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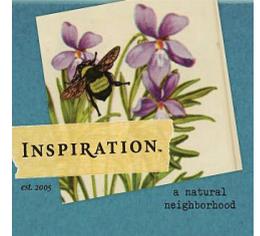
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The Nature Center is located within the residential development "Inspiration."

New! Reserve the Nature Center for a Special Event

Ownership of the Nature Center building was recently transferred to the city, which was a condition of the original approval for the Inspiration development. The building had previously served as a space for builders to meet with prospective homebuyers. Now that Phase I of the development is substantially complete, the building has been conveyed to the city for public use by the community.



The Nature Center consists of an open assembly area with a small kitchenette and restrooms, ideal for hosting a small gathering, meeting, or special event for up to 40 people. The building will provide an opportunity for the city to accommodate rental requests for events year-round, which does not currently exist in any city park or other recreation facility. To inquire about availability or for more information, please contact City Hall.

Seeking Nominations for Bayport In Bloom Contest



Is there a property in your neighborhood that deserves recognition for a welcoming front entry, featuring appealing plants or landscaping? The Washington County Master

Gardeners are seeking nominations for this year's Bayport In Bloom Front Entry Garden Contest and they need your help! From container plantings to overall landscape, all commercial and residential properties that feature exceptional curb appeal, design, and maintenance are eligible for the contest. Nomination forms are available on the city's website and at City Hall and will be accepted until July 13, 2016.

A Message from the Mayor by Susan St. Ores



It's that time of year when many are pursuing improvement projects on their property, and the city is no exception. Thanks to the help of volunteers

from Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Andersen Corporation, city crews were able to plant 62 trees in various neighborhoods, parks, and Hazelwood Cemetery in the past month, which is a major accomplishment! We will also be embarking on the rehabilitation of a municipal parking lot located at 169 3rd Street North. Not only will this project improve vehicle maneuverability and pedestrian safety in the business corridor, it will also feature an aesthetically appealing landscape and enhanced stormwater infiltration methods to help protect water quality.

These projects are just a few examples of how beautification can add so much more to the community besides visual benefit, including increases to tax capacity and property values, as well as creating a safer

and more enjoyable environment to live, work, and play. Upkeep and maintenance are also key ways property owners can invest in our community, which creates a positive impression that attracts visitors, as well as prospective residents and businesses.

This summer, I encourage all of you to look after your property, offer help to a neighbor, or share a project that will benefit our community. Also, be supportive of long term improvement plans and beautification efforts that may take more time to implement in order to achieve a positive, successful result. Thanks in advance for your help to maintain a welcoming community environment through collaboration and continued beautification efforts, which are appreciated by all!

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Community Programs and Events

Seasonal Farmers Market On Now



Be sure to visit the Farmers Market on Mondays this summer to shop for fresh goods, direct from the vendors! The market will be held at Village Green Park, 2:30-6:30 p.m., through October. Many thanks to the Bayport Community Action League for organizing the market!

Youth Safety Camp: Register by July 15!

Youth safety camp is a two-day program that teaches safety tips to children entering grades 3-5 for the upcoming school year. The camp will be held at Lakeside Park on August 1-2, 8:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$50.00 through July 15 and includes food, beverages, t-shirt, and safety information. To register, visit the city's website or contact City Hall.



Annual St. Croix Garden Tour July 16-17



The 2016 St. Croix Garden Tour will be held July 16 and 17, which is a self-guided tour of gardens in and around the Stillwater area. Tickets are \$20.00 and may be purchased at Family Means, 1875 Northwestern Avenue in Stillwater, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the tour dates. Visitors will receive a map and description of each garden to tour at their leisure.

Bayport Women's Golf Open August 7

The Stillwater Country Club will be hosting a Women's Golf Open for current or past residents of Bayport on Friday, August 5 at 8:30 a.m. The event will include 9 holes of golf, lunch, and prizes. For more information, contact Jane Sigstad at 651-439-6879 or richardnjane@gmail.com

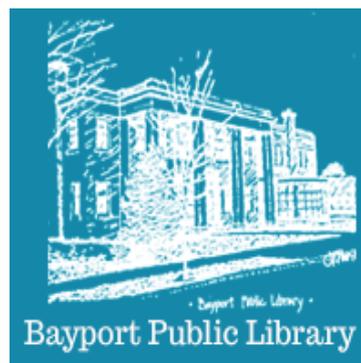


Notice of Primary and General Elections

The 2016 primary election will be held on August 9 and a general election will be held on November 8. The polling place for Bayport residents to vote is City Hall, open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on election days. For new voter registration and absentee ballot forms, please visit www.co.washington.mn.us or contact City Hall.



Bayport Library Website Gets a Facelift!



