



White Bear Township Report

Township Residents Approve Preliminary Tax Levy

photos by Catherine Carey and George Rouse



White Bear Township Clerk-Treasurer Bill Short updates residents on plans to move the Town Hall.



Ted Tarsa serves as Moderator during the Town's Annual Meeting.



Rep. Carol McFarlane updates constituents on Capitol news.



Sen. Sandy Rummel discusses legislative priorities.



Ramsey County Commissioner Tony Bennett speaks of budgetary concerns.



Township Prosecutor Caroline Bell-Beckman talks about crime in the Township.



Township Finance Officer Tom Kelly explains the preliminary tax levy to Township residents.

During the March 13 Township Annual Meeting, residents re-elected Dick Sand to serve another three years as Town Board Supervisor; approved a \$3,034,657

preliminary 2008 property tax levy; recognized Township citizens for their heroism; and scheduled next year's Annual Meeting for March 11.

Guest speakers included Rep. Carol McFarlane, Sen. Sandy Rummel, Ramsey County Commissioner Tony Bennett, Prosecuting Attorney Caroline Bell-Beckman; and Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher. In addition, Sara Hanson, Executive Director of White Bear Lake Area Historical Society, and Catherine Carey, author of the upcoming Township history book, spoke about the Township's 2008 Sesquicentennial celebration.

Township Finance Officer Tom Kelly then explained the Township's 2007 operating budget and proposed 2008 preliminary property tax levy.

The preliminary property tax levy, which voters approved, represents a 16.421% increase over the 2007 preliminary tax levy. It is a "worst case scenario" and can be decreased, but not increased, prior to the Town's Fall Budget Meeting, which is scheduled for Nov. 27.

Kelly noted that the Township, which has an Aa3 bond rating, has the lowest debt in 12 years.

For more information about the tax levy or budget, please call Tom Kelly (651) 747-2760 or visit www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

Dick Sand Re-Elected to Town Board



Clerk-Treasurer Bill Short administers the Oath of Office to Town Board Supervisor Dick Sand. (photo by George Rouse)

Town Board Supervisor Dick Sand was re-elected by a nearly 2:1 margin during the March 13 Town Board election. Sand received 437 votes while his opponent, John Farmer, received 234 votes.

Supervisors are elected to serve a three-year term. Township elections in the State of Minnesota are held the second Tuesday in March, on the same day as the Annual Meeting.

Sand received more votes than his opponent in all four precincts. Vote totals for each precinct were:

Precinct 1: Dick Sand, 169 votes; John Farmer, 78 votes.

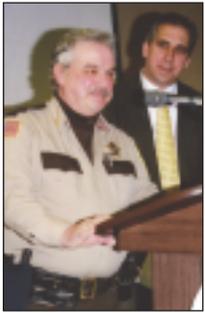
Precinct 2: Dick Sand, 137 votes; John Farmer, 77 votes.

Precinct 3: Dick Sand 61 votes; John Farmer, 31 votes.

Precinct 4: Dick Sand 70 votes; John Farmer, 48 votes.

Sand, an attorney in private practice in St. Paul, has served on the Town Board for 30 years.

Township Heroes Receive Citizenship Awards



White Bear Township's Public Safety Commission and Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher honored two residents for their heroism during the Town's March 13 Annual

(above) Ramsey County Sheriff's Deputy Norm Thurmer, Jr., introduces himself to Township residents during the Town's Annual Meeting as Sheriff Bob Fletcher listens. (below, l to r) Commander Mike Salter and Deputies Norm Thurmer, Jr., Bruce Jerome, and Kirk Bergman keep the Township safe.



Meeting.

John Zapatta, who was not in attendance, was the first to be honored with a 2007 Citizen Recognition Award.

On the afternoon of March 30, Zapatta was driving across the railroad tracks at Stillwater St. and Bald Eagle Ave. when he noticed a toddler walking alone on the tracks. He stopped his car, picked up the boy, and placed him in his car while he dialed 911. While he was on the telephone, a train went by on the tracks where the 20-month old boy had been walking. After law enforcement arrived, it was determined that the child had wandered away from his babysitter's house.

Emma Malchow, an eight-year-old student at Otter Lake Elementary School, was the second to be honored with a 2007 Citizen Recognition Award.

While making dinner, her mother, Mary, tossed a grape into her mouth.

The grape became lodged in her throat and cut off her airway. Mary tried to give herself the Heimlich Maneuver, but was unsuccessful. She called 911, but was unable to speak, began losing consciousness and collapsed near the front door. Just then, her daughter, Emma, came downstairs, realized her mother was choking and alerted the 911 Operator. She then pounded on her mother's back three times, dislodged the grape and saved her mother's life.



Township Hero Emma Malchow was presented with a Citizen Recognition Award from Sheriff Bob Fletcher for saving her choking mother.

Other Township News

- Yard Waste.** White Bear Township residents wishing to clean up their yards can set bags of **leaves, grass clippings and other soft-bodied plant materials** alongside trash bags for curbside pick-up from BFI/Allied Waste Services. Curbside pick-up is free from April 1 – Nov 30. Those wishing to prepare plant materials for curbside pick-up from BFI/Allied Waste Services should do the following: Cut branches five feet or shorter and tie in bundles no more than 18-inches in diameter. Limbs should not exceed three inches in diameter. Bag yard waste and set on the curb in front of house. Bags will be collected on the same day as recycling and refuse. Residents may bring **plant and tree materials** (other than stumps) to Ramsey County's yard waste site in the Township. Identification required. The site is located on Sherwood Avenue, one-quarter mile south of Co. Rd. J. For times of operation and directions, call the yard waste hotline at (651) 266•1155.
- 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. A limited number of the "coffee table" book will be printed and available for pick-up at the Township offices in Nov. To reserve a copy of the book, please download an order form at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us, fill it out and mail it along with a check or money order for \$45 per book to the Township's Offices. Those wishing **to order books** without computer access should include the number of books they're ordering along with their name, address, and telephone number plus a check or money order (for \$45 per book) to White Bear Township, Attn: History Book, 1281 Hammond Rd., White Bear Township, MN 55110. For more information, call (651) 747•2750.
- 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 and household television, computer monitors and electronic equipment (at no charge). Items accepted by BFI/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 BFI/Allied Waste Services' Blaine Office at (763) 784•2104.

