



# Bayport News

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## Bayport Police Officer Quinn Willmarth Named “Hero of the Year”

Quinn Willmarth was named “Hero of the Year” by the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce as part of their Winter Gala Community Award Celebration. The



awards are geared toward honoring people and organizations that make our community a great place to live, work, and thrive. Quinn was nominated for this award for going above and beyond to assist a fellow Veteran who was endangered and suffering post-traumatic stress disorder. Congratulations Quinn!

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



I am pleased to say that the city is off to a fresh, exciting start for 2017, beginning with the arrival of several new officials, bringing enthusiasm and innovative ideas to our community. I

would like to welcome John Buckley, who was elected to the City Council last November and began his 4-year term on January 3, 2017. John is probably no stranger to many of you, as he has resided in Bayport 31 years and previously served on staff as the city’s Building Official before retiring last July. John’s familiarity with the community as both a long-term resident and staff member will be an asset to his service on the City Council and we are enjoying working with him.

Last, but certainly not least, it is my pleasure to announce that we have a new City Administrator, Adam Bell, who began employment with the city in late February. Adam comes to us with a variety of education and experience in both law and municipal government career fields. He has 8 years of county and municipal management experience, most recently working for a developing community in Washington County. Adam’s professional demeanor, strong leadership skills, and devotion to civic engagement will be a great addition to our team!

I can’t think of a better way to begin spring than with new faces that bring dedication, passion, and commitment to public service and our community. Welcome John, Matt, and Adam as Bayport’s newest city officials!

In January, we welcomed Matt Kline to city staff as the new Public Works Director. Having worked in municipal public works and utilities in the St. Croix Valley for the past 15 years, Matt brings a wealth of education, experience, and knowledge that will greatly benefit our city and this department. We will be embarking on many significant infrastructure improvements over the next 10 years, and Matt will play a critical role in leading and managing these projects.

## County Receives \$2 Million in Clean Water Funds



**CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT**

Washington County communities will be receiving more than \$2 million in state funding to protect lakes, streams, rivers and groundwater this year! The funding is made possible by the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment that was approved by voters in 2008 to

support clean water, parks, trails, habitat, and arts in Minnesota. Specifically, \$63,000 will be allocated to the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization to install up to 10 bio-infiltration projects, commonly referred to as rain gardens, in and around Bayport, to clean stormwater runoff that drains to Perro Creek. The projects are estimated to keep 6 pounds of phosphorus and 1 ton of sediment out of the creek and the St. Croix River each year, helping to improve water quality and prevent algae blooms. For more information on other Clean Water Fund projects in the county, visit [www.mnwcd.org](http://www.mnwcd.org)

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## Community Programs and Events

### Memorial Day Parade is May 29



Join the community in commemorating U.S. men and women who lost their lives while serving in the military at the Memorial Day Parade on Monday,

May 29 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.

### 12th Annual Citywide Garage Sale is June 2-3

The Citywide Garage Sale will be held on Friday, June 2, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 3, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. To be placed on the participant list, contact City Hall or email [khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us)



### Community Ice Cream Social is June 7



Join friends and family to enjoy a sweet treat on Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Beach House. Thanks to the Bayport Community Action League for sponsoring the event and the ice cream!

### Seasonal Farmers Market Begins June 19

Be sure to visit the Farmers Market on Mondays this summer to shop for fresh goods, direct from local vendors! The market will be held at Village Green Park, 2:30- 6:30 p.m., beginning June 19 through October. Many thanks

to the vendors for their participation and Bayport Community Action League for organizing and sponsoring the market!



## Check Out a Book at a Little Free Library

The Little Free Library is a free neighborhood book exchange program. Bayport is fortunate to have two kiosks, one located in Lakeside Park and the other by Dragonfly Green on Pioneer Trail in Inspiration. Volunteers were instrumental in creating these libraries, to promote literacy and the love of reading in our community. Whether you decide to take a book or leave a book, be sure to stop by and check one out!



## Building? Know When a Permit is Required



Whether you plan to do the work yourself or hire a contractor, a city permit must be obtained prior to starting most building projects, to ensure that any remodeling or new construction projects meet required safety and building

codes. It is best to contact the city's building service contractor MNSPECT at 952-442-7520 during the planning stages of a project to determine what is required. In general, permits are required for any new construction, general interior or exterior remodeling, and the items listed below. Please know fines may be issued for projects that are started without a permit. More information and permit forms can be found on the city's website.

- Air conditioners
- Basements finishing
- Decks
- Driveways
- Fences
- Fireplaces
- Furnaces
- Garages
- Gas ranges
- Grading
- Patios
- Porches
- Retaining walls
- Roofing
- Sheds
- Siding
- Street excavation
- Swimming pools
- Vegetative cutting
- Water heaters
- Windows

## Thanks for a Record Fire Dept. Fundraiser!

Many thanks to residents and businesses for their donations and attendance at the annual Fire Department Fundraiser held on February 18. A record \$17,939 was raised and will be used to help fund the Public Safety Open House in October and equipment for the new airboat. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated!



## Reserve a City Park Facility to Host Your Special Event!

Looking for a great place to hold a reunion, shower, graduation, fundraiser, or birthday party? Look no further than one of our city parks to host your event! The city accepts reservations for the four Lakeside Park picnic shelters and the three season Beach House, as well as the Barker's Alps picnic shelter. Need a smaller space with air conditioning? The city also reserves the Nature Center located in the Inspiration neighborhood.



