

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon—Fri
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SHERBURNE COUNTY WEBSITE:

www.co.sherburne.mn.us

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:

<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

Burning Permits at the town hall or
online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us.burningpermits>

Baldwin Township Clean-Up Day

May 18, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Tires: 4 Free up to 16" (on or off rim)
(each additional \$3.00)

16.5 & up (off rim) \$11.00 each
Semi Truck (off rim) \$15.00 each
Tractor (off rim) \$50.00 each

Appliances: 1 Free (non-Freon)
(each additional \$10.00)

Freon \$30.00 each
Gas Refrigerator (RV) \$100.00 each

Air Conditioner: \$30.00 each

Televisions: \$20.00 each

Electronic Equipment:

Tower / Printers \$10.00 each
Monitor \$20.00 each

Propane Tanks \$5.00 each
With valve \$25.00

Sinks/Toilets: \$5.00 each
Bath Tubs \$15.00 each

Furniture:
Stuffed Chairs/Mattresses/
Box Springs \$10.00 each

Scrap Metal (clean) No Charge
Lawn Mowers (tires off),
Bicycles (tires off), radiators,
Vehicle batteries

Free Nitrate Water Testing For Homeowners with Private Wells

The Sherburne County Soil and Water District will be holding a nitrate water testing clinic during Baldwin Township's Clean-Up Day Event.

Nitrate contamination is a common drinking water problem found in some Sherburne County wells. It is primarily a health hazard for infants because nitrate levels above 10 parts per million can cause blue baby syndrome. A health hazard connection for older children or adults has not been demonstrated.

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Non-Acceptable Items Hazardous waste, wood, fence material, glass, paint, cans, recyclables, plastics, building materials, paper, sheetrock, household garbage, general junk, etc.

Note: No plastic, rubber or wood connected to metal otherwise our vendor has a separate \$5.00 per item charge. No oil or gasoline in engines and plugs taken out. Snowmobiles with hood \$30.00 and no plastic hoods accepted. Serval gas refrigerators not accepted.

BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY (Drivers License or Tax Statement)

The Township reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any material or from anyone unable to show adequate proof of residence.

County Road 38 (CR 38) Reconstruction Project From Hwy 169 to East County Line

CR 38 will be reconstructed from Hwy 169 to the East county line, in early summer of 2019.

Construction will include the following:

- The new road will have two 12 foot driving lanes and a 6 foot paved shoulder on each side.
- Residential driveways will be paved out to the new right of way.
- Field approaches will be graveled out to the new right of way.
- Culverts will be replaced or added as needed.
- All disturbed areas will be seeded for final turf establishment.
- Your old mailbox support will be removed and replaced with a new swing away support.

Activities the residents can expect during this project:

The reconstruction will require that CR 38 be closed to thru traffic and detoured for the duration of the project. **The detour will utilize US Hwy 169, CSAH 9, CSAH 19, CSAH 2, and Isanti County 5**

The contractor is required to provide access to the landowners within the project limits. This will also include home deliveries, local garbage collection, and emergency services. There will be times when the road is entirely closed due to center-line culvert installation. This means that as daily operations are continuously changing, residents within the project area may not be able to get through the project in one direction or the other. We realize that going all the way around is a major inconvenience; it is the only way to get some of the necessary procedures completed.

Proposed construction timelines:

- March 2019 – Tree clearing
- April/May 2019 – Private utilities will relocate or install new utility lines.
- June 26, 2019 – Construction begins.
- Sept. 9, 2019 – Construction completed.

Note: Dates mentioned above are approximate and are subject to change.

Safety First:

- Please obey all signs and instructions.
- Proceed with caution around all construction equipment.

Project Status and Updates

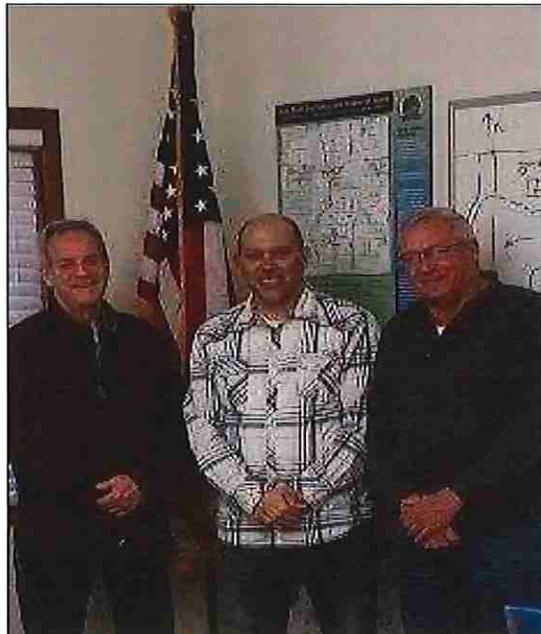
Please refer to the following link for the Sherburne County Website for project updates and contacts:

<http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/transport/constructionProjects.php>

Calendar of Events

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

May 6	Town Board Regular Meeting
May 13	Household Hazardous Waste Event (11:00am to 1:00pm)
May 18	BALDWIN CLEAN-UP DAY
May 20	Town Board Regular Meeting
May 21	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
May 22	Planning Commission Meeting
May 27	MEMORIAL DAY (office closed)
June 3	Town Board Regular Meeting
June 17	Town Board Regular Meeting
June 24	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
June 26	Planning Commission Meeting
July 1	Town Board Regular Meeting
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (office closed)
July 15	Town Board Regular Meeting
July 22	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
July 24	Planning Commission Meeting



Elected to the Baldwin Township Town Board

at the elections held on March 12, 2019 were:

Patrick Hudson to Supervisor 'A' for a 2-year term.

