



# White Bear Township Report

## Special Town Meeting

**W**hite Bear Township residents are invited to attend a Special Town Meeting to discuss a proposed expansion and improvement of the public works building and site. The meeting will be held 7 p.m., Mon., Sept. 13, in Town Hall at Old Hoffman Road and Goose Lake.

The public works building expansion is needed to house equipment currently stored outdoors or in one of two water towers.

The project will also include the construction of a new salt/storage structure and site improvements. Project costs are estimated at \$2.8 million.

Town officials and residents will discuss the proposed project during the meeting. Residents will then vote on a proposed bond issue to finance the project.

If approved, additional property taxes will be levied in the future to pay off some of these bonds.

A property tax levy of \$45,000 beginning in 2005 and increasing \$5,000 each year through 2020 would be needed to finance the project.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT A BIG SUCCESS



*Hundreds of Township residents celebrated National Night Out at block parties on Aug. 3. (clockwise from upper right) Jennifer Anderson; Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff Joe Ptassek, Sen. Mady Reiter and Guido; Louise Lincoln, friends and Hoover; Town Board Supervisor Bill Mample; Joel and Jordan Anderson; and (inset) Maurine and Ray Alexander enjoyed cook-outs and camaraderie with neighbors on a perfect summer night.*



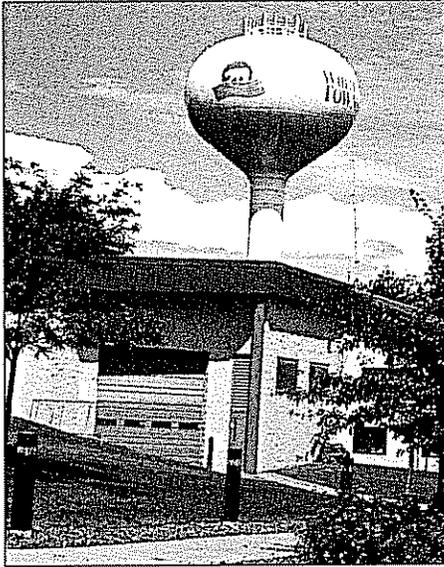
## Otter Lake Dog Park to Open

**A**rea residents will soon have an official off-leash park to exercise their dogs. Earlier this summer, White Bear Town Board approved a Ramsey County Parks and Recreation proposal to add trails and a dog park within a 10-acre wooded site east of Otter Lake Road. Unobtrusive fencing will also be installed to provide safety for pets and owners.

"There is a need to provide off-leash dog parks within the county," said Larry Holmberg, Ramsey County Director of Planning and Development. "We chose Otter Lake because we want to provide geographic distribution throughout the county."

Otter Lake Dog Park is scheduled to open in early fall. It will be the fourth off-leash site within Ramsey County parks. For more information, call (651)748-2500.

# Water Rate Increase



**W**hite Bear Town Board recently approved the Township's first water rate increase since 1999.

Effective Sept. 1, the Township's residential flat water rate will increase to \$34.75 per quarter from the current \$25.75 per quarter.

The rate increase is needed to cover water operating expenses and current capital projects such as the construction of a replacement well and Pump House #2 completed this past spring.

The water rate increase should generate an estimated \$225,000, which would bring water revenues in line with expenses.

The \$9 per quarter rate increase will begin with the Sept./Oct./Nov. billing quarter. Payments will then be due in December.

For more information, call the Township Offices at (651)429•5827.



**NEW  
EMPLOYEE**

White Bear Township recently hired an additional maintenance worker for its public works department.

Randy Miller, of North St. Paul, comes to the Township with more than five years' carpentry and landscaping experience. He enjoys working outdoors and is no stranger to hard work.

"I am used to working hard," said Miller. "I've always wanted to work for a community like White Bear Township. Public works jobs are ideal jobs. You're not doing the same thing every day and you get good benefits."

## Other Township News

- **Election.** Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the primary election (Sept. 14) and general election (Nov. 2) this year. Votes can be cast at the following places: Precinct I: Otter Lake Elementary School, 1401 Co. Rd. H-2; Precinct II: Eagle Brook Church, 2401 Buffalo Street; Precinct III: Bellaire School, 2540 E. Co. Rd. E; and Precinct IV: Town Hall, Old Hoffman Road at Goose Lake. For more information, call the Township office at (651)429•5827.
- **Leaves.** White Bear Township residents wishing to keep their yards clear of debris may deliver leaves, grass clippings and other soft-bodied plant materials to Ramsey County's yard waste site in the Township. The site is located on Sherwood Avenue, one-quarter mile south of Co. Rd. J. For times of operation and directions, call the yard waste hotline at (651) 773-4455.

Those wishing to prepare leaves, grass clippings and soft-bodied plants for curbside pickup from BFI should do the following: Cut branches five feet or shorter and tie in bundles no more than 18-inches in diameter. Limbs should not exceed three inches in diameter. Bag yard waste and set on the curb in front of house. Bags will be collected on the same day as recycling and refuse.
- **Recreational Fires.** Small, open fires for recreational purposes are allowed in the Township without a permit. Fires must (a) not exceed two feet in diameter and three feet in height; (b) be more than 15 feet from the nearest structure and 25 feet from the nearest motor vehicle; and (c) be in a fire pit or non-combustible fire ring six inches deep and at least three feet in diameter. Only clean wood may be used in the fire.

Further, no fire may cause a smoke nuisance to those outside of the property limits. Ordinance No. 16, Sec. 3(j) was recently amended to define smoke nuisance as "dense smoke or noxious fumes that are detectable beyond the limits of the property, or cinders in unreasonable quantities." For more information, call the Township office at (651)429•5827.
- **Township Web Site.** White Bear Township residents seeking more information about the Town Board or Township Commissions, Departments, Public Notices, Regulations, Ordinances and Staff should visit the Township's web site at [www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us](http://www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us).

