



White Bear Township Report

Township to hold Annual Meeting March 8

White Bear Township will continue its tradition of being a government "of, by and for the people" during its upcoming Annual Meeting.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, residents will cast their votes for Town Board Supervisor.

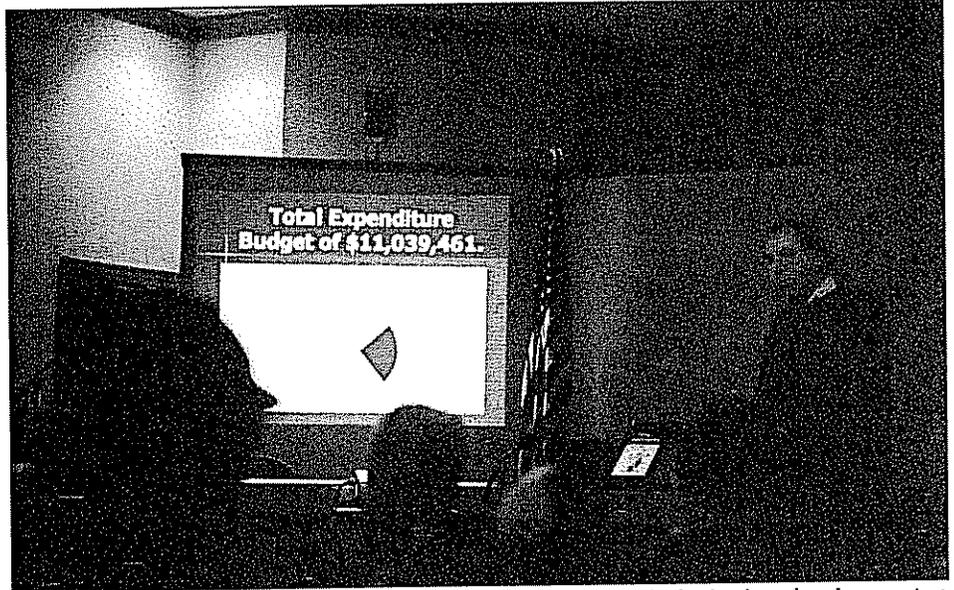
Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The Annual Meeting and Announcement of Election Results will be held at 8 p.m., March 8, in Otter Lake Elementary School. All residents are invited to attend.

The Township's Annual Meeting is a gathering of the residents – not of the Town Board – in which the Town's people have the power and responsibility to elect a moderator to run the meeting; discuss outstanding issues; announce Town Board election results; and vote on a preliminary levy for 2006.

Township officials, however, will attend the meeting in an unofficial capacity to answer questions residents may raise.

"Townships are a grass-roots form of government which rely on the people to take an active role," said Clerk-Treasurer Bill Short.



Town Finance Director Tom Kelly presented residents with the budget for the coming year during the Town's Special Budget Meeting on Nov. 16

Budget Meeting

During the Township's Special Budget Meeting on Nov. 16, residents approved the Town's \$2.7 million budget and \$2.35 million property tax levy for 2005.

During a Special Town Meeting on Sept. 13, residents also approved a bond sale to expand the public works facility and perform site improvements.

The bond levy, which is \$40,000 for the coming year, will be partially repaid from property taxes.

Budget increases will be offset by the Township's expanded tax capacity and reduced tax rate.

The Township's tax rate in 2004 was 20.753%. In 2005, it will be 19.281%.

The Township's tax rate is the second lowest in Ramsey County. The median home value in the Township is \$224,000.

Residents living in homes valued at \$224,000 will, therefore, pay \$24 less in Township taxes in 2005 than those living in homes of the same value in 2004.

However, median home values have increased 15% in the past year. This means, homeowners living in a \$183,000 house in 2004 paid \$369 in Township taxes and, since their homes increased in value to \$210,200, can expect to pay an increase of \$44 in Township taxes in 2005.

For more information about the budget, visit www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us or call Finance Director Tom Kelly at (651)429-5827.

TOWN ANNUAL MEETING

Time: 8 p.m.

Date: March 8th

Place: Otter Lake School

Purpose: A meeting of the people to announce the election of a Town Board Supervisor for a 3 year term; Set 2006 Preliminary Tax Levy; Schedule Special Town Budget Meeting; and Attend to other Town business.