In May, the Library launched its new website, which is geared at providing patrons a convenient and easy way to access their account, search for materials, and find information on upcoming events. The website also allows patrons to access eBooks and eAudiobooks and check out featured materials recommended by Library staff. Suggestions for improvement or program ideas? Please contact Library Director Jill Smith at jsmith@ci.bayport.mn.us or 651-275-4416. Input and feedback is welcome and appreciated!

New Signs to Help AIS Prevention Efforts



Thanks to the St. Croix River Association, the city was able to secure new signs that depict several species of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Asian Carp and ways to help prevent the spread of this species in the St. Croix River. If caught, Asian Carp should not be released. Report a catch immediately by contacting 911. Look for the new signs to be posted at popular recreation locations along the river this summer!

Save The Date: Bayport Derby Days is September 17

The Bayport Community Action League is excited to announce September 17 as the date for this year's Derby Days festivities! Events will be sure to include the popular "Duck Derby" race on Perro Creek and fireworks display over the St. Croix River! Look for a schedule of activities to be posted on the city's website and at local businesses in September!



Mow Like a Pro: Tips for Green Lawn and Clean Water!

Let's face it, no matter how popular native plantings and low maintenance landscaping have become, most homeowners want some turf lawn area for recreation and curb appeal. However, having a lawn also comes with the responsibility of proper care and maintenance, to minimize potential negative impacts to the environment, especially water quality. Please refer to the tips listed below to achieve a green and sustainable lawn this summer!

1. MOW HIGH

Set your mower to a minimum height of 3 inches to produce a dense, healthy root system, making it resistant to weeds, drought, and erosion and trap pollutants from entering storm drains.



2. KEEP BLADES SHARP

Yellow or white grass tips are a good indication that your mower blade is dull. A sharp blade will not only result in a clean cut and better lawn appearance, it will also eliminate unnecessary stress and damage to the grass.



3. SKIP THE BAG

Grass clippings and leaves are often considered a "natural fertilizer" because they contain vital nutrients that are beneficial when mulched and left on the lawn in small quantities after mowing. Compost excess clippings and leaves, to prevent them from blowing into the street and entering storm drains.



4. WATER WISELY

Lawns need about 1 inch of water per week. It is best to water early in the morning for lawns to retain the most moisture. City watering regulations are before 3:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. on odd and even days by address, May 1 - September 1.



5. FERTILIZE SMART

Fertilizer is most effective when applied in the fall season. Always use zero-phosphorus products and apply as directed by the manufacturer for best results.



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CITY HALL OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

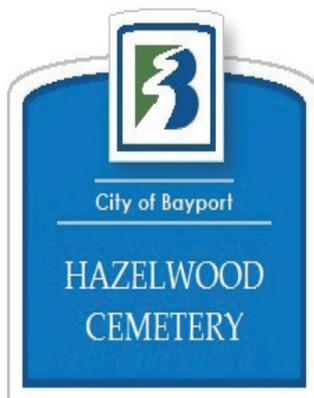
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| July 4 | November 24 |
| September 5 | December 22 |
| October 10 | December 26 |

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

COMMUNITY EVENT DATES

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| 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 |



Help Keep Hazelwood Cemetery Clean And Safe!

Recently, the city has noticed excessive decorations/mementos at many gravesites, which not only hinder proper lawn care and degrade the appearance of the cemetery, but also pose safety concerns for maintenance crews and visitors. Please keep in mind that traditional gravesites may only contain living plants in an urn stand, one U.S. flag, one clear solar light, and one natural wreath (November 1-March 1). Artificial flowers and decorations/mementos may be placed at the time of burial, but must be removed within one week. The city hopes this reminder will help bring gravesites into compliance with established cemetery regulations. Please be advised that the city reserves the right to remove any property that is in violation. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!



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Safety Training Facilities: An Important Feature of the New Bayport Fire Hall

One of the main priorities in constructing the new Fire Hall was increasing the amount of on-site training opportunities for the volunteers. Being well-trained and safe while responding to calls is a major focus of the Bayport Fire Department. The new facility provides a number of training areas that will eliminate the need for personnel to rely on other agencies to provide training facilities and equipment, critical for safe job performance. During the design process, the Fire Department Building Committee worked diligently with the architect to maximize the mezzanine space on the second floor for training opportunities. Features of this area include a simulator for confined space

training, movable partitions to replicate situational training, and a smoke machine to imitate limited visibility training. On the building exterior, second story windows and roof ladders provide an opportunity to practice elevated rescues and limited access, actions that would be required for several commercial/industrial properties within the service area. The city is pleased to report that these facilities have already been utilized for training drills with great success and we look forward to continued use to improve the department's overall safety and training program!

