

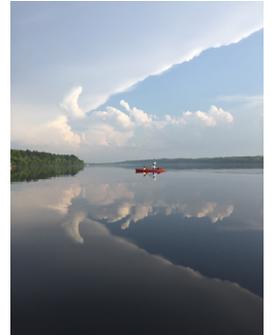


# Bayport News

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## Focus on Bayport Photo Contest Winners!

Residents captured some truly unique and awesome images for this year's *Focus on Bayport* Photo Contest! Entries were judged on creativity, visual and technical merit, and composition. The winning photos are featured in this column of the newsletter.



Thanks to all who shared their spectacular photos! Pictured from top: *Calm After the Storm* by Greg Ellingson and *The Right Place* by Calvin Hanson.

Pictured below: *Yes, I Am a Good Boy* by Mike Eldred.

## A License Not Only Keeps Your Pet Safe, It's The Law!

Licensing is one of the most important things you can do to keep your pet and the community safe. Unfortunately, it is also the most overlooked city ordinance by residents. The city requires cats and dogs over 4 months to be licensed annually, display a city issued collar tag, and have a valid rabies vaccination. License forms are available on the city's website or at City Hall. The fee is \$15.00 for renewals received after February 1 for spayed or neutered animals. To avoid possible impoundment and/or fines up to \$200.00, be sure to get your pet a license tag!



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



We are so very fortunate to have several local organizations, foundations, and dedicated individuals who work very hard to help support activities, programs, events, and beautification efforts that enrich our community. As a small city with limited staff and funding, volunteers and donations truly add value to the quality of life we enjoy in Bayport.

The Bayport Community Action League (BCAL) organizes and funds several special events in the city throughout the year, such as Derby Days and the Farmer's Market, which truly strengthen connections within the community. Sponsorships and generous donations from local businesses help to not only support these special events, but also make city sponsored activities such as Night to Unite and Youth Safety Camp possible.

The Bayport American Legion also provides generous monetary support and in-kind contributions that have a positive impact and are much appreciated by resi-

dents and the city. The Memorial Day Parade is just one example of how this service-minded organization strives to give back to the community.

We as a city also rely on devoted men and women to staff our volunteer, paid on-call Fire Department and assist the Police Department with community events, traffic control, and non-emergency calls as unpaid Police Reserve Officers. These volunteers make it possible for the city to provide high quality, valuable city services, while maintaining a fiscally responsible budget.

Volunteering is a rewarding experience and demonstrates how coming together as a community can make great things happen! Thanks to all of you for your continued civic engagement and dedication. For current opportunities on how you can contribute your time or talent as a volunteer, visit the city's website or contact City Hall.

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# Community Programs and Events

## Free Access to the Arts with SmART Pass



SmART Pass is an arts access program made possible by the Metropolitan Library Service Agency. The program enables library patrons to reserve free or discounted admission to a wide variety of arts experiences with their library card. Partners include the Minnesota Children's Museum, Minnesota Orchestra, and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Visit [www.smartpass.melsa.org](http://www.smartpass.melsa.org) to reserve tickets!

## New Library Hours for 2018

The city is pleased to announce extended library hours for 2018! The library will now open at 10:00 a.m. on both Wednesdays and Thursdays. We will also be open on Saturdays this summer from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. By adjusting staffing levels, we are able to offer these extended hours without increasing the library tax levy. For a list of all library hours, see page 3 of this newsletter.



## Fire Department Annual Fundraiser Dance



Join us for an evening of live entertainment with the band *Buck Tucker*, a raffle, and silent auction to support the Bayport Fire Department! This year's fundraiser will be held on February 17, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the Bayport American Legion, 263 3rd St. N. Proceeds will be used to purchase tools and equipment for the department's new heavy rescue truck. Thanks in advance for your support!

## Public Open Forums for Library's Strategic Plan

Come share with us what library resources are most valuable to you and your family and provide ideas or suggestions on how to improve services! Open forums to help develop the library's 2020 Strategic Plan will be held on March 5 and 8, 4:00-7:00 p.m. and March 10, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the library. Refreshments will be served and attendees will have the chance to win prizes for their participation, including a Kindle, Echo Dot, and more! We look forward to your input!



## Spotlight on the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization

Bayport is one of 10 member communities of the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization (MSCWMO) that collectively works to improve the water quality of Perro Creek and Lake St. Croix. MSCWMO provides educational, technical, and financial assistance to the city, to effectively manage water resources. They also partner with the Washington Conservation District to provide design and cost share assistance for conservation projects on private lands that reduce sediment and phosphorous pollution. If you are interested in the conservation project program or have watershed questions, contact Mike Isensee at [misensee@mnwcd.org](mailto:misensee@mnwcd.org) or 651-330-8220.



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## Meet Public Works Supervisor Greg Tracy



Greg Tracy began employment with the city in January as the new Public Works Supervisor. He has 8 years of municipal Public Works experience, primarily in the area of utilities. His most recent position was with the City of Eagan in water production. Greg will assist Public Works in the areas of streets, parks, utilities, cemetery, and equipment maintenance. In his free time, Greg enjoys spending time hunting and fishing. He currently resides in South St. Paul with his Bloodhound dog named Finn. Be sure to welcome Greg to Bayport when you see him in your neighborhood!

