

TOWN OF BALDWIN NEWSLETTER



March 3, 2008

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POLLS OPEN 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M. AT BALDWIN TOWN HALL, MARCH 11, 2008

Next Tuesday - Township Election and Annual Meeting

Officially filing for office before the deadline of Jan. 15, 2008, for Baldwin Township Board of Supervisors are Jeff Holm and Quintin Reece.

The two men are vying for the position now occupied by Jeff Dotseth who decided not to file again. Dotseth has served the township for six years and currently is vice-chair of the board.

Supervisors of Baldwin Township urge all eligible voters to cast their ballots March 11, at the town hall from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Also scheduled the same day (Tuesday, March 11) is the township annual meeting, 8 p.m. to be conducted at the town hall.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- 8:00 - Call to Order
 - 8:02 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - 8:03 - Appointment of Moderator
 - 8:05 - Approve 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - 8:10 - Treasurer's Report
 - 8:20 - 2009 Budget Proposal - Supervisor Bryan Lawrence
 - 8:30 - Fire Department Report - Chief Brian Torborg
 - 8:40 - Park Committee Progress Report - Dave Patten
 - 8:50 - Road Report - Supervisor Paul Vollkommer
 - 9:00 - Approve 2009 Levy (Check township website.)
 - 9:10 - Legal Publisher/Depository/Public Postings
 - 9:20 - Any Other Business
 - 9:30 - Election Results
- Board of Canvass meets March 13, 2008, 5 p.m., to officially certify the election results.
Adjourn

BALDWIN CALENDAR



- March 3 -----Baldwin Newsletter Distributed.
- March 3 ----- Monday Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- March 4 -- Tuesday Board Meeting, 7 p.m. (plats, etc.), town hall.
- March 6 --Free nitrate testing clinic, 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave.
- March 9 ----- Daylight Savings Time starts.
- March 11 ----- **VOTE! ELECTION DAY**, town hall, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- March 11 ----**ANNUAL MEETING, 8 P.M.**, town hall.
All residents urged to participate!
- March 18 -----Park Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- April 7 -----Monday Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- April 8 ----- Tuesday Board Meeting, 7 p.m. (plats, etc.), town hall.
- April 19-----Energy Expo, Elk River's City Hall Campus, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- April 22 ----Park Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., town hall.
- April 26 ----- Annual CLEAN UP DAY, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- May 5 -----Monday Board Meeting, 7 p.m., town hall.
- May 6-----Tuesday Board Meeting, 7 p.m. (plats, etc.) town hall.
- May 20 -----Park Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. town hall.
- May 26 -----Memorial Day, OFFICE CLOSED.
- June 3 ----- Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Zimmerman County Public Works Garage, 2 - 6 p.m.

VOTE MARCH 11!

✓ REMINDER TO RESIDENTS:

It is against the law to push snow from any driveway across a public road. In the interests of safety and efficiency, the Baldwin Township Board and its Maintenance Department employees request residents to follow the law and to remind your plowing contractor. A fine could be imposed on anyone who continues to disobey the law.

FREE NITRATE TEST CLINIC THIS THURSDAY IN BECKER

Sherburne County Rural Living Task Force representatives will host a free nitrate water-testing clinic for private wells in Sherburne County, March 6, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave., Becker.

Bring to the clinic: ½ cup of water in a zip-lock-type bag, mark each sample with your name and phone number and keep it cool. The Sherburne County Rural Living Task Force will test your sample and make the results available to you during the clinic, according to Mark Basiletti, SWCD water resources specialist. More information, call 763-241-1170, ext.3.

CLEAN UP DAY APRIL 26, 8 A.M. TO 1 P.M. -TOWN HALL

Costs for disposal will be listed in the Princeton Union-Eagle and Town & Country Shopper publications and posted at Baldwin Town Hall in the future.

BOOK ABOUT BALDWIN HISTORY JUST PRINTED

Herb Murphy's interest in "old timers" tales and his own genealogy led him to start collecting information about Baldwin Township. The collection grew to include the surrounding area as he discovered how intertwined were the lives of the residents.

It includes oral interviews, letters, newspaper articles, interesting facts, tales about early settlers, hidden gold, trapping, logging, schools, the railroad and even a prehistoric buffalo.

The book can be purchased at the Baldwin Town Hall for \$10 plus tax, or online: Lulu.com (type "Historical Sketches from Baldwin" in the search box to go to the order page).

GIVE THE EARTH A BREAK: PLANT TREES!

DID YOU KNOW: that planting trees remains one of the



Supervisor Lester Kriesel operates the tree planter Baldwin Township can provide for its residents. A single tree can absorb 48 lbs. of carbon dioxide a year.

cheapest, most effective means of drawing excess CO2 from the atmosphere? Baldwin has a hand planter and a tractor-pulled tree planter available to its residents?

If you'd like to reserve it, please call Baldwin Town Hall.

THANK YOU! to The Mystic Riders Snowmobile Club for your donation of \$500 to the Baldwin's NE Sherburne Fire & Rescue to purchase a GPS system. Citizens of Baldwin Township and the Baldwin Township Board.

CANDIDATE'S FORUM SATURDAY, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Organizer Elaine Philippi invites all Baldwin residents to attend a Candidate's Forum at the Baldwin Township Hall, March 8, from 1-3 p.m.

Candidates Jeff Holm and Quintin Reece have accepted the invitation to attend. Philippi said she will also accept any "write-in" candidates for the forum should they request to be included. For more information, call her at 763-389-5915.

LOGO CONTEST FOR PARK

The Baldwin Park Committee invites residents and friends of Baldwin Township to submit a logo that embodies the character of our township. Here are the rules: Format on 8 ½ X 11 paper; utilize up to three colors; and include the text "Baldwin Township". First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. DEADLINE IS APRIL 22, 2008.

For more information and complete rules, contact David Patten, 952-933-0972 or email him at www.rikinc.com

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Hrs: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. -Thurs.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Bryan Lawrence, Chair-----763-389-0625

Jeff Dotseth, Vice-chair-----612-889-4844

Lester Kriesel-----763-389-9452

Paul Vollkommer -----763-441-0774

Jim Oliver -----763-856-6022

CLERK/TREASURER:

Cathy Stevens -----763-389-8931

Cheryl Goetz, Deputy Clerk -----763-389-8931

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Roland Thompson -----763-389-5406

FIRE STATION: * For emergency dial 911 *

Brian Torborg, Fire Chief -----763-633-0198

FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

PLEASE CALL 763-633-0198

SHERBURNE COUNTY WEB SITE:

www.co.sherburne.mn.us

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEB SITE:

<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

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