



Bayport News

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A Message from the Mayor - Update on Inspiration, aka Bayport West *By Mayor Rick Schneider*

On April 8, 2004, Contractor Property Developers Company (CPDC) submitted an application concept plan review for the 242 acres west of the city. The concept plan calls for the development of 358 units, of which 250 will be single-family units and 108 will be multifamily units. The Planning Commission and City Council approved this concept plan.

We have been dealing with this issue for a long time, and I feel we have reached a good compromise for the use of this land. This is not your typical conventional development that has little concern for existing environmental conditions. Not only has the density been greatly decreased from prior proposals, CPDC has also contracted with Applied Ecological Services (AES) to produce a development that practices responsible land stewardship.

With this conservation development, 70% will be left open, significant natural resources will be protected, storm water will be treated through natural systems and will be reduced, restoration and expansion of native habitats will occur, and a trail system for all Bayport residents will be included. With the diminishing amount of open space around us, preserving and restoring natural resources becomes increasingly important.

How did we get to this point?

Back in September 2003, we conducted a survey of Bayport residents. One of the questions dealt with the Bayport West property: "What do you want to see up there?" The top choice was the option to retain the 242 acres in community ownership, and the least acceptable alternative was mixed use development of 600 residential units and commercial. The next highest choice was the option of 250-300 units of single family residential of higher value with open space preservation.



Example of a conservation development

The question was also asked, "if the city pursued purchasing the land, would you be willing to pay more property taxes to purchase it?" A large percent said they would not pay more, and for those that would pay, the amount would not be large enough for the city to purchase it. If the city did purchase the land, the first choice for use was a park reserve. Based on the information from the survey, I feel this type of development will work in Bayport without degrading our quality of life and small town feel.

What's next?

In order to proceed with the development, we will need to amend the Comprehensive Plan, rezone from industrial to residential, go through the Environmental Assessment process, determine financial impacts, contamination issues, superfund site issues, review inflow and infiltration studies, and determine school, traffic and other impacts. There will be public hearings and meetings that I hope you will attend and participate in. We need and want your input!

A New Look for the City Newsletter!

Welcome to the first edition of the new Bayport city newsletter! By introducing a fresh look, city staff hopes to spark your interest and improve readership. We have added more color and photos, but have retained the four-page format to be sensitive to residents' time.

We hope the redesigned newsletter will grab your attention and that you will take the time to read each issue. We welcome your input and look forward to your comments!

City Budget and Capital Improvements

The City of Bayport is currently working on the budget for 2005 and a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to project major capital expenditures over the next five years. If you have a project that you feel the city should consider, please feel free to share it with city staff or the City Council.

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Community Programs and Events

Track It Down At Your Library

The theme for the Bayport Public Library's 2004 summer reading program is "Track It Down At Your Library." Minnesota's own Betsy Bowen is the program's artist/illustrator. Andersen School students will receive their reading record, bookmark, and pin from their teacher the last week of school. All other students can pick up their summer reading program materials at the library.



Bayport Public Library

Performances on the Library Lawn

Join fellow residents on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of entertainment, followed by an ice cream social. Most performances are held on the library's front lawn. For more information, contact the Bayport Public Library at 651-275-4416.

June 17	Schiffelly Puppets
July 15	Bill the Juggler
July 29	Banjo Dancers
August 12	Remarkable Reptiles
August 26	Hilarious HiJinks

Safety Camp at Lakeside Park Wednesday, June 30th 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Area youth, grades 3-4 are invited to participate in Safety Camp where they will learn about various types of safety including personal, power line, water, animal, pedestrian, weather, and recreation safety, in a fun and informative manner. The registration fee is \$10.00 and includes lunch, games, and prizes. To register, please contact Bayport City Hall at 651-275-4404.



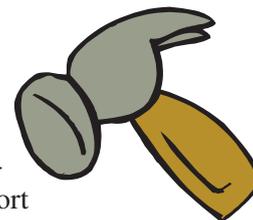
Safety Camp

National Night Out at Lakeside Park Tuesday, August 3rd 5:00 p.m. – Dusk

Join your neighbors to celebrate National Night Out, a true community celebration made possible by city staff and resident volunteers. This will be the fourth year Bayport has participated in this national event. There will be more games and events than ever, and the evening is FREE for everyone.

Visit the City of Bayport website at:
<http://bayport.govoffice.com>

Building Permits at Bayport City Hall



As of January 1, 2004, all building permits, inspection scheduling, and questions related to work in the City of Bayport are being handled at Bayport City Hall. Building Official Jim Butler is available for questions during office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. or by contacting him at 651-275-4408 to schedule an appointment.

New Phone Numbers for City Departments



The City Council recently approved a new phone system for city buildings, due to the age of the former system and lack of replacement parts. The system was installed in March, and the Public Works, Fire Hall, Library, and City Hall phone lines are now interconnected.

By switching to Centrex lines through the State of Minnesota, the city is realizing a cost savings of approximately \$325.00 per month that will pay for the new system within three years. For your convenience, an updated list of phone numbers for all city departments is included in the Communications Corner of this newsletter.

Know the Warnings for Severe Weather

Tornado or Severe Thunderstorm Watch

Conditions are such that there is a very good chance for the development of either a tornado or severe thunderstorm in the watch area.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning

A severe thunderstorm has been detected that contains wind speeds of 58 miles per hour (50 knots) or more, hail 3/4 inch in diameter or larger and heavy rain. When wind speeds associated with a severe thunderstorm are 75 miles per hour or more, the National Weather Service will recommend outdoor warning siren activation.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been seen or a thunderstorm is exhibiting characteristics that would indicate the high probability of a tornado forming in the immediate future. All metro area counties will sound outdoor warning sirens for a tornado warning.

