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Update on a Land and Water Legacy Conservation Initiative on the St. Croix

The Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program (LWLP), works with landowners and organizations to purchase and conserve land in its natural condition. The LWLP was a result of a bond referendum approved by voters in 2006, authorizing the county to invest up to \$20 million to preserve water quality and natural areas. To use LWLP funds, projects must improve quality of water bodies, protect drinking water, purchase parkland/trails, preserve wetlands/woodlands, or protect land along water bodies from development. Priority is given to lands adjacent to waterways, trails, parks, as well as those serving multiple public purposes and allowing public access.



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



As an elected official, and also in my professional and personal relationships, I very much value and promote open communication. It can bring us together, build relationships, inform us, and enable us to discuss issues. When I campaigned for Mayor, one of my main objectives was to improve communication and transparency in local government. Individuals who regularly attend or watch Planning Commission and City Council meetings are likely familiar with ongoing projects and current challenges the city is seeking to address. However, for many residents, staying informed on city business may be difficult due to time constraints and/or a lack of convenient resources.

ing available and allowing even greater access to information and interaction. To better inform and engage residents, the city is scheduled to receive audio and video upgrades at City Hall to improve broadcast options in July and enable live streaming options on YouTube by this coming fall. We are also pursuing online community surveys, a strategic communication plan for upcoming city projects, as well as expanding on social media platforms such as Twitter (@CityofBayport), Facebook, Instagram, and neighborhood network websites.

Currently, the communication tools we use as a city involve public meetings/open houses, newsletters, websites, email notices, direct mailings, CodeRED alerts, and cable access broadcasts. With the advancement of technology and the rise of social media, new mediums are rapidly becoming

With the growing diversity of recipients and preferences, we realize there are many new and improved opportunities to reach and engage with citizens. I am excited to pursue these endeavors and look forward to continuing to promote our commitment to transparency and informative communication.



For the last 5 years, the city and county have been working together on LWLP project in Bayport to acquire and conserve 11 contiguous acres on the St. Croix

River. The landowners involved with the project came forward with an interest to sell and a desire to conserve and protect the land for public use. In 2018, the county authorized \$745,000 in LWLP funds to be expended toward this project. The city also secured two grants from the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$500,000 and a private donation of \$550,000 for the land acquisition. Together, these three sources will provide the funding to facilitate purchase of the land for this exciting conservation initiative, which was approved by the City Council on May 20. Look for project updates in upcoming editions of the city newsletter!

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Community Programs and Events

Library Youth Summer Programs and Events



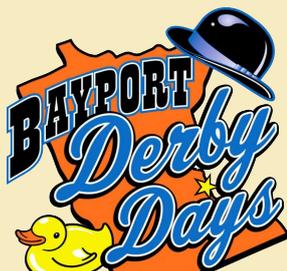
The library is packed with a variety of fun youth programs this summer! Try an experiment at Weird Science Wednesdays, join the Kid's Book Club, take an Adventure in Art, or participate in the Chess Club! Visit the

library's website for specific details. Also, be sure to mark your calendar for these other library events:

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| June 26 - 2 p.m. | Books & Benches at Croixdale |
| June 27 - 1 p.m. | Jolly Pops |
| July 11 - 1 p.m. | Treasure Beyond Measure |
| July 29 - 1 p.m. | Comedy Magic Show |
| August 1 - 1 p.m. | Snake Discovery |

Save the Date: Derby Days on September 20-21

This year's Derby Days will be held September 20-21! Events will include a street dance on Friday evening, followed by the popular "Duck Derby" race on Perro Creek, fireworks over the St. Croix River, and many other activities on Saturday. Look for more details to be posted on the BCAL's Facebook page closer to September.



Yard Waste Collection and Disposal



Got yard waste? Leaves, grass, and similar plant material can be picked up curbside by the city's residential waste hauler Republic Services (952-946-5174). The cost is \$2.50 per compostable bag (up to 5 bags per week) or \$79.00 per year with a yard waste cart (April 1 – November 1). Composting Concepts, 4600 Cottage Grove Dr. in

Woodbury (651-769-0531), also accepts all yard waste, trees, brush, shrubs, branches, etc., for a minimal fee.

Farmer's Market at Village Green Park

Visit the Farmer's Market on Mondays this summer, 2:00-6:00 p.m. to shop for fresh goods, direct from local vendors! Many thanks to the merchants and farmers for their participation and the BCAL for organizing the market!



New Water Conservation Restrictions

In February, the City Council amended the city's ordinance related to water conservation restrictions. The purpose of the regulations is to allow the city to impose and enforce added restrictions on outdoor water usage, to ensure an adequate capacity of water supply. As part of the



amendments, the seasonal outdoor watering restrictions effective May 1 – September 1 were modified to allow the watering of lawns and landscaping only before 12:00 p.m. and after 5:00 p.m. on an odd/even days, by address. The ordinance also allows for further outdoor watering restrictions on days and hours, as deemed necessary, for the city's welfare and provision of safe water. Thanks in advance for your help to conserve, limit, and prevent excessive outdoor water use this season!

Congratulations Photo Contest Winners!



What could be better than "Ice Cream on a Summer Day?" This photo was one of the lucky winners in the recent *Focus on Bayport* Photo Contest. Entries were judged on creativity, visual and technical merit, and composition

and we thank all participants for sharing their truly unique images! Congratulations to winners Emma Odland and Dan Asmus (photo above) and honorable mention Olivier Vrambout for showcasing their talent and creativity! Visit the city's website to view all winning photos and upcoming contest details.

