



BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

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BALDWIN TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday April 30, 2011

8:00 AM—11:00 AM

Baldwin Township is sponsoring a residential Clean-Up Day to dispose of difficult items. A valid driver's license with a Baldwin address or a current Baldwin property tax statement will be required.

The following items will be accepted—with a fee schedule—per item charge. Call Baldwin Township for specific charges at 763-389-8931 or check our website: <http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com> for a complete listing.

Tires (4 free), Batteries, Incandescent and Florescent light bulbs, appliances (1 free), furniture, electronics, Propane tanks, clean scrap metal and clothing.

Note: No plastic, rubber or wood connected to metal otherwise the vendor has a separate \$5 per item charge. No oil or gasoline in engines and plugs taken out. Snowmobiles with hood \$30 and no plastic hoods accepted.

NON ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Hazardous waste, wood, fence material, glass, paint cans, recyclables, plastic, building materials, paper, sheetrock, household garbage, general junk, etc.

The township has limited number of visits to one load per household. The Township reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any material or from anyone unable to show adequate proof of residence.



USAGAIN

Instead of throwing your unwanted clothes in the trash, located outside the Township Hall is a USAGAIN drop box. You will reduce your carbon footprint when you do. Clothes dropped in the bins are diverted from landfills to be reworn, reused, or recycled. In fact, every pound of textiles collected saves 7 pounds of CO2. Clothing is collected which is then purchased by thrift stores chains and wholesalers, in many cases to be worn by people in the US and struggling countries who cannot afford new clothes. Donations are not tax deductible.

Feel great knowing that your clothes are given a new life, instead of ending up in landfills.



Baldwin Township Supervisors from left to right Kimberly Good, Larry Handshoe, Jay Swanson, Tom Rush and Randy Atwood



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Princeton, MN 55371

Office Hrs. 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Mon—Thurs.
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Email: baldwintwp2@qwestoffice.net

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jay Swanson, Chair—763-856-4201
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Tom Rush—763-389-8931
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Mike Rademacher, Fire Chief—763-350-0378

SHERBURNE COUNTY WEB SITE:

www.co.sherburne.mn.us

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEB SITE:

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

If you send a message to BaldwinSubscribe@Gmail.com, we will have your email address for the green edition.



Join us for
May in the Park!

Sunday, May 15, 3 - 6 PM

Young Park

(Enter from CR 38, west of CR 19)

Hop on your bike, put on your walking shoes, lace up your skates, or come in your chariot, but don't miss this event!

- ✿ Healthy family fun with friends
- ✿ Lawn games
- ✿ Nature hikes
- ✿ Refreshments
- ✿ And more!



Come enjoy your park in the spring!

Sponsored by the Parks, Environment, & Social Capital Task Force - Baldwin Township Healthy Communities Partnership Program

**Parks/Environment/Social Capital
Task Force Update**

Plans are underway for the May 15th Spring Event. Nature hikes, yard games, short running races, food and refreshments are all being planned as part of our Healthy Outdoor Activities series at Young park on the corner of Hwy. 38 and Hwy. 19 from 3 to 6 pm.

In preparation, the task force and Park Committee have a Park Clean-Up Day on April 16th from 8 am to 12 noon. We are working with a local Eagle Scout to have benches restored and placed throughout the park this spring. The installation of bicycle racks at several entry points to the trail also is underway. Plans are being finalized to modify a white garage into a park pavilion.

Volunteers are welcome to help out. Call the Township office to learn more. Our activities are supported and partially funded by the Initiative Foundation and the State Health Improvement Program.

Government Innovations Task Force Newsletter Article, April 2011

As you read in the HCP steering committee section of this newsletter, there are three task forces attempting to take Baldwin Township to the next level. The Government Innovations Task Force has identified four projects that have been approved by the HCP steering committee, town board and the Initiative Foundation for funding. They are; (1) Unified Addressing System; (2) Comprehensive Planning; (3) Budget Research Committee; and (4) Administrative Committee.

The Unified Addressing System project, formerly known as fire number signs was the subject of a public hearing last month to present the task force findings and for the town board to receive resident input. The next step is for the town board to meet in a workshop session with the task force on April 28th to identify the remaining details they will need to help them make a decision on proceeding with installation and if so the timetable.

The Comprehensive Plan project was also the subject of a public hearing last month. The specific purpose was to solicit input on a proposed township ordinance to create a formal planning commission. The ordinance was adopted the same evening. The task force is currently preparing a draft of a planning commission mission statement and job descriptions. The next step will be to publicize the application process for residents who may wish to serve on the commission, interview and select members. This formal body of residents among many other valuable benefits will help ensure the ultimate comprehensive plan completion in a timely manner.

Once the two above projects have been brought close to a finish, the third project, Budget Research Committee will commence. The intent to research best practices for dealing with the financial challenges and enhanced financial reporting for Baldwin.

The Government Innovations Task Force currently has meetings scheduled for April 19, May 5th and May 27th. We welcome anyone even remotely interested in participating with us on this very valuable effort for Baldwin Township to call Chuck Nagle at 651-483-3982 or email Chuck@Nagle.com. If you take the first step, someone will personally contact you promptly for a more detailed briefing and answer all of your questions. You are very welcome to just attend one of the task force (not limited to a single task force participation) meetings simply to observe without commitment. Collectively, we look forward to meeting you.

Steering Committee Newsletter Article, April 2011

The three Healthy Communities Partnership Task Forces continue to be working hard toward completing the project(s) they have identified for themselves from the "desired outcomes" list created at the residents visioning session last summer. This month the HCP Steering Committee will be "closing out" the first of the annual grants by submitting to the Initiative Foundation the details of their accomplishments and a financial accounting for the grant funds received. There is a separate update from the HCP task forces elsewhere in this edition. In the very near future the Steering Committee will also be compiling updated information on current projects in process and possibly additional projects from the task forces in an application for the second of five possible additional annual matching HCP grants.

