



Bayport News

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A Message from the Mayor

By Mayor Rick Schneider



Time sure does go by quickly! Spring is already upon us - time to get out the rakes, lawn mowers, and golf clubs. It is also a great time to do some spring cleaning and take advantage of the city's upcoming citywide cleanup day.

In the weeks leading up to the citywide cleanup day, city staff will be doing a neighborhood sweep and notifying residents of disposal options for unwanted household items and yard debris. The citywide cleanup day will be offered to residents of Bayport at no charge, so we hope to see you there. Washington County also has various sites available to residents for disposal of hazardous waste, yard debris, and household materials. For more information, please contact 651-430-6655.

As we move along life's path, time seems to speed up. It doesn't seem possible that 3½ years have passed since being elected Mayor.

Reflecting back, I would like to make some observations in my position as an elected official:

- *A well-rounded City Council provides for excellent citizen representation and a variety of perspectives.*

- *We do make a difference, one way or another.*
- *Having an excellent and experienced city staff makes all the difference in the world.*
- *Whatever we do, whatever we have, we leave behind a legacy for those who follow.*
- *Growth can be done without destruction of community character. Change will occur, but we can influence that change.*
- *No local government can change the world, but there are many things local governments can do, if their leaders have the vision and the will.*
- *Bayport's future is dependent upon more than a Mayor and City Council. It takes a community of involved citizens to maintain the quality of life and small town feel that we all enjoy.*

I have thoroughly enjoyed these last few years as Mayor and working closely with city staff and fellow citizens of the community.

Thanks to everyone for helping to make Bayport a great place to live!

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Citywide Cleanup Day Saturday, June 10, 2006



The city will be sponsoring a free cleanup day for Bayport residents to dispose of unwanted household items on June 10th from 8:00 am–11:30 am.

This year, the drop-off site has been relocated to the vacant lot just south of the Bayport Public Works Building, at the intersection of Second Ave. S., and Lakeside Drive, where BFI-Allied Waste will be accepting unwanted household items for disposal. Once again, the drop-off day is being offered to residents of Bayport at no charge.

How to participate:

1. Bring a form of identification (driver's license or state issued identification) that verifies residency within Bayport.
2. Bring materials to the drop-off site 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 10th.
3. Bring only household materials that are specifically listed below to ensure they will be accepted.

Materials that will be accepted:

Non-perishable general junk: Must be under 100 lbs. per item.

Carpet/carpet pad: Must be no longer than 5 ft, no wider than 1 ft in diameter, and securely rolled and tied.

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Community Programs and Events

Women Veterans to be Honored

The Bayport Senior Center would like to honor women veterans over the age of 65 by inviting them to ride in the Bayport Memorial Day Parade on May 29, 2006. The parade will begin at 8:00 a.m. and transportation will be provided for participants. For more information, please contact Sue Schultz at 651-275-8907.

New Safety Camp for Kids

The Bayport Police Department is proud to announce an all new safety camp for 2006, which is open to children entering 3rd – 5th grade for the upcoming school year. Topics include tips on stranger danger, self defense, babysitting, being home alone, bullying, fitness, nutrition, personal accident safety, and more.



Safety camp will be held at Lakeside Park, Wednesday, June 28th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 29th, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$25.00 per child, which includes lunch and snacks each day, t-shirt, bike helmet, study guides, and prizes. Registration forms are available at City Hall. For more information, please contact Officer Dana Fortier at 651-275-4400.

Bayport Public Library Summer Programs

The theme for this year's summer reading program is "Catch the Beat at your Library", with illustrations by Stephen Gammel. Students will receive a reading record at the end of the school year to participate.

Be sure to join fellow residents on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. for story hour at the library and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. for the following performances and an ice cream social on the library's front lawn:

June 22	Mr. Jim
July 13	Treasure Beyond Measure with Capt'n' Curley the Pirate
July 27	Songs, Games, and Stories
August 10	Bill the Juggler
August 24	Banjo Dancers

Derby Days, September 15 and 16



To volunteer for this community event or for more information, please contact Mark Berthelsen at 651-439-9200 or via email at markberthelsen@comcast.net

Have You Tried Composting?

