



White Bear Township Report

Township Residents Receive Information Only Water Bills

The first of four **INFORMATION ONLY BILLS** were sent to 4,000+ residential water utility customers that were part of the meter installation program recently completed in the Township. The information contained in this notice was for purposes of informing newly metered Town residents what the **WATER ONLY** portion of the quarterly utility bill would have been if a metered rate structure would have been in place AND to provide residents an opportunity to manage their actual water consumption prior to the implementation of an actual residential metered rate.

The Town Board approved an interim water rate on October 5, 2009 for purposes of providing “what if” information to newly metered Town residents. During the next three quarters, the Town Board and staff will be reviewing the Water Fund

and determining the final rate for implementation with the summer quarter (June – August) 2011.

The interim residential metered rate used in calculating this **INFORMATION ONLY BILL** is as follows:

- \$1.40 per 1,000 gallons for up to 18,000 gallons used per quarter with a **MINIMUM** quarterly charge of \$28.00.
- \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons for over 18,000 gallons used per quarter.

The amount calculated on this **INFORMATION ONLY BILL** represents the **WATER PORTION ONLY** of your quarterly utility bill which is currently a flat rate of \$36.50 per quarter. Each residential property will see a **MINIMUM BILL** of \$28 IF consumption is 18,000 gallons or less per quarter based on the interim residential metered rate.



The most recent information bill covered the quarter ended August 2010 (summer quarter). There will be three additional information bills that will be sent for the quarter ending November 2010 (will be mailed early-January 2011); for the quarter ending February 2011 (mailed early-April 2011) and for the quarter ending May 2011 (mailed early-July 2011).

Winter Regulations In Effect (November 1 – 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 place anything in the boulevard (within 14' of the edge of the street) that would inhibit snow storage.

Parking

- Motorists cannot park vehicles on the street for more than 24 consecutive hours.

- 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.

- Motorists cannot park on a Township street, highway or alley after a snowfall of one inch or more until the road is cleared curb to curb.
- Automobiles parked in driveways should be at least two feet from the edge of the road.

Snowplows

- Stay back, slow down and be patient.



White Bear Lake Man is ‘Smarter than the Average Bear’

Hundreds of people gathered at Polar Lakes Park on September 11th to celebrate the community get-together, Township Day, and enjoy the music of “The Rockin’ Hollywoods,” “Rubber Soul” and “Tricia and The Toonies.”

In addition to the live music, the celebration featured creatures that slithered and slid at Tamarack Nature Center’s booth, a “Jaws of White Bear Township Life” demonstration by the White Bear Lake Fire Department, children’s activities, helicopter rides, arts and crafts and refreshments. Bill Kramlinger, of White Bear Lake, won the pendant by correctly answering the most questions in the Township’s “Are you Smarter Than The Average Bear” contest. Kim Thurmer, of White Bear Township, was the second place winner and set off the evening’s fireworks.

Township Day 2011 is scheduled for Sat., September 10.

(l to r) White Bear Jewelers Owner Ken Anderson presents Bill Kramlinger with a diamond bear pendant on Township Day. Anderson donated the pendant to White Bear Township. The pendant was first prize in the Township Day’s “Are You Smarter Than The Average Bear” contest.



Other Township News

- **History Book Signing.** Author Catherine Carey will sign her history book, “White Bear: A History,” from 1 to 3 p.m., Sat., Dec. 11, at Festival Foods, Co. Rd. E & Century Blvd., White Bear Lake. The history book, which costs \$49.95 (plus tax), is available at Festival Foods, Kowalski’s Market, Lake Country Booksellers, The Nest and The Depot in addition to the Township office at 1281 Hammond Rd.
- **Christmas Tree Disposal.** Allied Waste Services will pick up Christmas trees on normal collection days January 3 – 14. Trees should be bare, free of tinsel, lights and stands and placed at the curb across the driveway from trash. Wrapping paper and packing materials are not recyclable and should be thrown away with regular trash. For more information, please call Allied Waste Services (763) 784-2104.
- **2011 Township Annual Meeting.** White Bear Township residents should mark their calendars to attend the Township’s 2011 Annual Meeting on Tues., March 8, 2011 at 8 p.m. at Otter Lake Elementary School. The Annual Meeting is a gathering of the residents – not the Town Board – in which the Town’s residents have the power and the responsibility to elect a moderator to run the meeting; discuss outstanding issues; announce the Town Board election results; and vote on a preliminary property tax levy for 2012.
- **Township Web Site.** White Bear Township residents seeking more information about the Town Board or Town Commissions, Agendas and Minutes, Departments, Public News and Notices, Regulations, Ordinances and Staff should visit the Township’s website at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.
- **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 Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 a.m., 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

