

# Bridgewater Township Newsletter

December 2025

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## **March Bridgewater Township Election**

The annual election and meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This election will include two of the five Supervisor positions. Candidates that would like to apply for the position of Supervisor need to obtain and submit the forms between December 30<sup>th</sup> and January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Please contact the Clerk for copies of the forms and for further information regarding the positions.

-One Supervisor "C" – 3-year term

-One Supervisor "E" – 3-year term

## **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 sometimes not able to withstand this pressure and may topple over. 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 mailbox reimbursement form which can be found on the Township's website or one can be provided from the clerk and return to the address indicated. Please remember that reimbursement will only be permitted when direct contact has occurred between the mailbox and plow blade.

We would like to remind Bridgewater Township residents that it is unlawful to deposit snow onto public roadways or to push snow across public roadways per Minnesota Statute 160.2715. Snow deposited or pushed onto the road can create hazards to the public and snow removal operations. Citizens that violate this statute could face misdemeanor and/or civil penalties if the snow creates a hazard that contributes to an accident. The Township snow removal/sanding trucks will be out as soon as possible following a 2" snow event.

## **Snow Removal Help Wanted**

Bridgewater Township continues to maintain and clear the Township roads. We are looking for a dedicated individual to assist in keeping our roads clear of snow during the winter months. This position will be during snow events of over 2" that require removal on Township roads as part time work as a Township employee. If you are interested, please reach out to the Clerk or Road Superintendent.

## **Noxious Weed Control – Private Property**

There will be some noxious weed control changes in 2026 for property owners which include:

1. Township Weed Inspectors will attempt direct communications with the landowner regarding noxious weeds on their property and what steps need to be taken or will be taken by the Weed Inspector.
2. The Township Weed Inspector will provide a report to the landowner within 5 days.
3. When a landowner objects to having the Township Weed Inspector on their property the Inspector will need probable cause to enter the land.
4. The Township will bill the property owners to spray noxious weeds (which includes the cost of chemicals, labor and equipment use) on private property.

All residents are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting or other Monthly Meetings for additional information. A list of MN Noxious Weed can be found at:

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadsides/vegetation/pdf/noxiousweeds.pdf>

## **Bridgewater Township Contact Information**

Bridgewater Town Hall  
500 Railway Street  
PO Box 246  
Dundas, MN 55019

### **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW OFFICE HOURS:**

Office hours:

Monday – Tuesday: BY APPOINTMENT

Wednesday: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Thursday: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Friday: CLOSED

If you wish to make an appointment on Monday's or Tuesday's please email

[clerk@bridgewatertp.org](mailto:clerk@bridgewatertp.org) or call 507-645-1656

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