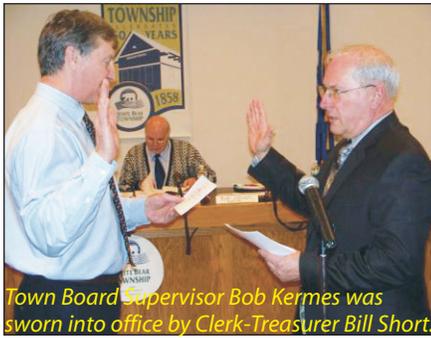




White Bear Township Report

Township's Annual Meeting Draws A Crowd

photos by Catherine Carey and George Rouse



Town Board Supervisor Bob Kermes was sworn into office by Clerk-Treasurer Bill Short.

There's a new face on the Town Board. On March 10th, long-time White Bear Township resident Bob Kermes was elected to a three-year term as Town Board Supervisor.

Kermes fills a seat vacated by former Town Board Chair Bob Weisenburger. During the Town Board's April 6th meeting, Dick Sand was chosen to serve as Chair, Bill Mample was chosen to serve as Vice-Chair and Kermes was sworn in as Supervisor.

Annual Meeting

Scores of Township residents and invited guests braved inclement weather on March 10th to attend the Township's Annual Meeting.

Township residents approved a \$2,937,811 preliminary 2010 property tax levy; recognized two Eagle Scout Candidates for their community service: Jordan Erickson, who designed and planted a rain garden at Heritage Hall and Jay Rausch, who built a boardwalk at Red Pine Park; and



scheduled next year's Annual Meeting for March 9.

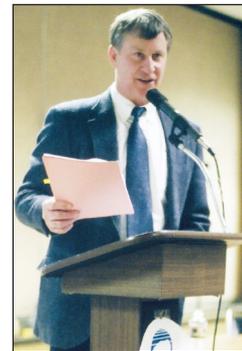
Guest speakers included State Rep. Carol McFarlane; Ramsey County Commissioner Tony Bennett's Assistant, Joe Murphy; Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner; Ramsey County Undersheriff George Altendorfer; Township Public Safety Commission Member Ron Hawkins; and Community Counseling Center Director Julie Williams. In addition, Author Catherine Carey spoke about her book, *White Bear: A History*, and Mimi Doran, of 2 City Chics, spoke about the 2nd Annual Township Day celebration, which is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 12, 2009.



Township Clerk-Treasurer Bill Short presented financial information to those in attendance. Last fall, residents approved a 2009 General Fund Operating Budget of \$3,181,549 and a 2009 Property Tax Levy of \$2,650,337.

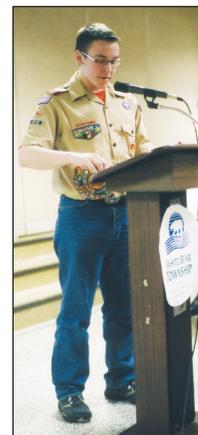
The 2010 preliminary property tax levy, which residents approved this spring, represents a 1.25% increase over the 2009 preliminary tax levy. It is a "worst case scenario" and can be decreased, but not increased, prior to the Town's Fall Budget Meeting, which is scheduled for Dec. 2, 2009.

For more information about the tax levy or budget, please contact Finance Officer Jessie Hart at (651) 747-2760 or visit www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.



Township Clerk-Treasurer Bill Short during the Town's Annual Meeting.

(center, clockwise from upper right) During the Town's Annual Meeting on March 10, Joe Murphy, Assistant to Ramsey County Commissioner Tony Bennett, spoke to those in attendance about Ramsey County budget cuts; Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner, discussed prosecuting those who commit financial crimes against senior citizens in addition to her candidacy for Governor; Township Public Safety Commission Member Ron Hawkins presented public safety information; and Ramsey County Undersheriff George Altendorfer introduced Ramsey County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Nelson, who is a motor officer patrolling the Township; (below right) Scouts Jordan Erickson and Jay Rausch discussed their Eagle Scout projects; and (below left) State Rep. Carol McFarlane presented Bonnie Weisenburger, the wife of former Town Board Chair Bob Weisenburger, with a Public Service Recognition Award. Bob Weisenburger was appointed to the Town Board in 1981, elected in 1982 and re-elected every three years thereafter until 2009. He was unable to attend the meeting due to a recent surgery.



Water Meter Installations Nearing Completion



Time is running out for Township homeowners who haven't scheduled installation of water meters. Homeowners who do not immediately schedule water meter installations may be charged for water use at the non-metered rate of \$100 per month.

Township Engineer Larry Bohrer recently updated residents on the progress of the water meter installation project during the

Town's Annual Meeting.

"We're getting right down to the wire. Approximately 90 percent of the water meters have either been installed or appointments have been made to have them installed," he said. "In spite of the installer's best efforts, there still remain about 200 residents who have not responded to the multiple notices asking them to make an appointment for their meter installation."

Those wishing to schedule an appointment for water meter installations should call (612) 782-9716. The installation phase of the project will be completed later this month.



Town Engineer
Larry Bohrer

Motor Officers Step Up Traffic Enforcement

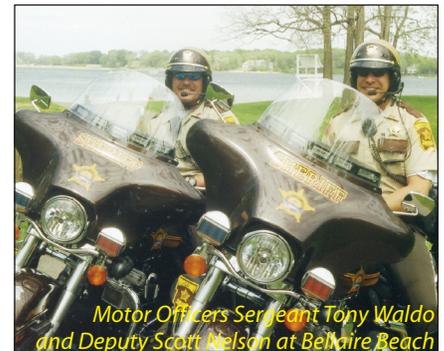
White Bear Township motorists disobeying traffic laws may want to "start seeing motorcycles." Ramsey County Sheriff's Motor Officers, Sergeant Tony Waldo and Deputy Scott Nelson, are making sure drivers slow down, obey the laws and buckle up.

This is the second year motor officers have patrolled the streets of White Bear Township. Four motor officers currently patrol in Ramsey County:

Sergeant Waldo and Deputies Nelson, Keith Olson and Don Rindal.

"It's a great job. You get to ride on a motorcycle and enforce traffic" said Deputy Nelson. "The public seems to respond well to us doing traffic enforcement."

"Be a safe driver, wear your seatbelt and obey the speed limits and you won't have to meet us," said Sergeant Waldo.



Motor Officers Sergeant Tony Waldo
and Deputy Scott Nelson at Belleaire Beach

Other Township News

- **History Book Signing.** Author Catherine Carey will sign her history book, "White Bear: A History," at White Bear Lake Area Historical Society's booth on Washington Square during Marketfest (weather permitting) and from 10-11:30 a.m., Fri., July 31, at Lake Country Booksellers. The history book, which costs \$49.95 (plus tax), will be available for purchase on site. It is also available for purchase in the Township office at 1281 Hammond Rd.
- **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.
- **Township Day.** White Bear Township residents are invited to celebrate the 2nd Annual Township Day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, September 12th in Polar Lakes Park.
- **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. **Proof of Ramsey County residency is 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.

