



White Bear Township Report

Township's Budget Meeting Scheduled for Dec. 1

White Bear Township's Special Town Budget Meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 1st at Heritage Hall located at 4200 Otter Lake Road.

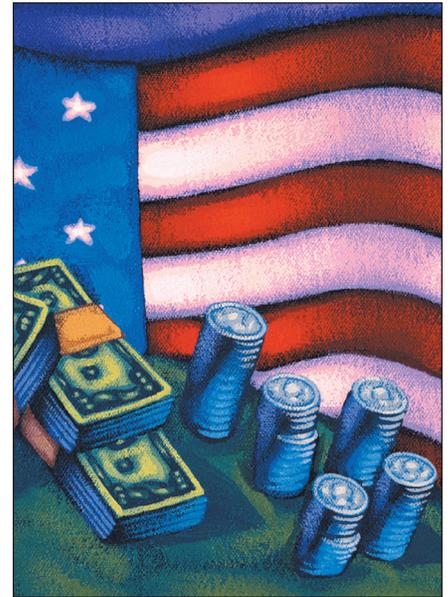
Township residents are encouraged to attend the Special Town Budget Meeting, where Town staff will present information to residents on the proposed 2010 Town budget and property tax levy. Residents will then vote on the 2010 budget and property tax levy.

The preliminary 2010 property tax levy of \$2,937,811 was approved by Town voters at the March 10, 2009 Annual Meeting. This is the maximum amount that could be certified as the final 2010 property tax levy; however, as with previous years the Town Board and staff will work to reduce and refine this number before the final budget is presented at the Special

Town Budget Meeting.

At the December 1st meeting, Township staff will present a proposed budget that reinforces the Town's goal of achieving the lowest tax rate possible while continuing to provide the best municipal services to Town residents. Staff will present a detailed 2010 budget and proposed tax levy. Residents in attendance will then have the opportunity to comment and ask questions regarding the proposed 2010 budget and tax levy, followed by residents (not the Town Board) voting on the proposed budget and tax levy.

The meeting will be cable cast live on Channel 16 and will be replayed on a regular schedule. For more information on the Town's proposed 2010 budget and property tax levy, call Finance Officer Jessie Hart at (651) 747-2760 or visit the Township's



website at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

Night to Unite draws neighbors, public officials photos by Laura Fritz and Catherine Carey



Twenty block parties in White Bear Township set the stage for good conversation, fun and food during Minnesota's Night to Unite on Aug. 4. (left) Cole Pfeiffer waves before taking the stage during a "Kid's Talent Show" on Forest Court. (right) Town Board Chair Dick Sand and Deputy Sheriff Norm Thurmer, Jr. distribute safety whistles to children on Pintail Lane.



(below) Sophia Siciliano and Brooke Ascheman showed off their safety whistles during a block party.

(below) Eddie DaRosa and Micah Fritz enjoyed seeing their reflections in a firetruck's chrome hose cover.



Water Meter Installations Ending Soon

White Bear Township's water meter installation program is in its final days.



Only 60 Township homeowners have failed to schedule the installation of water meters in their homes. All others have complied.

Once all water meters have been installed throughout the Township, residents will receive "informational bills" to inform them of their water usage. They will then have a chance to adjust their water use behavior prior to the change to metered water usage billing.

Residents wishing to schedule an appointment for water meter installations should immediately call Judy Moll at the Township (651•747•2750).

Township Day celebration slated for September 12

White Bear Township residents are invited to celebrate “hometown heroes” during the Second Annual Township Day festival from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sept. 12, in Polar Lakes Park.

Guitarist Extraordinaire

Local guitarist Billy McLaughlin will perform as the headliner during the festival. McLaughlin has made national headlines for his musical talent as well as his ability to relearn how to play the guitar after being diagnosed with the crippling disease Focal Dystonia.

McLaughlin, who is right-handed, taught himself to play using his left hand, astounding audiences with both his story and his music. Billy and His Entire Band will perform a free concert at 6 p.m. in the first phase of the new state-of-the-art amphitheater in Polar Lakes Park.

Fun and Games ... and More

A wide variety of games, contests, activities and musicians will be on hand to entertain the crowd.

Children can become hometown heroes in the “Beary Talented Talent Show” to be held at 9 a.m. while teenagers can compete to be a hero in the “Billy McLaughlin Hometown Hero Talent Show” at 10 a.m. There will be first, second

and third place prizes in each contest, and the winner of the talent show will be featured on SCC-TV.

People of all ages can also become hometown heroes in the “Home Run Derby,” which begins at 10 a.m. Trophies will be awarded in categories such as “Under 6th Grade” and “Age 40 and up, wood bat.” Registration is required and there is a \$5 entry fee to compete in this tourney in a “short fence, custom park.”

Music will fill the air as the Cruisers perform at noon. This popular 50’s and 60’s rock n’ roll band consists of eight musicians from the area who donate their fees to local charities. Come out and “twist away like you did last summer” to tunes such as “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Going On.”

Local author Catherine Carey will sign copies of her book, “White Bear: A History,” from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. during the celebration. White Bear Township published the book last year to commemorate its Sesquicentennial.

The White Bear Lake Fire Department will conduct “Jaws of Life” demonstrations throughout the day. Come see how the firefighters re-enact rescuing someone from a burning vehicle.

Tricia and The Toonies will per-



form theatrical music concerts that educate children and adults on recycling and saving the Earth. The group will perform at 4 p.m.

The Pals on Paws organization will demonstrate how therapy dogs cheer up those in nursing homes and hospitals, and skateboard heroes from Podvin Park will perform daring stunts.

In addition to all the celebrating of heroes, there will be helicopter rides; classic car show; arts and crafts; smorgasbord of food and refreshments; and a grand finale fireworks display at dark. The fireworks were the hit of last year’s celebration and this year’s show promises to be even better.

For talent show and Home Run Derby registration forms as well as a complete schedule of events, visit www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

Other Township News

- **History Book Signing.** In addition to the Township Day celebration, Author Catherine Carey will sign her history book, “White Bear: A History,” from 1 to 3 p.m., Sat., Nov. 21, at Festival Foods, Co. Rd. E & Century Blvd., White Bear Lake. 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.
- **House Numbers.** To ensure adequate fire and emergency protection, house numbers are required. Numbers shall be displayed on house or principal building in numerals not less than four (4) inches high and of contrasting color to the background, and made of reflective material or painted with reflective paint.
- **Winter Parking Regulations and Safety (Nov. 1 to April 1).** 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 more than two feet from the edge of the road. 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.

