



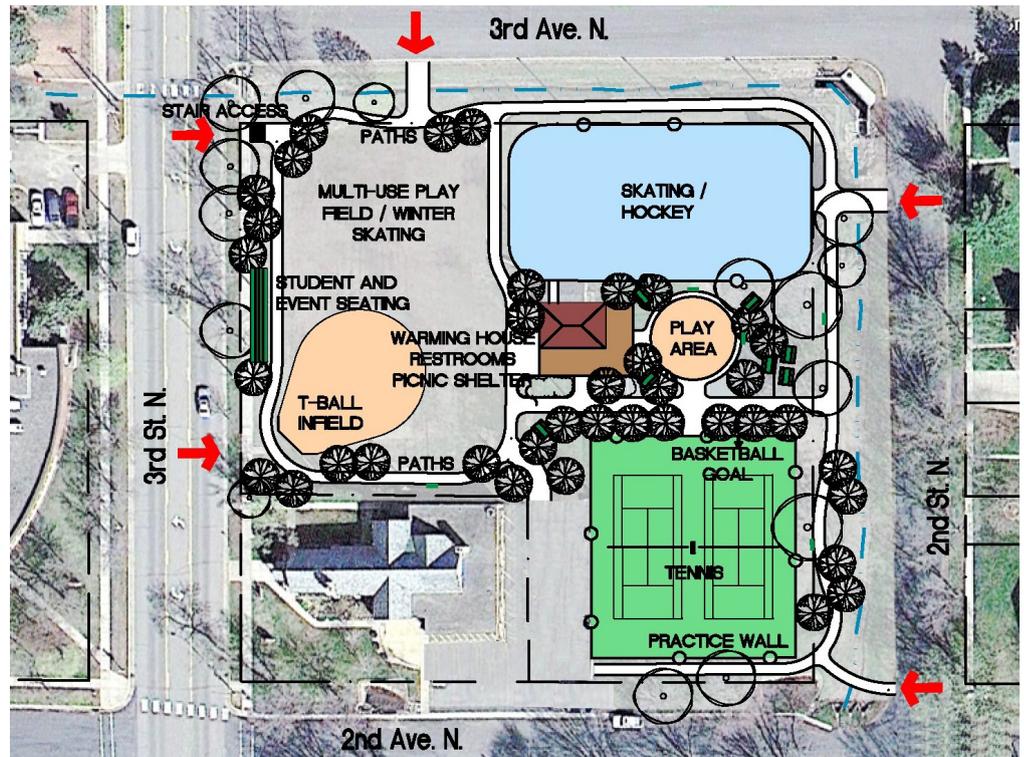
# Bayport News

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## Master Plan Approved for Perro Park

We are excited to announce that the City Council recently adopted a final master plan for Perro Park, which will be used to guide the city with planned improvements over the next 5-10 years. The plan was developed from public input provided by city staff, residents, neighboring property owners, youth athletic groups, Andersen Elementary faculty, and other frequent users of the park.

Highlights of the plan (pictured at right) include a new hockey rink infrastructure, modified warming house with restrooms and picnic canopy, paths and crossings over the creek, and upgrades to the playground equipment. A complete list of planned improvements is available on the city's website.



The master plan identifies improvements and upgrades which are planned for implementation over the next 5-10 years at Perro Park.

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



As the season changes, I find myself reflecting on the many changes we as a city have been through over the past several months. In December, we endured the unfortunate loss

of Mark Ostertag, which left us with a vacant seat on the City Council.

We were fortunate to have three talented residents apply for the vacancy on the City Council, with a desire to serve our city. After much consideration, Dr. Patrick McGann was offered the position and began serving on April 1 (see article on page 2). Many thanks go out to the applicants, as well as my fellow

councilmembers, who helped with the transition during this difficult time.

With the March resignation of City Administrator Mitch Berg, city staff has also been without a full complement, which has required our employees to do more with less over the past few months. Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor has been appointed as the Acting City Administrator until we find a new permanent replacement for the position.

Sara's 9.5 years of experience with the city have proven to be invaluable, and we

are thankful for her willingness to fulfill this role, in addition to her other responsibilities, in the interim. A search is currently underway, and our goal is to welcome a new City Administrator on board by July. I would also like to commend the department heads and all of our city staff for their continued dedication and support to make sure residents receive quality service during this transition.

In addition to changes in personnel, the City Council has been busy with several exciting projects over the past few months, and I look forward to seeing them become a reality. Projects include finalizing the master plan for improvements to Perro Park, purchasing a new pumper truck for the fire department, and beginning a city tree replacement program. Change is in the air, and we are certainly ready to "spring" forward!

