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New Benches Debut at Perro Park!

Thanks to Bayport Girl Scout Troop 50515, Perro Park now has three new outdoor benches! With the help of city funding, the troop designed and constructed the benches, in order to receive the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

Taking a break at the ice rink, pictured left to right, are Girl Scouts Maryn Lynn, Casondra Vlasak, Anna Scheel, Maddie Meissner, and Kaeli Murphy. Girl Scouts not pictured are Kaylee Pribnow, Lainey Hanson, Hannah Drake, Rachel Murphy, and Isabel Boedigheimer.



A Message from the Mayor *by Susan St. Ores*



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I am honored to have been elected and will do my best to live up to your vote. I remain

committed to promoting open communication, maintaining the beauty and safety of the community, and making fiscally sound decisions. With the support of the City Council and city staff, action is already underway to achieve these goals, including enhancements to the city's newsletter.

Over the next few months, the city will face several challenges, including a possible decline in federal and state funding and potential record flooding of the St. Croix River. To offset the projected decrease in revenue and expenses incurred from the flood, please know the city will be looking at ways to further reduce costs and/or secure grants wherever possible, in order to deliver the best possible services to residents.

In addition, the city has posted flood information on the website to assist residents in monitoring and preparing for potential flood conditions.

While there are challenges, I am pleased to say there are several positive signs of growth to celebrate within the city. Steady home construction continues within the Inspiration Development. Additionally, we are encouraged by the newly opened restaurant, Bayport BBQ, and recently expanded bakery, Bread Art.

I am excited to have the opportunity to work with the citizens, City Council, city staff, and surrounding cities to further enrich our community, and welcome your suggestions regarding ways to make Bayport an even better place to live and work. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with your ideas at sstores@ci.bayport.mn.us or through City Hall.

Bayport Printing House Sponsors March 2011 City Newsletter

Thanks to Bayport Printing House for graciously donating \$100.00 toward this edition of *Bayport News*. The phrase "do more with less" has become all too familiar to most, and the city is no exception. This donation will help the city to continue to provide community services that residents enjoy, such as the city newsletter.

The city is seeking other local businesses, community organizations, volunteer groups, and/or individuals to help sponsor upcoming editions of the city newsletter, as follows:

Platinum sponsor	\$250.00
Gold sponsor	\$100.00
Silver sponsor	\$ 50.00

The city's goal is to secure a total of \$250.00 in donations per newsletter. Sponsors will receive recognition in the newsletter itself, and at a City Council meeting. For more information, contact City Hall.

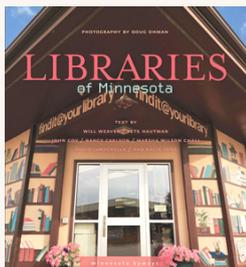
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Community Programs and Events

Library Author Luncheon

We hope you can join us for the annual Author Luncheon on Saturday, April 30, 2011. This year's luncheon will feature Doug Ohman, whose books include *Barns of Minnesota*, *Cabins of Minnesota*, and his newest book, *Libraries of Minnesota*.



Tickets are \$40.00 and will be available at the library. Proceeds will go to the Foundation for Bayport Public Library, to enhance the library's resources and services.

City Scholarship Available for 2011

Together with Allied Waste Services, the city is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to any Bayport resident seeking post high school education in an environmental field. More information is available on the city's website or by contacting City Hall. The application deadline is May 23, 2011.

Adopt-A-Park Program



The city is looking for community members and/or organizations to participate in a new Adopt-A-Park program to assist with general city park cleanup and special projects. This program is not designed to replace the city's regular park maintenance. The purpose of the program is to supplement current services, conserve and redirect resources, and display community pride in our parks.

More information is available on the city's website or by contacting City Hall. We look forward to working with you to make a difference in our community!

Save the Date – Bayport Memorial Day Parade

Organized by the community, this “must see” parade commemorates U.S. men and women who lost their lives while serving in the military. The parade will be held on Monday, May 30, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. It begins on Highway 95, between Central Avenue and 1st Avenue North and proceeds north through the city to Hazelwood Cemetery.

City Inflow and Infiltration Project to Begin in March

In 2010, the city was awarded a \$58,000 grant from the Metropolitan Council for an inflow and infiltration (I & I) project. I & I occurs when clear water, such as ground water or rain water enter the city's sanitary sewer system through a floor drain, drain tile, sump pump, down spout, or gutter system.

During heavy rain events, excessive clear water can infiltrate into the sanitary sewer, causing volumes to exceed the capacity of the system. Not only can this result in sewer backups, but it can also cost the city additional money to treat the clear water that should have been captured by the city's storm sewer.

The I & I project will involve lining approximately 0.75 miles of sewer pipes to prevent further clear water infiltration. By lining, rather than replacing the sewer pipes, the city will be able to save on costs and forego assessments to property owners. In addition, the lining does not require excavating of the street, which should result in virtually no inconvenience to residents.

Spring Flood – It Could be a Wet One!

Get ready to put on your galoshes! According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), there is a good chance that the city will see flooding of the St. Croix River in March and April this year. If you know your property is susceptible to flooding, the city encourages you to visit www.fema.gov for valuable information and tips on flood preparation.



Also, be sure to check out the city's website for updates on potential flooding and access to city floodplain maps.

Riverfront Advisory Commission Update and Open House



The Riverfront Advisory Commission will host a public open house at City Hall on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to solicit questions and receive feedback from residents on the goals and objectives to be included in a Riverfront Master Plan.

Additional information can be found on the city's website. Residents unable to attend or who wish to provide comments on the Riverfront Master Plan are

encouraged to email City Administrator Mitch Berg at mberg@ci.bayport.mn.us

City Receives a Grant to Implement Stormwater Runoff Projects Near Perro Creek



and filter pollutants from the stormwater runoff generated by roofs, streets, and driveways.

