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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 safe. Unfortunately, it is also one of the most overlooked ordinances by city residents. Please know that all cats and dogs over 4 months of age are required to be licensed annually, display a city issued collar tag, and have a valid rabies vaccination. Annual license fees are \$10.00 for spayed/neutered pets and 2019 applications are due by February 1. As a reminder, pet owners are also required to have a method to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste when they are out and about. Thanks in advance for being a responsible pet owner!



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



I would very much like to thank the citizens of Bayport for again re-electing me as Mayor. I am honored and thankful for the opportunity to serve and anticipate another productive and rewarding term ahead.

As we begin a new year, I look forward to continuing to serve with such a dedicated and professional group of Councilmembers and city staff who bring experience, passion, and commitment to public service and our community. I want to especially thank outgoing Councilmember Patrick McGann for his years of dedicated service and collaboration. It has been a pleasure to serve with him.

I would also like to congratulate Councilmember John Dahl on his appointment and Michele Hanson on her re-election to the City Council in November. Both John and Michele began their 4-year terms in January. Along with Councilmembers Connie Carlson and John Buckley, we will remain committed to promoting transparency, maintaining the beauty and safety of

the community, and making fiscally sound decisions in 2019 and beyond.

Looking ahead to the upcoming year, I am pleased to say that the tax levy will remain relatively flat for 2019. However, it will still allow for continued investment in our parks, utilities, infrastructure, and public safety. There are also several positive signs of growth to celebrate within the city, which is good for the overall economy and tax rate. Steady new home construction continues in Inspiration, with the final development phase slated for construction this spring (see article on page 2 for more detail). In addition, a major manufacturing expansion at Andersen Corporation will become operational in the new year.

I am very proud of our achievements in 2018 and look forward to another successful year ahead. Cheers to a safe and healthy 2019!

2018 CITY ELECTION RESULTS



The Mayor and two City Council seats were elected on November 6. Incumbent Mayor Susan St. Ores and Councilmember Michele Hanson

were both re-elected to serve another term. New Councilmember elect John Dahl has replaced Patrick McGann. Below is a summary of Bayport statistics and results of the election:

Total voters	1,245
Absentee ballots	258
New voter registrants	87

Susan St. Ores	816
Robert McManus	268

John Dahl	625
Michele Hanson	577
Patrick McGann	467

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Community Programs and Events

Documentary Film Series at the Library



Join us for a series of biographical films about interesting individuals who have made the world a better place! Show times are Thursday, January 31 and February 7, at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Films are geared toward audiences age 12 and older. Please contact the Library for complete event details.

Park Facilities Available to Host Special Events

Searching for a great place to hold a reunion, birthday, shower, or graduation party? Reserve a city park facility to host your event! Reservations are now being accepted for the beach house, picnic shelters, nature center, and game fields/courts for 2019. 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!



Fire Department Annual Fundraiser Dance



Join us for an evening of live entertainment with the band *Buck Tucker*, raffle, and silent auction to support the Fire Department! This year's fundraiser will be held on March 2, 7 – 11 p.m. at the Bayport American Legion, 263 3rd St. N. Proceeds will be used to purchase rescue pod equipment for the department. Thanks in advance for your support!

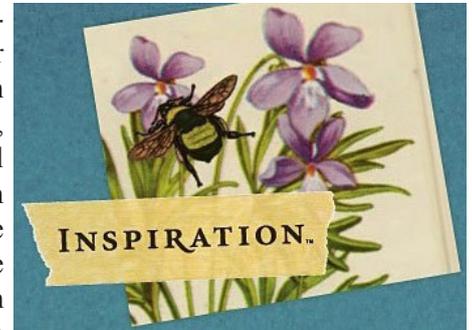
Vacation Property Watch Program

Planning on being away for an extended stay? Be sure to complete and submit a property watch form to the city, so the Police Department can be on the lookout for suspicious activity and contact you in case of an emergency. Forms are available on the city's website or at City Hall.



Villas of Inspiration Construction to Begin in Spring of 2019

The city recently approved a final plat for Landucci Homes within Phase II of Inspiration, which is the final parcel slated for construction in this neighborhood. The development will include 24 single-family, custom villa homes, offering a smaller footprint for home buyers looking to downsize from a traditional single-family home. Property maintenance, such as lawn care and snow removal will be provided by a homeowners association. Grading for utilities and street infrastructure is anticipated within the next few months, with home construction to begin early spring.



Welcome Back Officer Aaron Slinger

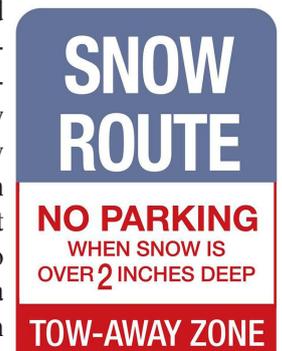


Aaron Slinger was recently appointed as a full-time Police Officer after previously working part-time for the city in 2012-2015 and volunteering as a Reserve Officer for 3 years. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Law Enforcement from the University of Northwestern. In his free time, Aaron enjoys home remodeling projects, going on walks with his family, camping, hunting, and fishing.

He currently resides in Woodbury with his wife and their two year old daughter. Be sure to welcome Aaron back to Bayport when you see him in your neighborhood!