Composting is a great way to recycle grass clippings, yard and garden debris. Compost bins are allowed in residential areas, provided they are maintained in accordance with the following guidelines:

- * Consist of grass clippings, leaves, twigs, and garden debris
- * Located in the rear yard
- * Located at least 2 feet from the property line
- * Located within an enclosed, fenced area or compost bin no larger than 3 feet x 3 feet x 3 feet in size
- * Maintained in a manner to avoid giving off odors, attracting insects and rodents, and/or disturbing the health, safety, and welfare of the general public

Starting a compost pile is not hard and can be done very inexpensively. Waste deposited into a compost bin becomes usable as fertilizer within a year. For more information on composting and how to get started, visit the website www.compostguide.com or contact City Hall at 651-275-4404.

Recycling and Solid Waste Scholarship



The City of Bayport, together with BFI-Allied Waste Services, is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to Bayport residents that are high school seniors and have a desire to seek post high school education at a university, technical, vocational, or community college.

Application forms are available at local high schools, as well as Bayport City Hall. Applicants will be evaluated on their grade point average, as well as their involvement with recycling, environmental protection, and individual goals.

The application deadline for the scholarship is June 15, 2006. Completed applications should be returned to the City of Bayport, 294 North Third Street, Bayport, MN, 55003. The winner will be announced at the July 10, 2006 City Council meeting.

A New Look for the City Website!

City staff is pleased to announce that an updated design for the city website will be launched on June 1, 2006. We are excited about using this fresh, new look to communicate with our residents, businesses, and visitors by providing helpful city information in a user-friendly format.

We hope the new design will grab your attention and that you will find it to be a useful resource to enhance your quality of life in the community. Please visit the site at <http://bayport.govoffice.com> for information on city news, departments, community events, and more! We welcome your input and comments on the new format!

New Parking Regulations for Vehicles with Boat Trailers

In response to resident concerns, the city has adopted new parking regulations for vehicles with boat trailers. Parking is allowed in designated areas in the Andersen Corporation parking lot located at the end of 4th Avenue North, adjacent to the public boat launch, as well as in the Lakeside Park parking lot.

A \$10.00 annual resident sticker is required for the Andersen lot and either a \$10.00 annual resident sticker or \$10.00 daily permit is required for the Lakeside lot. Be advised that parking regulations and hours vary by location, so please read the following information carefully:

	<u>Andersen lot</u>	<u>Lakeside lot</u>
Spaces:	20	10 (plus overflow)
Open:	Weekends May 1 – Sept. 30	All week, year around
Hours:	Sat/Holidays 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. Sun 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.	Fri/Sat 6 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Sun – Thur 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Eligibility:	Bayport residents only	Bayport residents or visitors
Fees:	\$10.00 annual resident sticker	\$10.00 annual resident sticker or \$10.00 per day

Annual resident stickers are limited to two stickers per household, on a first-come, first-served basis and are sold at Bayport City Hall, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Annual resident stickers are required to be visibly attached to the front lower left side of the boat trailer at all times.

Daily permits fees are required to be paid utilizing the honor box located in the Lakeside lot. Pay stubs must be placed inside the vehicle, visible through the windshield. Vehicles without an annual sticker or daily permit will be ticketed and/or towed by the police department.

City Hires Full-time Building Official

John Buckley joined the City of Bayport on January 3, 2006, as the city’s new full-time building official. For the past 12 years, Jim Butler served in this capacity on a part-time basis, in a shared agreement with the City of Oak Park Heights.



John comes to Bayport from the City of Stillwater, where he was employed as a building inspector for 7 years. He is a Minnesota Certified Building Official, receiving his education from Anoka and Century Colleges. He previously was employed by Washington County for 20 years.

