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Photo entitled "St. Croix Sailing Day" taken by resident Coleen Siegfried.

Annual Drinking Water Report



The Minnesota Department of Health recently released the city's 2013 Drinking Water Report, which is posted on the city's website. The report summarizes monitoring results from the three wells that provide drinking water to the city. Results indicate that no contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. The city will continue to monitor the trichloroethylene (TCE) levels in our system, specifically in wells #3 and #4, which are not currently connected to the city's treatment plant and proceed with treatment, as warranted.

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



I am always reminded how working together can really make a difference. This year, the city has been involved with several partnerships that have resulted in

significant accomplishments. In January, staff began working with Warden Michelle Smith and Commissioner Tom Roy with the Department of Corrections to help secure a parcel of surplus land to facilitate the construction of a new city Fire Hall. Representative Kathy Lohmer and Senator Karin Housley were instrumental in leading this charge through the legislature, which resulted in the land being dedicated to the city at no cost, saving \$200,000, which is exciting news!

In April, the city partnered with Andersen Corporation to secure a \$500,000 forgivable loan from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. The loan will

assist Andersen with facility upgrades, to support an expansion of their window line and create over 100 new jobs in Bayport.

The city also continues to work closely with the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce to strengthen connections with our local businesses and to bring community events to our city, such as "Rockin' Ribs on the River."

These are just a few of the successful partnerships the city has engaged in this year. I would like to convey my gratitude and appreciation to not only the individuals and organizations mentioned, but to all who collaborate with the city to make exciting things happen!

New Stop Signs to be Installed Near Andersen Elementary School



New stop signs will be installed at the intersection of 2nd Ave. N. and 4th St. N. in the next few months. This intersection is currently uncontrolled and the

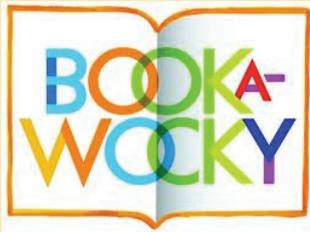
stop signs will help improve overall pedestrian safety and traffic movement in the area. The signs are being installed in conjunction with a new secured entrance to the school, as well as the relocation of parent drop-off/pick-up to 4th St. N. and bus pick-up area to 2nd Ave. N. More safety information will be provided by Andersen Elementary prior to the start of school in September.

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Community Programs and Events

Gear Up for Summer Programs at the Library



The library is excited to offer a variety of programs this summer for all ages. *Bookawocky* challenges children, teens, and adults to complete literacy activities to earn a reward and be placed on the library's Wall of Fame. *Read, Write,*

Draw provides children the opportunity to write or draw about a favorite book they have read for a chance to win prizes. Teens are invited to play *Tic-Tac-Teen* for a chance to "x" spaces on a game card to be entered into a drawing for prizes. For more information, contact the library.

Seasonal Farmer's Market at Perro Park

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 to 6:30 p.m. at Perro Park, beginning June 16 through October 20. Thanks to the Bayport Community Action League for organizing and sponsoring the market!



Youth Safety Camp & Night to Unite August 4-5



Children entering grades 3-5 are invited to attend Youth Safety Camp on August 4-5, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camp includes games, exhibits,

and activities that teach children various safety tips and information. Registration information and fees are on the city's website or at City Hall. Also, be sure to join with families, friends and neighbors for Night to Unite at Lakeside Park on August 5, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. to promote community safety, featuring demonstrations and prizes!

Save the Date for Derby Days

The Bayport Community Action League is excited to announce Saturday, September 20 as the date for this year's festivities. Events will include the popular "Duck Derby" race on Perro Creek, "Taste of Bayport" with food from local eating establishments, and a fireworks display over the St. Croix River!



Resident Reminder: Seasonal City Water Regulations Now in Effect

To help conserve water, the city has adopted watering regulations, which are now in effect through September 1. Residents with even house numbers may water on even-numbered calendar days and odd house numbers may water on odd-numbered days. Watering must be before 3:00 p.m. or after 8:00 p.m. Please keep in mind that these regulations do not apply to hand watering of vegetation, new lawn seed/sod or landscaping within 30 days of installation, or irrigation necessary to prevent unreasonable damage to public property. Properties with irrigation systems are encouraged to have their system checked periodically, to eliminate unnecessary or excessive usage, and to help prevent a costly utility bill.



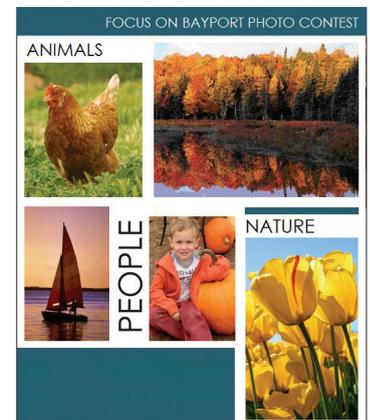
Nominate a Neighbor for the "Bayport in Bloom" Front Entry Garden Contest



Nominate your favorite front entry garden for a *Bayport in Bloom* award! Judges will evaluate curb appeal, design, and maintenance. Contest details and nomination forms are posted at City Hall and the city's website. Nominations must be submitted to City Hall by July 16 and judging will occur July 19-20.

