



# WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP

1858 RAMSEY COUNTY MINNESOTA

## News & Views

A bi-weekly section where readers will be informed on subjects of seasonal interest, upcoming events and other timely topics.



**Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) Members Wanted** – The EDAB is in need of two members, 1) a resident and 2) a non-resident who works for a business in the Township. The EDAB is responsible for promoting growth of

new business and industry and offer support to existing businesses. This Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month.



**Is There a Storm Pond Near You?** – The greatest polluter of our waters nowadays is stormwater; all the runoff from your roof, driveway, sidewalk, and street, and it gets treated differently to remove pollutants and keep it from flooding. The

Townships two watershed districts (Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization & Rice Creek Watershed District), have management tools in place that help prevent stormwater pollution.

Two common ones are:

- Flood Control – some ponds provide flood control by slowing rates of flow or decreasing the volume of water downstream.
- Water Quality – Some ponds retain water, also keeping

pollutants such as phosphorus and sediment from entering creeks and rivers. This is why your pond may turn green in the hot, summer months – it is capturing the phosphorus which feeds algae growth.

Vegetative strips (buffers) of long-rooted plants can:

- Remove pollutants from stormwater
- Reduce erosion & sediment entering waterbodies
- Stabilize slopes
- Provide infiltration of stormwater runoff
- Maintain base flows of streams
- Provide shade to streams for desirable wildlife

Ponds & buffers will function best if they are left alone. Please **do not mow, dump, or clear these areas**. Together we can help improve our water quality. For information you can visit the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organizations website at [www.vlawmo.org](http://www.vlawmo.org) or the Rice Creek Watershed Districts website at [www.ricecreek.org](http://www.ricecreek.org).



**Stop Those Drips** – did you know that just a slow drip of water can waste from 15-20 gallons of water a day and just one drop a second from a leaky faucet can waste 60 gallons of hot water a week.

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