



Bayport News

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Public Open House for the New Bayport Fire Hall

The wait is finally over! The much anticipated new Bayport Fire Hall was officially opened on March 3. The 17,400



square foot building contains 5 pull-through apparatus bays, shared office space, training facilities, and dormitories. An open house for the public to tour the Fire Hall building and grounds has been scheduled for April 30. We hope you can join us to celebrate this major accomplishment, which will ultimately provide a higher level of public safety to Bayport and our service communities of Baytown, West Lakeland, and Oak Park Heights!



Landscaping and gardens that contain native plants help attract insect pollinators.

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



Last year, the St. Croix River Watershed, in partnership with the National Park Service, launched an initiative to increase awareness about

the need to improve natural habitat areas for pollinators, including bees, butterflies, bats, and birds. Habitat for pollinators has been dwindling in recent years, compromising the ability for these animals to pollinate fruits, nuts, vegetables, crops, and native plants, which is critical to our ecosystem.

To demonstrate commitment and support for this initiative, the city, along with Andersen Corporation and Xcel Energy, recently adopted a "Pollinator Pledge." The pledge encourages the use of pollinator friendly plants whenever possible in the community, as well as promotes efforts to protect and enhance pollinator species and their habitat throughout the St. Croix River Watershed. Implementing pollinator projects, such as the rain garden at City Hall, not only demonstrates this pledge, but also creates an aesthetically appealing landscape feature and habitat which attracts birds, bees, and

butterflies. This rain garden also exhibits the city's continued effort to improve water quality by infiltrating storm water, to help prevent pollutants from reaching our local lakes and rivers.

Along with city staff and my fellow councilmembers, I look forward to expanding our "Pollinator Pledge" by incorporating pollinator features in upcoming city projects. We hope our pledge will inspire other property owners to plant for pollinators, but also increase awareness for the importance of this initiative and make a difference in our community! For more information on pollinators, their ecosystems, and how you can help this initiative, see the adjacent newsletter article or visit www.nps.gov.

Go Wild: Bring Birds and Insects to Your Backyard



Improving wild-life and pollinator habitat can be as simple as adding native trees, shrubs and flowers to an existing yard! Native plants provide good protection, as well as an abundant food source,

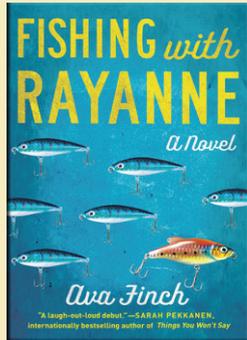
which attracts a variety of animals and encourages pollination. Smaller trees like serviceberry and redosier dogwood are great for compact spaces. Perennial wildflowers like aster, wild strawberry and goldenrod provide colorful blooms, which add texture and interest. Another benefit to native plants is the need for less care and maintenance, which includes fertilizer and pest control. Regardless of your plant choices, be sure to consider using non-toxic lawn and garden chemicals. Look for natural, organic, or slow release products which create stronger root systems, less excessive top growth, and are safer overall for animals and humans.

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Community Programs and Events

Spring Author Luncheon at the Library



The Foundation for Bayport Public Library is sponsoring the annual Author Luncheon on Saturday, May 14 at 12:00 p.m. This year's featured author is Sarah Stonich. Her latest book is *Fishing with RayAnne* written under her pen name Ava Finch. Sarah will read from her work and discuss her writing process. Contact the library for ticket information.

11th Annual Citywide Garage Sale June 3-4

The Citywide Garage Sale will be held on Friday, June 3, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 4, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. To be placed on the participant list, email khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us or contact City Hall. A map of sale locations will be available by June 1.



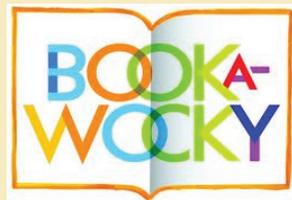
Community Ice Cream Social in the Park



Bring your friends and family to enjoy an evening in the park with a sweet treat on Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Beach House. Thanks to the Bayport Community Action League for sponsoring the event and, of course, the ice cream!

