

# White Bear Township Election March 13

Spring is election season in White Bear Township. The Township will hold its Town Board Election and Annual Meeting on Tues., March 13. Voters are encouraged to cast their ballots in the election.

## Election

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Polling places can be found within the "Township Report," on page 20.

The Annual Meeting and Announcement of Election Results will follow the election at 8 p.m. in Otter Lake Elementary School. The school is located on Co. Rd. H-2 west of Otter Lake Rd.

## Candidates

Town Board Supervisor Dick Sand is being challenged by John Farmer. Candidates were mailed questionnaires last month. The following is a summary based on their answers.



John Farmer

Township resident, previous White Bear Lake resident.

•Never held public office, but served in church leadership positions and active in local political campaigns.

•Volunteered as Township election judge in Precinct IV for seven years.

•Active in community recreation programs, coached youth teams, umpired softball games.

•Majored in Political Science in college, father served in legislature.

•Running for Town Board to express new ideas and get more people active in local government.

## Facts

•John Farmer, 54, semi-retired, part-time school van driver.

•Wife Jeanine, four children.

•Longtime Township resident, previous White Bear Lake resident.



Dick Sand

•Dick Sand, 55, attorney in private practice in St. Paul.

•Wife Mary, four children.

•Longtime Township resident.

•Served on White Bear Town Board for 30 years. Served on Minnesota Municipal Board for three years.

•Active in and coached youth baseball.

•Majored in Political Science and earned law degree from University of St. Thomas. Studied comparative governments for a year overseas at the University of Rhodesia in Africa.

•Accomplishments include expansion of police services, neighborhood parks and Polar Lakes park, robust economic development program, Township's AA3 bond rating.

•Running for re-election to represent all of the people of the Township.



# White Bear Township Report

## Building Safety Week Noted

*Permits, Visible House Numbers Required*

### Annual Meeting and Election March 13

**W**hite Bear Township residents are encouraged to vote in the Town Board election (polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and attend the Annual Meeting on Tues., March 13. The Annual Meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in Otter Lake Elementary School at Co. Rd. H-2 and Otter Lake Road.

Town Board Supervisor Dick Sand is being challenged by John Farmer in the election. The office is for a three-year term.

The Annual Meeting is a meeting of the people, not of the Town Board, in which the Town's people have the power and responsibility to elect a moderator from the audience; discuss outstanding issues; announce Town Board election results; and vote on a preliminary levy for 2008.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tues.  
March 13th.

Precinct I: Otter Lake Elementary School,  
1401 Co Rd. H-2.

Precinct II: Eagle Brook Church, 2401 Buffalo Street

Precinct III: South Shore Lutheran Church,  
2480 South Shore Blvd.

Precinct IV: Town Hall, 4151 Hoffman Road  
(southwest of Hwy 61 and White Bear Ave).

**A**s communities throughout the Nation celebrate Building Safety Week (May 6-12), many Township homeowners will turn their sights to home improvement projects. Building Safety Week recognizes the important professionals who make sure buildings in the community are safe. For more information, visit [www.icc-foundation.org](http://www.icc-foundation.org).

In the Township, building permits are required for the construction of a new dwelling and for various modifications to existing structures (as outlined below).

#### Building Permits

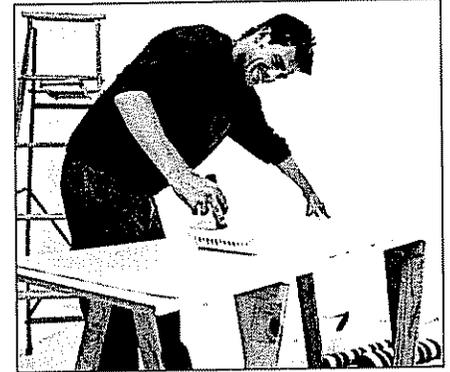
Permits can be obtained at the Township's Administration Building during normal business hours. Subcontractors must be licensed with the Township before work begins.

Existing structures require a building permit for any of the following:

- Any work with a valuation of \$250 or more.
- Any structural change.
- Re-roofing and re-siding.
- Heating and air conditioning.
- Plumbing and electrical work.
- Driveways, fences.
- Swimming pools and decks.
- Accessory buildings.

New dwellings require two sets of plans, energy calculations, a Certificate of Survey, placement of the house on the survey with all corner stakes visible, and the house staked out on the lot. The Township engineer must establish proper elevations before a permit is issued. Separate permits are also required for:

- Electrical work.
- Inside plumbing, heating and air



conditioning.

- Water meter/spacer.
- Outside sewer & water line.

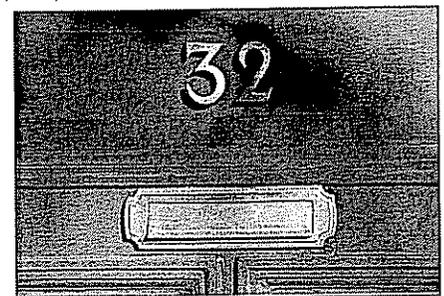
#### Building Numbers

Township residents and business owners are also required to display address numbers on buildings in accordance with Town Ordinance No. 38, Section 3.

House and building numbers must be:

- Clearly visible from the street;
- Four-inches or more in size;
- In a contrasting color, and made of reflective material or painted with reflective paint, to the structure;
- Displayed from a permanent mounting on the property if the principle building front is obscured; and
- Visible on the alley side as well as the front of the building.

For more information, call (651) 747-2750.



