

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2016

Absentee Ballots

(Information taken from the Sherburne County Website)

Sherburne County residents are able to vote early with an absentee ballot through the mail or in person at the Auditor/Treasurer's office at the Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive in Elk River. Ballots will be available:

- **GENERAL ELECTION: Friday, September 23rd**
To apply for an absentee ballot, complete the [Absentee Ballot Application](#), or contact the Auditor/Treasurer's office to have an application mailed, emailed, or faxed to you. Return the absentee ballot application by mail, email, or fax to the Auditor/Treasurer's office at the address above, and an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. In order for your ballot to count, it must be received by the Auditor/Treasurer's office by Tuesday, August 9th for the Primary Election and by Tuesday, November 8th for the General Election.

You can apply for an absentee ballot in person at the Auditor/Treasurer's office on Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 4:30 pm. In addition, absentee voting is available on the last Saturday before each election day from 10:00am - 3:00pm, and on the Monday before the election until 5:00pm.

NEW in 2016: During the seven days before the election, a ballot counter and ballot box will be available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office and you will have the option of absentee voting with an envelope (as in the past) or depositing your voted ballot directly into the ballot counter.

Visit the [Minnesota Secretary of State website](#) to find out more about [Absentee Ballots](#).

If you have questions, contact the [Sherburne County Auditor-Treasurer's office](#) at 763-765-4351 or 1-800-438-0576.

Americans will elect the 45th president of the United States on November 8, 2016 as well as vote for state and local candidates for office.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Residents living on the west side of Highway 169 vote in Precinct 1 located in the Town Hall. Residents living on the east side of Highway 169 vote in Precinct 2 located in the Maintenance Garage.

Voting is very important to your future. Hopefully learning some of the history, reasons, and ways you can get involved with voting will help you describe to others why it is so important. Knowledge is power and if you don't learn how to use your civic "voice" when it comes to making decisions, you will never be heard.



Baldwin Township and Its Volunteers: WHY, WHEN, HOW

There are many reasons people have for being a volunteer. Currently Baldwin Township has volunteers with the Fire Department, the Park Committee, the Baldwin Volunteer Corps, as well as various impromptu committees.

What are your interests and your talents? Perhaps you would like to volunteer. Call Baldwin Township at 763-389-8931 to find out more.

Whatever the reason for volunteering and whatever amount of time you have to share, you will save the community money as well as make it a better place for all to live, and you definitely will have some fun along the way.

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Office Hours

8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Mon– Fri
Closed Daily 12:00 noon—12:30 p.m.

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www.co.sherburne.mn.us

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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>

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Government Organization



With events to please everyone, 150 plus people gathered throughout the afternoon to enjoy FunFest 2016 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 noon with games for the kids, cookie decorating, crazy hair, 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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Unless otherwise noted, all meetings start at 7.00 p.m.)

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| October 17 | Town Board Regular Meeting |
| October 26 | Planning Commission Meeting |
| November 1 | Town Board Regular Meeting |
| November 8 | ELECTION DAY |
| November 21 | Town Board Regular Meeting |
| November 24 | THANKSGIVING (Office Closed) |
| November 30 | Planning Commission Meeting |
| December 5 | Town Board Regular Meeting |
| December 19 | Town Board Regular Meeting |
| December 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| December 28 | Planning Commission Meeting
(if needed) |
| December 31 | NEW YEARS EVE |



Baldwin Township wishes to thank Judy Thorson for her continuing efforts to help beautify Young Park.

**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.

Just a Reminder

Per Minnesota Statute 160.2715(a)1, 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".



**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.

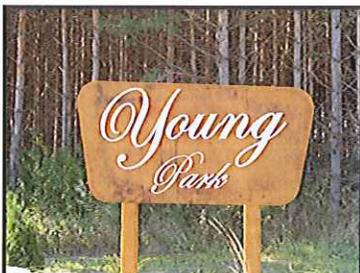
YOUNG PARK in Baldwin Township is going to be home to a new baseball/softball field due to help from the **MINNESOTA TWINS**. The Minnesota Twins Community Fund has awarded Baldwin a \$10,000 grant through its Fields for Kids program that provides financial support to improve baseball and softball facilities for youth in the Upper Midwest. It is expected for the ball field to be completed by mid to the end of October, 2016.

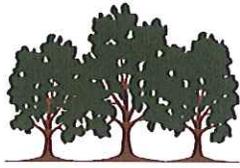
The youth of Baldwin Township lack access to usable ball fields within the township. It was the vision of Kermit Young, who donated the 80-acre parcel to the township, to have on the land a park with a ball field as well as trails and playground equipment for the area children. Young Park has also hosted the annual Baldwin FunFest for the last six years.

The field will be used by the township's youth and the general public. The Princeton Youth Softball and Baseball Association could play games at Young Park. The field, which is the final phase of the Young Park construction plan, could not have happened without the hard work of the township's park board and the support of the Township Board.

The vision of the ball field is coming to a reality with the help of Bogart Pederson & Associates for donating the engineering costs for the entire project. Rocket Turf who will donate 1000 yards of sod; West Branch Construction for their in-kind donation of 10% of the cost dirt work; Burlington Northern Railroad for a \$10,000 grant; and to the PYSBA, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwa, the Zimmerman and Baldwin Fire Department Relief Associations for their generous contributions.

A special thank you to Terry Carlile and Gary Kubiszewski of the Baldwin Maintenance Department for their time and dedication in the upkeep of Young Park, its trails and grounds.





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As we approach the heating season, the fire department would like to send out a friendly reminder to all households to check/replace batteries in you carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms.

The Fire Department will soon be putting a new water tender into service. The new tender will be able to carry 3,000 gallons of water. The current tenders are able to carry 2,200 gallons of water.

Baldwin Fire recently had two firefighters retire. Mike Brinwall and Gary Taylor retired at the end of August. They leave us after 9 years of service. We would like to thank them for the time and dedication they have put in over those 9 years.



Baldwin Fire Department participated in the activities at the Baldwin FunFest.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



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Since 1990 we have been a family owned and operated business, doing such high quality work that we are willing to place our proud family name and reputation on each project.

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

The Baldwin Township newsletter is a quarterly publication