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Land and Water Legacy Initiative on the St. Croix

Over the last few months, the city and county have been working diligently to continue progress on a Land and Water Legacy project to acquire and conserve 11 contiguous acres on the St. Croix River. Funding sources to facilitate the land purchase were secured through Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment funds, two grants from the Department of Natural Resources, and a private donation. An environmental assessment and archeological study have been completed and findings do not indicate any known contaminants or artifacts of significance. The acquisition is expected to be complete this fall, which will be followed by removal of structures and plans for public access in 2020. Look for project updates in upcoming editions of the city newsletter and at City Council meetings.



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



Bayport is a vibrant community with a lot to celebrate in the way of tradition and history. Looking back over the last few years, I would like to acknowledge several important milestones that deserve recognition and appreciation.

In 2013, the Bayport Public Library celebrated its 100th anniversary and the Fire Department commemorated 125 years of serving as the oldest all-volunteer department in the state. Many thanks to generous donors and foundations that support our library and the dedication of our firefighters for making these achievements possible.

Andersen Corporation, First State Bank and Trust, and the Minnesota Department of Corrections also celebrated their 100th anniversaries in 2013-2014. For the last century, these entities have demonstrated reinvestment through improvement projects and have provided consistent employment opportunities, both of which benefit our local economy.

This year, Andersen Elementary is proud to join the ranks of other distinguished Bayport landmarks celebrating 100 years at the school's present site. Ranked within the top elementary schools in the state, it is a valued asset, one which the city has been proud to partner with through multiple engagement and recreation opportunities.

Looking ahead to 2022, we will celebrate our 100th year officially as the City of Bayport, which grew from three small river towns to the dynamic, full-service city we are today. These are just a few examples of our important history, worthy of recognition. Each of our local churches, community organizations, and long-time businesses help contribute to and enrich Bayport's unique culture. I look forward to continuing these wonderful traditions and partnerships and acknowledging future milestones that help distinguish us as the City of Bayport!

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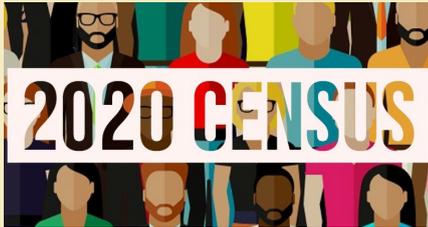


Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was recently discovered near 5th Ave. N. and 2nd St. N. during a city tree trimming project. EAB is a non-native beetle originating from Asia. It was first discovered in Michigan in 2002 and has steadily spread throughout the Midwest over the last 15 years. EAB is bright metallic green in color, with an elongated body, measuring 1/2 inch. The larvae of the EAB tunnel between the bark and wood, which disrupts the movement of water and nutrients, causing eventual death to the tree.

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Community Programs and Events

Get Involved and Assist with the 2020 U.S. Census



The U.S. Census Bureau is now recruiting Census Takers to work in our city. You can make a difference by helping to collect important data used to determine how funds are allocated to our community for roads, schools, and hospitals, and get paid for doing it! Applicants must be at least age 18, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. Positions are temporary, with flexible hours and weekly pay. Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs

Andersen Elementary Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Andersen Elementary opened its doors in 1919 and is one of seven elementary schools in the Stillwater Area Independent School District 834. A commemoration was held in conjunction with Derby Days on September 21, but the celebration will continue through the year. If you have memorabilia or photos from the past 100 years to share, email wiliamsb@stillwaterschools.org



Fire Prevention Week / Open House on October 12



This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is "Not Everyone Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape," which encourages families to

plan an escape route, identify an outside meeting place, and practice a home fire drill. In conjunction, the Fire Department will be hosting an open house on October 12, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with light snacks, tours, and demonstrations. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Halloween "Spooky" Basement at the Library

Tricks and treats await little ghosts and goblins within the depths of the Library's "Spooky" basement on Halloween evening, October 31, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Be there, if you dare! For other upcoming programs and events, visit the library's website www.bayportlibrary.org.



