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Habitat for Humanity House Awaits a Deserving Family

In celebration of 100 years in the building industry, Andersen Corporation is partnering with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity to construct a new home in Bayport for a family in need. This project is particularly meaningful, as it marks the 100th home Andersen Corporation has helped fund and build over the last five years.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit program that focuses on building quality, affordable homes for families that may be unable to qualify for a traditional home mortgage. Partner families invest hundreds of hours of their own labor into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are then sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans.

Construction on Bayport's Habitat house, which is located at 386 Maine



Volunteers hard at work in October at 386 Maine Street South, the site of the Habitat for Humanity house.

Street South, began October 15. Over the last month, volunteers have been busy working on everything from framing the structure to painting the interior. The ranch style house includes four bedrooms, two baths, and features high quality and energy efficient windows, appliances, and heating system.

Andersen Corporation is assisting Habitat for Humanity in their efforts by donating monetary funding, as well as windows and employee labor. The house was completed at the end of November and awaits occupancy of a deserving family!



Representatives from Andersen Corporation, Habitat for Humanity, as well as state and local officials pause for a quick snapshot following the wall raising ceremony in October. From left to right are Jim Humphrey, Mike McGuire, Jon Nowaczek, Susan Roeder, and Kathy Saltzman.

City Utility Billing Notice

Approximately 300 Bayport residents received an estimated invoice for their sewer and water usage during the 3rd quarter billing cycle (June-September), due to an oversight with the city's meter reading procedure. The properties affected are mainly residences on north streets.

Invoices with an estimated reading included an "E" next to the usage number. Affected homeowners should be advised that they may see an adjustment in their utility bills for the 4th quarter billing cycle, when an actual reading is recorded.

Residents can expect their next utility bill around the end of December, with payment due in mid January. The city apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciates your understanding in the matter.

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Community Programs and Events

The Adventure Continues...



Art that inspires and engages...hands-on science that excites and educates...history that brings early Minnesota alive...plants and animals from here and around the world...All of these and more are waiting for you at Bayport Public Library and all metro public libraries.

The "Museum Adventure Pass" program provides library card holders free admission passes to local museums, zoos, and historical sites. Just use your library card to receive a pass, presented by Macy's Department Store. Each pass is good for two or four free admissions, depending on location, to one of many exciting cultural destinations. For more information please visit the library's website at www.bayportlibrary.org

Holiday at the Village Green

The Holiday at the Village Green will be held on Thursday, December 6th, to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season! Scheduled events include:



6:00 p.m. - Story hour at the library

6:30 p.m. - Lighting of the trees at Village Green Park, bonfire, caroling, and refreshments

6:45 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, and Bayport area businesses for sponsoring the event.

Toys for Tots

Once again, the city will be participating in Toys for Tots! The 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, Public Library, Croixdale Senior Housing Community, Holiday Gas Station, American Legion, and First State Bank and Trust.

House Numbers Save Lives

Whether it may be a police, fire, or medical emergency, proper display of house numbers will help ensure that emergency responders arrive as quickly as possible to assist you and/or your family. The Bayport Police Department has noticed that several residential properties do not have house numbers displayed on their home and/or garage facing the alley. To make sure your house numbers are visible to emergency responders, they should comply with the following:

- Affixed to the house or to a signpost facing the street
- Affixed to a garage facing an alley
- Made of metal, glass, plastic, or other durable, weather resistant material
- At least 3 inches in height
- A color that contrasts with the house or background (black numbers on a white house)
- Easily and clearly visible from the street or alley when approached from either direction

Check out the New Ground Improvements and Landscaping at the Library

Please stop by the Bayport Public Library, walk the grounds, and enjoy the beautiful new library gardens, patio, fence, and sitting wall, thanks to the University of



Minnesota Extension Master Gardeners in Washington County. In exchange for storage and meeting space, they designed, planted, and mulched for the project, which took most of the summer. Thanks to the Master Gardeners for a job well done!

Snowmobile and ATV Safety

For the safety of the community, snowmobiles and all-terrain recreational vehicles are only allowed to be operated in the following areas within the city limits:

- Private property, with written permission of the owner
- Streets and alleys, on the right side of the traffic lane, with the flow of traffic, at a speed less than 15 miles per hour

Hours of operation are limited to Sunday-Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Be advised that snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are not allowed to be driven on school grounds, skating rinks, playgrounds, public park land, or public sidewalks at any time. We appreciate your cooperation and wish you a safe and fun winter season!

Help Keep Our Watershed Clean of Hazardous Waste!

Yard work and home improvement projects can create a lot of trash and debris. Be sure that you know how to dispose of your waste safely and legally, so that it does not contaminate local rivers, lakes, streams, or our drinking water.

An illicit discharge is the dumping of any potentially hazardous liquid or solid material into a storm sewer or drainage ditch. While most illicit discharges don't make the evening news, they are a serious threat to local water quality.

