



## News & Views

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

### **2018 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER REPORT (CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT) NOW AVAILABLE**

In the past the Annual Drinking

Water Quality Report (CCR) was mailed to all utility

customers as an insert with the quarterly utility bill,

but in our ongoing effort to "go green", the report is now available online at

<http://www.whitebeartownship.org/DocumentCenter/View/1238/Current-Water-Quality-Report>. Hard copies of the 2018 report are available at the Township's Administrative Office, 1281 Hammond Road, or by calling 651.747.2750 to request a paper copy. White Bear Township makes it a priority to provide safe & reliable drinking water that meets or exceeds Federal & State water quality requirements.

### **IT'S FIREWORKS TIME - KEEP IT LEGAL & KEEP IT**

**SAFE** – With the 4th of July nearing, please keep in mind the following:

**Keep it legal** – permitted fireworks include sparklers, cones & tubes that emit sparks, novelty items like snakes & party poppers. Prohibited fireworks include, but are not limited to firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars & shells.

**Keep it Safe** – Read & understand fireworks directions, read caution labels before igniting

- Use fireworks only with close adult supervision & keep fireworks away from children – sparklers alone burn at 1800
- Never aim or throw fireworks at a person, animal, building, vehicle, wooded area or flammable items
- Stay away from failed fireworks ("duds") for an extended amount of time to make sure they don't ignite
- Check wind direction before lighting fireworks or avoid having it blow into trees, onto house roofs, fields, etc.

### **DID YOU KNOW CLOVER IN YOUR LAWN IS A GOOD**

**THING** – Here are five benefits of keeping clover in your lawns: 1) Clover acts as a natural fertilizer because it has the ability to fix nitrogen in yards, it often moves

into areas with poor soil because it heals soil that's nitrogen-deficient; clover takes nitrogen from the air, converts it to a plant-friendly form & releases it into the soil; 2) Clover stays green even during the driest spells due to its deep roots & gives the visually pleasing aesthetic of a healthy lawn; 3) Clover brings ecological diversity by attracting bees with its nectar & other important insects which help sustain fruit trees, flowers vegetables & other plants; 4) Clover smells good, clover-rich lawns have a fresh & light smell that you won't mind when lawn mowing, picnicking, or barbecuing as opposed to the more chemically-laden odor that fertilizer produces; and 5) Clover is resilient & its strength actually smothers other weeds. Growing clover does not allow room for typical lawn weeds to thrive, meaning the lawns you mow could be weed-free & beautiful.



**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY** – With the days beginning to get warmer we will find ourselves drawn to the many trails, parks, & just the outdoors in general. Take your safety into your own hands. Know that:

- Pedestrians are given the right-of-way when crossing at an intersection that is or is not marked with a crosswalk. Be sure approaching vehicles can see you; make eye contact with or wave to the driver so you know they see you; wait until approaching vehicles have completely stopped & cross the road safely when appropriate.
- Walk on the side of the street so that traffic is coming at you & walk as close to the edge of the road as possible. If it is getting dark, make certain you have on bright reflective clothing. Using a flashing light or flashlight will help drivers see you.
- If you need to cross the street at a location other than a crosswalk or intersection, it is the pedestrian's responsibility to yield to all traffic & cross only when the street is clear.



- July 4** – Town Offices Closed  
**July 13** – Movie in the Park - Bumblebee  
**July 27** – Movie in the Park – The Lego Movie 2  
**July 29** – National Chicken Wing Day



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