## Snowmobile and ATV Regulations

As a friendly reminder, snowmobiles and ATVs are only allowed under the following conditions within the city:

- Private property with owner's permission
- Public streets and alleys, on right side of traffic lane, less than 15 MPH
- Sunday-Thursday 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 6:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.



Please remember snowmobiles/ATVs are not allowed to be driven on school grounds, skating rinks, playgrounds or public sidewalks at any time! We appreciate your cooperation!

## City Adopts Conservative Budget and Levy for 2018

The City Council adopted the 2018 city budget, levy, and capital improvement plan on December 4. The budget was set at \$3,065,579 and levy at \$1,136,011, both of which include a modest increase from 2017. This budget incorporates increased funding for public safety departments, including an additional full-time Police Officer, as well as equipment replacement, infrastructure improvements, and park enhancements. The ability to maintain existing city services, as well as fund new improvements and special projects with a relatively small tax impact, is possible due to a 12% growth in tax capacity and continued responsible fiscal management by city staff and the City Council. For questions related to the city's budget or tax levy, contact City Administrator Adam Bell.



## Resident Reminder: Important Winter Safety Tips

By taking a little extra time and care this winter, you can make a positive impact and improve the safety of our community. Follow the tips below to keep your family alert, aware, and prepared!

### STAY ALERT AND GIVE WAY!



Keep in mind that snowplows have an important job to do, to keep our streets safe and maneuverable. Be sure to slow down and be on the lookout for plowing activity. Use caution when approaching snow clouds or piles created by plows. Most importantly, be sure to give plow drivers plenty of room to ensure they have adequate visibility – allow at least 5 car lengths between your car and a plow!



### PARKING PROTOCOL!

Help expedite efficient and effective snow removal! Avoid parking on the street when possible, but at a minimum, limit on-street parking to 24 hours. Also, be sure to remove vehicles from the street after a 2 inch snowfall, until the street has been plowed curb to curb.

### KEEP IT CLEAR!



Snow and ice make sidewalks not only difficult to navigate, they can also impede visibility and limit accessibility. It is the responsibility of all property owners and occupants to clear snow and ice from public sidewalks bordering their property within 24 hours of accumulation. Fire hydrants and mailboxes should also be kept clear, to aid postal carriers and emergency responders.



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#### CITY HALL AND POLICE

Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Phone: 651-275-4404  
Fax: 651-275-4411  
Email: [khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us)  
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., 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Thurs., 10:00 a.m. – 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: [publicworks@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:publicworks@ci.bayport.mn.us)

#### UTILITY, FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCY

Phone: 911

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

February 5	August 6
March 5	September 10
April 2	October 1
May 7	November 7
June 4	December 3
July 9	

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

#### LIBRARY BOARD MEETING DATES

February 20	August 21
March 27	September 18
April 17	October 16
May 15	November 27
June 19	December 18
July 17	

Meetings held at the Library, 6:00 p.m.



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## Ice Skating at Perro Park

Family fun awaits at the Perro Park outdoor pleasure and hockey rinks this winter! Skaters are invited to enjoy the rinks from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. The warming house will also be



open late afternoon and evenings, subject to weather and ice conditions. Skaters and spectators should be advised that there is no rink attendant on duty, but the area will be monitored by video camera and the Police Department. Please remember to be courteous to others, share the ice, follow the rules posted, and have fun!

## Think Spring: Make Your Park 2018 Reservation Today!



Looking for a great place to hold a reunion, shower, graduation, or birthday party? Look no further than one of our city parks to host your event! The city is now accepting reservations for the beach

house, picnic shelters, nature center, and game fields/courts for 2018. To check availability, please contact City Hall. A list of park amenities, reservation forms, and fees are available on the city's website. Facilities book up early, so for best availability, we recommend making your reservation as soon as possible!

## Congratulations to Public Works Supervisor Mel Horak on his Recent Retirement!

After 18 years with the city's Public Works Department, Milan "Mel" Horak retired on January 12. As the lead of the department, Mel's duties included supervision of all full-time, part-time, and seasonal staff, as well as overseeing the daily operations and maintenance of the city's streets, parks, utilities, cemetery, and Public Works equipment. Not only will the city miss Mel's talent and knowledge of the community, but also his unwavering dedication to public service, and his caring, friendly personality. Mel looks forward to traveling, spending time with family and friends, visiting the Rocky Mountains, volunteering, and relaxing in his retirement, and we wish him well. Thanks to Mel for all of his years of service and taking pride in his work!



## Seeking Applicants for City Planning Commission



PLANNING  
 COMMISSION

The general purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on matters related to zoning and land use in the city. It is imperative that applicants have the ability to maintain an objective approach to community development issues, as well as the ability to remain focused

and not allow personal agendas to interfere with the good of the city. Applicants shall also be open-minded, team orientated, and comfortable with public speaking. Individuals with a background in architecture, planning, engineering, or construction would be a valuable asset to the Planning Commission. This is a volunteer position, expected to attend meetings at 6:00 p.m. typically on the third Monday of the month, as needed. The position description and application materials are available on the city's website or at City Hall. Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2018.