

Bridgewater Township Newsletter

October 2022

Voting in the General Election

Absentee voting for the November General Election has begun in Rice County. Early voting is available at the Northfield City Hall and Rice County Administration Building in Faribault.

If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, online applications and information are available at:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>

Absentee Voting in Minnesota is safe and secure. Precautions are in place to ensure that every ballot is accounted for and only sent to voters that are properly registered. There are also safeguards to prevent voters from double voting by mailing in a ballot and voting in person. Any voter that attempts to vote both by absentee ballot and in-person, will be forwarded to the County Attorney's office for prosecution.

Absentee ballots cannot be dropped off at the Bridgewater Town Hall.

The General Election will be held on November 8, 2022, with polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Bridgewater Town Hall, 500 Railway Street, Dundas.

For general voting questions, please contact the Rice County Elections Office at 507-332-6104 or rcelections@co.rice.mn.us

March Bridgewater Township Election

The annual election and meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2022. This election will include two of the five Supervisor positions and the position of Treasurer. Candidates that would like to apply for the position of Supervisor or Treasurer need to obtain and submit the forms between January 3rd and January 17th at 5:00 pm. Please contact the Clerk for copies of the forms and for further information regarding the positions.

- One Treasurer, 2-year term
- One Supervisor "C" – 3-year term
- One Supervisor "E" – 3-year term

Township Clerk

The position of Clerk for Bridgewater Township is open. Applications and job description may be obtained by contacting the Township. If interested, please apply by October 21.

Snow Removal and Mailboxes

The Township snow removal/sanding trucks will be out as soon as possible following a 2" snow event. Following a wet snow, the weight of the snow being thrown into the ditch can exceed 500 lbs. Older wooden mailbox supports are not able to withstand this pressure and topple over easily. Mailboxes and mailbox supports are the property of the resident. The most important features of a mailbox installed according to MN DOT recommendations and placed on a rural roadway includes the following:

1. The post is located a minimum of three feet from the edge of the road shoulder
2. The front of the mailbox is located above the edge of the shoulder
3. The bottom of the box is between 42" and 48" above the shoulder
4. The installation can pivot or rotate in some fashion when the snow or snowplow blade hits the mailbox.

If, during plowing, a mailbox is tipped or knocked over by the weight of the snow, it is the resident's responsibility to enact repairs. If you believe your mailbox was hit by Township equipment, please complete the enclosed form and return to the address indicated.

Building Permits in the Township

Permits for roofing, siding, and window replacement are available over the counter at the Bridgewater Town Hall Office. Permits for maintenance, remodeling and new building are required in the township. Permit applications are available online at our website: bridgewatertp.org. Building inspections are handled by Inspectron. If you need an inspection for a current building project, please call 651-322-6626 to set up an inspection time.

Septic: Darrel Gilmer – 651-775-6118 (or dgilmerexc@yahoo.com).

Bridgewater Town Hall is located at 500 Railway Street, Dundas.

Office hours are Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am to noon and Thursday 12:30 – 4:00 pm.

Bridgewater Contact Information

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