



White Bear Township Report

Township's Annual Meeting March 8

White Bear Township residents should mark their calendars to attend the Township's Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, at Otter Lake Elementary School located at County Road H-2 and Otter Lake Road.

The Annual Meeting is a gathering of the residents. It's not a Town Board meeting. The Town's residents have the power and the responsibility to elect a moderator to run the meeting; discuss outstanding issues; announce Town Board election results; and vote on a maximum preliminary levy for 2012. Township officials, however attend the meeting to answer questions residents may have.

The Annual Meeting Agenda will be posted on the Township's web site when complete.

Election

Prior to the Annual Meeting, residents will cast their votes for Town Board Supervisor. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Election results will be announced during the Annual Meeting.

Special Town Budget Meeting November 30, 2010

White Bear Township's Special Town Budget Meeting was held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at Heritage Hall located at 4200 Otter Lake Road. White Bear Township resident Tom Horak was chosen by Town residents to moderate the Meeting. Finance Officer Jessie Hart presented the 2011 Proposed Budget and Property Tax Levy.

The 2011 levy approved by the residents was \$100,000 less than presented. It resulted in an approximate tax rate of 20.829%. The rate for 2010 was 17.559%. The final 2011 General Fund Budget is \$3,321,955 compared to the 2010 Budget of \$3,254,291. The desire to maintain a high level of services to Town residents coupled with the three years of decreases in tax capacity and elimination of market value homestead credit attributed to the increase.

Polling Places

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tues., March 8th.

Precinct I: Otter Lake Elementary School, 1401 Co. Rd. H-2.

Precinct II: Eagle Brook Church, 2401 Buffalo Street.

Precinct III: South Shore Lutheran Church, 2480 South Shore Blvd.

Precinct IV: Heritage Hall, 4200 Otter Lake Road.

A copy of the Adopted 2011 Budget is available on the Township's web site at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

Two Candidates Running for Town Board

Town Board Supervisor Bill Mample and Township resident Roger Carlson are running for Town Board Supervisor in the March 8th election.



Mample

The Supervisor seat is for a three-year term.

Mample is a retired small business owner who has served for three terms on the Town Board. He is a longtime community volunteer who is a member of

the VFW Post 1782, where he was a past commander, and the American Legion Post 168.

Carlson is a retired science and art teacher. He is a longtime community volunteer best known for serving on the White Bear Lake Conservation District, being involved with the Central Follies and teaching U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety and Sailing classes.

We asked them why they are running for Town Board. Here are their responses, edited for space considerations.

Mample: I am committed to serving the residents of White Bear Township. I believe my years of experience on the Town Board,

Planning Commission and Economic Development Advisory Board and liaison to the Park and Utility Commission and my belief that I still have much to offer are some of the reasons why I would like to be reelected. I appreciate and enjoy the challenges of being a supervisor and look forward to helping solve the problems that face our community during these challenging economic times.

Carlson: Every level of government in America is facing a serious need to do more with less money. During my 9-1/2 years working for the State of Minnesota, I learned to be a creative problem solver. The agencies I

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worked for included the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Administration, the Department of Public Welfare and the Housing Finance Agency. ... Township residents who know me know that I genuinely care about our community. During my time as Board Chair for the White Bear Lake Conservation District, I was well-regarded for my fairness in working with both sides of any issue that needed resolution.

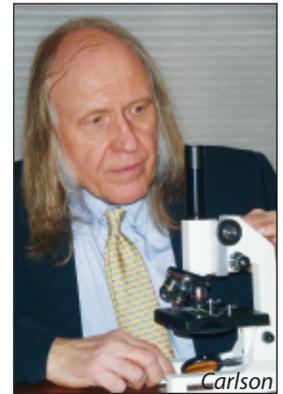
We also asked what they liked best about White Bear Township. The following are

their responses.

Mamplé: I enjoy the people! I have found them to be generous and thoughtful. They look out for each other, have a tremendous work ethic and take pride in themselves, their homes and their community. This makes White Bear Township a great place to live and raise a family.

Carlson: White Bear Township has a long, proud history of being one of the best examples of successful grassroots politics in the United States.

I love the Town Annual Meetings, where the Town's business is discussed in an open forum and voted on by those residents who attend.



Other Township News

- **Otter Lake School Carnival.** White Bear Township's Public Safety Commission will host a public safety booth at the 23rd Annual Otter Lake School Carnival which will be held on Friday, April 15 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Stop by the Public Safety Commission booth to win free prizes!
- **Township Flags.** White Bear Township flags are available for purchase at the Town's Administrative Offices. Flags can be purchased in three sizes: 2' x 3' flag for \$28.86 plus sales tax; 3' x 5' flag for \$43.22 plus sales tax; and 4' x 6' flag for \$55.04 plus sales tax. Call 651-747-2750 with questions.
- **Trash to Treasure Day.** White Bear Township will hold its 4th Annual "Trash to Treasure Day" on Saturday, April 30. The City of White Bear Lake will hold its Annual "Trash to Treasure Day" on the same day. Residents wishing to participate may put useable items they're no longer interested in owning out on the curb for others to pick up at no charge.
- **Spring Clean-up.** Due to a conflict with a fast pitch softball tournament scheduled for the same day, the Spring Clean-up Day will be moved to Saturday, May 21 (that date became available for the first time this year) from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Otter Lake Elementary School, 1401 Co. Rd. H-2, White Bear Township.
- **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. Check out the newly added History section which includes a timeline "History in Pictures" put together by Town Board Chair Dick Sand.
- **Building Permits.** Building permits are required for the construction of a new dwelling and for various modifications to existing structures as outlined below. Permits can be obtained at the Townships Administration Building during normal business hours. Existing structures require a building permit for any work with a valuation of \$250 or more. New Dwellings require two sets of plans, energy calculations, a Certificate of Survey, placement of the house on the survey with all corner stakes visible, and the house staked out on the lot. Work proposed to be done within the public right-of-way, including sidewalks, driveways, tree planting, etc, also requires a permit and application review by the Township. New lead certification requirement for contractors effective February 1. Call Mike Johnson, Building Official, at (651) 747-2750 for other requirements and information or visit Building/Inspections under the Administration tab on the Township web site.
- **Township Day 2011.** White Bear Township, in conjunction with area sponsors will be celebrating the Township's Fourth Annual Township Day Celebration on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Polar Lakes Park. Event details will be updated as planning proceeds so please view the tab Township Day Celebration on the Town's web site.
- **White Bear: A History.** White Bear: A History is available for purchase at White Bear Town Offices for \$49.95 per book (plus sales tax). Books are also available at The Depot, Lake Country Booksellers, The Nest, Common Good Books, Festival Foods, and Kowalski's Market. For more information call 651-747-2750 or visit the Township web site at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

