



Stillwater Township News

June 2011

Sign up now for second annual Township garage sale

Residents whose basements and garages have been filling up with the castoffs and detritus of a modern life have a chance to move items along to the next family in late June when the Township will sponsor its second annual garage sale.

Last year, more than 60 families participated in the event, selling items either at their home or in the parking lot at the Town Hall. This year's event will be held on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Residents may participate on one or both days. The sale will be held rain or shine.

Like last year, organizers plan to advertise the event in local media and print maps of all sale locations, which will be available to shoppers who stop at the town hall. The map can also be downloaded and printed from the Township's website at www.stillwatertownship.com. Communications committee

members, who are organizing the event, also are considering having special signs made that participating residents can use to mark their home as a garage sale site.

To defray these costs, the Township is asking those who register to participate to pay a fee of \$5, whether they are selling items at home or at the Town Hall. Seventeen spots are available at the Town Hall, but residents must provide their own tables.

Garage sale participants are asked to register on the website before June 19 if they want their location to be listed on the map. Anyone with questions can contact Rick Jacobson at rickjacobson@stillwatertownship.com or by calling (651) 351-0299.

Easter baskets and winter coats

Cold and wind couldn't keep the kids away during the first Stillwater Township Easter Egg Hunt, held on the Saturday morning before Easter at Otto Berg Park.

The unexpected crush of kids sent organizers scurrying off to buy more candy for a second round of the hunt, held 30 minutes after the start of the first hunt.

"We had no way to know how many kids would show up for the hunt, but the number was definitely more than we anticipated," said Lori Meyers, a member of the Township Parks Committee and an event organizer.

The number of children was all the more surprising since there was no promotion of the event other than signs posted near Otto Berg Park during the week before Easter.

Meyers estimated that between 175 and 200 children came with baskets to scoop up the candy scattered around the park.

Based on positive comments from parents who attended with their children and Township residents who came just to watch, the Parks Committee will probably repeat the event next year, she said.



Township residents Megan Cuta, left, and Lauren Cuta

Disc golf course to open in early June

Plans are going forward for a nine-hole disc golf course in Arcola Heights Park, a five-acre park west of the intersection of 100th Street and Hwy. 95.

The Township received a \$4,000 state grant to purchase the equipment and prepare



In the know

the site. The labor is being provided by Township resident Jacob Doneux, who is doing the work as an Eagle Scout project.

Some neighbors had expressed some concerns, including a possible increase in traffic and potential overuse of the area. Township supervisors endorsed the disc golf plan, developed by the Parks Committee, but they have pledged to monitor the situation closely and make changes if problems develop.

Disc golf is sometimes called Frisbee golf, although the discs used are usually smaller and heavier than a typical Frisbee. A course is often made up of 9 targets or baskets laid out over grassy terrain. Players try to hit the target or throw the disc into the basket with the fewest number of throws.

Farmers' Market begins in June

Wednesday evening Farmers' Markets will begin on June 15. The markets are held from 3 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot next to the Town Hall.

Organizer Rick Jacobson said he has signed up a few vendors who are interested in selling vegetables,

but he is looking for more vendors. Typically, vendors don't commit until just before the season starts. He has found that the Township market appeals to beginning vendors. Once they experience success, they may seek larger venues with more customers.

One advantage of the Township's market is its unusual evening hours, which Jacobson says attracts

residents coming home from work.

Patronizing vendors helps

ensure that the market will make a return appearance next year, he adds.

Bear sighting!

A bear was sighted in the Township near Norell Avenue this spring. Township Police Chief Stephen Nelson recommends giving bears a wide berth, and they will move on. He asks residents to call him about sightings at (651) 439-0796 so he can post the information on the Township website.

Summer burning rules

Spring burning restrictions have been lifted, but permits are necessary to burn brush. Hours for burning will be 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. Permits allow residents to burn piles of brush, leaves, grass or untreated lumber, and can be obtained by calling (651) 439-0796. A 24-hour advance notice for the permit is requested, and the fee is \$15. Failure to get a permit will result in a fine. No fee is charged for burning piles of buckthorn.

Recreational fires are allowed at any time, but fires must be kept smaller than a 3-foot cube to be considered a recreational fire.

Please notify the township police chief Steve Nelson at (651) 439-0796 when you plan on having a recreational fire so you can be contacted in case of any DNR alerts, last minute burning bans or EPA air quality alerts.

