

Bridgewater Township Newsletter

May 2026

Road Reconstruction Project

In April the Township awarded Crane Creek Asphalt the project to reconstruct the roads in Endwood, Bittersweet and Timberlane in 2026. The Township received 5 bids. Crane Creek was the low bidder at \$1,027,841.00. Stonebrooke Engineering assessed the condition of all the asphalt roads (5.5 miles) in Bridgewater, prepared the bid package and will oversee the work. The residents of the three neighborhoods will be assessed 30% of the project cost. The Township has bonded for the full amount of the project. Frandsen Bank & Trust holds the bond.

Noxious Weeds – Wild Parsnip

Approximately 8 years ago Bridgewater and Northfield Townships collaborated on a grant from the MN Department of Agriculture to control wild parsnips, a particularly nasty noxious weed. John Holden, Steve Albers and Ron Nuebel led the initial effort. The approach they developed was so effective that the Department of Agriculture requested that they apply for a second grant and include more townships. They did, bring Greenvale and Waterford into the program. For the last six years Steve Albers has led the effort in Bridgewater. In 2026 the Township will be experimenting with using a spot sprayer mounted on a tractor to keep the road ditches clear of parsnip.

Decker Ave Project – LRIP

In late March the Township was informed that it had been awarded \$400,000 from MNDOT's Local Road Improvement Program to improve the surface of Decker Avenue. The Township's grant application was supported by Rice County. The surface treatment is essentially a double layer of chip seal over the existing surface. The optimistic schedule is to release a Request for Proposals following the June 10th Township meeting, award the project at the July meeting with construction early fall. If there are delays, the project will be done in 2027.

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