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Thanks to Andersen Elementary students, faculty, and other volunteers who assisted the city with sandbagging efforts, to help the community with flood preparations.

Donations Helped Make This Edition of Bayport News Possible

Thanks to donations from residents and a local business, the city was able to secure the additional funding needed to make this edition of the city newsletter possible! Residents Teresa Van Son and Richard Voorhees deserve recognition as a Silver Sponsor with a donation in the amount of \$50.00 and Bayport First State Bank and Trust as a Platinum Sponsor with a donation in the amount of \$250.00. We greatly appreciate their support and generosity!

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



Spring certainly took its time arriving this year, but as the floodwaters recede, the cheerful daffodils in front of the library give

us all hope that it is finally here. And now we can all look forward to warm and sunny days ahead!

I'd like to recognize the well coordinated flood efforts of our volunteers, staff, and county services. In addition, I understand that not all citizens are impacted by floodwaters but support the overall effort, and for that, I would like to thank the entire community.

Our cleanup efforts will continue with the upcoming Citywide Garage Sale on June 3-4 and Cleanup & Recycling Day on June 11. These two events provide a great opportunity to kick off spring cleaning projects and dispose of unwanted

items in your yards and homes, to keep Bayport beautiful.

With a wide variety of activities planned this spring and summer, there is truly something for everyone. You can support local families in need through the Dane's Place Fundraiser on June 25, and friends and neighbors can gather at Nite to Unite on August 2, and Derby Days on September 17. Kids will enjoy the programs offered through the library, just as much as the adults will look forward to fresh produce from the farmer's market.

We love Bayport for many reasons, but the people truly make it a community. So, I encourage you to mark your calendars, get involved, and join in the fun. I look forward to seeing you out and about in the community!

Proposed Cuts to LGA Will Impact City Services

Local Government Aid (LGA) is state funding that is allocated to a city, to provide and maintain a basic level of city services to its residents. Bayport has a significant amount of property that is dependent on city services, while contributing little or no property taxes. As a result, the city's existing tax base has to support all of the critical services of the city. Therefore, LGA helps to compensate the city's residents and businesses from having to pay a disproportionate share in taxes.

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Community Programs and Events

Bayport Farmer's Market

Sponsored by the Bayport Community Action League, the seasonal farmer's market is a great way to shop for fresh goods, direct from local vendors. The market will be held on Mondays from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Perro Park, beginning on June 20 through October. For information please visit www.bayportfarmersmarket.com



Library Summer Programs for Children

Please visit the library to register for these programs:

Art Sampler*	June 13-17
Book Club*	June 21, 28/July 12, 19
Clementown	June 23
Lego Club	July 5, 26
Kid Power	August 18
Cooking Class*	August 2
Reading Incentive Party	August 24

*Denotes a \$5.00 fee per child

Dane's Place Community Fundraiser

A pig roast will be hosted by the Bayport Community Action League on Saturday, June 25 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Village Green Park to help raise funds for local families in need. We look forward to your participation!

Citywide Garage Sale



The sale will be held on Friday, June 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Residents interested in participating may email khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us or contact City Hall. A map and list of all sales will be posted on the city's website.

Community Ice Cream Social

The Bayport Community Action League is sponsoring a community social with ice cream on Wednesday, June 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The social will be held at the Lakeside Park Beach House and all are invited to "treat" themselves while visiting with family and friends!

City Receives a Grant for Wellhead Protection and Education

The city was successful in obtaining a \$9,532.00 grant from the Minnesota Department of Health to begin the implementation of Phase II of the city's Wellhead Protection Plan. The purpose of the plan is to increase awareness of potential contaminants that can adversely affect the city's public water supply.

A majority of the grant will help fund public education efforts focusing on proper operation, maintenance, and early leak detection related to private wells, septic systems, and underground storage tanks. The city is very excited to be one of the few cities to receive funding, which will help offset the city's cost to implement Phase II of the Wellhead Protection Plan, mandated by the State of Minnesota.

Save the Date for Derby Days on September 17!

Organized and sponsored by the Bayport Community Action League and volunteers, this annual festival celebrates the community and is fun for all ages! Events include the popular "Duck Derby" race on Perro Creek, "Taste of Bayport" featuring food from local eating establishments, and a fireworks display over the St. Croix River.



For more event information or to volunteer, please contact Nancy Aderman at 651-439-4916. Tickets will be available prior to the event at local businesses throughout Bayport.

City Curfew Reminder for Youth

With school release and summer on its way, children will soon be out and about into the evening hours in our neighborhoods. To help ensure youth safety and prevent potential mischief and vandalism, the city has adopted the following 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.

During curfew hours, youth must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 or legal guardian. Residents who observe youth in violation of these curfew times are encouraged to call 911 or 651-439-9381. The Police Department appreciates your assistance in making sure these curfews are enforced, for the safety of our children and the community!

Dan Goldston Appointed to Bayport City Council



On May 2, Dan Goldston was sworn in to fill the vacant seat on the City Council, Advisory Commission. He has been a resident of Bayport for 10 years and not only brings experience serving on multiple city volunteer commissions, but also work experience in project management, budgeting, and contract review.

with a term to expire December 31, 2012. Dan will replace Judy Seeberger, who served on the City Council for 2 years, before resigning from her seat in March.