A small cut in the street curb will allow runoff to enter into a small depression, planted with a variety of grasses, flowers, and shrubs, and hold the water until it is absorbed naturally by the soil. By allowing the water to slowly infiltrate in to the ground, rather than washing into the storm sewer, these features will help prevent pollution not only to Perro Creek, but also nearby tributaries, including the St. Croix River.

Thanks to a grant from the St. Croix River Association, the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization (MSCWMO) will be working with the city to mitigate stormwater runoff near Perro Creek this spring. A total of six stormwater features or raingarden projects will be completed, which are designed to capture

Residents interested in learning more about raingardens, or receiving technical assistance from the MSCWMO to help control stormwater runoff on their own property should contact Amy Carolan at acarolan@mnwcd.org or 651-275-1136, ext. 22.

New Signage Improves Pedestrian Safety

The city recently installed two new pedestrian blinker signs along Highway 95, adjacent to Andersen Elementary. The purpose of the signs is to comply with a new federal retroreflectivity mandate, but more importantly, to create a safer environment for residents and school children crossing Highway 95.

The sign lights operate on 100% solar power, which also makes the signs environmentally friendly. A \$1,015 donation from the Stillwater Area School District was used to help purchase the signs.

What a Bright Idea – Lighting Retrofit to City Buildings Saves Energy and Money!

The city is in the process of undergoing an interior lighting retrofit at City Hall, Fire Hall, and Public Works Garage. The retrofit involves replacing the current T-12 fluorescent bulbs with energy efficient T-8 bulbs, which will reduce usage by 112,961 kilowatts per year, and result in a significant cost savings to the city.

In addition, the city will be able to take advantage of nearly \$11,000 in rebates from Xcel Energy. The estimated pay-back or return on this investment for the city is 1.87 years.



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CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

City offices will be closed to observe the following upcoming holidays in 2011:

May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 10	Veteran's Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
December 26	Christmas Day

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 7	April 4
May 2	June 6
July 11	August 1
September 6	October 3
November 7	December 5

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

March 21	April 18
May 16	June 20
July 18	August 15
September 19	October 17
November 21	December 19

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

March 24	April 28
May 26	June 23
July 28	August 25
September 22	October 27
November 17	December 29

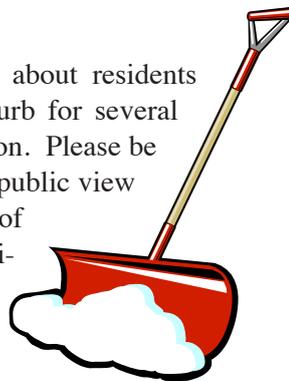
The 2011 Fire Department Fundraiser Was Hot, Hot, Hot!

The Fire Department would like to thank residents of the community and local businesses for their support and donations at the annual dance and fundraiser. The department raised over \$13,000, which will be used to purchase non-budgeted equipment, as well as fire prevention materials and handouts. Your generosity and kindness is much appreciated!

Resident Reminders: Keep the City Clean and Safe!

Garbage and Recycling Container Storage

Recently, the city has received numerous complaints about residents leaving garbage and recycling containers out at the curb for several days prior to and following the regular Monday collection. Please be advised that all refuse containers must be placed out of public view at all times, except for the night prior to and the day of collection. The intent of this ordinance is to help minimize the loss of trash debris, prevent containers from obstructing visibility at intersections, and improve the overall appearance of the community.



Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal

The city often hears the question: “Who is responsible for clearing the sidewalk in front of my house?” The answer is, you! Property owners adjacent to or abutting a public sidewalk are responsible for removing snow and ice within 24 hours after the snow/ice have stopped. Please keep in mind that for corner lots, this may involve multiple sidewalks, and under no circumstances should snow be shoveled or blown onto city streets. The city appreciates your help and thanks you in advance for your efforts!

Spotlight on the Bayport City Council

Bayport is governed by a Mayor and four Councilmembers, who are elected at large. The Mayor is elected to a two-year term and Councilmembers are each elected to a four-year term. In addition to serving on the City Council, each member is assigned to represent the city in a liaison capacity on a city board, commission, or community organization.

The city welcomed three new faces to the City Council this year, including Mayor Susan St. Ores, and Councilmembers Michele Hanson and Mark Ostertag. To help familiarize new members with their roles and responsibilities, they will

be participating in a series of educational sessions, including an introductory orientation to city government, an informational workshop for each city department, and a leadership conference for newly elected city officials. Returning Councilmembers are Connie Carlson and Judy Seeberger.

City Council meetings are open to the public and held at City Hall on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the city’s website and all meetings are televised on cable access. For City Council contact information, please visit the city’s website or contact City Hall.

Reserve A Park Facility For Your Next Event!

Planning a family reunion, tennis match, softball game, or birthday party this summer? Well, look no further than one of our city parks to host your event! From picnic shelters at Lakeside Park, to softball at Barker’s Alps Park, we’ve got you covered!

All park picnic shelters, fields, and courts are available to the public on a first come, first served basis. However, many park facilities may be reserved at no charge or a minimal fee, to ensure availability for an event.

Many facilities, especially picnic shelters, book up early in the season, so for best availability, we recommend making your reservation as soon as possible. For more information on park facilities and rental fees, visit the city’s website or contact City Hall.

Boat Trailer Parking Permits Available April 1

Residents may soon purchase annual boat trailer parking permits at City Hall for parking in designated areas at Andersen Corporation and Lakeside Park. Permits are \$25.00 each and are limited to two per household. A valid driver’s license and watercraft license information must be presented at the time of purchase.



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