



White Bear Township Report

Town Board Election March 14

White Bear Township will hold its Town Board Election and Annual Meeting on Tues., March 14. All voters are encouraged to cast their ballots in the election.

Election

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 (see opposite page for new Precinct III polling place).

The Annual Meeting and Announcement of Election Results will be held following the election at 8 p.m. 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 elect a moderator to run the meeting; discuss outstanding issues; announce Town Board election results; and vote on a preliminary levy for 2007.

Candidates

Town Board Chairman Bob Weisenburger will be challenged in the election by Dennis Jorgenson and Mary Lynn Spolar.

Candidates were mailed questionnaires. Spolar and Weisenburger responded. Jorgenson did not.

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Mary Lynn Spolar

Q: Length of time in the Township?

A: Nine-plus years.

Q: Age and occupation?

A: I am 41 years old, Senior Sales



Executive and have been with my company for 16 years.

Q: Family members?

A: My son Matthew

Q: Previous elected office?

A: No.

Q: Volunteer experience?

A: I am a volunteer soccer coach for Independent School District #624.

Q: Reason for running?

A: I want to participate and be a valuable contributor to my community.

Q: Top priorities, if elected?

A: (1) Township Taxes: One of the historic benefits of being in a township is lower taxes. Based on the data published from the Citizens League, we currently are taxed equal to or higher than many of our neighbors including Vadnais Heights and the City of White Bear Lake.

(2) Re-unification (not annexation): Worth a community debate to look at economies of scale, better leverage for Ramsey County on taxes (would be 2nd largest city in Ramsey). Streamline services, public safety, law enforcement and first responder's enhancement. Become united as one community as we already share schools and law enforcement.

(3) Election date and chair terms review: Move date to November (follow rest of state and country) and term cap of a two-term max.

Q: Best aspect of the Township?

A: I like the people, there are a lot of citizens with the desire to make our community even a greater place to live and raise our families.

Q: Changes Needed?

A: I would like to see new ideas and a fresher outlook for our community.

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Bob Weisenburger

Q: Length of time in the Township?

A: 31 years.

Q: Age and occupation?



A: I am 64 years old. I am a State Mediator.

Q: Family members?

A: My wife Bonnie; son John; daughter-in-law Lori; grandchildren Joshua, Anna and Lydia.

Q: Previous elected office?

A: I was first elected to office in 1982 for White Bear Township's Board of Supervisors.

Q: Volunteer experience?

A: My volunteer experience has been with Missions Inc., which oversees a battered woman's shelter, a detox center, a recovery house, and nursing home in Plymouth, Minn. I also volunteer with the Youth at Central Lutheran in Minneapolis each summer. My wife and I also do prison ministry in Waseca, a Federal prison.

Q: Reason for running?

A: I enjoy the opportunity to serve the residents in the Township with local government.

Q: Top priorities, if re-elected?

A: Fiscal responsibility, maximum service to the residents in all matters, and listening to the issues of the Township residents.

Q: Best aspect of the Township?

A: Knowing that the residents are comfortable in voicing their concerns and the willingness to work towards resolution of the issues.

Q: Changes Needed?

A: No changes, but continue to make every effort to never forget why I was elected.

Polling Places

Polls will be open
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
Tues., March 14th.

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

**Precinct II: Eagle Brook
Church, 2401 Buffalo
Street.**

New Location

**Precinct III: South Shore
Lutheran Church, 2480
South Shore Blvd.**

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

Spring Clean-Up

White Bear Township's annual Spring Clean-Up will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., April 15, at Otter Lake Elementary School.

The school is located on Co. Rd. H-2 and Otter Lake Road.

Residents are invited to bring traditional waste products along with household hazardous waste and television, computer monitor and electronic equipment.

Items accepted by Allied Waste Services include appliances; automotive batteries; tires; mattresses; furniture; carpeting; household fixtures; televisions and electronic equipment; lawn mowers (all fluids must be drained); building materials (bagged or bundled and under 30 lbs.); limbs and brush (each limb must be less than three inches in diameter and shorter than five feet long and tied into bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter).



Household hazardous waste accepted includes fluorescent lamps; mercury vapor lamps (thermometers, thermostats, switches, etc.); old gasoline; paint; paint stripper; paint thinner; propane tanks; pesticides (weed and bug killer); rat or mouse poison; spray (aerosol) cans; used antifreeze; used motor oil and filters; wood preservatives and stains; and other products that are labeled poisonous, flammable or corrosive.

For more information, call Allied Waste Services' Blaine Office at 763•784•2104.

Other Township News

- **Scouting Day.** Ramsey County Sheriff's Department invites all boy and girl scouts to learn about law enforcement at the Ramsey County Sheriff's Patrol Station in Arden Hills. Scouting Day will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Sat., March 25 at the Sheriff's Patrol Station, 1411 Paul Kirkwold Dr., Arden Hills (near Hamline & Hwy. 96). Boy and girl scouts will learn about the patrol station; a Deputy Sheriff's squad car; McGruff the Crime Dog; Canine Unit; Sheriff's Emergency Response Team; Fingerprinting (Kid Print); Water Patrol Dive Team; and Play the "Being A Safe Kid" game. Refreshments will be provided. Parking is available in the west side parking lot behind the public works facility.

Please RSVP your pack's or troop's number of attendance to Ida Adair at 651•266•7332 or fax it to 651•266•7337 with your name, telephone number, and number of scouts attending.

- **Dog Licenses.** Township dog licenses are set to expire March 31. Cost for a two-year license is \$20 if obtained prior to April 30; \$30 after that date. Proof of rabies vaccination in the form of a Rabies Certificate must be presented at the time of license renewal/purchase. Please watch the *White Bear Press* for the date and time of the Rabies Clinic to be held at Lake Animal Hospital, 5900 Hwy. 61, White Bear Township. Contact the Township Offices if additional information is needed. License applications are available on the Township's web site: www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