Dan has served on the city's Planning Commission for the past two years and also currently serves on the Riverfront

Dan looks forward to continuing his contribution to the community by serving on the City Council. "I want to continue giving back to the community in the form of civic duty, as an appreciation for this great little rivertown that provides a wonderful environment in which to live." Dan can be reached through City Hall or dgoldston@ci.bayport.mn.us.

City's Annual Drinking Water Report Is Favorable

The Minnesota Department of Health recently released the city's 2010 Drinking Water Report. The purpose of the report is to educate consumers about drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect groundwater and other water resources.

The report summarizes monitoring results from the three wells that provide drinking water to the city.

Results indicate that no contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards, which is great news for the city!

The full water report was published in the Stillwater Gazette in April. A copy of the report can also be found on the city's website and at City Hall.

Citywide Cleanup and Recycling Day is June 11

Don't miss the Citywide Cleanup and Recycling Day to dispose of and recycle unwanted, non-hazardous household materials, at a low cost to residents!



Residents should find that these disposal fees are comparable or lower than other local waste haulers and recycling centers, so we hope you take advantage of this opportunity!

When: Saturday, June 11, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Vacant lot south of the Public Works Building, (2nd Ave. S./ Lakeside Dr.)

Who: City of Bayport residents (identification required)

Cost: \$5.00 per vehicle, which includes disposal of general household solid waste. Prices for other items are listed per unit. Fees are payable by cash or check to "City of Bayport."

A complete list of items that will be accepted is available on the city's website and City Hall and includes the following:



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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

June 6	July 11
August 1	September 6
October 3	November 7
December 5	

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

June 20	July 18
August 15	September 19
October 17	November 21
December 19	

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

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

Household solid waste	FREE w/\$5.00 entry fee
Small electronics	\$5.00 each
Mattresses or furniture	\$5.00 each
Car tires	\$5.00 each
Appliances	\$15.00 each
T.V. or computers	\$25.00 each

Can't make it? Contact Allied Waste at 651-455-8634 for curbside disposal options and fees. A recycling grant from Washington County and donations from Allied Waste make this event possible.

Proposed Cuts to LGA

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In the 2011 budget, LGA accounts for 21% of the funding needed to support the city's day-to-day operations, including fire and police protection and street maintenance. Since 2008, the state has reduced Bayport's LGA funding by 20% or approximately \$271,000.00. While the city has been successful in reducing the budget without compromising city services thus far, additional proposed decreases or elimination of LGA will have significant impacts to city services and residents.

Recently, city officials and staff met with state representatives to reiterate the importance of LGA and why it is necessary to keep property taxes down and prevent erosion of critical city services. However, it is crucial for our legislature to also hear directly from our Bayport property owners regarding the importance of LGA, and its role to help fund the city services they have come to appreciate and enjoy.

Representative Lohmer can be contacted at 651-296-9471 or rep.kathy.lohmer@house.mn. Senator Ted Lillie can be contacted at 651-296-4166 or sen.ted.lillie@senate.mn.

Nite to Unite is August 2



Join with friends and neighbors to celebrate the community! The event will be held at Lakeside Park and feature exhibits, games, demonstrations, and prizes! We hope to see you there!

Resident Reminders: Tips for Water Quality and Conservation!

Yard Waste Removal and Disposal

Proper disposal of leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste is crucial to protecting the quality of our local rivers, lakes, streams, and drinking water. Yard waste that is raked or blown into a street, gutter, or culvert is transported directly to our local streams and rivers. Not only does this debris contaminate the water, but it can also clog storm sewer grates and plug culverts, which can cause flooding during heavy rain events. Please do your part by bagging or mulching leaves and grass back into your lawn. Not only is proper disposal of yard waste key to protecting our water quality – it's the law!

Yard Watering Regulations

If an effort to help conserve water, the city has adopted watering regulations, which are now in effect through September 1. Residents with even house numbers may water on even-numbered calendar days before 3:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. 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 conserve city water!



Spotlight on the Bayport Police Department

The Police Department has five full-time staff members, including a chief, two day officers, and two night officers. In addition, the department has five part-time staff, including a sergeant/investigator, four patrol officers who augment the full-time officers and twelve volunteer reserve officers.

In January, the department held a Reserve Officer Academy, which is a two day event that trains volunteers to assist with police activities in the community. Due to budget cuts in recent years, reserve officers have been vital to the department. Their duties include assisting with

traffic control for the Stillwater Marathon and Memorial Day parade, and helping with community events such as Beyond The Yellow Ribbon, Safety Camp, Night to Unite, Derby Days, Halloween Safety Patrol, Toys for Tots, Dane's Place Pig Roast, Andersen Elementary Carnival, and community watch meetings.

Reserve officers also help conduct extra patrols, as well as park, building, and business checks, and home checks for residents on vacation. For more information on the reserve officer program or to learn more about the department, please visit the city's website.

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