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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.

As part of the grant process, the township will contribute \$10,000 to the project as part of a matching grant. The township contribution was part of the \$35,000 budgeted for the township park fund that was approved by residents at the Annual Meeting in March.

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.

The vision of that ballfield can now come true with the help of the **MINNESOTA TWINS** and Baldwin Township. In addition to providing the grant funds, the **MINNESOTA TWINS FOUNDATION** will work closely with Baldwin Township to ensure completion of the project and maintain program records.

Engineering work on the project by township engineering firm Bogart, Pederson has already begun. A special thanks to Bogart Pederson & Associates for donating the engineering for the entire project.

Plans call for a backstop and either a red lime infield. Fences will run about halfway down each baseline of the field ... possibly with a yellow pad on the fence. Bleachers are planned for the fans, as are benches for the players. Depending on costs, dugouts might also be added.

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.

For any In-Kind Donation or volunteer efforts of labor or materials please contact the town hall.

Baldwin Township is seeking Park Committee volunteers.
Meetings are held the third Thursday of every other month.
If interested please contact the Town Hall to fill out a Committee Application Form.
Appointments are made by the Town Board.

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Facts about Baldwin Township Clean Up Day

The Clean Up Day program is one of the most popular, and necessary, operations in the Township of Baldwin. The program is designed to provide a way for residents to dispose of items that were not taken by their regular garage service. Once a year this service is offered in order to help eliminate illegal dumping. Illegal dumping costs residents hundreds of dollars a year to clean up. **Illegal dumping is the #1 complaint, and we need your help in stopping this.** The Friday before Clean Up Day, youth hockey participants scour the ditches throughout Baldwin Township picking up trash. Not only is roadside trash unsightly, it also cost taxpayer's dollars.

Baldwin Township receives a SCORE grant to help with the expenses of Clean Up Day. The dollar amount of the grant varies and does not cover all expenses. As a service to the residents Baldwin Township allows free items such as 4 free tires and 1 free appliance. It's the determination of the Town Board of Supervisors how many and which items are deemed free.

On May 21, 190 vehicles flowed through the parking lot of Baldwin Town Hall filling 6 dumpsters that were collected by Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal.

Thank you Baldwin residents for a successful Clean Up Day.



Members of the Princeton Hockey Team at Clean Up

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.)

July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (Office Closed)
July 11	Town Board Regular Meeting
July 18	Town Board Regular Meeting
July 21	Park Committee Meeting
July 25	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
July 27	Planning Commission Meeting
August 1	Town Board Regular Meeting
August 9	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
August 15	Town Board Regular Meeting
August 18	Park Board Meeting
August 22	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
August 31	Planning Commission Meeting
September 5	LABOR DAY (Office Closed)
September 12	Town Board Regular Meeting
September 15	Park Board Meeting
September 19	Town Board Regular Meeting
September 26	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
September 28	Planning Commission Meeting

Baldwin FunFest

Sixth Annual Young Park Festival
And
1st Annual 4K Young Park Fun Run/Walk

Join us as we have our 1st annual run/walk through Young Park. It is a great way to see the park and all the hard work the volunteers did to make this a beautiful park that was donated to Baldwin Township by Kermit Young.

For More Info/Registration
www.youngparkfunrunwalk.ev-entbrite.com

When
Saturday, Sept 17th 2016

Where
Young Park
County Rd 38
Princeton, MN

Time of Race 9:00 am

Proceeds will benefit
Baldwin Township Parks
and Funfest Day

Early Bird Registration
Before 8/17/16 \$15.00 +
handling fees
Regular Registration
Before 9/15/16 \$18.00 +
handling fees
Day of Race Registration
9/17/16 \$25.00

Day of Race
Same Day Registration 7:30-
8:30am Packet Pick-
Up 7:30-8:45am
Race Starts 9:00am
*Awards 10:00am
*Awards for top 3 finishers, male
and female and first 3 under age
17.
**Refreshments will be served
under the pavilion after the
run during the awards.**

FunFest Activities

Children Games
Face Painting
Hayrides
Demonstrations
Bouncy House
Popcorn
Fire Department Activities
Music

Volunteers are needed to continue to make Baldwin FunFest a success. Contact the town hall and let us know you are interested in helping.