TOWN BOARD ELECTION

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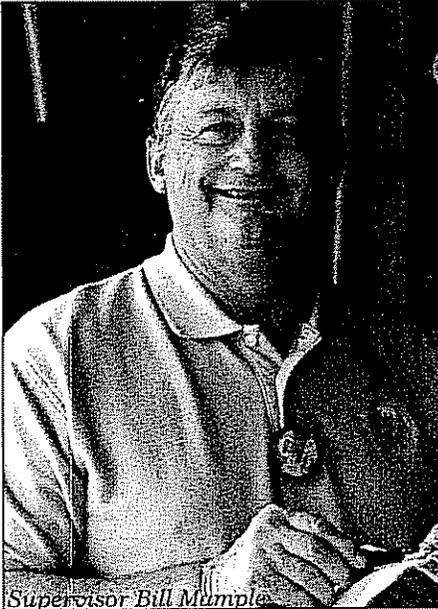
Precinct I: Otter Lake Elementary School, 1401 Co. Rd. H-2.

Precinct II: Eagle Brook Church, 2401 Buffalo Street.

Precinct III: Bellaire School, 2540 E. Co. Rd. E.

Precinct IV: Town Hall, Old Hoffman Road at Goose Lake.

WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP'S ELECTION



Supervisor Bill Mample

White Bear Township residents are encouraged to mark their calendars and vote for Town Board Supervisor on Tues., March 8.

People are invited to then attend the Township's Annual Meeting at 8 p.m. in Otter Lake Elementary School.

Town Board Supervisor Bill Mample is intending to seek reelection for the three-year office.

Mample is the owner of Otter Lake Repair, Inc., a 26-year-old Township auto repair shop.

He and his wife, Joan, have two children and live on Otter Lake Road.

In addition to being a Town Supervisor, Mample serves as the Town Board liaison to the Township Park Board and Utility Commission. He is also an active member and Past Commander of VFW Post #1782.

"I'm a strong believer in small government and being receptive to the people in the community," said Mample. "It's the Township's job to provide as many services as it can at a price we can afford."

Mample, along with Supervisors Bob Weisenburger, Dick Sand and Town staff, has worked to obtain the more favorable bond rating of A1 from Moody's Investor Services.

Other Township News

- **Christmas Tree Disposal.** BFI will pick up Christmas trees on normal collection days January 3 – 14. Trees should be bare, free of tinsel, lights and stands and placed at the curb across 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, call BFI (651)455-8634.
- **Township Flags.** White Bear Township flags are now available for sale in the Town's Administrative Offices. Flags can be purchased in three sizes: 2'x3' flag for \$25 plus tax; 3'x5' flag for \$42.50 plus tax; and 4'x6' flag for \$52 plus tax.
- **Citizen Recognition Awards.** Township residents wishing to nominate a friend or neighbor in the community for being a good citizen should contact Jan Reagan in the Township Offices at (651)429-5827.
- **Senior Program.** The White Bear Area Senior Program offers senior residents a wide variety of information, activities and services to enhance their lives. The Senior Center is located at 2484 E. Co. Rd. F (Co. Rd. F & Bellaire Ave.) in White Bear Lake. Health care check-ups such as blood pressure readings, foot care clinics and flu shots are provided by on-site nurses. Activities including leisure trips, book clubs, arts and crafts, and games are also offered through the program. Senior motorists can reduce their insurance rates by completing a "55/Alive Defensive Driving Class" at the Senior Center. Those who do not drive and need to get to medical appointments or go grocery shopping can reserve rides on the Senior Center's "Lionmobile." Seniors who cannot manage their own meal preparation will be provided with a hot nutritious meal by "Meals on Wheels" volunteers. For more information, call (651)653-3121.
- **Ramsey County Citizen Defense Corps.** Ramsey County Sheriff's Department is recruiting 911 volunteers to support the efforts of the police, fire and medical personnel in the event of a terrorist attack. Volunteers are being sought with experience or skills in public safety and security; health safety and medical services; communications and community notification; and other areas of expertise. Volunteers will be asked to complete a background investigation; attend a two-hour training session; participate in mock disaster drills; be available to assist the Sheriff's Department for up to five days following a disaster; and team up for a common goal in uncommon circumstances. For more information, contact the VIPS Unit at (651)481-1766 or ida.adair@co.ramsey.mn.us.