



# White Bear Township Report

## Special Town Budget Meeting December 2

**W**hite Bear Township's Special Town Budget Meeting was held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 2nd at Heritage Hall located at 4200 Otter Lake Road.

Township residents attended the Special Town Budget Meeting, where Town staff presented information to residents on the proposed 2009 Town budget and property tax levy. Residents then voted on the 2009 budget and property tax levy.

The preliminary 2009 property tax levy that was certified to Ramsey County was \$2,901,562. This was the maximum amount that could be certified as the final 2009 property tax levy; however, as with pre-

vious years the Town Board and staff reduced and refined this number before the final budget was presented at the Special Town Budget Meeting.

At the December 2nd meeting, Township staff presented a proposed budget and tax levy that reinforced the Town's goal of achieving the lowest tax rate possible while continuing to provide the best municipal services to Town residents.

Residents in attendance then had the opportunity to comment and ask questions regarding the proposed 2009 budget and tax levy before voting on it.

For more information about the Special Town Budget Meeting,



please call Finance Officer Jessie Hart at (651)747•2760 or visit the Township's website at [www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us](http://www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us).

## White Bear Lake Tree Dedication



**T**he City of White Bear Lake dedicated a 16-ft. high, 3-inch diameter Pin Oak sapling to White Bear Township to commemorate the Township's Sesquicentennial.

The tree dedication ceremony took place on Sat., Oct. 25, at Polar Lakes Park. Those in attendance include members of the City Council and Town Board in addition to City Manager Mark Sather and Township Clerk-Treasurer Bill Short. (l to r) Town Board Chair Bob Weisenburger, Mayor Paul Auger, City Council Member Renee Tessier, Town Board Supervisor Bill Mample, City Council Member Tom Frazer and Town Board Supervisor Dick Sand)



# Township Winter Regulations In Place

**W**hite Bear Township's winter regulations will be enforced from Nov. 1 to April 1.

To keep your family safe this winter, please also take note of the following safety suggestions.

**Safety:** Keep children out of snow piles and forts near the road to prevent injury from snowplows. Do not put anything in the road right-of-way including plants, shrubs, rocks, etc.

**Parking:** Motorists cannot park vehicles on the street for more than 24 consecutive hours. Motorists cannot park on a Township street, boulevard, highway or alley after a snowfall of one inch or more until the road is cleared curb to curb. Automobiles should be parked in driveways at least two feet from the edge of the road.

**Snowplows:** Stay back, slow down and be patient. Give snowplow operators room to work in. Don't pass snowplows. Maintenance vehicles frequently back up.

**Driving:** Never drive into a snow cloud. Monitor weather and road conditions.

**Snow removal:** Perform snow removal and ice control tasks in a timely manner. Keep fire hydrants, gutters and catch basins free of ice and snow. Store shoveled snow "downstream" of driveways (in your yard) to reduce the chance of having your driveway filled with snow as

snowplows pass. Check the condition of your mailbox post and make any necessary repairs prior to winter.

## Ramsey County Sheriff Department's Travel Tips and Automobile Winter Survival Kits

**W**henever traveling in the winter, call ahead to your destination and convey when you intend to leave, what travel route you will take and your expected time of arrival.

If you are stranded, never leave your vehicle. Your chances of survival greatly increase if you stay with your vehicle.

A recipe for safety when traveling by vehicle – take a three-pound coffee can and fill it with candle stubs and matches (which can be used to melt snow for additional drinking water).

### Add:

- One metal cup;
- Red bandanna and a plastic whistle (to alert rescuers to your location);
- Pencil and paper, and change for phone calls;
- First aid kit including any essential medications;
- Plastic flashlight with spare batteries;
- Two large plastic garbage bags, safety pins, (bags are for insulation for feet, safety pins will keep the bags together); and



- Bottled water and snack food for energy, such as candy bars.

Some other items that you should carry include: an extra set of dry clothing, a snowmobile suit, gloves or mittens, winter boots, blankets and/or sleeping bag, jumper cables, a basic toolbox, a shovel, a bag of sand or other grit for traction, tow cables or chain, road flares and reflectors. A completely charged cell phone is also a bonus if you run into car trouble.

## Other Township News

- **History Book.** *White Bear: A History* will be available for pick-up (for those who pre-ordered the book) or purchase (for those who did not) beginning Mon., Nov. 17 in the Town Offices. In addition to the Town offices, the book will be sold in The Depot, Lake Country Booksellers, The Nest, Cub Foods, Festival Foods, Kowalski's Market and Garrison Keillor's St. Paul bookstore, Common Good Books. The four-color "coffee table" book's suggested retail price is \$49.95 (plus tax).
- **Christmas Tree Disposal.** Allied Waste Service will pick up Christmas trees on normal collection days Jan. 5 – 16. Trees should be bare, free of tinsel, lights and stands and placed at the curb across the driveway from trash prior to 6:30 a.m. Wrapping paper and packing materials are not recyclable and should be thrown away with regular trash. For more information, call (763) 784•2104.

