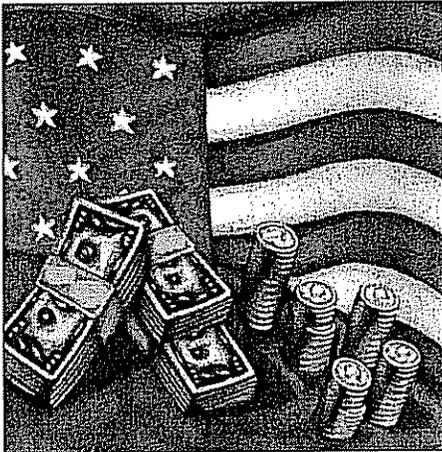




# White Bear Township Report

## Special Town Budget Meeting Nov. 29



**W**hite Bear Township's Special Town Budget Meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Tues., November 29 in the Town Hall. The Town Hall is located on Old Hoffman Road, southwest of Hwy. 61 and White Bear Avenue.

Township residents are encouraged to attend the Special Town Budget Meeting, where Town staff members will present information to residents on the proposed 2006 Town budget and property tax levy.

Residents will then vote on whether to accept or reject the 2006 budget and property tax levy proposals.

The proposed 2006 property tax levy is \$2,612,957, an 11% increase over the 2005 tax levy. However, the Township's tax capacity rate will decrease 1.5%, to 18.997%, and the Town's market value tax rate will remain at .00348%.

The decrease in the Township's tax rate is due to the Town's tax capacity increasing 14.4%.

If the tax capacity and market value tax rates are applied to a home with a market value of \$175,000, the property tax owner could expect to pay \$339 in

Township property taxes in 2006 compared to \$344 in 2005, whereas, a home with a market value of \$275,000 could expect to pay \$532 compared to \$540 in 2005. However if their market values increase 15% to \$201,250 and \$316,250, respectively, their property taxes would increase to \$389 and \$612, respectively, which are increases of \$45 to \$72.

The Township's proposed 2006 budget also includes:

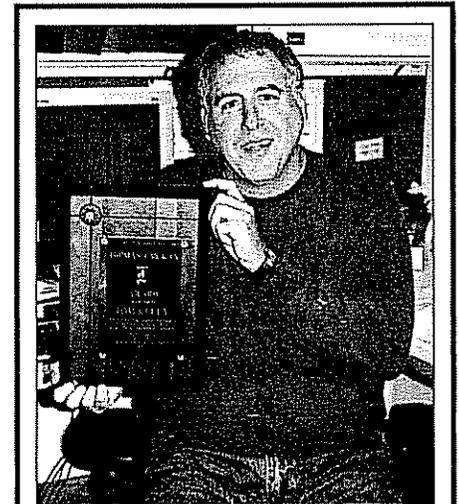
- A \$23,663 increase in elections due to holding three elections in 2006 compared to one in 2005;
- Community development increase of \$18,511 due to additional staff time being allocated to this activity and preliminary work on an updating of the Township's comprehensive plan;
- Police and fire activities increase of 7.2% and 13.2%, respectively;
- Road and bridge activity increase of \$40,632 due to additional costs of street materials and fuels; and
- Park maintenance increase of 10.8% for replacement of park equipment and/or hard-court surfaces.

Prior to the November 29 meeting, Township staff will reduce the proposed budget so the Town can reach its goal of maintaining the lowest possible tax rate while providing the best municipal services to Township residents.

Staff will present a detailed 2006 budget and proposed property tax levy to residents during the Special Town Budget Meeting. Residents in attendance will then have the opportunity to make comments and ask questions about the proposed 2006 budget and tax levy, followed by their voting to accept or reject the pro-

posed budget and tax levy.

For more information on the Town's proposed 2006 budget and property tax levy, call Tom Kelly at (651) 429-5827 or visit the Township's web site at [www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us](http://www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us).



**T**om Kelly, White Bear Township Finance Director, recently received the prestigious Thomas J. Moran Award.

The award was given to Kelly at the 2005 Minnesota Government Finance Officers Association (MnGFOA) conference in recognition of his extraordinary service to advance the quality of public financial administration; promote the development and education of governmental accounting; and promote high standards in the field of government finance in Minnesota.

The award is named in memory of Thomas J. Moran, who was an active member of MnGFOA and contributed to his profession by, among other things, introducing and stressing the principles of governmental accounting throughout the State of Minnesota.

Kelly is the 12th recipient of the award since its inception in 1981.

# Winter Regulations In Effect

## (November 1 - April 1)

### Safety

- Keep children out of snow piles and forts near the road to prevent injury from snowplows.
- Do not put anything in the road right-of-way including plants, shrubs, rocks, etc.

### Parking

- Motorists cannot park vehicles on the street for more than 24 consecutive hours.
- Motorists cannot park on a Township street, boulevard, highway or alley after a snowfall of one inch or more until the road is cleared curb to curb.
- Automobiles should be parked in driveways more than two feet from the edge of the road.

### Snowplows

- Stay back, slow down and be patient.
- Give snowplow operators room to work in.
- Don't pass snowplows.
- Maintenance vehicles frequently back up.

### Driving

- Never drive into a snow cloud.
- Monitor weather and road conditions.

### Snow Removal

- Perform snow removal and ice control tasks in a timely manner. Keep fire hydrants, gutters and catch basins free



of ice and snow.

- Store shoveled snow "downstream" of driveways (in your yard) to reduce the chance of having your driveway filled with snow as snowplows pass.
- Check the condition of your mailbox post and make any necessary repairs prior to winter.

## Other Township News

- **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 pick-up from Allied Waste Services 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.
- **Tamarack Nature Center.** Tamarack Nature Center provides two classic cross-country skiing trails (no skating): one 4K "advanced" loop and a 3K "beginners" loop (in addition to a 1K "practice" loop). Trail hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Ski through beautiful prairie, woodland and marsh filled with wildlife. A visitor center with restroom facilities and ski rental is available during open hours, Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Access to the trails is from the Nature Center parking lot off Otter Lake Road. Tamarack Nature Center is located at 5287 Otter Lake Road, White Bear Township. For more information on cross-country skiing or winter programs and classes, call (651) 407-5350 or visit [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/tamarack](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/tamarack).
- **Holiday Trash Pickup.** Allied Waste Services will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 and will, therefore, pick up trash one day later than usual during the weeks following Christmas and New Years.
- **Christmas Tree Disposal.** Allied Waste Services will pick up Christmas trees on normal collection days January 2 - 13. Trees should be bare, free of tinsel, lights and stands and placed at the curb across the driveway from trash prior to 6:30 a.m. Wrapping paper and packing materials are not recyclable and should be thrown away with regular trash. For more information, please call Allied Waste Services (763) 784-2104.