Be wary of peddlers

If someone comes to your door asking you to purchase anything, please ask them to show you their Township Peddler's Permit. It will show their picture and will be signed by Police Chief Stephen Nelson and a town board supervisor.

Anyone not having this permit is probably in violation of the local ordinance. Try to get a description and license number of the vehicle and call Nelson at (651) 439-0796 or the Sheriff's Department. There are exceptions to this ordinance so if you are not sure, call Nelson.

Sign up now to rent Otto Berg Park

The main township park is a popular place in the summer for family reunions, neighborhood picnics and other gatherings. Dates are filling up fast, so it's time to reserve the Pat Bantli Pavilion for your family get-together.

Reservations can now be made online, by going to the website at www.stillwatertownship.com and clicking on the Parks and Recreation tab on the left side of the page.

Vacation house checks

The Township Police Chief will make a special effort to check houses of residents on vacation. To alert him to your absence, call him at (651) 439-0796.

Visit our website at www.stillwatertownship.com

Tree plantings take place in Otto Berg Park

A special ceremony took place in Otto Berg Park on Arbor Day when members



Ray and Judy Appel

of the Parks Committee invited local residents to help plant trees they had donated in honor of family members.

Two sets of families were represented to plant three trees: two Princeton Elms and one White Oak.

Judy and Ray Appel were there to represent the donations for tree plantings that were made in honor of their family. Also at the tree planting were Judy Filipek and Mary Beth Liefeld, who donated in memory of Gene Filipek. The township also received a donation from the family of Ronald and Sandra Johansson, but family members were not able to be at the planting.

The tree planting program, called Friends of Stillwater Township Parks, was conceived by the Parks Committee as a way to allow residents to create lasting memorials or recognition of family members while also replenishing trees in

township parks.

The committee welcomes any amount of money toward the program, but the donation of a tree would typically cost at least \$150. The trees could cost as much as \$400, and are usually purchased through Bailey Nurseries.

The parks committee has developed a preferred list of 15-20 trees, ones that are native to this climate and are not subject to known diseases. The committee has also developed a list of sites where trees could be planted, primarily in the Township's main park, Otto Berg Park. The committee also accepts donations to fund park improvements such as benches, picnic tables and even play areas.

More information about the program can be found on the Township website at www.stillwatertownship.com.

Annual Township picnic on August 21 may include music

The popular annual Stillwater Township picnic will undoubtedly be even more popular this year if organizers succeed with their plan to add live music.

The event will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21.

In past years, organizers have offered

food, beverages, an inflated bouncing structure for kids, and displays of antique cars and machinery.

Parks Committee member Lori Meyers said they plan to offer many of those same things this year, but the committee is also seeking a family-friendly band to

play music during the event.

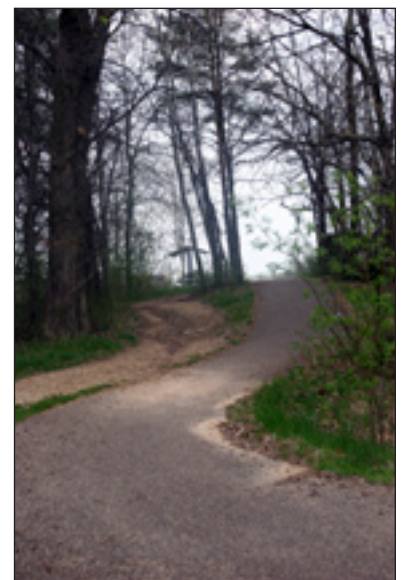
The committee is still working on details for the event. For updated information, check the Township website at www.stillwatertownship.com.

Do you recognize this place?

Enter our photo contest by visiting www.stillwatertownship.com and completing the Photo ID form online. A winner will be drawn at random from all the correct answers received by June 10.

The winner will receive a \$25 voucher to be redeemed with vendors at this summer's Township Farmers' Market. You may also mail your answer and contact information to Stillwater Township Photo ID Contest, 13636 90th Street N., Stillwater, MN, 55082.

The winner of the last mystery photo contest was Anne Mester, who identified the picture as the stone marker for Otto Berg Park.





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Township Board of Supervisors

meets as necessary on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m., except for November and December, when meetings are held on the second Thursday.

Planning Commission meets as necessary on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Parks Committee meets as necessary on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

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