WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP

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News & Views

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

YOUR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th ENJOY COFFEE WITH A COP – The upcoming coffee with a cop event sponsored by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office will be held at the Holiday Stationstore, 1150 County Road J (at Centerville), White Bear Township, Minnesota, Thursday, November 30th, from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL DEADLINES –

- **Republic Services** will continue to pick up yard waste on the day of your regular garbage pick-up through December 1st as long as there is no snow.
- **Ramsey County yard waste sites** will be remain open until November 29th. They will also be open on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

SPECIAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING DECEMBER 12TH - Residents are invited to attend White Bear Township's Special Town Budget Meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 12th at Heritage Hall located at 4200 Otter Lake Road. Similar to the Annual Town Meeting held in March this is a meeting of the residents, where those in attendance will approve by vote the amount to be levied for the 2018 property tax and provide a recommendation of the Town's 2018 operating budget to the Town Board after a presentation from Town staff. Staff will also answer any questions residents have regarding the 2018 property tax levy & budget. At the time of this publication the 2018 operating budget is proposed to increase 4.36% to $4,048,032 and the property tax levy is proposed to increase 7.78% to $3,233,517. For more information, visit the Town's website at www.whitebeartownship.org or call finance officer Tom Kelly at (651) 747-2760.

SCAM-FREE VACATION TIPS – Are you heading out of town? Make sure you come back with a nice post-vacation glow & not a case of identity theft. Here are some things you can do to lessen the chances you'll be a victim.

- **Limit What you Carry** – Take only ID, credit cards & debit cards you need. IF you have a Medicare card make a copy to carry & blot out all but the last four digits on it.
- **Public Wi-Fi** – Many cafes, hotels, airports & other public places offer wireless networks, two things to remember
  - Wi-Fi hotspots often aren't secure.
  - That Wi-Fi network might not belong to the hotel or airport, scammers sometimes set up their own "free networks".
- **Protect Your Smartphone** – Use a password or pin & report a stolen smartphone first to local law enforcement & then to your wireless provider.
- **Watch That Laptop** – If you travel with a laptop, keep a close eye on it, especially through the shuffle of airport security & consider carrying it in something less obvious than a laptop case. All it takes is a minor distraction in an airport or hotel & it can vanish.

Despite your best efforts to protect it, your identity may be stolen while you're traveling. Here's a link for information on what you can do: https://www.identitifytheft.gov/#what-to-do-right-away

December 12th – Special Town Budget Meeting
December 26th – Township Offices Closed

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