



Bayport News

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A Message from the Mayor

Spring is in the air, and we're rolling up our sleeves once again here in Bayport to improve our parks. Proceeding under the guidance of our 2005 Master Park Plan, developed by a blue-ribbon citizen commission, we turn our attention this year to Barker's Alps, with the first of several phases of planned upgrades.

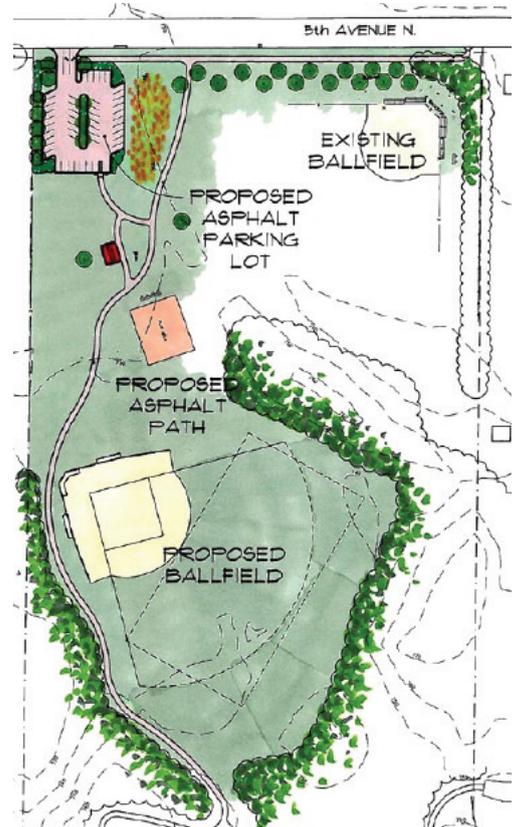
To better utilize available green space, we begin by removing the current access road, and relocating access and

parking along the extreme western boundary, just off 5th Avenue North. After cutting back the woods bordering the western ballfield, this section of the park will be regraded, leveling out the current lumpy and uneven conditions. The ballfield will be upgraded, comparable to the current setup of the eastern field.

A new trail connection with a grade suitable for biking, will be located through the woods, cutting across the slope of the hill from the pond area at the back of the lower park, connecting to the upper park bordering on the Inspiration development. Finally, we'll have a proper link between the eastern and western sections of the community! The steep existing eastern hiking trail will remain as-is for now, awaiting treatment in a later phase of the project.

At the top of the hill, the concrete rubble dumped decades ago will be excavated and hauled away, returning the woods to a more natural state. Pending ongoing discussions with the Inspiration developer, the upper park is anticipated to receive improvements as well. Grading, grass, a half-basketball court, and a play area with features suitable for both toddlers and older children seeking to challenge their motor skills are a few of the highlights.

A temporary gravel road would be extended from the Inspiration development to this area of the park,



to facilitate access. When further development in Inspiration requires installation of utilities and completion of the roadway system, this access would be replaced by a bituminous surface.

Construction for this phase of improvements is scheduled to begin in mid-June, with completion by late August. All of this comes at a price, of course -- the city will tap available funds from the Tax Stabilization Fund (approximate balance \$980,000), which will be reimbursed over time from park dedication fees or Chapter 429 assessments on the undeveloped lots in Inspiration.

Please stop by City Hall and ask to see the plans. Otherwise, I'll see you at the park!

- Mayor Jon Nowaczek

Watch a City Meeting at a Time Convenient for You!

Bayport City Council and Planning Commission meetings are cablecast live on Valley Access Channels (VAC), government channel 16. VAC is a division of the Central St. Croix Valley Cable Commission, a joint powers entity serving the Cities of Bayport, Oak Park Heights and Stillwater, and the Townships of Baytown and Stillwater.

Bayport City Council meetings are generally held the first Monday of each month and are replayed Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; Sundays at 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Planning Commission meetings are held on the third Monday of the month and are replayed Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.; Wednesdays at 1:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Viewers can also watch broadcasts of government meetings from other surrounding communities on channel 16. A daily schedule can be found in the Stillwater Gazette.

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Community Programs and Events

Fire Department Applications



The city is currently seeking applicants to serve as part-time, paid on-call firefighters. Applicants must be 18 years old, have a valid driver's license, and high school diploma or GED equivalent.

