



Bayport News

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Spring has sprung! Photo entitled "Baby Blue" taken by resident Don Hoye.

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



As Mayor, I am always seeking ways to increase community and civic engagement, to improve the quality of life in the city where we

live, work, and play. In addition to city resources, we are so very fortunate to have several local organizations and volunteer groups who share my enthusiasm and work hard to coordinate special programs and events to bring the community together.

This summer promises to be filled with activity! In the next month, we can look forward to saluting our veterans at the *Memorial Day Parade*, along with some spring cleaning to prepare for the *Citywide Garage Sale* on June 5-6. Be sure to reward yourself with conversation and a sweet treat with neighbors at the *Ice Cream Social* on June 10 and enjoy BBQ and live music at *Rockin' Ribs on the River* on June 19-20.

A great way to support local vendors

and grab a snack is at the *Farmer's Market* on Monday afternoons in late June - October. Also, the upcoming *Bayport in Bloom* Front Entry Garden Contest in July is a thoughtful way to acknowledge a property for their efforts to make our city more beautiful. August will bring *Night to Unite*, followed by the *Focus on Bayport* Photo Contest and *Derby Days* in September. Specific event details can be found on the city's website.

In addition to these events, there are opportunities for civic engagement by volunteering to adopt a park, serving with a public safety department, or donating funds to the city's park improvement or downtown beautification program. We hope you and your family take in all that Bayport has to offer and look forward to your engagement in the community!

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Governor Dayton Visits Bayport for Andersen Corporation Expansion

On April 6, Governor Dayton visited Andersen Corporation to congratulate them on their recent expansion to manufacture the 100 Series product line of windows



and doors in Bayport. The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development helped fund the expansion with grants through the Minnesota Investment Fund and Job Creation Fund. The expansion will bring 100 new jobs to Bayport!

School District Election to be Held May 12



A special election will be held on Tuesday, May 12 for Bayport residents to vote on a bond request for the Stillwater Area School District.

The bond would fund facility improvements across the district such as renovating classrooms, addressing overcrowding, and improving basic infrastructure. The bond would also allow for grade configuration changes. Bayport residents vote at City Hall and polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information contact 651-351-8340.

Community Programs and Events

Celebrate Memorial Day at the Parade

Memorial Day



Join the community in commemorating U.S. men and women who lost their lives while serving in the military at the Bayport Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25 at 8:30 a.m. The route begins

on Highway 95, between Central Ave. and 1st Ave. N. and proceeds north through the city to Hazelwood Cemetery.

10th Annual Citywide Garage Sale

The annual citywide garage sale will be held on Friday, June 5, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 6, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Residents interested in participating in the sale may contact City Hall.



Seasonal Farmer's Market at the Village Green



The farmer's market is a great way to shop for fresh goods, direct from local vendors! The market will be held on Mondays, 2:30-6:30 p.m. at Village Green Park, beginning June 22 through October. Thanks to the Bayport Community

Action League for organizing and sponsoring the market!

Save the Date for Rockin' Ribs on the River

The Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce will once again host this event at Lakeside Park on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20. A variety of food and beverage vendors, as well as several live musical acts make this event a highlight of the summer. Daily admission is \$5.00 per person. Contact 651-439-4001 for more vendor and event information.



St. Croix Crossing Bridge Project Tours

Back by popular demand, paddleboat tours through St. Croix Boat & Packet in Stillwater have been scheduled over the next several months for the public to view and learn more about the progress on the St. Croix Crossing bridge project. Three tours will be offered per month on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Tickets are \$10.00 and are now on sale for May and June tour dates. Tickets for future dates will be staggered over the coming months. For reservations and tour dates, visit www.stillwaterriverboats.com. The new bridge is anticipated to open in fall of 2016.



Donations Make the Fire Department Fundraiser a Huge Success!



Many thanks to residents and local businesses for their donations and attendance at the Fire Department's annual dance and fundraiser held on February 21. Over

\$15,000 was raised and will be used to purchase fire rescue equipment, as well as fire prevention materials to share with the community at the Public Safety Open House held annually in October. Your support and generosity is much appreciated!

Enter the Bayport in Bloom Front Entry Garden Contest

The Washington County Master Gardeners are sponsoring the second Bayport in Bloom Front Entry Garden Contest in July, so be sure to nominate your favorite garden for an award! The focus of the contest is to showcase appealing front entry gardens, which can be viewed from a public street or sidewalk. Judges will evaluate entries on curb appeal, design, and maintenance. Contest details and nomination forms are posted at City Hall and the city's website. We look forward to your participation!



