



Bayport News

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A Message from the Mayor

By Mayor Rick Schneider



I am privileged, deeply gratified and honored that you have re-elected me to serve as your Mayor. Thank you. To my colleagues on the Council, I offer my congratulations on your election success. To all the candidates during the recent election campaign, thank you for raising issues and concerns that are important to our citizens. I will continue to strive to support a Council that will provide an effective, efficient and fiscally-responsible government. And to our city staff, thank you for the tremendous work you do for the citizens of Bayport every day. It is truly appreciated.

Bayport's future is dependent upon more than a Mayor and City Council – it takes a community of involved citizens. We have an open, involved, friendly community and our city government will reflect that. I want to encourage your input as it brings fresh perspectives, new ideas, and changes that could benefit Bayport and its residents. I want to thank all of you who have volunteered your time and effort to make Bayport an even better place to live. I would encourage you to be involved and active in our community.

The past two years have been enlightening, engaging, sometimes challenging. We faced several major issues – state aid cuts, the expiration of Andersen's contribution, the new Inspiration Development, ensuring our city water is safe, and hiring a new City Administrator and Planner. I feel we did the best job possible in dealing with these issues. We did not raise city taxes, the development will be fiscally and environmentally responsible with reduced density. We have solutions for the TCE water issue. Our city staff is competent and diligently working in our best interest. To all of the Council members, thank you for the time and effort you put in to help resolve these issues.

We have an exciting future ahead of us. Park dedication fees from Inspiration will allow us to make substantial improvements for our parks. A long term solution to protect our water supply will be implemented. The newly implemented fees from Inspiration for water and sewer hook up will allow us to add additional reserves for city infrastructure improvements.

Keeping residents informed and involved is my top priority. No matter what role you play in the community, no matter what you do for a living, Bayport should reflect the values and dreams of all our citizens. Bayport belongs to all of us. Thank you for all of your support.

Water Quality Update

The most recent series of water monitoring tests conducted by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) indicated a trichloroethylene (TCE) level of 4.0 parts per billion (ppb) at well #2. Wells #3 and #4 still have not shown any level of TCE.

Water tested from City Hall typically had a TCE level of 50% or less than water tested at well #2. This lower level of TCE in the system is due to dilution related to the design and operation of our water system.

Although the TCE has not reached the maximum contaminant level of 5.0 ppb, the city has taken a proactive approach and begun discussing several short and long-term water treatment options to mitigate the problem. Until a long-term solution has been established, efforts to blend the city's water will be taken to dilute the concentration of TCE well below the acceptable level. The results from the next water monitoring test will determine how quickly the city will begin this blending and need to establish a long-term water treatment option.

Election Results

Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected to serve as Bayport City Council members beginning January 2005:

Mayor – 2 year term

Rick Schneider

Council members – 4 year term

Connie J. Carlson

Sharon Ridgway

Council member – 2 year term

Daniel B. Johnson

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Community Programs and Events

Wireless internet access is now available at the Bayport Public Library!

Thanks to a grant from the Hugh J. Andersen Foundation, the Bayport Public Library now has wireless internet access. Wireless access makes it possible for Oak-Land Junior High students to access the internet, as well as Oak-Land Junior High based materials on their laptop computers at the library.



The project also extended wireless access to the library's 2nd floor meeting rooms, which is anticipated to increase meeting room rental income for the library's operating budget. Ongoing support from the Bayport Public Library Foundation will continue to make the wireless access possible, without using taxpayer dollars.

The Bayport Public Library and the foundation boards consider this project a natural step in the process of making our community a place where technology supports learning and communication.

Toys for Tots

This December, the Bayport Police Department will participate in Toys for Tots! The Toys for Tots program is sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve and its mission is to collect new, unwrapped toys to distribute as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. Drop off boxes will be located at Bayport City Hall and the Oasis Market December 1st through December 19th.

Holiday at the Village Green

The Holiday at the Village Green will be held on Thursday, December 2nd, to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season! Scheduled events include:

- 6:30 p.m. - Story and silent auction at the Bayport Public Library
- 7:00 p.m. - Lighting of the trees at Village Green Park Bonfire, caroling, and refreshments
- 7:30 p.m. - Arrival of Santa Claus by fire truck at Village Green Park



Thanks to the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce, Bayport Community Action League, Bayport area businesses, and the Bayport Public Library for sponsoring the event.

Replacement Recycling Containers Available at City Hall

Free replacement recycling containers are available upon request at Bayport City Hall and may be picked up 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Going on Vacation?

The police department encourages residents who plan on being away from their home for an extended period of time to fill out a property watch card at City Hall. This not only alerts the police department to watch the property for suspicious activity, but also helps them determine appropriate action if such activity occurs.

Have a Plan!

Fire Prevention

Did you know that installing smoke alarms in all sleeping areas and on each level of your home is the single best thing you can do to help prevent your family from being injured in a home fire? Smoke alarms reduce the chance of death related injuries by nearly half, because of their ability to detect smoldering and flaming fires and alert residents to escape before the fire gets out of control.