In addition to these facilities, game courts and fields can be rented for special events or tournaments. Visit the city's website for more information on park facilities, as well as rental forms and fees. To check rental availability, contact City Hall.

## Help Stop Invasive Species in Your Tracks!

Spring is here, and for many, that means it's time to get outdoors! However, that also increases the risk of spreading invasive plants and animals by way of outdoor recreation activities. Whether it's hiking, camping, biking, or gardening, there are many things you can do to help slow the spread of invasive species and prevent harm to human health and the environment. By practicing easy, responsible habits, you can be a solution to invasive pollution!



### GIVE GEAR A GOOD BRUSH!

Before entering and leaving a recreation site, give clothing, boots, gear, pets, and vehicles a good brush to remove plants, animals, and dirt. Prevent invasive hitchhikers from moving place to place!



### BUY WOOD WHERE YOU BURN IT!

The best firewood is local firewood. Before camping, check for any firewood restrictions and locate a source of wood near your campsite. Be sure to burn all of the wood you bring or leave it with the campground host. Never transport firewood out of a local area.



### STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS!

When walking, hiking, running, biking, and riding a horse or all-terrain vehicle, stay on the designated trail. Not only will this minimize impacts to the recreation area, it will limit exposure to invasive plants and animals.



### BUY CLEAN, PLANT CLEAN!

Native plants are environmentally friendly and attract less invasive species. When purchasing plants, be aware of labels that read "spread fast" as this could indicate a non-native variety. Also, clean gardening tools before and after use.



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#### CITY HALL AND POLICE

Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
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Website: [www.ci.bayport.mn.us](http://www.ci.bayport.mn.us)

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hours: By appointment  
Phone: 651-275-4401  
Email: [aeisinger@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:aeisinger@ci.bayport.mn.us)  
Website: [www.bayportfire.org](http://www.bayportfire.org)

#### LIBRARY

Hours: Mon., 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Tues., 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Wed./Thurs., 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Fri., 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sat., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Phone: 651-275-4416  
Email: [jsmith@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:jsmith@ci.bayport.mn.us)  
Website: [www.bayportlibrary.org](http://www.bayportlibrary.org)

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Phone: 651-275-4410  
Email: [mcline@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:mcline@ci.bayport.mn.us)

#### UTILITY, FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCY

Phone: 911

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

May 1	September 11
June 5	October 2
July 10	November 6
August 7	December 4

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

#### 2017 COMMUNITY EVENT DATES

Memorial Day Parade	May 29
Citywide Garage Sale	June 2-3
Farmers Market	June-October
Ice Cream Social	June 7
Nite to Unite	August 1
Derby Days/Craft Fair	September 16
Public Safety Open House	October 31
Lighting of Village Green	December 6

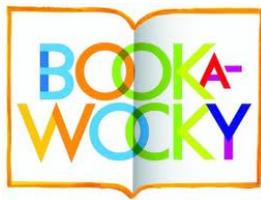


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## Summer Library Programs

Be sure to check out the variety of programs and events the library has to offer this summer, including painting and cooking classes, book club, music and theater performances, chess club, science experiments, and movies! For a full schedule, including dates and times, as well as a description of each event and class registration information, visit the library's website!



## City Photo Contest Winners!

Once again, residents captured some great images of our city in the 2016 *Focus on Bayport* Photo Contest!



Entries were judged on creativity, visual and technical merit, and composition. Thanks to participants of all ages who shared their spectacular photos!

Congratulations to the winners! Pictured from top: *Moment in Time* and *Field Day in the Park* by Dan Asmus, *Jail Bird* by Jim Kosmo. Not pictured: *Morning Light* by Jessica Buck.



## Welcome New City Administrator Adam Bell

The city is pleased to welcome new City Administrator Adam Bell to the community! Adam started in late February and is responsible for the day to day operations of the city, including oversight of all departments and staff, as well as the annual budget. Adam comes to Bayport with experience in both county and municipal government, most recently working in Lake Elmo as the Assistant City Administrator. He has a Bachelor's degree in history from Gustavus Adolphus College and a Law degree from the University of St. Thomas.



Adam is extremely excited to be working for the city, stating "I am deeply humbled and honored for the opportunity to serve the City of Bayport. I look forward to working with the City Council and staff, and for the people of this great community." Adam resides in Hennepin County with his wife and three children.

He enjoys the outdoors, watching college football, spending time with family, and serving as a leader of his son's Cub Scout pack. Be sure to welcome Adam to Bayport when you see him out in the community!

## Frequently Asked Question: Where Can I Park?



Generally, motor vehicle parking is allowed on city streets, and in city parks and municipal lots, according to posted parking signage. The city encourages off-street parking whenever possible, especially in our commercial districts. To promote this effort, the city constructed a new public parking lot on Hwy 95, which not only increases off-street parking opportunities in this corridor, it also helps alleviate traffic congestion, improve visibility, and increase pedestrian safety. When visiting businesses, please be considerate and refrain from long-term parking on adjacent residential streets or areas intended for a quick visit, such as near the post office.

For boating enthusiasts, please keep in mind the city does not allow on-street parking of boat trailers, whether or not attached to a vehicle. Designated boat trailer parking areas are located in the Andersen Corporation lot adjacent to the city boat launch (with required permit sticker) and in Lakeside Park. Annual resident boat trailer parking stickers for 2017 are now available at City Hall for \$35.00 + tax. For more information or questions on parking regulations, visit the city's website or contact the Police Department.