Grab Your Camera for the "Focus on Bayport" Photo Contest

Open to residents of all ages, this photo contest is a great way to showcase the beauty, character, and spirit of our city! Entries must feature a city resident, animal, place, or object captured within Bayport. Contest rules are posted at City Hall and the city's website. Photos must be submitted to City Hall by October 15. Winning photos will be published in an edition of the city newsletter.



Recent Revisions to City Ordinances Will Help Address Ongoing Complaints

Over the last few months, the City Council has been revising various ordinances, to help address some of the city's ongoing complaints and frequent code violations. In an effort to keep property owners informed and in compliance with recent changes, the following is a summary of the most significant city code revisions:

Chapter 54: Parking a vehicle on a city street for more than 24 consecutive hours is prohibited.

Chapter 14: Supplying or providing an artificial food source to wild animals other than small, common backyard birds is prohibited.



Chapter 46: All types of dumpsters, PODS, bagsters, and other temporary bulk storage containers require a city permit, and are limited to one per property. The container must be located at least 5 feet from all property lines and must be removed within 30 days. Exceptions to the regulations listed above may be considered and approved by the city.

Chapter 62: Turf grass/weeds must be maintained to a maximum height of 6 inches. Public boulevards may only consist of turf grass and trees, unless otherwise approved by the city. It is the responsibility of private property owners to maintain turf grass on boulevards abutting their property and not to deposit grass clippings/yard waste in the street. It is the city's responsibility to plant and maintain trees on all city boulevards.



The complete Bayport City Code of Ordinances, as well as recently amended and new ordinances, can be accessed on the city's website. We thank you in advance for your cooperation to respect and abide by city code.

Notice of 2014 Primary and General Elections

A primary election will be held on August 12 and a general election will be held on November 4. The designated polling place for all Bayport residents to vote is City Hall. Polls will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election days. Residents unable to vote on election day may vote in advance by absentee ballot at the Washington County Government Center in Stillwater either by mail or in person.



For general election information, voter registration applications, absentee ballot applications, and sample ballot information, please visit the Washington County website at www.co.washington.mn.us. If you are interested in assisting the city administer voting procedures on election days, please contact City Hall.



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PUBLIC WORKS

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UTILITY, FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCY

Phone: 911

City offices will be closed to observe the following upcoming holidays in 2014:

Labor DaySeptember 1
Veteran's DayNovember 11
Thanksgiving DayNovember 27
Christmas Eve DayDecember 24
Christmas DayDecember 25
New Year's Eve DayDecember 31

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

First Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
unless noted.

July 7 October 6
August 4 November 10
September 8 December 1

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

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

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

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

2014 CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday Farmer's Market	June–October
Youth Safety Camp	August 4–5
Night to Unite	August 5
Derby Days	September 20
Public Safety Open House	October 31
Lighting of the Green	December 3



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Flower Baskets Debut in City Business District!

We are excited to announce a new pilot project involving the installation of hanging flower baskets along Highway 95 and 5th Ave. N. Only a limited number of brackets and baskets were secured and installed this year. However, assuming the baskets are well received and do not incur damage from large truck/vehicle traffic, we look forward to expanding this project next year!



When Do I Need a Permit?

As a reminder, the city requires a permit for new construction, but also for many other projects. Permit forms are available on the city's website or at City Hall. Permits are required for:



- Roofing
- Siding
- Fences
- Driveways
- Swimming pools
- Decks
- Windows
- Porches
- Street excavation
- Garages/sheds
- Basement finishing
- Air conditioners
- Water heaters
- Furnaces
- Fireplaces
- Gas ranges

Coming Soon: Phase II Improvements at Perro Park



In May, the City Council authorized the second phase of improvements at Perro Park, which will be completed over the next few months. Projects include reconfiguring/resurfacing the tennis courts, relocating the playground equipment to the center of the park, and upgrading the ball field area. New concrete steps and a park identification sign will also be added to the northwest corner of the park, as well as new pathways to better facilitate access to park amenities. Construction is anticipated to begin in July.

Users are encouraged to use care and caution in the park while these improvements are being constructed. Completion is tentatively scheduled for September.

City Secures Minnesota Correctional Facility Land for a New Fire Hall

In the first half of this year, the city made significant progress in the pursuit of a site for a new Fire Hall. A 4.5 acre parcel of surplus land was recently transferred from the Department of Corrections to the city, at no cost. The city also received a generous grant in the amount of \$1 million from the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation, to help facilitate construction of the new building, which is estimated at \$5 to \$6 million.



The city is in the process of discussing preliminary design for the site and we anticipate soliciting architecture and engineering services to assist with this process in the next few months. Discussions will also continue with our partner service communities of Oak Park Heights, Baytown, and West Lakeland on a cost-share arrangement for a portion of the building construction. All communities have indicated their preliminary support for the project. Look for additional updates to be provided at City Council meetings, the city website, and the city newsletter regarding the overall project, as well as opportunities to provide public input.