# Otter Lake Students Graduate from D.A.R.E.

**M**ore than 100 fifth-grade students at Otter Lake Elementary School graduated from the Drug Awareness Resistance Education or "D.A.R.E." program on Jan. 5. Otter Lake and Vadnais Heights Elementary Schools are the only schools within the White Bear Lake Area School District to include the public safety program.

## D.A.R.E.

According to the D.A.R.E. website:

- Millions of children will benefit this year from the program;
- One thousand new communities started D.A.R.E. in the last three years;
- Seventy-five percent of USA school districts and 43 countries teach D.A.R.E.;
- Ten thousand communities use D.A.R.E.;
- Seventy-five thousand D.A.R.E. officers are certified throughout the U.S.; and
- Twelve dollars per child (K-12) pays for all educational materials (as a non-profit, D.A.R.E. is the most affordable program available).

Sergeant Phil Chelstrom, of Ramsey County Sheriff's Department, met with students at Otter Lake and Vadnais Heights Elementary Schools each week to teach them how to

resist peer pressure when it comes to drugs, alcohol, smoking and other negative behaviors. Chelstrom is the Sheriff Department's specially-trained D.A.R.E. officer.

"We covered ten lessons: tobacco and you; smokescreen (peer pressure and smoking); alcohol and you; real truth (tobacco and alcohol addictions); friendship foundations (positive peers and activities); putting it together (resisting peer pressure and learning leadership); personal action (good vs. bad decision-making); role models (high school students who are academic and sports achievers visited the classroom); practice (making a personal commitment to stay clean and sober); and D.A.R.E. essay reading," said Chelstrom. "Hundreds of people attended the graduation. I've also received many 'thank you' notes from students who are excited about graduating from the program."

Discussions on bullying were also included as part of the curriculum.

"Otter Lake School's principal and teachers couldn't have been more supportive," said Chelstrom. "The D.A.R.E. program was well-received by school officials, students and parents." For more information, visit [www.dare.com](http://www.dare.com).

## School Safety

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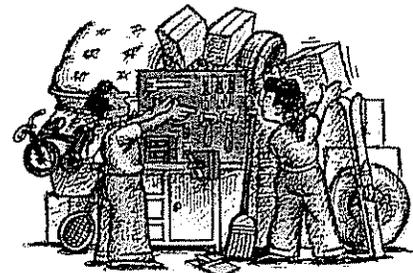


places children can be. However, they can be made less safe if bullying and theft occur. Parents and adults should, therefore, encourage the following behaviors to make sure children have a positive school experience:

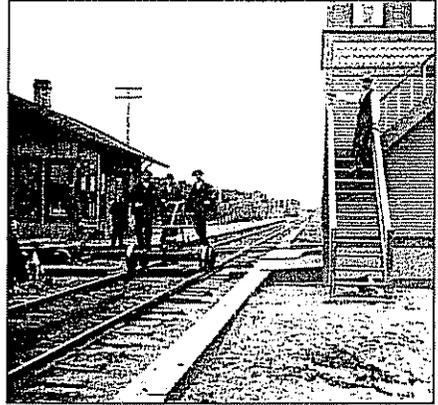
- Talk to children about their day. Ask if they're having any problems or see anyone being bullied;
- Teach children to resolve problems without fighting. Explain that fighting could lead to them getting hurt, hurting someone else, or earning a reputation as a bully;
- Keep an eye on children's Internet use. Ask your children's school if they are monitoring computer use; and
- Ask about the safety and emergency plans for your children's school.

## Other Township News

- **History Book.** Town Life's Publisher, Catherine Carey, is writing a history of the Township in preparation for the Town's 150th Anniversary in 2008. To **share your family's stories, photographs and documents**, please call (651) 292-9343 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon.-Sat.). All photographs and documents will be carefully scanned and returned to contributors. Photo credit will also be given to photos that appear in the history book. Deadline is April 15.
- **Spring Cleaning.** White Bear Township will hold its **Annual Spring Clean-up** from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., June 9 at Otter Lake School. Town residents are invited to bring traditional waste products along with household hazardous waste at no charge and, for a small fee, household television, computer monitors and electronic equipment. Items accepted by Allied Waste include appliances, automotive batteries, tires, mattresses, furniture, carpeting, household fixtures, lawn mowers (all fluids drained), building materials (bagged and bundled, under 30 lbs.), limbs and brush (each limb must be less than three inches in diameter, shorter than five feet long and tied into bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter). For more information about what items will be accepted, call Allied Waste Services' Blaine Office at (763) 784-2104.



# Township planning 150th Anniversary



*Bald Eagle Station, 1893, courtesy of White Bear Lake Area Historical Society*

**P**lans are underway for the 2008 White Bear Township Sesquicentennial.

The White Bear Lake Area Historical Society will be coordinating the celebration of the first 150 years of White Bear Township and would like to invite you to a community meeting at 7 p.m. on Wed., March 28th at the White Bear Town Hall (4151 Hoffman Road).

Proposed events include:

- Community Picnic and Town Hall dedication ceremony at Polar Lakes Park;
- Water-themed event at Bald Eagle Lake celebrating the Bald Eagle Water Club and the White Bear Water Ski Company;
- Children's carnival at Bellaire Beach;
- Aircraft-themed event at Benson Airport; and
- Photo contest of current images of White Bear Township.

The initial community meeting will focus on brainstorming other possible events and seeking volunteers to serve on committees for each project. For more information, please contact Sara Markoe Hanson at 651•407•5327.