Storm sewers and ditches transport water directly from your street to local waterways. That means that anything that makes its way into local storm sewers, whether it is dumped there intentionally, or washed away by the rain, will soon turn up in the St. Croix River.

As a general rule, if you cringe at the thought of pouring it into the water at your local beach, take the time to dispose of it properly. Please refer to the following information and disposal tips to help keep our watershed clean:

Yard Waste: Mulch leaves and grass into your lawn to return nutrients to the soil or create a compost pile. Yard waste can also be taken to Buberl Recycling and Composting in Stillwater (5750 Memorial Ave. N, 439-8399).

Household Hazardous Waste: Take items such as cleaners, paint, used engine oil, lawn chemicals, propane tanks and pool chemicals to the Hazardous Materials Collection Site in Oakdale (1900 Hadley Ave. N, 430-6770).



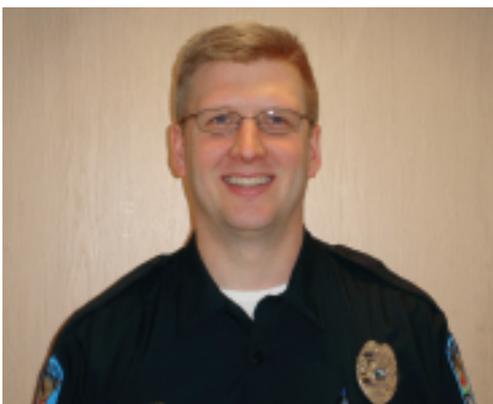
For more information or disposal sites, please visit the Washington County website at www.co.washington.mn.us

Helpful Tips for the Heating Season

We hope these tips will help you to stay warm and save money this heating season!

- Check the insulation in your attic area to make sure it is doing the job. The minimum insulation rating for residential attics is R-38, or 12-16 inches of insulation.
- Replace screens with storm windows for additional insulation.
- Check all of the weather stripping around doors and windows and replace as necessary, to stop cold air infiltration.
- Install window insulation kits to help prevent heat loss.
- Have a licensed mechanical contractor inspect all of your heating appliances to make sure they are in good working order.
- Adjust your thermostat to a cooler setting when you are at work or out of town.

City Hires Dave Wynia as a Full-time Police Officer



Dave Wynia was promoted to a full-time Police Officer on April 2, 2007, after serving the city on a part-time basis for the past two years. In addition to serv-

ing as a full-time officer, Dave is also currently the Police Liaison for the Bayport Reserve Program.

Dave has a degree in Criminal Justice from Century College and has been involved in law enforcement for over seven years. He previously worked for the Blaine Police Department and New Brighton Police Reserves. In his free time, Dave enjoys golfing, fishing, and spending time with his family.

We are very excited to have Dave join the city on a full-time basis. Please feel free to say "hi" when you see him out and about in your neighborhood!

Winter Parking Reminder

Please help the Public Works Department with snowplowing by making sure all vehicles parked on



the street are removed after a snowfall of 2 inches or more, until the street has been plowed curb to curb. Be advised that vehicles parked on the street for more than 24 hours may be ticketed and/or towed.

Did You Know About These City Services?

- A drop box for utility bill payments and general city correspondence is located near the north entrance to City Hall. Residents are encouraged to use this box after business hours and to save postage. A drop box for Comcast payments is also located adjacent to the city's receptacle.
- The city assists residents with trimming damaged or overgrown boulevard trees. Residents are encouraged to contact City Hall to report boulevard trees that need attention.
- Special notices for city meetings, workshops, public forums, and legal notices are posted on the bulletin board located in the south entrance vestibule at City Hall, which is available for public viewing 24 hours a day.
- Annual pet licenses and collar identification tags are available at City Hall. All dogs and cats over 3 months of age are required to be licensed and wear a collar tag. If a pet gets lost, this license and tag will identify the pet so it can be returned to its owner.
- Park shelters at Lakeside Park and Barker's Alps Park can be reserved at City Hall by residents, for up to 50 people, at no charge.
- Property watch cards are available at City Hall for residents who plan on being away from their home for an extended period of time. This card helps alert the Police Department to watch the property for suspicious activity and provides contact information for residents, should an emergency occur.



Communications Corner



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CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City offices will be closed on:

- December 24, Christmas Eve Day
- December 25, Christmas Day
- December 31, New Year's Eve Day
- January 1, New Year's Day

CITY DEPARTMENTS

Fire Department651-275-4401
Library651-275-4416
Police Dept-Emergency911
Police Non-emergency . . .651-275-4400
Public Works651-275-4410

CITY MEETING CALENDAR

City Council – 6:00 p.m.
- 1st Monday of the month
Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- 3rd Monday of the month
Library Board – 6:00 p.m.
- 4th Thursday of the month

Visit the city's website at
<http://bayport.govoffice.com>

