

TOWN OF BALDWIN NEWSLETTER



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SNOW PLOWING RULES PROMOTE EFFICIENCY

Not only does complying with Baldwin Township's rules about its snowplowing policies increase its ability to quickly clear township roads resulting from accumulating snow and ice - it also strives to provide safe and accident-free roadways. Baldwin's maintenance crews ask for your cooperation.

Our township staff is keenly aware of the importance of keeping its roads clear in a timely manner. Its goal is getting in and out as soon as possible, recognizing many of our residents are commuting to jobs outside of the township. In addition, the crew attempts to complete its work in a cost-effective method.

Remember the township is only responsible for township roads. If you live on a state or county road, please contact the state or county departments. Following is a complete copy of the policy:

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:

1. First Priority - Priority routes, high volume intersections, hills and curves.
2. Second Priority - Stop intersections, moderate volume - *continued on other side*

DEFINITIONS:

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) - This is required for uses that have unusual site features or operating characteristics that meet the finding listed in Section 18. Subdivision 5. Item 3 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Variance - A request for a deviation from Sherburne County ordinances such as lot size and setback requirements. Section 18. Subdivision 3 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Both conditional use permits and variances require a public hearing conducted by Sherburne County.

BALDWIN CALENDAR



- Dec. 3 ----- Baldwin Newsletter Distributed.
Dec. 3 ----- Regular Monday Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec. 4 ----- Regular Tuesday Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec. 18 ----- Park Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec. 25 ----- **Christmas Day, OFFICE CLOSED**
2008 HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan. 1 ----- **New Year's Day, OFFICE CLOSED**
Jan. 7 ----- Regular Monday Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 ----- Regular Tuesday Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jan. 15 ----- Park Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jan. 21 ----- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**
Feb. 4 ----- Regular Monday Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 ----- Regular Monday Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 ----- **Pres. Abraham Lincoln's birthday.**
Feb. 18 ----- OFFICE CLOSED President's Day.
Feb. 22 ----- **Pres. George Washington's birthday.**
Feb. 19 ----- Park Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

March 11, 2008 ----- Township Annual Meeting & Election

Jan. 2, 2008, Baldwin Township Clerk will begin to accept filings for the three-year position of Supervisor C, now held by Jeff Dotseth. Filings will end firmly, Jan. 15, 2008 at 5 p.m. Cost to file is \$2.

FIRE DEPT. OPEN HOUSE STRESSED SAFETY



Northeast Sherburne Fire & Rescue conducted its annual open house, inviting all Baldwin residents to visit the township's fire department headquarters, October 6. Pictured are Baldwin fire fighters, from left, Steve Iverson and his children, both students at Princeton schools, Catie (6th grade, with head turned), and Kenney, (5th grade), and Mary Beth Torborg and Don Larsen.



SNOWPLOWING POLICY continued:

Intersections.

3. 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. The areas should be cleared without depositing any snow into the street. There also must not be any large piles, which obstruct vision of driveways. Trashcans 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.

Baldwin Township Town Board
(Revised 2/6/06)

HISTORICAL SKETCHES

- HERB MURPHY

1878: Benjamin McKenzie had a narrow escape from what might have been a fatal accident while returning from his home in Spencer Brook last Saturday afternoon.

A wheel came off the road cart in which he was riding and his foot caught in the framework of the vehicle. He was dragged almost a mile across the Baldwin Flats before he was discovered by neighbors and rescued from his perilous position. He was badly bruised but no bones were broken. -
From the Princeton-Union Eagle, May 15, 1963 edition.

Note by Herb Murphy: The Baldwin Flats is actually located along Sherburne CR2 and Isanti CR5, on the northeast part of Baldwin, but south of the Rum River.

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**



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FIRE STATION: * For emergency dial 911 *

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**FIREFIGHTERS WANTED
PLEASE CALL 763-633-0198**

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