Application forms can be found on the city's website at www.ci.bayport.mn.us and will be accepted until the vacancies are filled.

Library Summer Program Schedule

June 16 Lego Club - 9:30 a.m.
Book Club - 12:15 p.m. (\$5.00 fee)

June 23 Chess Club - 12:15 p.m.

June 25 Comedy Juggling and Magic Show – 6:30 p.m.

June 30 Lego Club - 9:30 a.m.
Book Club - 12:15 p.m.



July 7 Chess Club - 12:15 p.m.

July 14 Lego Club - 9:30 a.m.
Book Club - 12:15 p.m.

July 16 & 17 Cooking Classes – (\$5.00 fee)

July 21 Chess Club - 12:15 p.m.

July 28 Lego Club - 9:30 a.m.
Book Club - 12:15 a.m.



August 4 Chess Club - 12:15 p.m.

August 20 Magician Matt Dunn - 6:30 p.m.

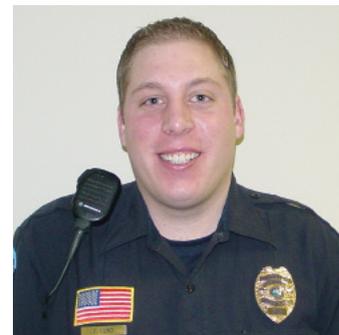
August 26 Reading Incentive Pizza Party - 5:00 p.m.

Youth Curfew Reminder

With school release and summer on its way, youth will soon be out and about into the evening hours in our neighborhoods. As such, the Police Department would like to remind parents and residents to have youth home by a reasonable time and help enforce the following city curfews:

Youth Age	Sunday-Thursday	Friday-Saturday
Under 12	9:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
12-14	10:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
15-16	11:00 p.m.	12:00 a.m.

Meet the City's New Full-time Police Officer



Zach Lund was promoted to a full-time Police Officer on January 19, 2009, after serving the city on a part-time basis for the past 1 ½ years. Zach was also a volunteer with the Police Reserve Officer Program from 2003 - 2007.

Zach will replace the full-time position previously held by Officer Pat Logan. In addition to general night patrol and law enforcement, Zach oversees the Police Reserve Program and is responsible for the general staffing and duties of all Police Reserve Officers. Zach also works closely with the Youth Service Bureau.

Zach has a degree in criminal justice from Vermillion Community College and has been involved in law enforcement for 6 years. Born and raised in Forest Lake, MN, Zach now resides in Eagan, MN. In his free time, Zach enjoys hunting, fishing, and baseball.

We are very excited to have Zach join the city on a full-time basis. Please feel free to say "hi" when you see him out and about in your neighborhood!

Watering Regulations in Effect May 1st

City watering regulations are in now in effect through September 1st. Residents may not water between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Residents with even house numbers may water on even-numbered calendar days and residents with odd house numbers may water on odd-numbered calendar days before 3:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for your cooperation to help conserve city water.



Make the Most of Your Lawn This Season With These Environmentally-Friendly Tips!

- *Be careful not to apply excessive spring fertilizer!*

This may lead to blade growth, but can also stunt root growth, leaving lawns more susceptible to injury from summer disease and drought.

- *Keep grass taller throughout the summer!*

Taller grass is actually healthier and is effective in keeping away pesky weeds. Taller grass also means deeper roots, which decreases the need for frequent watering.

- *Stay away from phosphorus fertilizer!*

Using fertilizers containing phosphorus is illegal in Minnesota, except when being applied to a newly seeded or sodded lawn or when a soil test demonstrates a phosphorus deficiency. Phosphorus fertilizer can be washed into storm drains, which then pollute our lakes and rivers.



- *Don't bag 'em – recycle grass clippings!*



Grass clippings can act as a natural fertilizer if left on the lawn, reducing the need for alternative fertilizer applications. Grass clippings can also be recycled via composting, which decreases waste!

How Can I Make a Difference in the Community?

Volunteering is a rewarding experience and a great way to make a difference in the community! The city is currently seeking volunteers to serve as a representative on the Central St. Croix Valley Joint Cable Commission and as a reserve officer for the Police Department.

