



White Bear Township Report

Township's Annual Meeting and Election March 13

Polling Places

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tues., March 13th.

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.

White Bear Township residents should mark their calendars to attend the Township's Annual Meeting on March 13, 2012. The Annual Meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Tues., March 13th, at Otter Lake Elementary School (located at

County Road H-2 and Otter Lake Road).

The Annual Town Meeting is a gathering of the residents. It is 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 2013.

Township officials, however attend the meeting to answer questions residents may have.

The Annual Town Meeting Agenda will be posted on the web site when complete.

Election

Prior to the Annual Town Meeting, residents will cast their votes for two Town Board Supervisors, one for a 1-year term, the other for a 3-year term. 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 29, 2011

White Bear Township's Special

Town Budget Meeting was held at 7 p.m., Tues., November 29, 2011 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 2012 Proposed Budget and Property Tax Levy.

The 2012 levy approved by the resident's was \$2,904,071 as presented. It resulted in an approximate tax rate of 23.743%. The rate for 2011 was 21.660%. The final 2012 General Fund Budget is \$3,388,618 compared to the 2011 Budget of \$3,321,955.

The desire to maintain the current level of services to Town residents coupled with the four years of decreases in tax capacity and the switch from the market value home-stead credit to the market value exclusion program attributed to the increase.

A copy of the 2012 Budget is available on the Township's web site at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

Garden Creek Park Renovation to be Planned



White Bear Beach residents living near Garden Creek Park, 5380 Portland Ave., are invited to a neighborhood meeting to plan the future of the park. The public meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thurs., March 15 at

Heritage Hall. Heritage Hall is located at 4200 Otter Lake Rd.

The Township chooses one or two parks to upgrade each year as part of the Town's park improvement program. This year's park renovation budget is \$35,000, which could be used solely on Garden Creek Park or split between Garden Creek Park and nearby Longville Park.

A pair of tennis courts in need of repair in Longville Park will be one of the potential projects residents will consider for renovation.

Recent upgrades to Longville Park include the replacement of park equipment and removal of a picnic

shelter.

Preliminary plans for Garden Creek Park include the removal of outdated playground equipment such as a swing set, climbing apparatus and slide. Town residents will then decide what, if anything, they'd like to see take their place.

"Residents need to tell us what they'd like to see in their neighborhood park," said Town Planner Tom Riedesel. "We want to invite as many people as possible. We usually ask people within a quarter-mile radius to attend, but anyone with an interest in either park is welcome to attend the meeting."

Garden Creek Park continued

“Garden Creek Park is not one of the more heavily used parks in the Township,” said Riedesel. “Because of this, it may make sense to invest into upgrades at the north end of Longville Park by the ballfield rather than Garden Creek Park. Longville Park is only a block away from Garden Creek Park.”

“The first step in the review process is this neighborhood meeting,” he added. “Input from neighborhoods help guide the Park Board when making decisions regarding park improvements.”

Questions and comments should be directed to Tom Riedesel at 651-747-2750.



The Township will remove older playground equipment at Garden Creek Park.

Other Township News

- **Otter Lake School Carnival.** White Bear Township's Public Safety Commission will host a public safety booth at the 24th Annual Otter Lake School Carnival which will be held on Friday, April 13th from 6 p.m. to 8:30 pm. Stop by the Public Safety Commission booth to win free prizes!
- **Trash to Treasure Day.** White Bear Township will hold its 5th Annual "Trash to Treasure Day" on Saturday, April 28th. 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 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for others to pick up at no charge.
- **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 web site at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.
- **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.
- **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 Township's 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, 2011. Call Mike Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer at 651-747-2750 for other requirements and information or visit Building/Inspections under the Administration tab on the Township web site.
- **Township Day 2012.** White Bear Township, in conjunction with area sponsors, will be celebrating the Township's Fifth Annual Township Day Celebration on Saturday, September 8, 2012 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. Rockie Lynne and Monroe Crossing are two musical acts scheduled to play at this year's event.
- **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.
- **Animal Licenses.** Township dog licenses are set to expire on March 31, 2012. The cost for a two-year license is \$20.00 if obtained prior to April 30, 2012; \$30.00 after that date. Proof of rabies vaccination in the form of a Rabies Certificate must be presented at the time of license renewal/purchase. License applications are available on the Township's web site at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

