



Bayport News

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Bayport City Council at the groundbreaking ceremony on May 18 for the new Bayport Fire Hall.

Site Development for New Bayport Fire Hall is Underway

On May 18, a groundbreaking event was celebrated by representatives from all agencies that partnered with the city to make this



project a reality, including Townships of Baytown and West Lakeland, City of Oak Park Heights, Department of Corrections, as well as local, state and federal elected officials. We truly appreciate their continued support throughout this project. As Mayor St. Ores stated at the groundbreaking event, "This is an example of how government can, and should work together to improve the communities in which we serve."

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



Like many residents, I truly appreciate and treasure the abundance of natural resources in our area, especially the St. Croix

River. I am also very passionate about protecting and preventing degradation of these resources, so residents and visitors can continue to experience and enjoy the beauty and recreation they provide to us all.

Recently, I was alarmed to find that six bighead carp, which are an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), were captured in the St. Croix River near Bayport. Bighead are one of four invasive carp species threatening native river ecosystems. They can grow to 60 pounds and have major impacts on the food chain by consuming plankton relied on by native fish.

As a result of the recent captures, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) partnered with a commercial fishing operator to conduct intensive sampling, electrofishing, and gill netting in our area.

No additional invasive carp have been caught and no evidence was found to suggest the carp are reproducing. However, we should not become complacent with these findings and must continue to take action on this crucial topic. The discovery of these species in any amount is cause for concern, as their impact on the St. Croix could be devastating.

Partnership with all government entities involved in protecting the St. Croix is an important step in this task. As such, in early June, I initiated a meeting with other local appointed and elected officials to learn more about the DNR Invasive Carp Action Plan that is geared toward monitoring, preventing the spread, and managing invasive carp, and actions we can pursue to assist in these efforts.

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The new 17,400 square foot Fire Hall will include five pull-through apparatus bays, shared office areas, and a training and emergency operations center. Site grad-

ing activity and footing preparation are underway, as well as the extension of utility mains to serve the building. The new facility will be located at 1012 5th Ave. N. and provide much needed upgrades and appropriate space to accommodate fire personnel and equipment, to ultimately provide a higher level of public safety to the service area.

Above right: Installation of utility mains. Below left: Fire Chief Mark Swenson and Asst. Fire Chief Mike Galowitz.

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Community Programs and Events

Don't Miss the Washington County Fair



The Washington County Fair will be held July 29 – August 2 on the fairgrounds in Lake Elmo. This year's fair promises to be bigger and better than ever with carnival games and rides, exhibits, music, food, and entertainment. Daily admission is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children age 6-15. For a full schedule of events, visit www.washingtoncountyfair.org.

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Nite to Unite at Lakeside Park

Be sure to join with families, friends and neighbors for Night to Unite at Lakeside Park on August 4, 5:00-8:00p.m. which promotes community safety and features exhibits, demonstrations and prizes! Many thanks to local businesses/organizations for their donations and to volunteers for help in coordinating this event!



Theater and Movies at the Bayport Library

We are pleased to offer the following upcoming shows at the library this summer and hope you can join us!



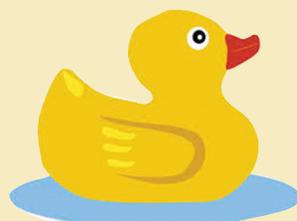
August 6 - 1:00 p.m.
Climb Theater presents
"The Lion & the Mouse"

August 13 - 1:00 p.m.
Movie "Paddington"

August 17 - 6:00 p.m.
Movie "McFarland USA"

Save the Date for Bayport Derby Days

The Bayport Community Action League is excited to announce Saturday, September 19 as the date for this year's festivities. Events will include the popular "Duck Derby" race on Perro Creek, "Taste of Bayport" with food from local eating establishments, and a fireworks display over the St. Croix River!



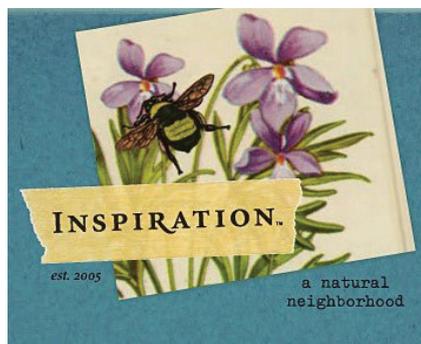
Help Emergency Responders with Proper Display of Address Numbers

Proper display of address numbers helps emergency responders arrive at your home or business as quickly as possible, to provide assistance in a police, fire, or medical emergency. For this reason, the city requires address numbers to be affixed to a house, garage, or building where they are clearly visible when approaching from a street or alley, in both directions.



Properties that are heavily wooded or landscaped can also post address numbers on a monument, lamp post, mailbox, or similar feature for additional visibility. Address numbers should be at least 3 inches in height, a color that contrasts with the building, and made of metal, plastic, or other weather resistant material to prevent fading and/or deterioration.

Construction on the Rise in Inspiration



The city recently approved a final plat for a portion of Phase III-B of the development, which includes 76 single-family lots. Grading for the utilities and street infrastructure is underway and new home construction is anticipated to begin in the next few

months. These lots will be accessed from a new second entrance on the north side of the development, Inspiration Parkway North. With the increase in construction activity, residents are encouraged to use caution around crews and equipment and abide by on-street parking regulations, to maintain adequate access for police and emergency responders.