Youth Summer Reading Programs at the Library

Once again, the library is excited to offer the *Bookawocky* summer reading program, which challenges youth to complete literacy activities to earn rewards! Starting June 6, activity cards and book review forms will be available at the library. The program is open to youth of all ages, up to Grade 12. Prizes include tickets to the Minnesota State Fair, Twins baseball games, books, and more! For more information, contact the library.



Meet New Police Officer Riley Cameron

On March 7, the City Council promoted Riley Cameron to a part-time Police Officer. Riley has served the city over the past 4 years as a seasonal employee for Public Works, a volunteer for the Fire Department, and most recently as a volunteer Reserve Sergeant and Community Service Officer for the Police Department. Riley will assist the chief and full-time police officers with overall safety and law enforcement in the city, general patrol, investigations, and coordinating community events. He has a degree in law enforcement from Alexandria Technical College and resides in the St. Croix Valley. In his free time, Riley enjoys hunting, fishing, and outdoor activities.



Grants and Donations Make a Difference!



Many city services, special projects, community events, and equipment expenditures are made possible with the help of volunteers, donations, and grants. So far in 2016, the city has received a combination of product donations and monetary support of approximately \$30,000. The city is truly grateful to residents, local businesses/corporations, non-profit organizations, foundations, county/state/federal agencies, and general donors who make a difference in the quality of life and services we provide in the City of Bayport. Look for donors, grantees, and volunteers to be recognized at monthly City Council meetings and periodic updates in the newsletter. Thank you!

Boat Trailer Permits Available April 18th

Resident annual boat trailer parking permits will be available beginning April 18 at City Hall. The permit allows parking in designated areas at Andersen Corporation and Lakeside Park, May 1-September 30. Permits are \$25.00 each plus tax and a valid driver's license must be presented at the time of purchase. The 4th Ave. N. boat launch boarding dock is anticipated to be installed in early May, depending on river conditions and may be used for temporary loading and unloading of watercraft and passengers, for up to 20 minutes.



City Council: Get to Know Your Elected Officials

Bayport is governed by a Mayor and four Councilmembers, who are elected to represent the city at large. The Mayor is elected to a two-year term and Councilmembers are each elected to a four-year term. Under the direction of the City Council, the City Administrator manages staff and the day-to-day operations of the city. The City Council meets monthly to approve expenditures and provide direction to staff on city policies, procedures, and projects.



Susan St. Ores, Mayor

Susan has served as Mayor for the past 5 years. She has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Mankato State University and has spent her professional career in both the education and marketing fields. Susan and her husband Phil have been residents of Bayport for 16 years and they have one daughter, Leah. Susan also serves on the board for the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce.



Connie Carlson, Councilmember

Born and raised in Bayport, Connie has served on the City Council for 11 years. She previously served on the Planning Commission and currently is the city liaison to the Library Board. Professionally, Connie has a background in childcare and owns and operates Pony Preschool in Bayport. Connie and her husband Rob have three children, Kyle, Sarah, and Joel.



Dan Goldston, Councilmember

After serving on the Planning Commission, Dan was appointed to the City Council in 2011 and was elected for a second term in 2012. He has spent his career in the construction industry, with an emphasis on mechanical contracting. Dan and his wife Linda have resided in Bayport for 15 years. He is the city liaison to the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization and Andersen Citizen Advisory Commission.



Michele Hanson, Councilmember

Michele has served on the City Council for 5 years and was most recently re-elected in 2014. She is the city liaison to the Central St. Croix Valley Joint Cable Commission. Michele and her husband Ben have two children, Calvin and Lainey, and have lived in Bayport 18 years. She has a degree from Hamline University and works at Readex Research as the director of project management/research operations.