Tom Rush to Supervisor 'B' for a 3-year term.

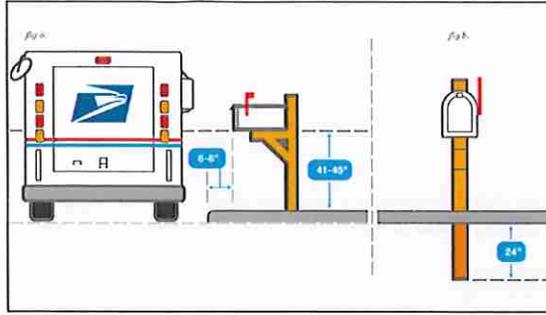
Larry Handshoe to Supervisor 'D' for a 3 year term.

Damage to Wildlife Caused by Domestic Cats

Cats, when allowed to roam freely outdoors, are taking a terrible toll on wildlife. Contrary to suggestions by some cat advocacy groups and what many pet owners would like to believe, outdoor cats are not just killing mice and rats. Among the most frequent avian victims were mourning doves, blue jays, robins, and cardinals. Gray squirrels, chipmunks, cottontail rabbits, and Southern flying squirrels topped the list for small mammals that fell victim to cats.

Not all free-roaming cats are created equal. Some are pets and may only be allowed outdoors for limited periods; they are owned and may be well fed and cared for. Others are unowned, abandoned, or truly feral animals, spending all of their time outdoors, often surviving on their own. For their victims, the distinction makes little difference.

The overriding message is that outdoor cats have a devastating impact on a wide variety of wildlife species. The way to reduce this carnage is by keeping cats confined – indoors and in restricted, safe outdoor spaces.



Mailboxes and support posts may be located within the Township right-of-way; however, the Township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes or posts during maintenance or snowplowing of the right-of-way. All mailbox supports must comply with Federal Highway Administration and Postal Service guidelines. Stone, masonry or other non-breakaway mailbox supports are not allowed within the Township right-of-way. The residents who live in cul-de-sacs need to place the mailbox before or after the entrance of the cul-de-sac.

The Town Board has the broad authority to regulate what occurs within the Township's "public Road Right-of-Way", which includes the traveled portion of the road, shoulders and the remaining area on both sides of the road extending to the outer boundaries of the right-of-way. The outer boundaries of the right-of-way extends approximately fifteen feet (15') from the edge of the pavement. To avoid having to remove any obstructions placed within the right-of-way at a future date, you should know the following information: Rocks, boulders, retaining wall, berms, shrubs, trees, other plants, fences, barrier walls and excavation within this area is PROHIBITED. Should you decided to install irrigation within the road right-of-way, the Township is not liable for any damages which may occur to the system (sprinkler heads, grass, sod, etc.). Excavation or alteration of ditches, grade, contour, embankment or road drainage is NOT ALLOWED.



NITRATE TESTING (Continued from Page 1)

In order to participate in the testing, homeowners must bring at least one-half cup of water in any type of plastic bag. Ziplock® bags are frequently used. In order to get a good sample, allow the water to run 5 to 10 minutes before filling the bag. Homeowners with water treatment equipment should take two water samples – one before and one after the treatment process. Homeowners with just a water softener should only take one sample, either before or after the water passes through the water softener.

Samples should be taken no more than 24 hours before the testing, and they must be refrigerated. Samples should be cool when arriving at the clinic. To ensure accuracy, homeowners should mark the bags with their name, phone number and a well identification number if more than one well is sampled. Also, information on the age and depth of the well, if known, can be helpful for interpreting results.

Samples are analyzed on the spot – the process usually takes less than five minutes and results are given directly to the homeowners. If the nitrate level in a sample is elevated, clinic staff can refer the homeowner to certified labs that will retest the water.

Sponsored by the Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District, the City of Elk River, Elk River Municipal Utilities, and the MN Department of Agriculture.

For information call Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District (763) 241-1170 ext. 4

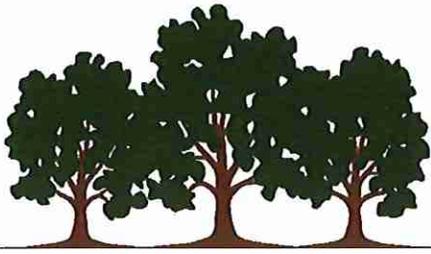
COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

SUBWAY
eat fresh.™

32022—125th Street NW
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Great friendly efficient staff. Great tasting fresh food always made to order. Parking is amazing, and it's right off the highway. You can never go wrong with a Subway especially this one where the staff really take takes good care of you.

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



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

PROHIBITED MATERIALS ARE: OILS, RUBBER, PLASTICS, TIRES AND CHEMICALLY TREATED MATERIALS SUCH AS RAILROAD TIES, TREATED LUMBER, COMPOSITE SHINGLES, TAR PAPER, INSULATION, COMPOSITION BOARD, SHEET ROCK, WIRING, PAINT, HAZARDOUS AND INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE.

VIOLATIONS OF PERMIT CONDITIONS MAY SUBJECT PERMITTEE TO CRIMINAL AND/OR CIVIL ACTIONS.

REUSE, RECYCLE, AND COMPOST

FIRE SAFETY AND AIR QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

- * 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 Minnesota Statute 17.135.
- * To extinguish the fire immediately if a permit is revoked.
- * That prevailing wind must be away from nearby occupied buildings.
- * That fires will not be allowed to smolder without flame.