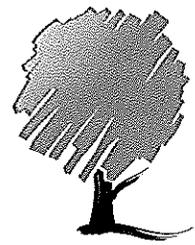


Town of BALDWIN NEWSLETTER



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Reminders



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.

Roads are plowed when snow accumulation reaches 2".



Baldwin Township Supervisors from left to right
Jay Swanson, Larry Handshoe, Bryan Lawrence, Jim Oliver and Jeff Holm

Grant means great chance for Baldwin

The Baldwin Township board is in the process of applying for a \$10,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation's Healthy Communities Partnership (HCP) program. The purpose of the program—and the grant—is to engage a broad base of citizens in developing and executing positive, lasting changes within the community. Previous grant recipients have, for example, done such things as revitalize a downtown area, open a cybercafé, and start a countrywide transit program.

What makes this grant so valuable is that, in addition to the sum itself, the township will not have to go it alone. The foundation will facilitate township efforts during the first 18 months by providing training, technical assistance, and public relations among other things.

Recently the Baldwin Township board discussed the need for a new comprehensive plan. That need became part of the impetus in applying for the grant. As a condition for application, at least 15 citizens of varying ages, races, and occupations are needed to develop and implement the plan.

The pressures facing the growing community of Baldwin have been plenty. The township board is sincere in its efforts to involve more people in the future direction of Baldwin. For Baldwin residents, that sincerity-paired with grant monies—is an opportunity.

As already stated, broad-based citizen involvement is crucial to receiving the grant. If you are a Baldwin resident of high school age or older, volunteer to be part of this initial group. Notify a township board member or stop by the town hall and fill out a volunteer form or check out our website at <http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>. Or you can call the township at 763-389-8931. The Initiative Foundation awards grants by Jan. 1 and begins training in March.



Town of Baldwin

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Office Hrs. 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Mon—Thurs.
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Jay Swanson, Vice Chair—763-856-4201
Larry Handshoe—763-389-3195
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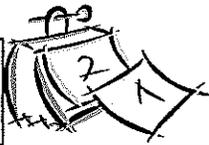
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www.co.sherburne.mn.us

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEB SITE:

Approved Town Board meeting minutes can be found at
<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

BALDWIN CALENDAR



Jan 1	NEW YEARS DAY	
Jan 4	Reg. Board Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
Jan 5	Reg. Board Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
Jan 11	PAVC Mtg. <small>(K-Bob Café)</small>	8:00 a.m.
Jan 11	Airport Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
Jan 18	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	
Jan 19	Park Committee Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
Jan 21	County Planning	6:30 p.m.
Jan 25	PAVC Mtg. <small>(K-Bob Café)</small>	8:00 a.m.
Feb 1	Reg. Board Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
Feb 2	Precinct Caucus	
Feb 8	PAVC Mtg. <small>(K-Bob Café)</small>	8:00 a.m.
Feb 15	PRESIDENTS' DAY	
Feb 16	Park Committee	7:00 p.m.
Feb 18	County Planning	6:30 p.m.
Feb 22	PAVC Mtg. <small>(K-Bob Café)</small>	8:00 a.m.
Mar 1	Reg. Board Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
Mar 2	Reg. Board Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
Mar 6	Office Open for Absentee Voting 10 a.m.-Noon	
Mar 8	PAVC Mtg. <small>(K-Bob Café)</small>	8:00 a.m.
Mar 9	Annual Election Polls Annual Meeting	10:00 a.m. 8:01 p.m.

Jim Oliver

Jim Oliver retired after 33 years at the postal service. He is married with 4 kids, and has 3 grandkids. Jim served in the US Navy from 1971—74. He has been a member of the Baldwin Fire Department for 5 years. He now spends most of his time working on township issues and being with his family.

History of Baldwin Township

The first time we find mention of the Baldwin Town Hall is in the Princeton Union-Eagle in 1904. At this time it was located on the north-west corner of County Road 38 and 116th Street in Section 15 in Baldwin.

It had apparently been built, or moved, to this low location sometime at an earlier date. A little humor accompanied this article when the reporter wrote,

“The town hall of Baldwin that for some time has stood on a low piece of ground and all last summer was surrounded by water, has been moved to higher ground. The members of the town board and those who had business before the board was obliged to take the “ferry” several times in order to reach the town hall. It was deemed advisable to move the building as it was feared that some member of the board might jump overboard and be unable to swim.”

(From Princeton Union-Eagle, 1904)

The 1903 town map shows the town hall just a few feet from the intersection. If one drives by that location, you will see how wet it is. When the hall burned down in 1969, it was then located over a quarter mile west of the intersection on an oak knoll.

Kermit Young, in an oral interview in 2004,

For the rest of the story....

Read Historical Sketches
About
Baldwin Township & the Surrounding
Area
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Bryan Lawrence

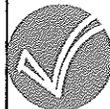
Bryan Lawrence has been a resident of Baldwin Township for over 14 years and a supervisor for almost 10 years. A local farmer, husband to Marytina and father of 4, Bryan has considered it a great opportunity to serve the citizens of Baldwin Township.

“As Baldwin has grown we have faced challenges and been blessed with great opportunity” said Lawrence. “It has been my honor to be part of shaping the future of Baldwin.”

After nearly 10 years of service, Bryan has decided not to run for re-election in March of 2010. He is thankful for all the experience he has gained during his years of service as well as all the wonderful people he has had the opportunity to meet and associate with. “I will continue to reside here with my family and I wish my sincere best for the future of Baldwin.”

During Lawrence's term the township standards on development have been increased, road standards have been improved, maintenance capabilities and services have been expanded and the Northeast Sherburne Fire & Rescue Department was established.

Baldwin Township Annual Meeting & Election March 9, 2010 at 8:01 p.m. Polls Open at 10:00 a.m.



The terms of both Baldwin Town Board Supervisors Bryan Lawrence and Jim Oliver are ending in March. Filing for office begins December 29, 2009 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2010. Filing fee is \$2.00. File your candidacy with the town clerk.

**Both Precinct 1 and 2 voters will be voting in
Precinct 1 Baldwin Town Hall.**