Emerald Ash Borer *Continued from page 1...*

The mortality rate for infected trees is 100% and the odds of an ash tree becoming infected near an infestation area are extremely high. For trees that have been infected by EAB, there is no cure. However, there are 3 combatant approaches that are typical when dealing with EAB and include treatment of trees with chemical injections every 2-3 years to prolong life cycle, removal of trees once deceased, or eradication of trees before infestation. In the short term, the city plans to perform a visual inventory of public and private ash trees with assistance from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to determine the extent of the infestation and develop a management plan that outlines the city's approach to address EAB. Updates on the city's approach will be provided over the next several months. To learn more about EAB, visit www.mda.state.mn.us/eab. To report an infected ash tree on your property, contact Public Works Director Matt Kline at 651-275-4410.



Many Thanks to Youth Safety Camp and Night to Unite Volunteers and Donors



Over 20 area businesses and residents donated funds, goods, services, and time to support this year's Youth Safety Camp and Night to Unite in August. The city gratefully acknowledges the

value of these donations at \$3,000.00 and thanks everyone who helped participate in and sponsor these important community events!

Reserve the City's Nature Center Building

The Nature Center is a beautiful, cozy, 4-season building available for rent by the public year-round. It is equipped with a climate controlled open assembly area, gas fireplace, kitchenette with sink, microwave, and compact refrigerator, two handicap accessible restrooms, and banquet tables/chairs to seat up to 32 people. The Nature Center is located in the Inspiration neighborhood and ideal for hosting a small gathering, meeting, or special event. Visit the city's website for photos and more detail on building amenities. To inquire about rental availability, please contact City Hall.





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Seeking a Resident to Serve on the Public Library Board



Serving on an advisory board or commission is a great way to get involved and make a difference in your local government and community. The city is seeking a resident to fill an opening on the Library Board for the upcoming year. The purpose of the Library Board is to approve expenditures of money collected for and contained within the library fund, as it relates to operations of the library buildings and grounds. Meetings are typically held the third Tuesday of the month. Persons interested are encouraged to visit the city's website for more information.

New: Water and Electrical Service at Barker's Alps Park

We are excited to announce that Barker's Alps Park is now equipped with water and electrical service, complete with outlets at the picnic shelter and a water fountain which even includes a spigot for our furry friend guests! Barker's Alps is a popular destination for ball games and large group activities. By adding these enhancements, the city hopes to make the park more accommodating and enjoyable for residents and visitors!



Gotcha! City Hall Office Support Specialist Mary Goulette at Your Service

Summer is no doubt the busiest season for city staff, and the Office Support Specialist position is no exception! From special events, to building permits, and everything in between, the telephone and front counter provide a constant hum of activity at City Hall during the April-September months. In this particular moment, Mary was processing a park reservation, when a resident dropped off a lost dog (thanks Mike Bell!), and the phone rang with an inquiry about a cemetery burial, all simultaneously! As city staff, we all try to provide courteous, efficient, and exceptional service, but this photo truly demonstrates going above and beyond for our community. Thanks for doing it all, Mary!



Spotlight on the Bayport Fire Relief Association



The Bayport Fire Department Relief Association's purpose is to provide retirement benefits to members and fundraise for non-budgeted equipment purchases to benefit our department and the Bayport, Baytown, Oak Park Heights, and West Lakeland communities we serve. Over the last few years, generous donations and various fundraisers have

helped fund over \$100,000 in equipment, such as E-hydraulic rescue tools (Jaws of Life), advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) equipment, and a fire/rescue boat to respond to emergencies on the St. Croix River (pictured above). Beginning in 2020, the association will be redirecting efforts to focus on one main fundraising event, an annual calendar which incorporates a cash prize drawing. Unfortunately, a decline in attendance and increased overhead costs led to the decision to discontinue other fundraisers, such as the annual dance. However, we are excited to implement this new approach and look forward to your continued support to assist in the protection of life and property for the community!