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## Community Programs and Events

### Boat Trailer Parking Permits Now Available

Residents may now purchase annual boat trailer parking permits at City Hall. The permit allows parking in designated areas at Andersen Corporation and Lakeside Park from May 1 - September 30. Permits are \$25.00 each and are limited to two per household. A valid driver's license and watercraft license information must be presented at the time of purchase.



### Celebrate Memorial Day at the Parade



Organized by the community, this "must see" parade commemorates U.S. men and women who lost their lives while serving in the military. The parade will be held on Monday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m.

It begins on Highway 95, between Central Avenue and 1st Avenue North and proceeds north through the city to the cemetery.

### 8th Annual Citywide Garage Sale

The annual citywide garage sale will be held on Friday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 8, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Residents interested in participating may contact City Hall or email [khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us). A map of all sales will be available prior to the event.



### Youth Safety Camp



This popular day camp at Lakeside Park teaches safety tips to children entering grades 3, 4, and 5 and will be held August 5-6, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$40.00 per child, which includes program activities, meals, t-shirt, and goody bag. Registration forms

are available on the city's website or at City Hall. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

## Patrick McGann Appointed to Vacant Seat on City Council

On April 1, Patrick McGann was sworn in to fill the vacant seat on the City Council. He will serve out the remainder of Mark Ostertag's term, which expires on December 31, 2014. Patrick has been a resident of Bayport for four years. As a local business owner, he brings experience in budget management, leadership, and public relations. Patrick is also an active volunteer and outreach mentor.



"I look forward to the opportunity to serve the local community as a member of the Bayport City Council." Both city staff and councilmembers are excited to have Patrick on board and look forward to working with him. Patrick can be reached at [pmcgann@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:pmcgann@ci.bayport.mn.us).

## New: Check out a Digital Magazine at the Bayport Public Library

Bayport and Washington County libraries have partnered with Zinio, a digital magazine service, to bring you the latest issues of over 120 magazines, including "Consumer Reports," "Popular Mechanics," and "Good Housekeeping," in digital format.

These magazines can be checked out at no charge and can be read on Android, Apple, Blackberry, and Kindle Fire tablets or a computer. Visit [www.co.washington.mn.us/library](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/library) and click on "Read" or contact the library at 651-275-4416 for more information.

## House Numbers Assist Emergency Responders



Whether it's a police, fire, or medical emergency, proper display of house numbers helps responders arrive as quickly as possible. Numbers should be at least 3 inches in height, a contrasting color and clearly visible from streets and alleys.

The police and fire departments have noticed that many properties do not have adequate house numbers. Please do your part to keep your family safe. Make sure we know your number!

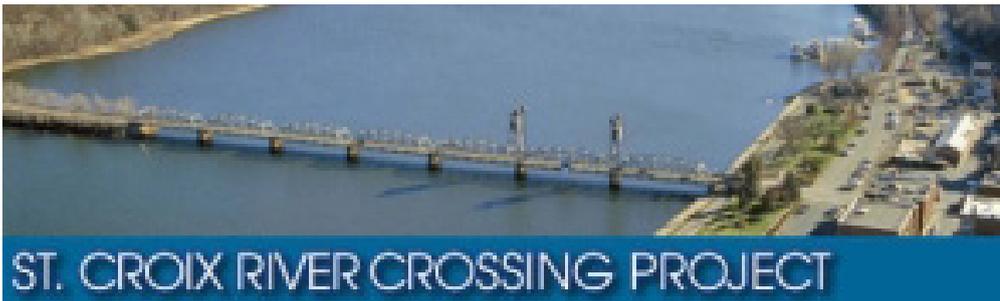
## Update on the St. Croix River Crossing Bridge

Work on the St. Croix River Crossing project is underway! Highway 36 realignment work began in March and construction of new bridge piers will begin this month.

The goal of the new bridge is to provide a safer and more reliable river crossing, while improving traffic safety and congestion in the St. Croix Valley. Once the new bridge is complete, the existing historic lift bridge will be converted to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian use only.

During construction, drivers are encouraged to use caution, yield to construction vehicles and equipment, and pay extra attention to posted speed limits and work zone signage.

In addition to project open houses scheduled for this spring, more information is available at [www.dot.state.mn.us/stcroixcrossing](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/stcroixcrossing). Questions related to the project can be directed to Mary McFarland Brooks at 651-200-5433 or [mary.mcfarland@state.mn.us](mailto:mary.mcfarland@state.mn.us).