Born and raised in Stillwater, John has lived in Bayport for the past 20 years with his wife, Karen, and their children, Brandon, Carissa, Angela, and Derrick. John has been a member of the Stillwater Fire Department for over 25 years and also enjoys camping in his free time.

Please stop by City Hall to meet John and wish him well in his new position. He has dedicated office hours 12:30-1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, and his direct telephone number is 651-275-4408.

Communications Corner



City of Bayport
294 North Third Street
Bayport, MN 55003
Phone: 651-275-4404
Fax: 651-275-4411

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City offices will be closed on the following upcoming dates:

- May 29, Memorial Day
- July 4, Independence Day
- September 4, Labor Day
- October 9, Columbus Day

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Schneider, Mayor
Connie Carlson
Jon Nowaczek
Sharon Ridgway
Dan Johnson
Mike McGuire, City Administrator

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

City Hall651-275-4404
City Hall Fax651-275-4411
Fire Department651-275-4401
Library651-275-4416
Police Dept-Emergency911
Police Non-emergency ...651-275-4400
Public Works651-275-4410

MEETING CALENDAR

CITY COUNCIL - 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1st Monday of the month, unless noted

PLANNING COMMISSION - 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 3rd Monday of the month, unless noted

LIBRARY BOARD - 6:30 p.m. at Bayport Public Library, 4th Thursday of the month, unless noted

City meetings are open to the public and most are broadcast on cable access, channel 16.

Visit the city’s website at
<http://bayport.govoffice.com>

Tips for Household Fire Prevention...

...in the kitchen

- Keep stovetops and counters free of grease and clutter
- Maintain a fire extinguisher near the exit
- Place childproof locks on all cabinets
- Unplug small appliances when not in use and keep cords out of reach from children
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters in electrical outlets

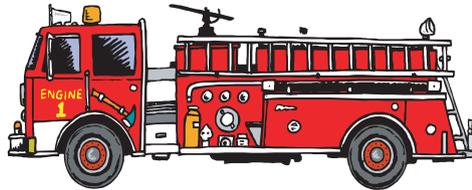
...in the maintenance room

- Change your furnace filter regularly
- Clean and inspect heating system annually
- Clean laundry equipment often and empty the dryer lint screen with each load
- Store household cleaners away from heat sources, pets, and children

...in living areas

- Place a fire extinguisher on each level of the home, near an exit
- Place childproof plugs in unused outlets
- Replace all cracked or damaged electrical cords and never place cords under rugs or carpets
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from combustibles

- Install smoke alarms on each level of the home
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm in the home
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood in your fireplace and always close the protective screen
- Store matches and lighters out of reach from children



- Keep lids on all garbage cans
- Keep candles a safe distance from combustibles and never leave unattended
- Store all flammable liquids outdoors, out of reach from children

...in sleeping areas

- Install smoke alarms inside or near sleeping areas
- Keep a fire escape ladder inside or near sleeping areas located on a second story level
- Keep doorways and windows free of clutter

Citywide Cleanup Day

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Metal desks, cabinets, fencing, swing sets, bicycles, lawn mowers: Must be under 100 lbs, no longer than 5 ft, with non-metal parts removed and fluids drained.

Furniture, mattress, and box springs

Stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, microwaves, dishwashers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water heaters: Limited to 2 appliances per household, with doors taped shut, and fluids drained. Natural gas/propane refrigeration units will not be accepted.

Construction materials: Limited to the amount that can fit into a level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber must not have protruding nails or be longer than 5 ft. Railroad ties or treated lumber will not be accepted.

Tires: Limited to 2 tires per household and metal rims must be removed.

Televisions, stereos, computers, keyboards, printers: Limited to 2 electronic items per household.

The city hopes you will take advantage of this free opportunity to dispose of unwanted household items. For more information, contact 651-275-4404.

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