



RECAP - White Bear Township held its Annual Town Meeting on March 12th.

The Annual Town Meeting is true grassroots government where residents in attendance vote to approve a resident to moderate the meeting, the previous year's meeting minutes, meeting agenda, & property tax levy. This year's meeting was moderated by Bob Kermes & had approximately 24 residents in attendance. County Board Member Blake Huffman & County Attorney John Choi provided residents with updates on County activities that have or will affect the Township. Ramsey County Undersheriff Jeff Ramacher provided an update on sheriff department activities. Residents also heard presentations from Jerry Hromatka, Northeast Youth and Family Services, Laura Chamberlain of HKGI on the Town's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, & Larry Poppler of TKDA on the Town's Pavement Management Program. Finally, residents received an update on the Town's finances from the Town Finance Officer, Tom Kelly & then approved a 2020 preliminary property tax levy of \$4,300,621. The 2019 Annual Town Meeting can be viewed on the Town's website (www.whitebeartownship.org).



FREE FIX-IT CLINIC – MARCH 23RD – Ramsey County Recycles is once

again offering a free fix-it clinic on Saturday, March 23rd from 10:30 – 1:30 at the White Bear Lake Ramsey County Library, 2150 2nd Street. Bring items like small household appliances, clothing, electronics & more. Volunteer fixers will help you to disassemble, troubleshoot & repair your item for free! First come, first served. Items should be carry-in, no oversized items. Please bring any tools or parts that might be helpful to fix your item. For more info or to volunteer, call 651.266.1199 or e-mail AskEH@co.ramsey.mn.us.



COYOTES – AN URBAN REALITY - There have been coyote sightings

throughout Ramsey County, with increased reports during the January & February mating season. While typically harmless to humans, coyotes are wild animals – employ caution in the case of a possible encounter. Contrary to popular belief, coyotes are not nocturnal & will be active anytime—day or night. Coyotes mate in late winter & whelp (birthing) in April or early May. This may lead to increased activity & sightings as they hunt to feed their pups.

The coyote is Minnesota's most abundant large wild predator, intermediate in size between red foxes & wolves. In Minnesota, coyotes average 30 lbs., & stand about 18" high at the shoulders. They are gray/brown in color, & somewhat resemble a small German Shepherd dog in appearance. Coyotes in Minnesota are loners, except when families are raising pups. Their primary foods are rabbits & mice, but they are very opportunistic, & will feed on other small mammals, deer, birds, carrion, & even melons.

Children of all ages should be taught to stay away from any wild animal.

Things to remember:

- Never feed a coyote
- Never run from a coyote
- Never leave small children or pets alone in a coyote habitat

- Keep your yard free of fallen fruit, vegetables and pet food
- Clean up brush piles before rodents move in
- Vaccinate all pets for rabies, distemper, parvo, and other diseases, as recommended by a veterinarian
- If you encounter a coyote that does not immediately run from people, harass it by:
 - Shaking a noise maker, such as a soda can with pennies
 - Make yourself larger by standing and waving your arms
 - Shout in a deep aggressive voice
 - Throw rocks or sticks at the coyote
- If you see a coyote behaving in an abnormal manner call 9-1-1

These simple suggestions should prevent most coyote problems. However, if depredation occurs or aggressive coyote behavior is observed, removal of the problem coyote may be necessary.

For information on pest control contractors or trapping techniques for coyote removal, contact your local DNR Wildlife office or Conservation Officer.



COMPOST BINS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE – The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$64 plus tax. Ramsey County residents can get an additional \$20 off! Order online at RecycleMinnesota.org & enter promo code “Ramsey” to receive the discounted price. Or call 651.641.4589 & mention that you are a Ramsey County resident.