The representative for the cable commission is expected to attend meetings every other month, on the third Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. and participate in discussions related to cable services and policies. Representatives may also be asked to attend sub-committee meetings, as necessary.

Individuals interested in being considered for appointment should contact City Hall

by email at khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us or by phone at 651-275-4404.

Police reserve officers assist by patrolling the city, handling non-emergency calls, animal complaints, traffic control, and assisting with local community events. Reserve officers must be 18 years of age and currently enrolled in a law enforcement education program.

Reserve officers must also be willing to commit to a minimum of 10 hours per month and attend various Police Department events throughout the year. Individuals interested in being considered for the police reserve officer program should contact Officer Zach Lund at 651-275-4400 or zlund@ci.bayport.mn.us

May I See Your License, Please?



This time of year, many organizations go door-to-door selling products and services or asking for donations. However, many organizations may not realize that the city requires a peddler license before conducting this type of solicitation.

Charitable organizations conducting fundraisers for schools, scouts, or youth athletic leagues, as well as perishable food and dairy delivery services are exempt from the city's peddler license requirements. However, organizations that do not specifically fit into one of the categories are required to obtain a license.

A peddler license is only issued to organizations that successfully complete a criminal history background check by the Police Department. You can help the city enforce license requirements by asking to see a license when a peddler comes to your door. Every person licensed by the city must carry this license and show it upon request.

If the peddler cannot show this license, or makes you feel unsafe, please call 911 immediately. To find out if an organization is licensed, you may contact City Hall at 651-275-4404.

The Police Department Has New Wheels!



The city recently purchased a black Dodge Charger sedan squad car, which you may have already seen out and about on city streets. The new squad will replace the current day shift white Dodge Durango SUV, which is at the end of its life expectancy. A second black Dodge Charger will soon be ordered to replace the night shift white Dodge Durango SUV sometime within the next year.

Lakeside Park – A great place to swim and grab a snack!

If you haven't yet had a chance, be sure to check out the new beach improvements at Lakeside



Park this summer! The newly remodeled beach house includes restrooms, interior/ exterior picnic tables, an outdoor shower, and a concession stand that offers beverages, ice cream, snacks, and miscellaneous beach necessities on a daily basis.

The beach itself has also received some much needed attention, which includes a new layer of sand that extends out 50 feet into the water. Landscaping and benches were also added to enhance the overall quality of the beach area. Additional parking stalls adjacent to the beach area should also help provide more convenient access to facilities located on the north side of the park.

So, whether you are in the mood for a refreshing swim or a cool ice cream treat as you stroll through the park, we've got you covered. We look forward to seeing you this summer at Lakeside Park!

Ask the Utilities Department: City Sewer Cleaning

Q. What is sewer cleaning and why do we need to do it?

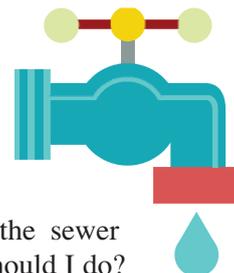
A. This summer, you may see city crews out and about cleaning portions of the city's sewer system. Our goal is to clean the entire system, which is approximately 13 miles, every two years. The city uses a high water pressure cleaning unit to remove build-up of sludge and debris, and remove any tree roots that have entered the sewer pipes or mains, to ensure the system is operating properly.

Q. Will I notice anything unusual during or after sewer cleaning in my neighborhood?

A. Occasionally, residents may experience some unusual sounds or odors in their home which are related to the cleaning process. Older homes that have an outdated waste venting system may experience some water backing up into their toilets, floor drains, sinks, or shower drains. However, this water should drain after the cleaning is complete. To

remove odors, flush your floor, sink, and shower drains with water. If odors persist, contact the Public Works Department.

Q. I seem to experience frequent back-up problems, not necessarily related to city crews cleaning the sewer system. What should I do?



A. Contact the Public Works Department and our crews will check to make sure the sewer main in your neighborhood is flowing freely. Although the city cleans the sewer system frequently, most residents never clean their sewer drain pipe or main that leads from their home to the street. As such, these pipes can also experience build-up with debris and cause your sewer to back-up. If this is the case, you may need to call a plumber to clean your sewer drain pipes. For more information contact the Public Works Department at 651-275-4410.

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