Don't Let the Snow Lead to a Fine or Tow!

Removing snow and ice from streets and public property is critical to ensure motorists, pedestrians, and emergency responders can maneuver through the city safely and efficiently. To help expedite snow removal, avoid parking on the street when possible. 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 and do not park in areas that have not been plowed. Please be advised that violators of on-street parking regulations may be ticketed or have their vehicle towed. So, please do your part to keep our streets safe and clear this winter!



City Adopts Fiscally Responsible Budget for 2019

The City Council adopted the 2019 city budget, levy, and capital improvement plan on December 3. The budget was set at \$3,194,664 and levy at \$1,149,463, both of which include a modest increase from 2018. This budget incorporates small increases in funding for public safety, and as well as equipment replacement, planned infrastructure improvements, and park enhancements. The tax impact to homeowners will vary depending on individual property values. However, a home valued at \$230,100 is estimated to see an increase of approximately \$15.00 in the city portion of their tax bill. The ability to maintain existing city services, as well as fund new improvements and special projects with a relatively small tax impact, is possible in part due to a 10% 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 at 651-275-4404.



Resident Reminder: Beware of Thin Ice!

This time of year, winter recreation activities such as snowshoeing, skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing consume the minds of many residents, and what better place to enjoy these activities but the St. Croix River? However, it is important to remember that although the ice may appear to be safe, it may not be suitable for activity. Before venturing out on frozen water, please refer to the Department of Natural Resources guidelines below for clear ice conditions. Remember, no ice is 100% safe. Your safety is your responsibility!



UNDER 4 INCHES – NOT SAFE!

Temperature, snow cover, currents, and springs can all affect the thickness and safety of ice. Seldom is ice the same thickness throughout a body of water. Use an ice chisel, auger, or cordless drill to check ice at multiple locations and use a tape measure to verify the thickness.

4 INCHES – FOOT TRAFFIC

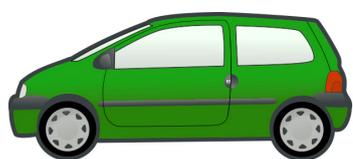
At least 4 inches is recommended for light activity on foot, such as ice fishing, cross country skiing, or snowshoeing. For safety reasons, it is a good idea to use the buddy system or recreate in groups when out on the ice and always dress appropriately for the conditions.



5-7 INCHES – SNOWMOBILE / ATV

8-12 INCHES – LIGHT CAR

Think twice about driving on ice! Avoid ice at night, especially during snowfall or foggy conditions. Always use extreme caution, be alert, drive slowly, and respect other users.



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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
Website: www.ci.bayport.mn.us

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hours: By appointment
Phone: 651-275-4401
Email: aeisinger@ci.bayport.mn.us
Website: 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
Website: www.bayportlibrary.org

PUBLIC WORKS

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Email: mkline@ci.bayport.mn.us
Phone: 651-275-4410

UTILITY, FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCY

Phone: 911

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 4	April 1
March 4	May 6

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

UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAYS

Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 21
Presidents' Day	February 18

UPCOMING EVENTS

Library Film Series	January 31
Library Taiko Drumming	February 2
Library Film Series	February 7
Fire Dept. Fundraiser	March 2
BCAL Easter Egg Hunt	April 20

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Help Keep It Out of the Street!

It's that time of year when it's important to keep our streets, alleys, and sidewalks clear of unnecessary materials! Snow accumulation and refuse carts left at the curb interfere with snowplowing, limit accessibility to fire hydrants and mailboxes, and impede maneuverability and visibility for motorists and pedestrians. By taking a little extra time and care, you can make a positive impact and improve the safety of our city!



- Remove snow/ice from sidewalks and near fire hydrants and mailboxes within 24 hours
- Place refuse carts on driveways, not in the street
- Refrain from blowing or depositing snow onto a street/alley, which could result in drainage issues, drifting, obstructions, or icy conditions

Wireless Printing at the Library



Now you can send documents from your home computer or mobile device to the Library for printing! Documents can be uploaded to a website

or forwarded by email directly to the printer. Black and white prints are \$0.10 and color prints are \$0.50 per page. For complete instructions, visit the Library's website and click on the "Printing" link on the left sidebar.

Use Caution: Winter Tree Trimming in Progress!

As part of the city's ongoing efforts to proactively address disease, pests, decay, sightlines, and other tree issues, you may see the Public Works Department out tree trimming in your neighborhood this winter. The city will specifically be targeting trees deemed hazardous or performing routine trimming to remove dead and low hanging branches and encourage balanced, upright growth. Residents should be advised this includes trimming of trees located on city owned boulevards and rights-of-way. Thanks in advance for giving way to tree crews and using caution in work areas for the duration of this project!



Meet Our New Public Works Maintenance Worker



Ross Lindgren began employment with the city on January 8 as a new Public Works Maintenance Worker. He has 7 years of municipal Public Works experience, primarily in the areas of utilities and grounds maintenance. His most recent position was with the City of Scanlon Public Works, located near Duluth. Ross will assist with all areas of the department, including streets, parks, utilities, cemetery, and equipment maintenance.

In his free time, Ross enjoys restoring cars, hunting, fishing, and helping on the family farm. He recently relocated to the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and currently resides in Forest Lake with his wife. Welcome to the Bayport community, Ross!