Patrick McGann, Councilmember

Patrick was appointed to the City Council in 2013 and was elected to a second term in 2014. He has a degree from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and owns and operates his own practice, McGann Family Dental. Patrick is a native of the St. Croix Valley area and has been a resident of Bayport for 8 years. He currently serves as the city liaison to the Planning Commission.



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Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Phone: 651-275-4410

UTILITY, FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCY

Phone: 911

CITY HALL OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

May 30	November 24
July 4	December 22
September 5	December 26
October 10	

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING DATES

March 28	August 16
April 19	September 20
May 17	October 18
June 21	November 15
July 19	December 20

Meetings are held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENT DATES

Fire Hall Open House	April 30
Memorial Day Parade	May 30
Citywide Garage Sale	June 3-4
Farmer's Market	June-October
Night to Unite	August 2
Derby Days	September 17
Public Safety Open House	October 31
Lighting of Village Green	December 7



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Bayport In Bloom Front Entry Garden Contest Coming Soon!



The Washington County Master Gardeners are once again sponsoring the *Bayport In Bloom* Front Entry Garden Contest this summer. The focus of the contest is to exhibit 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 will be available at City Hall and the city's website in May. Nominations will be due in early July. We look forward to recognizing property owners for their hard work and showcasing some beautiful gardens!

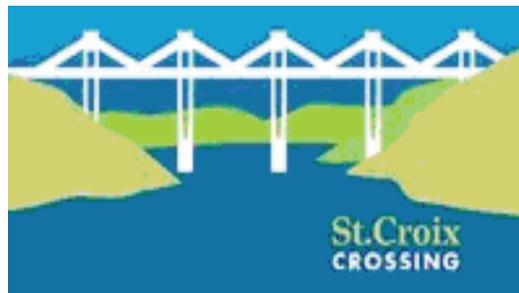
New! BCAL Craft Fair June 4

While you're out and about for the Citywide Garage Sale, be sure to check out the new Craft Fair sponsored by the Bayport Community Action League (BCAL). The event will be held on Saturday, June 4 at Village Green Park, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and includes various



craft and food vendors. To participate as a vendor, contact Scott at 651-351-5070 or email info@bayportcommunityactionleague.com.

St. Croix Crossing Bridge Update and Tours



Progress on the new bridge continues and the construction zone on the St. Croix River is anticipated to be heavily congested in 2016. Project barges will be transporting segments from the casting yard near Cottage Grove to the bridge site this summer, with shipments potentially occurring daily. These segments will make up the driving surface

and will be installed in conjunction with stay cables to support the weight of the new bridge. Boaters should be aware that the river navigation channel will continuously change to allow construction to continue at all pier locations and the slow/no wake worker safety zone will be enforced. Public boat tours of the bridge construction site will once again be offered through St. Croix Boat & Packet in Stillwater, May – October. For bridge updates/tours, visit www.mndot.gov/stcroixcrossing.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Landscape Workshops and Master Gardener Plant Sale

Washington County is sponsoring several FREE upcoming workshops where participants will learn about landscaping for natural areas, and pollinator habitat, as well as vegetable, fairy, and butterfly gardens. The workshops will also demonstrate ways to manage invasive plant species and drainage/erosion issues using rain gardens, swales, and dry creek beds. Also, be sure to take advantage of the plant sale to help you get a start on your landscape projects! Contact the Washington Conservation District at 651-330-8220, or visit www.mnwcd.org.



Landscape Workshops - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

- April 7 Lake Elmo Public Library, 3537 Lake Elmo Ave. N., Lake Elmo
- April 26 All Saints Lutheran Church, 8100 Belden Blvd., Cottage Grove
- April 27 Scandia Community Center, 14727 209th St. N., Scandia
- May 4 Vanelli's by the Lake, 55 Lake St. S., Forest Lake
- May 10 Carpenter Nature Center, 12805 St. Croix Trl. S., Hastings

Master Gardener Plant Sale – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- June 5 Washington County Fairgrounds, 12300 40th St. N., Stillwater