear their driveways a second time after their street has been plowed.

Just a Reminder

Per Minnesota Statute 160.2715a1, it is unlawful to push or plow snow into or across any public road. When clearing snow from your driveways, snow must be directed on to your own property. Exercise caution in following or approaching plow trucks. Snowplows are not as maneuverable as smaller vehicles.

Any motor vehicle left on any roadway or road right-of-way in the Township that impedes the performance of the Township snowplow efforts shall be dealt with under the provisions of Baldwin Township policies. Your vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.

Roads are plowed when snow accumulation reaches 2".

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE SNOW PLOWING AND ICE CONTROL

Winter road maintenance is one of the most important duties of the public works department. Providing the best service and the utmost safety to the public will always be the first consideration. As important is the safety of the snowplow operators. Although winter weather will always be unpredictable, every effort will be made to provide a consistent and high level of service.

In November of 2009 the Township of Baldwin adopted a snow and ice control policy. The policy set guidelines for snowplow operators to follow while performing winter road maintenance. Responsibilities of residents were also outlined in the policy. Prior to the winter season each year the snow and ice control policy will be reviewed and recommendations will be made for the Township to consider.

Go to <http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com/ordinances> for complete information.



Remember

There are absolutely no pets or horses allowed on the Young Park Ballfield.

The first baseball tournament was this fall at Young Park for 14U MYAS Gopher state and four teams participated. The fence is done in the outfield and all fields are 275ft from home.

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.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



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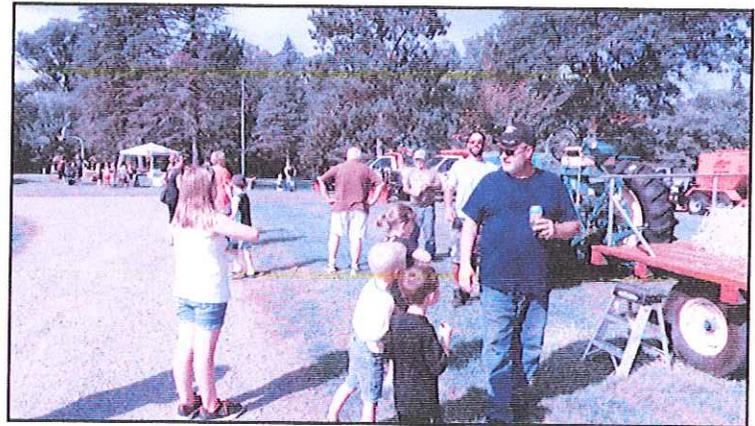
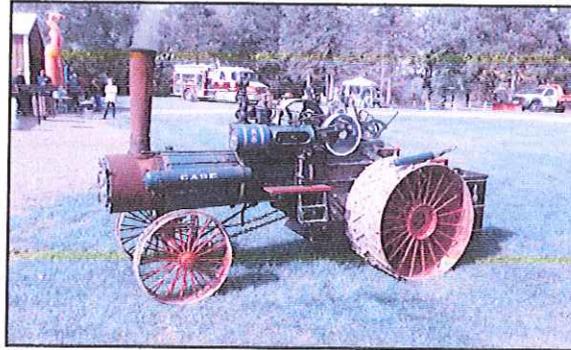
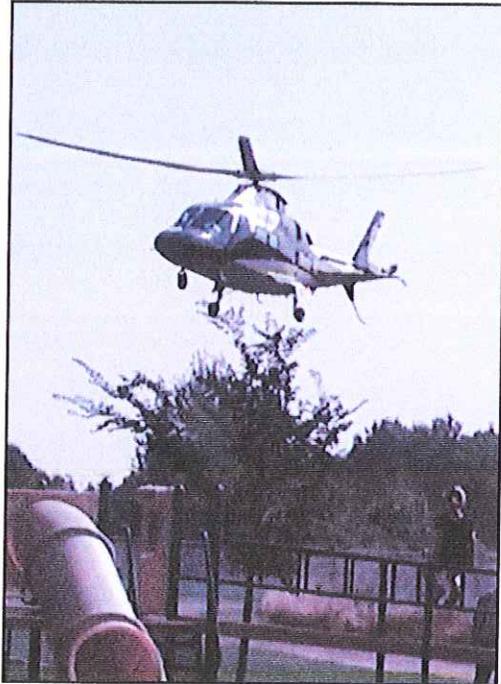
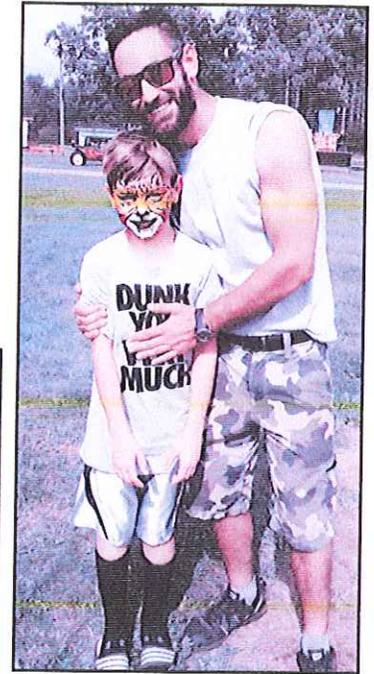
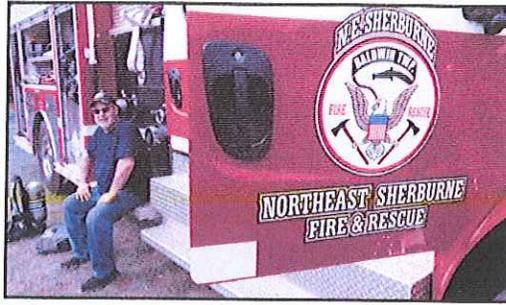
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