The town board sincerely does wish to hear from one and all in the most efficient and cost effective manner. Money can be saved by sending you these updates via an email message. If you send a message to BaldwinSubscribe@gmail.com, we will have your email address for the green edition. Watch each newsletter for HCP task forces updates regarding Baldwin's planning efforts for the future. This planning process is structured yet it is a grassroots effort with many residents volunteering their time for long-term benefits. Everyone is welcome to participate in this very valuable work. You can attend one or all of the three individual task force work sessions without commitment in order to evaluate the process and determine your level of interest. Last month your Town Board appointed the town clerk as the HCP program coordinator and the primary contact person for all activities. Please contact Cathy at 763-389-8931 for more details.

PRIVATE WATER WELL OWNERS IN FLOOD PRONE AREAS URGED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS—BEFORE AND AFTER FLOODING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH-RELATED PRECAUTIONS ARE NOW POSTED ON THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WEBSITE

An ounce of prevention now could save gallons of cure later for private water well owners facing floods this spring, said state health officials today. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is advising well owners that private water wells contaminated with flood water can pose a health risk. MDH recommends that well owners take precautions before possible flooding and take corrective actions should a well be flooded. MDH recommends that well owners take the following steps if they think their well may become flooded:

- Store a supply of clean water before taking your well out of service.
- Disconnect the power supply for your well. If you need help, consult with a licensed well contractor or pump installer.
- If you have time, have a well contractor install a water-tight cap or cover on your well—temporarily replacing the regular vented well cap or seal.
- If you don't have time to have a professional install a water-tight cap, clean off the outside of the well casing and cover the top of the well with a heavy-duty trash bag or some other form of heavy plastic sheeting. Secure the plastic covering with electrical tape or some other type of waterproof tape or strapping material. Do not use duct tape—it won't hold under flooding conditions.
- Be prepared to have your well disinfected and tested after the flood waters recede, if your well does become flooded. Sealing won't eliminate the need for disinfection and testing, but it will keep debris and sediment out of the well, and make the post-flood clean-up go more smoothly.
- If flood waters cover the top of the water well casing, water from your well should not be used for drinking or cooking until the floodwater recedes and the well is disinfected and tested. Until then, use bottled water for drinking, cooking or brushing your teeth.

After the flood waters recede, if the water reached your well casing, assume your well is contaminated. You should take the following steps to make sure your well is safe:

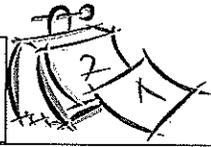
- If your well was not capped or sealed prior to the flooding, have a professional well driller clean out any sediment. Using your well pump to flush out the well could ruin the pump. A directory of licensed well contractors is available on the MDH website at: www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/lwc/index.html.
- Disinfect the well yourself or have a well contractor disinfect the well. Disinfect the well using a chlorine solution behaving having it tested. Detailed instructions are available at: www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/emergency/natural/floods/water/wells.html.
- After disinfecting the well and pumping out the chlorine solution, contact a testing laboratory about submitting a water sample. Tell the lab staff you need to have your well tested for coliform bacteria—or simply "bacteria". They will tell you what you need to do, and provide a bottle for the sample. To find a lab, contact your local health department, or go to: www.health.state.mn.us/labsearch.
- Be prepared to repeat the disinfection and testing process several times, if necessary, to ensure that your well is free of bacterial contamination.
- Don't drink water from your well until the lab has informed you that it is safe, and free of bacterial contamination.

If flood waters came within 50 feet of your well—but did not reach the wellhead:

- You may still want to have your water tested as a precaution.
- You should not need to disinfect your well before having it tested.

If flood water did not come within 50 feet of your well, you do not need to do anything and your well should be fine.

**BALDWIN
CALENDAR**



April 30	CLEAN-UP DAY	
	8:00 am—11:00 am	
May 2	Airport Advisory	5:30 pm
	Town Board Mtg.	7:00 pm
May 3	Economic Development	6:00 pm
May 4	County Board Workshop	10:00 am
May 5	Gov't Innov. Task Force	7:00 pm
May 9	PAVC (K-Bob Café)	8:00 am
May 10	Business Luncheon	11:30 am
May 17	Gov't Innov. Task Force	7:00 pm
	Park Committee Mtg.	7:00 pm
May 23	PAVC (K-Bob Café)	8:00 am
May 24	Steering Committee	6:00 pm

MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY-OFFICE CLOSED

June 6	Airport Advisory	5:30 pm
	Town Board Mtg.	7:00 pm
June 7	Economic Development	6:00 pm
June 11	PAVC (K-Bob Café)	8:00 am
June 21	Park Committee Mtg.	7:00 pm
June 27	PAVC (K-Bob Café)	8:00 am

Rhythm on the Run
Gala Dinner Fundraiser
 for the
Riverside Park Amphitheater
 Steven's Restaurant in Princeton
 Silent Auction Items
 Door Prize Drawings All Night
\$45
 (550 @ Door) April 28, 2011 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM
 Princeton Area
PAVC
 Voluntary Committee

**Baldwin Fire's Annual
Garage Sale Fundraiser**

April 28, 29 and 30
Thursday and Friday 8-6
Saturday 8-12

Public donations for the garage sale will be taken at the station on
 Saturday April 9th—8 to noon
 Saturday April 16th—8 to noon

If you have any questions, please leave a message at 763-389-7976
 and someone will return your call.
 (Letter of donation is available upon request)

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