Middle St. Croix Watershed Project Update

Bayport is one of 10 member communities in the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization (MSCWMO) that work to protect and improve water quality in Perro Creek and Lake St. Croix. They also partner with the Washington



Conservation District to help private landowners install voluntary conservation projects that reduce sediment and phosphorous pollution. In 2018, MSCWMO helped install 6 new projects and implement stormwater management rules for 18 development projects. Together, these efforts will stop 73.5 lbs. of phosphorus from entering the St. Croix River each year, which is equivalent to 36,750 lbs. of algae in the water! To learn more about MSCWMO and their projects, visit www.mscwmo.org.

City Council: Get to Know Your Elected Officials!

Bayport is governed by a Mayor (2 year term) and four Councilmembers (4 year term), who are elected to represent the city at large. Under the direction of the City Council, the City Administrator manages staff and the day-to-day operations of the city. The City Council meets monthly to approve expenditures and provide direction to staff on city policies, procedures, and projects.



Susan St. Ores, Mayor

Susan has served as Mayor for the past 9 years. She has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Mankato State University and has spent her professional career in both the education and marketing fields. Susan and her husband Phil have been Bayport residents for 19 years and have one daughter, Leah. Susan also serves on the board for the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce.



John Buckley, Councilmember

After retiring from serving as the city's Building Official for over 10 years, John was elected to the City Council and began his first term in 2017. He and his wife Karen have four children, Brandon, Carissa, Angela, and Derrick, and six grandchildren. John has resided in Bayport 33 years and is the city liaison to the Andersen Citizen Advisory Commission and Planning Commission.



Connie Carlson, Councilmember

Born and raised in Bayport, Connie has served on the City Council for 15 years. She previously served on the Planning Commission and is the current city liaison to the Library Board. Professionally, Connie has a background in childcare and owns and operates Pony Preschool in Bayport. Connie and her husband Rob have three children, Kyle, Sarah, and Joel, and one grandson.



John Dahl, Councilmember

John is the newest member elect to the City Council and began his first term 2019. He has an Associate of Applied Science degree from Dunwoody College of Technology and works at Andersen Corporation as an electrician. John and his wife Stephanie have two daughters, Violet and Elsa. He has been a Bayport resident for 37 years and currently serves as the city liaison to the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization.



Michele Hanson, Councilmember

Michele has served on the City Council for 9 years and is the city liaison to the Central St. Croix Valley Joint Cable Commission. Michele, her husband Ben, and two children, Calvin and Lainey, have lived in Bayport 21 years. She has a degree from Hamline University and currently works on the Insights team at Trane Commercial HVAC. Michele also serves as secretary of the Bayport Community Action League and is a member of the Afton Bayport Lakeland Lions.



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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.
Phone: 651-275-4410
Email: mkline@ci.bayport.mn.us

UTILITY, FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCY

Phone: 911

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

July 8	September 9
August 5	October 7

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

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Farmer's Market opening	June 17
Youth Safety Camp	August 5-6
Night to Unite	August 6
Derby Days	September 20/21

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2020 MnDOT Highway 95 Improvement Project Update

MnDOT's Highway 95 Improvement Project is projected to begin March of 2020. In addition to resurfacing the roadway, project goals include improving sidewalks, establishing a protected pedestrian crossing, installing two raised medians, delineating on-street parking, and upgrading city utilities. Although a majority of the work relates to infrastructure, MnDOT agreed to incorporate several additional safety, accessibility, and traffic calming features requested by the city, to improve this corridor. Specific improvements include the following:



- ADA sidewalk pedestrian ramps
- One raised center median south of 6th Ave. N. and a second between 2nd Ave. and 3rd Ave. N., with a rapid flashing beacon and protected pedestrian crossing
- Street lights with LED fixtures
- Reduced drive lane width and striped on-street parking stalls
- Upgraded hydrants and sewer/water mains



During construction, lane closures and detours will be likely along the Highway 95 corridor through Bayport. A public open house on the project is anticipated for this fall. Look for updates to be provided via the city's website.

Welcome New City Hall Office Support Specialists Mary Goulette and Chantelle McRoberts!

After 15 years, Karen Huftel retired from her role as the city's Office Support Specialist in March. Her departure offered an opportunity to review this position, to ensure we are meeting both current and future needs of the city. This opportunity resulted in a decision to hire a full-time employee (Mary Goulette), as well as a supplemental part-time employee (Chantelle McRoberts), to expand the position and dedicate additional time toward special projects, such as research, grants, and document management. Both Mary and Chantelle previously worked for the city as gardeners in the Public Works Department and as Election Judges.

After 28 years working in management for Walmart Inc., Mary made the decision to retire early and pursue her passion for civic service. She has a Bachelor's degree with a focus in social work and human resources. Mary has been a Bayport resident for 30 years and resides with her husband Paul and Maltese dog Sir Oliver Goulette. In her free time, Mary enjoys gardening, traveling, and spending time with family. Mary is also an avid volunteer and member of the Bayport Community Action League, and "Thrilled to work for the city!"



Originally from Canada and recently a proud naturalized citizen of the U.S., Chantelle has a background in science, with a Bachelor's degree in biochemistry and Doctorate degree in organic chemistry. She previously worked as a chemist for the companies of Labatt Brewing and Dupont in Ontario. Most recently, she has been a stay at home mother to her daughter Dorothy. They currently reside in Baytown with their West Highland Terriers Scooter and Archie. Chantelle enjoys running, biking, gardening, and loves to travel. Prior to 2013,

Chantelle and her family lived in Bayport for 9 years and says, "I am so happy to see familiar faces of neighbors and friends again!"

Mary and Chantelle's experience, energy, knowledge, and ambition have turned out to be an excellent fit for the position. We are so fortunate and excited to have them as part of the Bayport team!