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WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP

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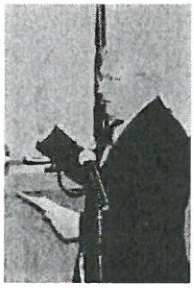
News & Views

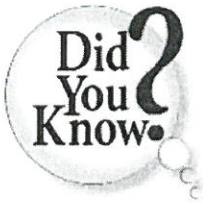
A bi-weekly section where readers will be informed on subjects of seasonal interest, upcoming events and other timely topics.

THE CLERK'S CORNER – Greetings! I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as the newly sworn in Clerk-Treasurer for White Bear Township! My name is Patrick Christopherson, & I assumed the responsibilities of the position officially on November 19th, 2018 for Bill Short who retired after 30 years of service to our residents.

I have a 20 year history of working in Public Administration, most recently the past 7 years as the County Coordinator/Personnel Director for Kanabec County. Over the coming months, I will be placing a priority on familiarizing myself with the White Bear community in order to learn about all the assets it has to offer, & during this time, if you have points of interest about the potential future direction of the Township please feel free to contact me & I would be more than happy to chat with you.



BOB KERMES, LONGTIME TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR/CHAIR HAS RETIRED – Anyone wanting to thank Bob for his long dedicated service to the Township is invited to come to Lucy's Burgers, 1190 County Road J, on Monday, January 14th, from 4-6 p.m. for an informal gathering.



- **January is Radon Action Month.** You can purchase test kits from Ramsey County for only $2! Did you know that two in five homes tested in Minnesota have radon levels that could pose a major health risk? Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas & is the second leading cause of lung cancer behind smoking. It can enter your home through the foundation & floor-wall joints. Winter is the best time to test for radon. Call the Environmental Health office at 651.266.1199 for more information & to request a test kit.
- Recycled String Lights. Ramsey County collects over 4,000 pounds of string lights & cords for recylcing each year. Please don't put them in your recycling cart or recycling dumpster as they get tangled in the storing machines instead bring them to Baywest in St. Paul, Ramsey County's year-round household hdazardous waste collection facility. For more information call 651.633.3279.
- There is a Right Way to Burn Wood. Cold n ights call for warm fies. But are you using your fireplace wisely? Here are a few simple tips for burning the right wood in the right way:
- Only burn wood that has been aged for at least six months. Seasoned wood burns hotter, cuts fuel consumption & reduces the amount of smoke your fireplace produces.
- Use only clean newsppaer or dry kindling to start a fire. Never use gasoline, kerosene, charcoal starter or a propane torch.
- Don't let your fire smolder overnight. it does little for heating & increases air pollution.
- Clean ashes from your fireplace. Excess ashes can clog the air intake vents of your fireplace, reducing efficiency. Dispose of ashes in a metal container, away from the house or any flammable material, to reduce risk of fire.
- Keep your chimney clean. A clean chimney provides a good draft & reduces the risk of a chimney fire. have your chimney inspected by a professional once a year.

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