Be Sure to "Get Caught" Recycling

Did you know that the city randomly selects a property address each month to verify participation in the city's recycling program? If the recycling cart is at the curb on regular pickup day, the property owner receives an award! The purpose of this program is to encourage recycling activity in the community and recognize participants for their efforts. Thanks to a grant from Washington County for making this program possible!



Water Quality Monitoring Helps Improve the Health of Local Lakes and Streams

In partnership with local, state, and federal water management organizations, the Washington Conservation District (WCD) will be collecting water quality data from 71 lakes and 47 streams in Washington County this summer. WCD will install some automatic samplers to record water levels, measure flow rates, and take samples during rain storms. WCD staff will also capture “grab” samples to measure water temperature, dissolved oxygen, water transparency, nutrient content, and various pollutants. Water quality field data collected over the past several years has confirmed that many local lakes and streams are unable



to support aquatic life. In addition, several streams in the county have been shown to contain unsafe levels of *E. coli*, including Perro Creek in Bayport. Monitoring data also helps to determine how much sediment and phosphorus is entering the St. Croix River from different areas in Washington County. Not only does long-term water quality monitoring help identify impaired waters, but also identifies source pollutants and potential problems which can hopefully be addressed, before their effects become irreversible. For more information on water quality monitoring or the WCD, visit www.mnwcd.org



Senior Center Announces New Location and Program Director in Bayport

Effective July 2015, Community Thread’s Bayport Senior Center will move from the American Legion Post 491 to the White Pine Building located at 342 5th Ave. N. Under the direction of outgoing Program Manager Sue Schultz, the Senior Center has been responsible for engaging, enriching, and connecting people through activities and service projects for older adults in Bayport for the past 15 years. Sue will be replaced by Susan Elmer, who previously served as the Program Director at YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI. The new Senior Center location will offer ample parking, as well as flexible space to accommodate a variety of activities. To learn more or get involved, visit www.communitythreadmn.org or call 651-439-7434. Congratulations on your retirement Sue and welcome to Bayport Susan!



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LIBRARY

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Website: www.bayportlibrary.com

PUBLIC WORKS

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Phone: 651-275-4410

UTILITY, FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCY

Phone: 911

CITY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

City offices will be closed to observe the following upcoming holidays in 2015:

Labor Day	September 7
Columbus Day	October 12
Veteran’s Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 26
Christmas Eve Day	December 24
New Year’s Eve Day	December 31

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 3	September 8*
October 5	November 2
December 7*	

*A 4:30 p.m. workshop will tentatively be held prior to these meetings.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. as needed.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Find specific city staff contact information and forms on the city’s website.

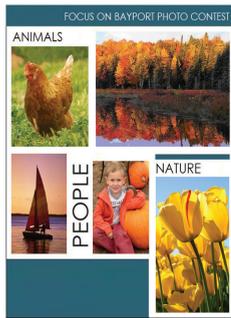
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Enter the 4th Annual “Focus on Bayport” Photo Contest



Capture your favorite images of our city! The photo contest is open to all Bayport residents and is a great opportunity to showcase and celebrate our community!

Entries must feature a city resident, animal, place, or object captured within Bayport. Photos must be submitted as 5 x 7 inch prints to City Hall by October 15. Contest details are posted on the city’s website and at City Hall. Winners will be selected in various categories, displayed at City Hall and published in the city newsletter. We look forward to your entry!

A Message from the Mayor

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The city will continue to work with our partners on proactive steps to get ahead of this situation and prevent any worsening of the problem. We will also provide public education and outreach on this topic, as these efforts have been found to be perhaps the most valuable tools to help contain invasive carp and other AIS.



If you catch an invasive carp, do not release the fish and immediately contact the DNR at 888-646-6367 or the Bayport Police Department at 651-275-4400.

Help Keep Debris Out of the Street - It’s the Law!

Unfortunately, city crews have recently noticed that many property owners are blowing grass clippings and yard waste into the street, which clogs storm sewer grates, plugs culverts, and can lead to flooding during heavy rain events. Property owners have also been placing refuse containers on the street instead of on the grass or curb, which interferes with street sweeping and maneuverability of emergency vehicles.



For water quality and safety reasons, the city would appreciate your cooperation to abide by city ordinances which do not allow yard debris to be discarded into the street and do require appropriate placement and removal of refuse containers.

Resident Reminder: Watering Restrictions Promote Conservation and Lower Utility Bills

To conserve water during peak usage months, the city has adopted a watering regulation ordinance for properties with municipal water service, which are now in effect through September 1. Even address numbers may water on even-numbered calendar days before 3:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. Odd address numbers may water on odd-numbered calendar days before 3:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m.



In addition to watering restrictions, be sure to follow the tips below to not only help conserve water, but also lower your utility bill. Thanks in advance for your cooperation to monitor and conserve water!

Helpful Watering Tips:

- Operate irrigation systems only when necessary, not on a fixed schedule
- Adjust sprinklers to water lawn only and avoid overspray into a street or driveway
- Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle to control flow and usage
- Maintain lawn at 3-5 inches in height to promote a strong and healthy root system
- Hand water lawn, garden, and landscaped areas when possible