



White Bear Township Report

National Night Out Draws A Crowd



Hundreds of Township residents joined neighbors, law enforcement and Town officials at 21 neighborhood block parties to

celebrate the 22nd Annual National Night Out on Aug. 2.

The turn-out was surprisingly high in light of temperatures soaring above 90 degrees.

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Department, White Bear Lake Fire Department, Town Board and Township Public Safety Commission visited as many parties as possible to meet with community members and discuss public safety concerns.

National Night Out was created to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships while raising awareness of crime and drug prevention.

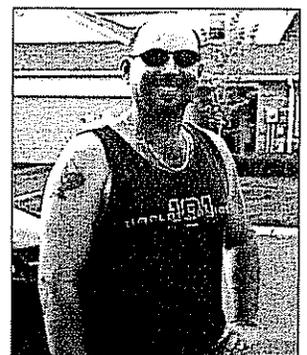
(above) Abbi Reber and Heidi Jackson, both 10, visited with friends while drawing. (below) Jacob DuCharme, 7, sounded the siren in Sergeant Ryan O'Neil's police car.



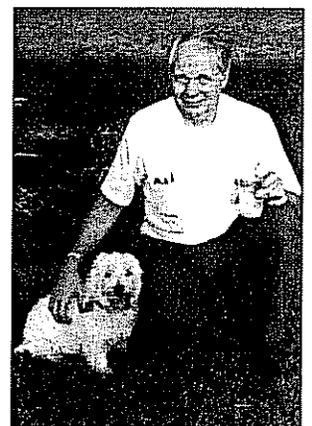
(above) Dozens of residents turned out for the annual block party at Greg and Louise Lincoln's house on Jonquil Lane. White Bear Lake Fire Department stopped by the party to visit with residents and give neighborhood children tours of the firetruck.



(left) Ramsey County Sheriff's Deputy Norm Thurmer, Town Deputy Clerk Jan Reagan and Public Safety Commission Member Sandy LeBlanc passed out brightly-colored safety whistles and reflectors to children at the block parties. (right) Jim Rempfer chatted with neighbors and did his best to keep cool.



(left) Shelly Hinderscheit and son, Logan, 2-1/2, enjoyed the camaraderie of neighbors while admiring White Bear Lake Fire Department's firetruck. (right) Jerry Langenkamp and his West Highland Terrier, Chase, stuck to the shade while visiting with friends and neighbors.



Automatic Utility Bill Payments Encouraged

White Bear Township residents are now able to have their utility bill payments automatically withdrawn from their checking accounts, if they choose to.

Information on how to set up an ACH account (which stands for Automated Clearing House) can be found on the Township's web site www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

Payments would be withdrawn from a resident's checking account on the bill's due date.

Those signed up with ACH payment of their utility bill would still receive a statement reminding them of the withdrawal and will be able to discontinue the program at any time by notifying the Township in writing.

Advantages for residents with ACH include: no writing checks, no late payments, and saving the cost of an envelope and postage.

The advantage for the Township is reduced staff time for processing

payments.

For more information on ACH payments, please contact Judy Moll at (651)429-5827, Mon. through Fri. between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or visit the Township's web site.

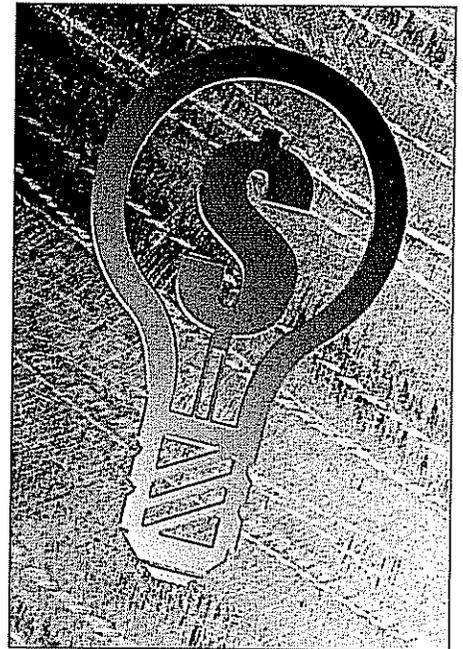
Outside Watering Restrictions

White Bear Township continues to observe its year-round water restrictions.

Watering may be done by residents living at even-numbered addresses on even-numbered calendar days, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Those living at odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered calendar days, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Property owners found in violation of these restrictions could be subject to a \$40 fine.



If you are seeding your lawn or have new sod, you may get an exemption from the restriction by calling the Township Office at (651)429-5827.

Other Township News

- **Public Works Expansion.** Progress continues to be made on the expansion and improvement of the Township's public works building and site. The project was approved by Town residents last fall. The expanded facility is needed to house equipment previously stored outdoors or in the storage area below one of two water towers. The project includes the construction of a new salt/storage structure and site improvements.
- **Recreational Fires.** Small, open fires for recreational purposes are allowed in the Township without a permit. They 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 and not brush may be used in the fire. And fires must be extinguished if smoke becomes a problem for a neighbor. For more information, call the Township offices 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 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.
- **Township Budget Meeting.** White Bear Township residents are asked to mark their calendars for the Township's Budget Meeting on Tues., Nov. 29. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall located at 4151 Old Hoffman Road. Call the Township Offices (651)429-5827 or look for the next Township Report for more information.

