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Mark Blando Named New Library Director

Mark Blando has been named to succeed Kathy MacDonald as Director of Bayport Public Library. He began work November 14, 2011 and will work with Kathy through the end of December to ensure a smooth transition.

Mark comes to Bayport from Ames, Iowa, where he was the Information Services Director at Ames Public Library. Prior to that, he was the Library Director for the public library in Ellsworth, Wisconsin.



A Heartfelt Goodbye and Farewell *by Kathy MacDonald*

As you know, I am retiring, and my last day will be December 30, 2011. After 30 years with the Bayport Public Library, I have such mixed emotions about leaving the staff, library board, foundation board, funders, city staff, colleagues and the wonderful public, past and present.

you that my leaving will not affect the level of service and personal attention that you can expect. I am completely confident that service to our patrons will remain the highest of priorities, and they will take very good care of our unique and precious library!



It has been a genuine pleasure working with all of you. If not for your constant support and encouragement I would not have been able to perform my duties so well.

Again, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Library Director. Thank you for the kindness and confidence you have shown to me over the years. I will always treasure the relationships that I was privileged and fortunate to establish throughout my career.

My very best wishes to you,

Kathy

For more on Kathy's career and accomplishments, turn to page 4.

Professionally, I have gained a wealth of knowledge, and I shall always cherish my career at Bayport Public Library. Personally, I have shared a special bond with all of you, and I take away with me cherished memories of our times together.

In addition, I want you to know that I have the highest regard for my staff and their new leader, Mark Blando. I assure

“The committee was unanimous in its conclusion that Mr. Blando was the strongest candidate for the director position,” said Amy Zimmer, vice president of the library’s Board of Trustees and head of the search committee. “His interest in the key role of a library as a community builder, his expertise working with library technologies and his previous experience helped him stand out as an excellent fit with the needs of Bayport Public Library.”

Mark recently stated that “Libraries to me are a focal point of the community. They offer so many things to so many different groups of people. I am honored to serve the City of Bayport as its library director. I am inheriting a first class library. Kathy and her staff have worked hard to make this the vibrant community center that it is. It is my hope to continue making the Bayport Library the best library it can be.”

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Community Programs and Events

Ice Skating Event at Perro Park

Grab your mittens and skates! Family fun awaits at an outdoor ice skating event sponsored by the Bayport Community Action League. The event will be held at Perro Park on the evening of February 3, 2012 weather permitting. We hope to see you there!



CodeRED Emergency Notification System

Residents can now sign up to receive emergency notifications via the CodeRED emergency alert system by phone or text message. Utility outages, missing persons, flood notices, gas leaks, and other life safety matters are just some examples of when the system may be utilized. For more information or to sign up to receive CodeRED alerts, please visit the city's website.

Community Education Classes



Looking to buff up on your computer skills? Want to learn how to cook? Need some exercise? The Stillwater Area School District is offering a variety of community education and recreation classes this winter. For more information, please contact 651-351-8300 or visit www.stillwater.k12.mn.us.

Library EBook Training Coming Soon

Did you know that you can download eBooks free from the library? The Bayport Public Library will be offering classes on how to download eBooks and also give you some insight on the different eReaders available. Keep an eye on the library's website for more information on upcoming training dates.

Washington County Environmental Center

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the Washington County Environmental Center, which is a free drop-off site for household hazardous waste, electronics, and certain recyclables. For more information on materials accepted, location, and hours, visit www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter or 651-430-6655.

New Park Picnic Shelter and Beach House Rental Policy and Fees

In order to offer more residents an opportunity to reserve park facilities for their special event, the city's reservation policy and fees have been restructured for the upcoming year. For groups of 100 people or less, residents may still reserve one picnic shelter at no charge. However, a \$25.00 fee will apply to reserve each additional shelter. The beach house reservation policy has also been modified to allow for an extended rental period of six hours, and discounted rental fees for Monday-Thursday reservations.

Reservation application forms and fees can be found on the city's website or at City Hall. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis for 2012 beginning on January 3. Please contact City Hall with questions or to inquire about availability.

Snowmobile and ATV Safety Reminders

For the safety of the community, snowmobiles and all-terrain recreational vehicles are only allowed to be operated in the following areas within the city limits:



- Private property with written permission of the owner
- Streets and alleys, on the right hand side of the traffic lane, with the flow of traffic, at a speed less than 15 miles per hour

Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are not allowed to be driven on school grounds, skating rinks, playgrounds, or public sidewalks at any time. We appreciate your cooperation and wish you a safe and fun winter season!

Help Keep City Streets and Sidewalks Clear of Snow and Ice!



Snow and ice accumulation on city streets and sidewalks cannot only make parking and walking difficult for city residents, but it can also be a safety hazard. The city would

appreciate your help this winter by making sure all vehicles parked on the street are removed after a snowfall of 2 inches or more, until the street has been plowed curb to curb.

The city would also like to remind residents to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours of accumulation. Under no circumstances should snow be shoveled or blown onto city streets. Please be advised that properties abutting unkempt sidewalks or vehicles parked on the street for more than 24 hours may be ticketed and/or towed.

