



**SPECIAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING REVIEW** - Residents in attendance of White Bear Township's Special Town Budget Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> approved a final 2019 property tax levy of \$3,403,055.00.

The levy is a 5.47% increase over the 2018 tax levy. The typical home in the Township saw market values increase about 4.1% which when added to the property tax levy results in a property tax increase between \$17 and \$39 for homes valued at \$168,797 and \$375,104 respectively. Residents also recommended to the Town Board a 2019 operating budget for the Township of \$4,231,356, which is a 4.65% increase over the 2018 operating budget. For more information, visit the Town's website at [www.whitebeartownship.org](http://www.whitebeartownship.org) or call finance officer Tom Kelly at (651) 747-2760.



**TIME TO CLOSEOUT YOUR 2019 PERMITS** – Residents who have “open” permits for building projects, furnaces, air conditions, etc., are asked to call the Township offices at 651.747.2750 to have the final inspections completed so the permits can be closed out.



**CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL OPTIONS** – Republic Services will be collecting Christmas trees the first two weeks of January, just put them out with your regular trash or Ramsey County Compost Sites are open weekends through the winter, Saturdays 9-5 & Sundays 11-5. Tree & yard waste as well as organics are accepted at the site.



**HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE TIPS TO MAKE THE HOLIDAY SEASON MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY –**

- Save & Reuse gift bags, ribbons & bows for next year
- Shipping gifts? Make shredded paper out of old newspapers & magazines or be sure to reuse last year's bubble wrap & foam peanuts
- Think twice when it comes to wrapping paper. Standard wrapping paper should be recycled, but anything with glitter or foil belongs in the trash. Generally the fancier the wrapping paper, the less recyclable it is
- Getting a new device this holiday season? Make sure your old phone or tablet isn't tossed in recycling. Check with your local service provided for special instructions or electronics recycling option
- Common holiday items that do not belong in recycling include: bubble wrap, cellophane, holiday ribbons & bows, batteries, food waste, clothing & shoes, holiday lights, electronics & foam packaging
- Toy packaging is only recyclable when the cardboard is separated from the plastic
- Keep in loose, never bag or bundle your recyclables
- Remember: Empty. Clean. Dry. – When recyclables are compressed in the truck, leftover food or liquid can ruin perfectly good recyclables



**INTERESTED IN LANDSCAPING YOUR YARD YOURSELF NEXT SPRING?**

– The Minnesota State Horticultural Society of the U of M is offering a winter “Landscaping Design Basics” class to help you do just that. The program cost is \$149/members & \$159/non-members. There are five nightly sessions throughout February & the first week in March. For more information contact the Society at 651.643.3601 or 1.800.676.6747.



**January 1** – Town Offices Closed for New Year’s Holiday

**January 3** – Fruitcake Toss Day

**January 21** – Town Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Holiday

**January 21** – Squirrel Appreciation Day

**January 28** – Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

**The White Bear Township Board Members & Staff  
Wish You & Your Family a Very Merry & Safe Holiday Season!**

