

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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Cathy Stevens—763-389-8931
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Burning Permits at the town hall or
online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us.burningpermits>



Presidential Nominating Primary

March 3, 2020

In 2016 legislation was passed establishing a presidential nomination primary. The current election law specific to the presidential primary is in *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 207A and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 8215.

The **Presidential Nominating Primary** is a primary in which the voters indicate preferences for nominees for president of the United States directly by vote or indirectly through the choice of delegates to the presidential nominating convention.

- The Presidential Nominating Primary will take place on March 3, 2020.
- Only major parties will participate.
- Each major party will have a separate ballot.
- No other presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the Presidential Primary ballot. Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August.
- Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot in the 46 days before presidential primary day (starting January 17, 2020). A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary.
- Polls are open for both Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Become an Election Judge

Election judges are temporary, paid employees trained to handle all aspects of voting at the polling place. Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn about elections, and is a great service to the community.

You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and able to read, write and speak English. Students 16 and 17 years-old can be election judge trainees. There are restrictions on having relatives serve together as election judges. A relative is defined as a spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, or stepsibling.

Relatives cannot serve together in the same precinct at the same time. In addition, relatives of a candidate, and anyone who temporarily or permanently lives in the same house as a candidate, cannot serve in the precinct where the candidate is on the ballot.

Candidates cannot serve in a precinct where they are on the ballot.

Roles and Duties of Township Officers

- Duties of the officers are established by the Legislature through statutes

SUPERVISORS—MS 366.01

- Supervisors shall have charge of all the town's affairs that are not committed to other officers by law.
- Examples: Pay bills, annual Board of Audit (MS 366.20), implement ordinances, employ an Attorney, sell and convey or lease property.
- Subject to the Open Meeting Laws except for on-site emergency road inspections.

All Supervisors have a vote including the Chair.

- A Supervisor may not be a party to or have a direct or indirect interest in a contract made or payment voted by the Township Board. MS 365.37
- There are also various case law conflicts of interest which exist in situations that do not relate to a contract or payment. These conflicts relate to other issues in which an individual Supervisor, his family, or a related entity has an interest in a meter before the Board.

Baldwin FunFest and Car Show

The **Baldwin Volunteer Corps** is looking for volunteers to help plan, organize and promote the Baldwin FunFest and Car Show held in September of each year. The committee meets monthly from February thru September on the 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Please contact the townhall at 763-389-8931 or Cheryl.Dobson@baldwintwpmn.com if interested.

Calendar of Events

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

February 3	Town Board Regular Meeting
February 17	Presidents' Day (Office Closed)
February 18	Town Board Regular Meeting
February 20	Park Committee Meeting
February 24	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
February 26	Planning Commission Meeting
March 3	Presidential Nomination Primary
March 10	Township Election and Annual Meeting
March 16	Town Board Regular Meeting
March 19	Park Committee Meeting
March 23	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
March 25	Planning Commission Meeting
April 6	Town Board Regular Meeting
April 16	Park Committee Meeting
April 20	Town Board Regular Meeting
April 22	Planning Commission Meeting
April 27	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

and ELECTION IS MARCH 10, 2020

Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
Precinct 1 & 2 will be combined and
Voting will be held in the Town Hall

The Annual Meeting starts at 8:01 p.m.
The Annual Meeting will be held in the Maintenance Shop
right after the polls close.

Why You Should Attend

- Elect a Supervisor for a 3-year term.
- Learn how the 2021 levy is proposed to be spent
- Electors approve proposed levy. Levy is certified to Sherburne County by September 15.
- Authorize actions by the Town Board for the next year.

This is **your** Election, **your** Annual Meeting, **your** opportunity to determine how **your** local tax dollars will be spent.

Township Government is the only level of Government in which people can participate in this way!

ALL PRECINCTS VOTE AT THE

BALDWIN TOWN HALL

Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
Voters waiting in line at closing time are allowed to register/vote. Those who arrive after the closing hour are not allowed to vote.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Supervisor 'C' -

To be eligible to vote, a person must be 18 years of age or older the day of the election, a US citizen, and have maintained residence in MN for 20 days preceding the election.



Baldwin Township New Email Addresses

Clerk	Cathy.Stevens@baldwintwp.mn.com
Deputy Clerk	Cheryl.Dobson@baldwintwpmn.com
Maintenance	Maintenance@baldwintwpmn.com
Fire Department	ScoCas01@baldwintwpmn.com

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SNOWPLOWING AND ICE CONTROL POLICY

Snow removal and/or ice control operations will begin under the direction of the Town Board and/or designated representative. Operations will begin when **two or more inches** of snow have fallen. It is the intent of the Township to complete plowing, widening, and sanding operations within 48 hours of the time the snowfall ceases. Operations may be suspended during periods of limited or zero visibility.

ICE CONTROL AND SALT/SAND APPLICATION

First Priority Priority routes, high volume intersections, hills and curves

Second Priority Stop intersections, moderate volume intersections

Third Priority Residential intersections

PROPERTY DAMAGE The Township will not be responsible for any of the following damage occurring during the normal course of snow removal from Township roads: 1) mailboxes or fences damaged by thrown snow or from improperly placed mailboxes per Postmaster policy; and 2) landscaping or objects within the Township road right-of-way.

RESPONSIBILITY OF RESIDENTS Responsibilities 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.

Residents are reminded that it is against the law to plow snow from your driveway across a public road. (Minnesota Statute 160.2715).



Winter Safety Kit For Your Car



To those residents who show appreciation to the plow drivers by offering snacks and drinks, thank you.
Best Wishes for the New Year from the
Baldwin Township Maintenance Department.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

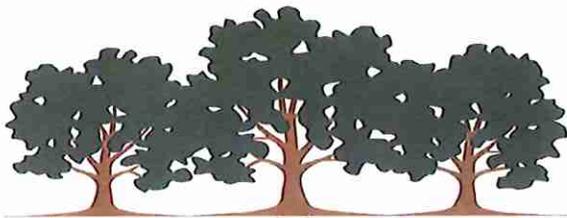


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We believe that "Service is the Difference", and we carry that through everything that we do. From service repairs, to parts delivery.

Service the Difference. We Get It!

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



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Important Fire Safety Tips

It's that time of year when the snowflakes start to fall and the temperatures drop to a bitter low. During the winter months, we tend to spend more time at home with our family and loved ones, so what better way to protect them than by making sure your home is protected from any fire hazards.

HAVE YOUR FURNACE CHECKED

Although this is something that many people believe they can do themselves, it is often safer to invest in hiring a professional to come and inspect your furnace annually. It's always better to know when something is not properly working than to have it abruptly break down in those cold winter months when you need heat the most.



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TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

You always want to double check that your batteries are fresh and will last you through the winter. Always place smoke alarms in the kitchen, bedrooms, and the laundry room.

BEWARE OF LIT CANDLES

Although candles can set the mood for a relaxing and calming evening, they can be easily knocked over by kids or pets. Only light candles when you are alert and able to watch them, blowing them out whenever you intend to leave the room.

BEWARE OF SPACE HEATERS

These devices require a good amount of space to be used without any fire hazards. Just like fireplaces, children and pets should not sit closer than three feet in front of a space heater. Avoid placing heaters near curtains, tablecloths or other flapping fabrics. Always make sure your space heater has an automatic shut off switch, which forces the heater to shut-off as soon as it reaches a dangerously high heat level.