



Bayport *brief*

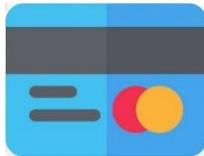
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what's new? Bayport Electronic Newsletter!



Despite the impacts of the ongoing pandemic and closure of many city facilities to the public, key projects, initiatives, and most importantly, essential city services continue to be of the highest priority. Over the past month, city staff has been focused on efforts to create and improve ways to communicate with citizens, such as this e-newsletter. By supplementing the city's print newsletter with timely updates on city activities and services, we hope to keep residents and business more informed, but also engaged and involved in the community.

What's next? The city will be concentrating on efforts to implement more convenient, efficient and effective methods for citizens to conduct city business, such as accepting payment by debit/credit card for city services and creating electronic fillable forms and permits to submit by email. Watch for updates on these services and upcoming editions of the e-newsletter to be posted on the city's website!



get outdoors! City Parks are Open to Public



All city parks are currently open! The new Lakeside Park playground equipment is a big hit and Barker's Alps is proud to be the new host to the Farmer's Market! Park visitors are encouraged to observe social distancing protocols, and be respectful of other users, but most of all, get outdoors and have fun!! The Beach House and Nature Center remain closed to the public, but are available by reservation. To inquire about rental of these facilities or picnic shelters, email office@ci.bayport.mn.us



community spotlight: COVID Relief Efforts

Most of us have been affected in some way by the pandemic, especially our local business community. In an effort to provide some relief and support, the City Council has temporarily waived certain city permit requirements and fees. This includes the ability for businesses to establish or expand customer service areas consistent with health and safety guidelines and the use of temporary outdoor signage and storage to facilitate these activities. The city also extended the payment deadline for 1st and 2nd quarter utility bills and will continue to waive late payment fees this year for all households and businesses served by municipal water and sewer utilities.



Clean Water Land and Legacy Project *update*



In 2019, the city acquired 11 acres on the St. Croix River to conserve and create a public park. Funding sources to facilitate the land purchase were secured through Washington County Clean Water Land and Legacy funds, two Department of Natural Resources grants, and a generous donation from Andersen Corporation. Both an environmental and archeology study were completed last fall and findings did not indicate any known contaminants or artifacts of significance. The city has since removed the residential structures on site and completed a topographic land survey and wetland delineation. A habitat management plan is also in process. The data gathered from these assessments will be used to identify and preserve critical ecological features, as well as assist in creating a master plan of potential improvements for the site, including a new boat launch with parking area, restroom/picnic shelter, trail system, and scenic overlook. Work on this exciting project is anticipated to continue through 2022. More information will be featured in upcoming editions of the newsletter!

COMMUNITY EVENT *updates*

MAY - OCTOBER	HIGHWAY 95 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT For construction updates and impacts visit the city website or www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy95bayport .
JUNE - AUGUST	BAYPORT LIBRARY SUMMER YOUTH READING PROGRAM Track reading, write reviews, and complete literacy activities online! Visit www.bayportlibrary.org to register.
JUNE - OCTOBER	BAYPORT FARMER'S MARKET Barker's Alps Park – Mondays, 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.
JUNE 26 - AUGUST 10	ABSENTEE VOTING - STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION Washington County Government Center – In-person absentee voting Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. To absentee vote by mail visit www.sos.state.mn.us .
AUGUST 11	STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION Bayport Fire Department – In-person voting 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Voters are encouraged to wear a mask and bring a pen to mark the ballot.
POSTPONED	ST. CROIX CROSSING LIFT & LOOP TRAIL CELEBRATION The trail is open for public use, but the opening celebration has been postponed until further notice.
CANCELLED	BAYPORT YOUTH SAFETY CAMP AND NIGHT TO UNITE
CANCELLED	BAYPORT DERBY DAYS

staff feature: Susie Danielson

We are excited to welcome some new staff members at the Library, including Clerk Susie Danielson. Susie has managed the Library volunteer program since 2013, so many may already recognize her as a familiar face, helping with events such as the Halloween Spooky Basement or Derby Days Book Sale. A lifelong Library user, one of her favorite books is *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman. Welcome to your new position, Susie!



Lawn Irrigation: *water wisely*



City watering restrictions are now in effect until Sept. 1 and allow watering before 12:00 p.m. and after 5:00 p.m. on odd and even days by address. Reduce the need for irrigation by mowing lawn high for deeper roots, leaving clippings to act as a natural fertilizer, or replacing some turf with native plants. Also, inspect and repair clogged or broken sprinkler heads and make sure they are adjusted to avoid overspray. Lawns only need 1 inch of water per week, so you can still get green grass with less blue!

Highway 95 Construction Project *continues*



Last week, Hwy. 95 from Lakeland, MN to Osprey Blvd. in Bayport was closed to northbound traffic until mid-August. The posted detour is Hudson Rd. to Stagecoach Tr. to 5th Ave. N. On-street parking between Central Ave. and 7th Ave. N. in downtown Bayport will continue to be restricted during construction, but local access will be maintained. Please use caution when traveling through the work zone and allow more time to reach your destination. The project is anticipated to be complete this fall, which includes pavement, drainage, utility, and pedestrian improvements.

building? Know When a Permit is Required

Whether doing a project yourself or hiring a contractor, a city permit is required for any new construction or general interior or exterior remodeling, including the projects listed below, to ensure the work meets safety, zoning, and building codes. While city facilities remain closed to the public, permits can be submitted by email to office@ci.bayport.mn.us, mail, or drop box located outside City Hall. Visit the city's website for more information, forms, and handouts.



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| Basement finish | Deck | Driveway | Fence |
| Fireplace | Garage | Gas range | Gazebo |
| Grading/filling | HVAC | Patio | Pool/pond |
| Porch | Roofing | Shed | Siding |
| Street excavation | Tree trimming | Water heater | Water softener |

CITY CONTACTS *and services*

Due to the ongoing pandemic, and for the protection of city employees and citizens, most city buildings remain closed to the general public with limited on-premise staff and in-person contact. Please refer to the information below to assist with essential services by department.

CITY HALL GENERAL INFORMATION
PERMITS / LICENSES / PARK RESERVATIONS
office@ci.bayport.mn.us

UTILITY BILLING
utilities@ci.bayport.mn.us

FINANCE / ACCOUNTING
finance@ci.bayport.mn.us

ZONING / ELECTIONS
staylor@ci.bayport.mn.us

LIBRARY CURBSIDE PICKUP / APPOINTMENTS
651-275-4416 or jsmith@ci.bayport.mn.us

PUBLIC WORKS STREETS / TREES / UTILITIES
publicworks@ci.bayport.mn.us

PUBLIC SAFETY / POLICE / FIRE / EMERGENCY
911