November 6	Town Board Regular Meeting
November 16	Park Committee Meeting
November 20	Town Board Regular Meeting
November 29	Planning Commission Meeting
December 4	Town Board Regular Meeting
December 18	Town Board Regular Meeting / Planning Commission Meeting
December 25	MERRY CHRISTIMAS (office closed)
December 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE

Happy Holidays!

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



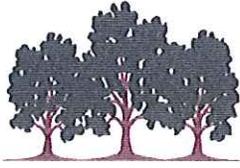
BALDWIN FUNFEST 2017

With events to please everyone, 150 plus people gathered throughout the afternoon to enjoy FunFest 2017 at Baldwin's Young Park. 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 wildlife purposes to be enjoyed by the citizens of Baldwin Township.

Activities began at 10:00 a.m. with games for the kids, cookie decorating, Touch-a-Truck, face painting, hayrides, music, food, and demonstrations.

Many thanks go out to all those who helped make this event possible. If you are interested in being a part of a group of volunteers that is helping build a sense of community in Baldwin Township, please call or email the township office for more information.

Thank you to Heidi's Facepainting, the Baldwin Maintenance Crew, the Baldwin Fire Department, Bill Zdenek, Marv's True Value, Cheryl Dobson, Jay and Carol Swanson, Nick Swanz, North Memorial and all who made the 2017 Baldwin FunFest a success.



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Greetings from your Fire Department.

As everyone is aware the winter heating season is upon us. Please be sure to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and make sure they are working properly. A good rule of thumb would be to replace them if they are more than 10 years old. Also with the drier conditions before the first snowfall, please practice fire safety when having campfires. Burning leaves or construction materials is illegal ... so please logs only!

The Fire Department would like to welcome our newest firefighter Ron Dehn to Baldwin Fire. He has served previously with Saint Francis Fire and is a welcome addition to the department. Firefighters Danielle Artmann and Mike Sundeen will be starting the Elk River Fire Academy in October. I'm sure they will represent Baldwin well. If anyone has an interest in the fire department, please stop by the town hall and pick up an application. Have a safe and wonderful fall.

BURNING GARBAGE

Burning garbage releases harmful pollutants into the air. Garbage has changed over time and many items thrown into the garbage are treated with coatings, dyes and chemicals.



When these mix with flame and heat from burning, toxins are released into the air ... which can be breathed in or eventually settle out into water or soil. These toxins are particularly concerning for children, pregnant women and the elderly.

YES. Burning garbage in Sherburne County is against the law and may result in a citation (fine).

Only burn vegetative materials such as trees, brush, leaves, grass clippings and untreated wood that contains no glues or resins. Please note that all fires greater than 3 feet x 3 feet require a burning permit from either the Minnesota DNR or your local fire warden.

*Source: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
(www.pca.state.mn.us)*

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