



# WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

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## E-LETTER DECEMBER 2010



Whitewater's 1<sup>st</sup> annual tree lighting ceremony was a great success! Even with the snow and winds, over 50 people attended the event. The evening started with Supervisor Larry Lake offering his expectations for the tree- "To become a growing symbol of the desire of our residents to unite and form a community; a town with a sense of place, a heart and a soul." Following Supervisor Lake's speech was the acceptance of the tree dedication on behalf of the our American Legion Post by Dan Skurski. Many put yellow ribbons on the tree for their loved ones and all were moved by the beautiful sight. Hot cocoa and coffee along with iced sugar cookies was enjoyed by all. Santa arrived with sirens blowing and lights flashing to the delight children both young and old. Thank you to our volunteer firemen for making Santa's trip a safe one.



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### All meetings start at 7:00 PM

- 12/24. Township Hall Closed
- 12/31 Township Hall Closed
- 1/4 Emergency Services Building Facility Committee
- 1/5 Planning Commission
- 1/11 Township Board
- 1/18 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 1/26 Historical Society

### REQUEST FOR PHOTO'S

The Emergency Services Building Facility Committee is seeking photos of the old Fire Hall building dated prior to 1976. The building is located at 8357 Old 72 across from the current fire station. Any photos donated will be kept unless otherwise instructed with the Historical Society. Ultimately we would like to frame and display these photos at the Newly proposed Fire Station in the future.

### ORDINANCE UPDATE

On December 14, the Township Board approved modifications to the Zoning Ordinance that allow for the following:

1. The use of an existing house during the construction of a new home.
  2. The use of a temporary dwelling during the construction of a new home.
  3. Camping on privately owned land for up to 120 days per year.
- Temporary events and uses of land (i.e. carnivals, concerts, tent sales, etc.)

The language can be viewed on the website under the Zoning Ordinance tab – Article 37, Supplementary Provisions.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### Preparedness Tip #3

Choose an emergency contact person outside your area because it may be easier to call long distance than locally after a local/regional disaster. Take a minute now to call or e-mail an out-of-town friend or family member to ask him or her to be your family's designated contact in the event of an emergency. Be sure to share the contact's phone number with everyone in the family. During an emergency, you can call your contact who can share with other family members where you are; how you are doing; and how to get in contact with you.

### Preparedness Tip #4

Complete an emergency contact card and make copies for each member of your family to carry with them. Be sure to include an out-of-town contact on your contact card. It may be easier to reach someone out of town if local phone lines are out of service or overloaded. You should also have at least one traditionally wired landline phone, as cordless or cellular phones may not work in an emergency. Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for sample emergency contact cards.

*Tips 1 & 2 can be found on the website in the October 2010 newsletter. Look for more tips in January.*