Bayport Takes Next Steps Toward Construction of a New Fire Hall

In partnership with the Fire Department Building Committee, City Council, and the city's architectural and construction management firms, a final design for the proposed new Bayport Fire Hall was approved in March and is depicted below. The building is 17,400 square feet and includes 5 pull-through apparatus bays, shared office areas, a training and emergency operations center, as well as other facility upgrades that do not exist in the current building.

The city was pleased to receive multiple bids for over 25 different trade areas included in the project, all within a budget of \$5,650,000. On April 20, the City Council awarded bids for a portion of the project work. The remaining work

is anticipated to be awarded in early May, with construction to begin shortly thereafter. Building construction and site improvements are estimated to be complete within the next 6-9 months.

This exciting project would not be possible without support from the Minnesota Department of Corrections, our partner service communities of Baytown, Oak Park Heights, and West Lakeland, as well as generous grants from the Andersen Corporate Foundation and the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation. Thanks for your partnership to make the new Bayport Fire Hall a reality! Look for project updates to be featured in upcoming editions of the city newsletter and at City Council meetings.



Officer Jay Jackson Promoted to Police Sergeant

On March 2, the City Council promoted Officer Jay Jackson to Sergeant on the Police Department. This position was previously held by Jerry Hutchinson, who recently retired from the department. In addition to full-time regular patrol, Jay will assist with administrative duties, act as the lead code enforcement officer, and provide coverage for the Police Chief in her absence. Jay was one of two internal candidates interviewed and evaluated for the position. His combination of training and nearly 15 years of dedicated service in Bayport will certainly serve Jay well in the Sergeant position. Congratulations!



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CITY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

City offices will be closed to observe the following upcoming holidays in 2015:

Memorial Day May 25
Labor Day September 7
Columbus Day October 12
Veteran's Day November 11
Thanksgiving Day November 26
Christmas Eve Day December 24
New Year's Eve Day December 31

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 4	September 8*
June 1*	October 5
July 6	November 2
August 3	December 7*

*A 4:30 p.m. workshop will tentatively be held prior to these meetings.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Find specific city staff contact information and forms on the city's website.

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Boat Trailer Parking Permits Now Available

Residents may now purchase annual boat trailer parking permits at City Hall. The permit allows parking in designated areas at Andersen Corporation and Lakeside Park. Permits are \$25.00 each plus tax, and a valid driver's license must be presented at the time of purchase. The 4th Avenue North public boat launch boarding dock is anticipated to be installed in early May, depending upon river conditions and may be used for temporary loading and unloading of watercraft and passengers, for up to 20 minutes.



Flower Basket Program Expanded for 2015

Thanks to positive feedback and resident donations, we will be adding more hanging flower baskets along Highway 95 and 5th Ave. N. this year! New hanging brackets should be installed on the poles in early May and the 20 flower baskets should arrive and be hung in time for the Memorial Day Parade! Contact City Hall for more information on how you can help expand this program further for 2016!



Be Alert for Severe Weather Warning Sirens!

Most severe weather and tornados occur in Minnesota March through September. When a tornado *watch* is issued, it indicates that weather conditions are favorable for tornado formations. A tornado *warning* indicates that a tornado has actually been spotted or detected on radar.



Outdoor warning sirens are meant to alert communities of the potential for severe weather, but residents should always tune to local weather information via radio, internet, or television to be aware of specific activity in their immediate area. Warning sirens are activated when a tornado warning is issued for Washington County by the National Weather Service, when wind speeds exceed 70 miles per hour, or when a city or county public safety official determines there is an imminent danger to life and/or property. When sirens sound, residents should seek shelter immediately until the danger has passed. Be alert and be safe this severe weather season!

Members of the Bayport Fire Department Recognized with Service Awards

The Bayport Fire Department recently recognized a number of members for their numerous years of dedicated service to the organization. Service awards were given to each member, denoting their anniversary date and service history. Congratulations to these members and their corresponding service years. We appreciate their dedication to our community and the region!

25 + Years

Steve Buege
 Mike Bell
 Mark Swenson

20 + Years

Jason Severson

15 + Years

Mike Galowitz
 Chuck Oswald

10 + Years

Kyle Carlson
 Allen Eisinger
 Jake Eisinger
 Josh Eisinger
 Jake Vindal

5 + Years

Mike Eldred
 Brandon Johnson
 Matt Lundquist
 Aaron Prichard
 Andy Swenson
 Ray Valley



Service Awards