ST. CROIX RIVER CROSSING PROJECT

## Volunteers Needed for Rain Garden Cleanup Event



The Middle St. Croix Watershed and the Washington Conservation District are sponsoring a rain garden cleanup on Wednesday, May 29, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with weeding, planting and removing organic debris from the rain gardens in Perro and Lakeside Park, to help infiltrate storm water runoff and improve water quality. Residents and community groups interested in participating may contact Wendy Griffin at 651-275-1136, ext. 24 by May 21.

## Ask the Public Works Department

*Q. Why does it seem like my utility bill has increased?*

A. A rate increase was implemented just this year, which could be the reason for a higher bill. However, if the increase is significant, it most likely is attributed to a leaky toilet, lawn irrigation, or a malfunctioning water softener, which may require an inspection by a licensed plumber.

*Q. How can I dispose of unwanted yard waste?*

A. The city's waste hauler offers curbside pickup of leaves, grass clippings, and brush year-round and often with as little as a 24-hour notice. For information on quantities, fees or to schedule pickup, contact Allied Waste at 651-455-8634.



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### CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

City offices will be closed to observe the following upcoming holidays in 2013:

- Memorial Day .....May 27
- Independence Day .....July 4
- Labor Day .....September 2
- Veteran's Day .....November 11
- Thanksgiving Day .....November 28
- Christmas Eve Day .....December 24
- Christmas Day .....December 25

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. unless noted.

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| May 6    | September 3 |
| June 3   | October 7   |
| July 1   | November 4  |
| August 5 | December 2  |

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. unless noted.

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| May 20     | September 16* |
| June 17*   | October 21*   |
| July 15*   | November 18*  |
| August 19* | December 16*  |

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### CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Memorial Day Parade .....May 27
- Rock'n Ribs on the River ....June 15
- Dane's Place Fundraiser .....June 29
- Farmer's Market .....July – Oct
- Night to Unite .....August 6
- Derby Days .....September 21
- Taste of Bayport .....September 21
- Public Safety Open House ..October 31
- Lighting of the Green .....December 4

## New Boarding Dock at 4th Avenue Public Boat Launch



A new boarding dock will be installed at the 4th Avenue North boat launch this spring, to facilitate temporary docking, as well as loading and unloading of passengers and watercraft equipment. Use of the boarding dock will be permitted seasonally, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. and shall be limited to no more than 20 minutes. See you on the river!

## Complaints Prompt Noise Audit by UP Railroad



In response to complaints of excessive train noise, the Union Pacific (UP) Railroad recently performed an audit of their operating lines located in Bayport. The audit revealed a few instances of excessive horn use, which have been addressed with the responsible crews.

Local UP operations managers will continue to monitor the situation and educate crews to use discretion, to help prevent excess train noise in the future, especially in designated quiet zones. For a link to information on Federal Horn Rule and Quiet Zone regulations, visit the city's website. Excessive train noise can be reported 24 hours a day by calling 1.866.UPRR.COP.

## Spotlight on the Police Reserve Program

Police reserves are volunteers that assist the Police Department with various services, including patrol, property checks, traffic control, ordinance compliance checks, and non-emergency calls. They also assist with community policing events such as the Memorial Day Parade, Safety Camp, Night To Unite, Derby Days, Andersen Elementary School Carnival, and Toys For Tots.



Reserve officers are trained on safe driving, traffic control, defensive tactics, report writing, evidence collection, narcotics training and city geography. If you are interested in becoming a police reserve and serving our community, please visit the city's website or contact Police Officer John Miller at [jmiller@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:jmiller@ci.bayport.mn.us).

## Resident Reminders: Regulations for Hazelwood Cemetery

In an effort to maintain a traditional and attractive burial setting, the city would like to remind residents and cemetery users of the following regulations:

- Temporary gravesite mementos, such as balloons, pinwheels, statues, food, rocks, bottles, gifts, etc., must be removed within one week of a burial
- Artificial gravesite flowers, plants, and wreaths are not permitted
- Living plants must be contained in an approved urn stand and are permitted on traditional gravesites only
- One upright fixture is permitted on traditional gravesites

- One U.S. flag, up to 36 inches in height and in good condition, is permitted on traditional and cremains gravesites

- One standard, clear solar light fixture is permitted on traditional and cremains gravesites

- Pets must be under direct control of their owner and/or leashed at all times

- Pet owners must remove and properly dispose of their pet's waste

Please be advised that this is not a complete list of all cemetery regulations. Additional information is posted at the cemetery's entrance and available at City Hall.

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