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



As we approach the holiday season, it's inevitable that we look back at the significant events and achievements of the past year. Once again, Bayport has experienced many!

From the Memorial Day Parade, Night to Unite, Derby Days, Halloween, and through the Lighting of the Village Green, we have had the opportunity to share in the fun and camaraderie of our neighbors. Everyone who planned, supported, and participated in the events played a big role in their success and we thank you very much.

Due to generous donations by residents, business owners, and community groups, the city was able to fund two additional city newsletters this year, for a total of four editions of Bayport News. In addition, the city "weathered" another flood, completed several infrastructure improvements projects, and was able to stay on track with the city's budget.

On a broader scale, the city was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in multiple community symposiums with our adjacent municipalities. These sessions were not only valuable in strengthening several relationships within our own city, but also helped identify ways in which we could partner and share services with other cities, to benefit the greater community.

I am thankful for a rewarding year, and I look forward to continuing my term as Mayor in 2012. Best wishes for a safe and healthy new year!

Add New Plastic Recyclables to Your Curbside Cart Beginning January 1

Great news! Allied Waste will be accepting several new plastics for recycling in 2012. This includes household plastic items that are coded #3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 on the container, such as the following:

- Pop/water bottles with caps
- Shampoo/soap bottles
- Mouthwash bottles
- Food jars or containers
- Cleaning product bottles
- Cooking oil/dressing bottles
- Disposable bags
- Food storage containers
- Squeeze bottles
- Yogurt containers
- Margarine containers
- Medicine bottles
- Miscellaneous small toys



Please keep in mind that all containers and bottles must be emptied and rinsed of all residue in order to be accepted for recycling. Also, please be sure to remove your recycling cart from the curb within 24 hours of collection to assist the city with snow removal from alleys and streets. Thank you in advance for your efforts!



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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:

January 2	New Year's Day
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 20	President's Day

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 3	April 2
February 6	May 7
March 5	June 4

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

January 17	April 16
February 21	May 21
March 19	June 18

City Newsletter - You Can Help Make a Difference!

With donations from residents, local businesses and community organizations, the city was able to print two additional newsletters in 2011. Based on the positive feedback, the city would like to continue this effort in 2012, and would greatly appreciate your help!

The goal of the city newsletter is not only to keep residents and businesses informed on city projects and services, but also to strengthen connections within the community through special events, programs, and opportunities, to enhance the quality of life in Bayport.

To find out how you can help make a difference and sponsor a city newsletter, please contact City Hall at 651-275-4404. We greatly appreciate your consideration in helping to enhance communication within the city!

Is Your Pet Licensed with the City?



For the safety of your pet and the community, the city requires that all dogs and cats over 3 months of age within the city

be licensed and have a valid rabies vaccination, which must be presented when obtaining a license.

Licenses are valid for a calendar year, or balance thereof, and may be purchased at City Hall. License fees for dogs or cats are as follows:

Spayed / neutered \$ 10.00
Not spayed / neutered \$ 20.00

Please be advised that any pet found running at large without a city license and/or collar tag will be impounded until claimed by the owner. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Bayport Library History

1913 – 1919 Library was formally established and located in Andersen Elementary School.

1958 – 1960 Library moved to Village Hall and City Council appointed a Library Board.

1973 Library moved to old post office.

1990 Library moved to present location, the former White Pine Inn.

Spotlight on Retiring Library Director Kathy MacDonald and her Career *by Karen Lampi, Library Board*

Kathy MacDonald will retire from her position as Bayport Library Director at the end of December. She leaves with her mind and heart full of memories.

She remembers with delight the Wednesday Tea ladies who gathered each week and once recalls finding a small bottle of Southern Comfort on their table. “They claimed they were pouring shots over homemade fruitcake, but I will always wonder,” Kathy said, adding, “They never again brought liquor to the Wednesday Tea!”

She remembers the challenge of a 10-year old boy who claimed, “I just don’t like to read!” Fast forward several years to a young man who stopped in to thank Kathy for finding just the right book that set him on the path to becoming an avid reader. “It was a turning point in my life,” he said.

Kathy started as a library assistant in 1981. She became library director in 1999.



Highlights of Kathy’s 12 years as director include:

~ The library grounds received an extreme makeover (pictured above) with

design, labor and plants provided by the Washington County Master Gardeners, in exchange for meeting and resource storage space.



~ The library received a star rating in the Library Journal’s Index of Public Library Service, one of only 256 out of 7,115 libraries rated nationwide.

~ The library’s new reading room was opened, designed to provide a warm, comfortable place to read or engage in a game of chess in front of the fireplace.

~ The library became the first in Washington County to provide wireless internet access.

Kathy has been a fierce and passionate advocate for the library for 30 years, bringing outstanding leadership and vision to her position. Kathy’s highest priority always has been to make the library a place that welcomes and provides service beyond the ordinary to all who come through the doors. She has succeeded.

As you retire, Kathy, take with you the thanks and best wishes of a grateful community. And, Mark, welcome to the City and the Bayport Public Library!

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