



White Bear Township Report

Township Awards Water Meter Contract

The Town Board received bids in January for the water meter installation project. The bidders supplied not only the usual price quote information, but were required to submit information on product warranty, how they were going to set up appointments, and how they would perform installations.

After careful consideration, the Town Board awarded a contract to H.D. Supply of Eden Prairie. H.D. Supply carries the Sensus brand of

meters. This brand has been in business manufacturing meters for decades and has a proven track record.

Literature should be mailed out to current water customers in May explaining the project and how to schedule an appointment for installation. The actual meter installations could begin after Memorial Day and proceed throughout the summer and fall.

In all, there are about 4,500 meters to install. The new water rate billing



method based on water use will go into effect after all meters are installed and the billing software is tested.

Coyotes Spotted in the Township



Coyotes are preying on small animals throughout the State of Minnesota, including White Bear Township. Coyote sightings have been recently reported to the Township by a resident.

As humans expand their living areas and coyotes expand their range, contact is inevitable. Most of the time coyotes go out of their way to avoid humans, but they are discovering that humans are a good source of food. Resourceful and adaptable as coyotes are, they will take advantage of this when they can. In urban areas and in some national parks the coyotes are changing their behavior.

The most serious problem is that the animals may become habituated to people. As they lose their fear of people they will become bolder and may put themselves in hazardous situations they would normally

avoid.

Coyotes, if fed regularly by people, will come to depend on people for their food. They won't starve if you stop feeding them, but they will be hungry and unafraid of people. They could also get very aggressive in approaching others.

What You Can Do

Coyotes are smart and they learn quickly. They can be dangerous, and when it comes to urban coyotes, steps should be taken to avoid encouraging them to visit your neighborhood.

Close garbage can lids tightly, do not leave pet food outside and do not leave small pets outside unaccompanied.

Inform neighbors of your sightings and encourage them to take steps not to attract the clever little varmints. Remember: Make sure that no pet food is ever left outdoors.

Protect your cats and dogs. When walking a small dog where coyotes are present, take along a walking stick or some device that can make a loud noise. The dog should always be on a leash. Large dogs (35 lbs. and up), in general, are not at risk of a coyote attack.

BUILDING PERMITS NEEDED FOR MANY HOME REPAIRS

White Bear Township requires building permits prior to the start of many home renovation projects. Some examples of when you should obtain a permit: re-roofing your house, installing fire sprinklers or new electrical outlets, replacing windows or a patio cover, remodeling your kitchen or bathroom, or installing a pool or hot tub.

The Township's building department is there to ensure the public's safety and welfare by applying building codes that require quality construction. If you are making home improvement plans, call 651•747•2750 to find out if you need a permit.

Ramsey County Teen Curfew In Place

Ramsey County residents are reminded that teen curfew laws are being enforced by Ramsey County Sheriff's Department.

White Bear Township's curfew ordinances conform with the County's curfew laws and make it unlawful for a minor under the age of 16 to be in a public place between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Those 16 or 17 years of age cannot be in a public place between midnight and 5 a.m.

It is also unlawful for a parent or authorized adult to permit a minor to be in a public place in the Town during the prohibited hours.

There are some valid exceptions outlined in the Township's curfew ordinance. Exceptions are allowed:

- if a minor is accompanied by a parent or authorized adult;
- if a minor is on an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by a parent, guardian or other adult having custody of the minor;
- if a minor is on some necessary errand by written permission of said

parent, guardian or other adult having custody of the minor;

- if a minor is in a place connected with or required by some legitimate business, trade, profession or occupation permitted by law;
- if a minor is legally employed, for a period of 45 minutes before or after work, while going directly between home and place of employment;
- if a minor is engaged in interstate travel;
- if a minor is exercising his First Amendment rights protected by the U.S. Constitution;
- if a minor is married in accordance with the law or had disability of non-age removed by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- if a minor is homeless or uses a public or semi-public place as his or her usual place or abode;
- if a minor is on the boulevard or sidewalk abutting his residence or his next door neighbor's residence, as an invited guest, and the next door neighbor has not called the police to complain;

White Bear Township Ramsey County Sheriff

Curfew Hours

Ages 15 or Younger
Home by 10 p.m.

Ages 16 or 17
Home by Midnight

- if a minor is attending or returning by a direct route to his home from a specific activity at a public or semi-public place which is open to the general public, is supervised by adults at least 21-years-old, and the minor has written permission to be in attendance; or
- if a minor is attending an official school, religious, or recreational activity supervised by adults at least 21-years-old that is sponsored by the Township or a school, church, or civic organization that takes responsibility for the minor. The minor, again, must have written permission by a parent, guardian or other authorized adult to be in attendance.

Other Township News

- **Spring Clean-Up.** White Bear Township will hold its **Annual Spring Clean-Up** from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., June 7 at Otter Lake Elementary School. Town residents are invited to bring traditional waste products along with household hazardous waste at no charge and household televisions, 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). **Apart from the Spring Clean-Up, oil, batteries and tires will no longer be allowed as part of the regular weekly curbside pick-up.** For more information about what items will be accepted, call Allied Waste Services' Blaine Office at (763) 784•2104.
- **Cablecast Meetings.** Town Board meetings are broadcast live at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month and are replayed on Local Government Access Channel 16 at the following times: 2 a.m., 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sun., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. and 2 a.m., 8 a.m., and 2 p.m. on Mon. and Tues.
- **Summer Regulation Questions.** Check out the Township's web site at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us for information on sprinkling regulations, recreational fires, parking of vehicles, etc. or call the Township office at 651•747•2750.
- **Peddlers.** No person shall conduct business as either a peddler, solicitor or a transient merchant without first having obtained a license from the Township.