Many home fires occur during the winter months, as a result of heating equipment and holiday decorations. To help increase the safety of your family, make sure to install smoke alarms in all sleeping areas and on all levels of your home and check the batteries often.

Fire Preparation

Hopefully, your family will never experience a home fire. However, it is always best to prepare your family for a fire by developing a family disaster plan that includes the following:

- A floor plan of your home with two marked fire escape routes for each room
- The location of escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor
- A practice fire drill at least twice a year with all members of your household
- A safe outside meeting place for everyone to meet after escaping from a fire

Remember, fire prevention and preparation are important tools that could save your life! For further information regarding fire prevention, please call the Bayport Fire Department at 651-275-4401.

Update on Conservation Development "Inspiration"

On October 4, 2004, the City Council approved a comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning for 242 acres located on the western edge of Bayport. The comprehensive plan amendment re-guided the property from I-Industrial to mixed density residential and re-zoning of the property reclassified it from I-Industrial to RPUD-Residential Planned Unit Development, with a base zoning of R4-Single-family Urban.

A preliminary plat and general development plan, submitted by Contractor Property Developers Company (CPDC), was also approved for the property for a residential conservation development entitled Inspiration. Highlights of the development include construction of 328 residential housing units, 75 of which will be multi-family and 253 which will be single-family, 162 acres of open space, protection and restoration of native prairie/wetland landscape, an extensive trail system,

and a storm water treatment plan that emphasizes natural infiltration. Final plat approval for Inspiration is anticipated to be considered in early 2005.



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:

- November 24-25, Thanksgiving
- December 24, Christmas Day (observed)
- December 31, New Year's Day (observed)
- January 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 21, Presidents' Day

2004 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Rick Schneider, Mayor
- Dan Johnson
- Bob Kamps
- Jon Nowaczek
- Sharon Ridgway
- 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/ month, unless noted otherwise

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

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

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

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Make a Difference in your Community!

Serving on an advisory commission/board is a great way to get involved and make a difference in your local government and community. The city is seeking residents to fill openings on the Planning Commission and Library Board for the upcoming year.

Planning Commission

The purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on infrastructure improvements and planning and zoning issues in the city. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. As of December 31, 2004, openings will exist on the Planning Commission.

Library Board

The purpose of the Library Board is to approve expenditures of money collected for and contained within the library fund, as it relates to operations of the library buildings and grounds. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month. As of December 31, 2004, openings will exist on the Library Board.

Persons interested in being considered for appointment to the Planning Commission or Library Board should contact City Hall at 651-275-4404.

Thank You Election Judges!

The Bayport City Council and staff would like to thank the election judges who served during the primary and general elections. Each and every judge worked diligently to perform their duties and assist with voting procedures. Thanks to their patience and hard work, the elections ran smoothly and honestly!



Public Works Update

Greetings from the Bayport Public Works Department! We were busy with several projects this spring/summer and anticipate a busy fall/winter, as well. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the city installed new sewer and water mains in areas that were not previously serviced by city utilities, along 2nd Ave. S. and Lake St. All excavation, utility work, and paving associated with the project has been completed. Finish grading, turf establishment, tree planting, and the installation of new barbecue grills in Lakeside Park will be completed this spring.

The city also completed a sidewalk and curb rehabilitation project this summer. Sidewalks and curbing were inspected for trip hazards and deterioration and the worst areas were repaired or replaced by contracted companies. City crews restored the disturbed lawn areas and completed blacktop patchwork.

This fall, the Public Works Department will be working on routine projects, including street sweeping, flushing fire hydrants, preparing city trucks and equipment for winter maintenance, and completing unfinished projects from earlier this year.

Public Works will also attempt to clean the entire city sewer main system, which

Snow Removal and Winter Parking Reminders

- * Sidewalks should be cleared of snow as soon as possible, and always within 12 hours after a snowfall, to help ensure a safe walking surface.
- * When removing snow from your property, please be respectful to your neighbors and the city by refraining from pushing snow onto the street, sidewalk, private or public property.
- * Vehicles parked on the street should be removed after a snowfall of 2 inches or more, until the street has been plowed curb to curb. Vehicles parked on the street for more than 24 hours may be ticketed and/or towed.

The city appreciates your cooperation and wishes you a fun and safe winter season!

collects most residential wastewater for treatment and disposal. The city has an aged system that is prone to tree root intrusions that can easily cause blockage and subsequent sewage backup. Therefore, frequent cleaning is required to help prevent potential pipe blockage. Ideally, we try to clean the entire 9 miles of sewer main each year.

Some residents may be unaware they are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the sewer pipe (lateral) that runs from their house to the city sewer main located in the street. This pipe should also be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent clogs and the possibility of a wastewater back up into their basement.

Warming House Attendants Needed



The city is seeking warming house attendants to work at the hockey and pleasure ice skating rink this winter. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older and able to work weekdays, 4:00-9:00 p.m., as well as weekends, holidays, and school vacation days.

Warming house attendants are paid \$7.00-8.50 per hour, depending on experience. Persons interested should contact City Hall at 651-275-4404 for an application form. Applications will be accepted until December 10, 2004.

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