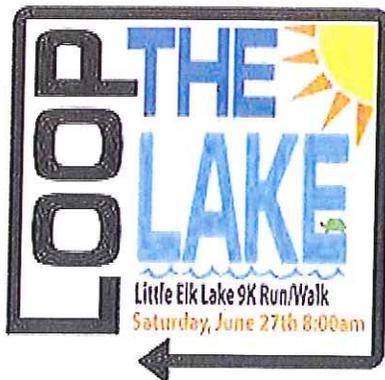
The Baldwin Planning Commission has recently added new members to their group. The new members are: Ms. Debbie Guy and Ms. Kim Good. Ms. Guy is new to the Township and Ms. Good is a retired Town Board Supervisor. In addition, the Town Board has reinstated Mr. Richard Harris providing a diversity of experience and fresh interests to the commission.

The Planning Commission would also like to thank two long standing Commissioners who have since left this past year to take on new adventures. They are Ms. Peggy Patton who has been with the Commission since its very creation and Ms. Judy Thorson who came shortly thereafter to fill out the position of Ms. Elly Rittenour. Without their involvement there would have been a lack of depth and detail that is part of the final Baldwin Township Comprehensive Plan work.

This year looks to be a very busy one for the working planning commission. The Town Board has recently begun to send inquiries and proposals to them for their deliberation and the commission has been investigating and they have provided more in depth information back to the Town Board for consideration. As the planning commission uses the existing rules and regulations along with the Baldwin Township Comprehensive Plan to guide them, they will be able to make comprehensive and informed decisions for the Township. And as the Township moves towards more autonomy into the future, the Baldwin Planning Commission will take on more responsibilities to help them.

If you should have an interest in this work and want to do something to fulfill your civic duty, please contact the Baldwin Township Clerks at 763-389-8931 or email them at baldwintwpp2@qwestoffice.net or send a letter of interest to the following address: 30239 – 128th Street, PO Box 25, Princeton, MN 55371. All interest is great since a diverse group of people will always provide a better outcome for the community.

Happy Summer Everyone!



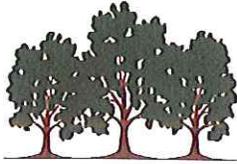
Join us as we celebrate one of our favorite lakes in the land of 10,000. Loop the Lake 9K will start and end at Ridgewood Bay on Little Elk Lake and wind around it's scenic roads. Runners and walkers welcome.

Event Day Schedule

Same Day Registration 6:30 to 7:30am
Packet Pick-up 6:30 to 7:45am
Race Starts 8:00 am
Awards 9:30 am

Awards for top 3 male /female runners and first three finishers 17 and under.

Refreshment will be served at Ridgewood Bay Resort following the run. Proceeds will benefit the Little Elk Lake Improvement Association and go toward water quality efforts such as treatment/control of non-native invasive lake weeds.



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Rebecca Case was the recipient of this years Fire Department Relief Association Scholarship. Each year the Relief Association gives away a \$500 scholarship to a Graduating Princeton High School Senior who is a resident of Baldwin Township.

The Baldwin Fire Department Relief Association would like to give a big thanks to everyone who helped make this years garage sale a big success. The Relief Association made \$2,500 during the three day sale.

The Fire Department will be holding it annual dance on Saturday August 27th at Ridgewood Bay from 5:00-midnight. There will be a live band as well as food specials. All proceeds go to the Fire Department Relief Association.



COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



Kivisto
Veterinary Clinic

To respect your relationship with your pet by providing optimal preventative care and treatment of illness for your companion while understanding and respecting each individual family's emotional and financial needs. We will do this in a non-judgmental way by being open and honest with you about your pet's health and providing you with all available treatment and preventative care options.

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

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