During severe weather, always remember to tune in to NOAA weather radio and local radio and television broadcasters for the most up to date weather information for our community.

Bayport City Meeting Calendar

CITY COUNCIL - 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on the 1st Monday/month, unless noted otherwise.

June 7	August 2	October 4	December 6
July 12	September 7	November 1	

PLANNING COMMISSION - 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on the 3rd Monday/month, unless noted otherwise.

June 21	August 16	October 18	December 20
July 19	September 20	November 15	

LIBRARY BOARD- 6:00 p.m. at Bayport Public Library on the 4th Thursday/month, unless noted otherwise.

June 24	August 26	October 28	December 16
July 29	September 30	November 18	

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

Communications Corner



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CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City offices will be closed on the following upcoming dates:

- July 5, Independence Day (observed)
- September 6, Labor Day
- October 11, Columbus Day

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Schneider, Mayor
Dan Johnson
Bob Kamps
Jon Nowaczek
Sharon Ridgway
Mike McGuire, City Administrator

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

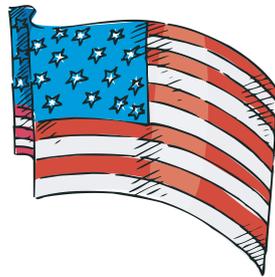
City Hall	651-275-4404
City Hall Fax	651-275-4411
Fire Department	651-275-4401
Library	651-275-4416
Police Dept-Emergency911
Police Non-emergency	..	651-275-4400
Public Works	651-275-4410

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Be an Election Judge!

Are you looking for a great way to serve your city and country? Be an election judge! Serving as an election judge is a great way to meet residents in your community and help the voting process run smoothly and honestly.



What are the responsibilities of an election judge?

Election judges administer the election procedures at a designated polling place. Duties include:

- opening and closing the polls
- registering and signing in voters
- distributing and collecting ballots
- setting up voting equipment
- recording vote totals

Who is eligible to serve as an election judge?

Election judges must be eligible to vote and be able to read, write, and speak English. State law also requires that election judges declare their party affiliation to ensure that no more than half of the election judges at a particular polling place are from one party. Candidates in the election and their spouse, parent, child, or sibling are ineligible to serve as an election judge. Also, a spouse, parent, or child of another election judge cannot serve at the same polling place together.

What kind of training will be provided?

Election officials will provide a convenient training session prior to the election for all election judges.

Do election judges get paid?

Yes! Election judges that are not employed are compensated at an hourly wage for both training and service. Minnesota law also allows election judges time off from work with pay, if appointed by the city, and if a 20 day written notice is given to their employer.

If you are interested in serving as an election judge, please contact Bayport City Hall at 651-275-4404 for an application form.



Your staff at City Hall from left: Administrative Assistant/Planner Sara Dietsche, Police Chief John Gannaway, Finance Officer John Nash, City Administrator Mike McGuire, and Secretary Karen Huftel.

Public Works Update

The snow is gone and spring is finally here. The trees are budding and the grass is growing. Perro Creek is flowing again, hopefully for the balance of the year. The Bayport Public Works Department has been busy with its citywide spring street sweeping program, some last minute tree trimming, and spring clean up on city property.

As of April 21st, all city streets have been swept at least once. As time permits during the summer months, we will periodically sweep different parts of the city. We request that when you mow your grass or rake your lawn, that you DO NOT put grass or leaves in the street, gutter, or ditch. Grass and leaves clog the storm sewer grates and plug culverts, which can cause flooding during heavy rain events.

Some upcoming projects we will be working on are the seal coating of streets, repair or replacement of sidewalks and curbing, and completion of the sewer and water project around Lakeside Park. The city will be contracting for seal coating services for the portion of the city's streets north of, and including 2nd Avenue North. This project will begin with some street patching and spot repairs that are scheduled to be completed in May or June. The target for beginning the actual seal coating process is June. Please watch and obey the temporary "No Parking" signs during this project. We



Sidewalks are scheduled for repair this summer.

apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

Public Works staff will be inspecting city sidewalks and curbing shortly. There are numerous areas in town where the sidewalks have heaved, creating a safety hazard. In other areas, the concrete has cracked or deteriorated from old age and is in need of repair. The city will be notifying residents of sidewalks and/or curbing abutting their property that is in need of replacement. Residents who are notified will be required to assist the city with the cost of any repairs or replacement.

The streets and avenues around and including Lakeside Park were disturbed last summer due to a major sewer and water extension project. As part of the project, the city had the opportunity to upgrade railroad crossings at 2nd Avenue South and 3rd Avenue South. Landscaping, sodding, and seeding in this area should be underway in May and hopeful-

ly completed sometime in June. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this construction project.

Have a happy and safe summer, and if you have any questions or comments for your Bayport Public Works Department, please stop on by or call us at our new phone number, 651-275-4410.

Enjoy the St. Croix River at Lakeside Park

Lakeside Park offers picnic pavilions equipped with electricity that may be reserved by Bayport residents at no charge. Lakeside Park, located on Central Avenue, is open to the public between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. each day. Please be advised that effective May 2004, parking for vehicles with boat trailers is only allowed in posted areas. For more information or to reserve a picnic pavilion, please contact City Hall at 651-275-4404.

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