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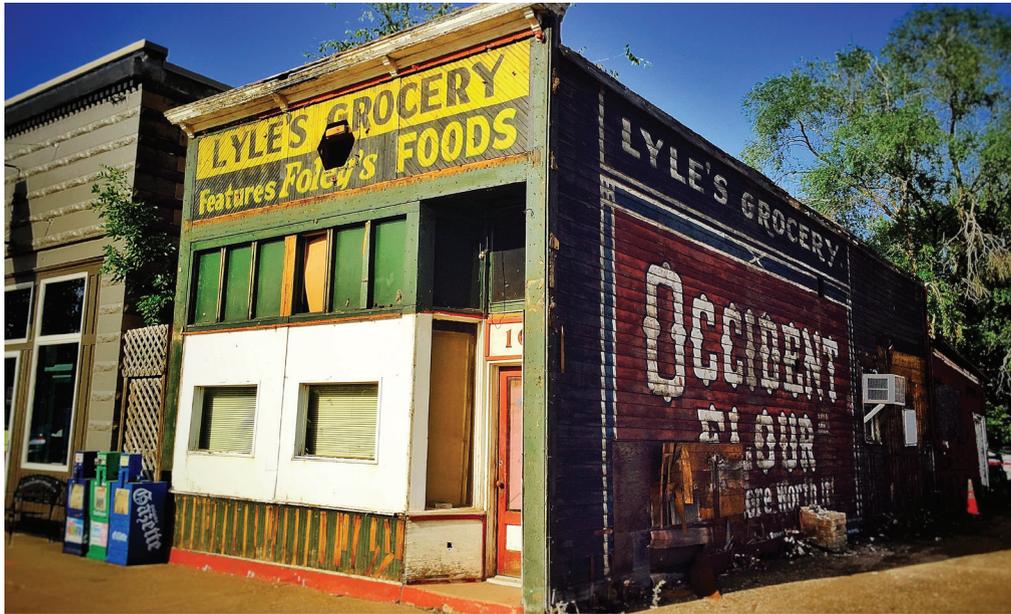
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## City Receives Window Grant for Warming House

Brighter and safer days are ahead for the Perro Park Ice Rink Warming House thanks to a generous donation from



Andersen Corporation! The city was recently awarded a grant request from the Andersen Corporate Giving Program for two windows, which will be installed in the warming house this winter and significantly improve the safety and security for city staff and all park users. Andersen has been a generous partner on several city projects over the years and we appreciate their continued civic engagement and support!



"Lyle's" taken by Don Hoye was a 1st place winner in the 2015 Focus on Bayport Photo Contest.

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



Together with my fellow City Councilmembers and lead by a team of dedicated, professional, staff, we as a city embarked on several important projects in 2015. In March, we

approved a final design for the new Bayport Fire Hall. Construction began in May and is scheduled for completion in March of 2016.

This exciting project would not have been possible without support from the Minnesota Department of Corrections, our partner service communities of Baytown, Oak Park Heights, and West Lakeland, as well as generous grants from the Andersen Corporate Foundation, Hugh J. Andersen Foundation, and the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation. An open house event will be scheduled for this spring and I look forward to celebrating completion of this project with the community!

In July, we approved a final plat to develop 76 single-family lots in Phase III of Inspiration. We look forward to the build out of this neighborhood and welcoming many new families to our community in the next year.

In November, we began connection of Well #3 to the city's municipal treatment plant, a proactive measure to ensure our water supply remains protected from the contaminant trichloroethylene (TCE). This project was funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (see article on page 3). To round out the year, we completed the purchase and demolition of the vacant property at 169 3rd St. N. Concept redevelopment plans are in process and will be considered over the next few months.

I am very proud of the work we accomplished in 2015 and continue to be thankful for the opportunity to serve as Mayor. Thanks to all for another successful year filled with great achievements!

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## Resident Reminder: Pet Limitations and License Requirements



For the safety and welfare of your pet and the general public, the city requires all cats and dogs over 4 months of age to be licensed, display a city issued collar tag,

and have a valid rabies vaccination. Also, city ordinance limits a combination of up to 3 cats and/or dogs over 4 months of age per property. Exceptions to this ordinance apply only to qualified service animals trained to assist an individual with a disability or for properties located in the R-1 Zoning District with a city approved private kennel license. Annual license fees are \$10.00 for spayed/neutered pets and \$20.00 for unaltered animals. License applications for the 2016 calendar year are due by February 1. Please be advised that pets found to be unlicensed may impounded at the pet owner's expense, so be sure to buy your pet the best gift of all this season...a city license and collar tag!

# Community Programs and Events

## Fire Department Fundraiser and Dance



Join us for an evening of DJ entertainment, dancing, and a raffle to support the Bayport Fire Department! The event will be held February 20, 7 p.m. -12 a.m. at the Eagles 94 Club, 13523 North 60th Street, Oak Park Heights. Residents will receive raffle tickets by mail in the next few weeks.

Funds raised will be used to purchase special lightweight fire rescue gear. Thanks in advance for your support!

## Police Department Reserve/Volunteer Program

Interested in helping with community policing activities? Volunteers in the reserve program assist the city with special events/parades, youth safety camp, park patrol, and neighborhood watch. The program is also a great way for individuals to gain experience if interested in pursuing a career in public safety. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Visit the city's website for more information.



## New Resource Available Through the Library



The library is offering a new resource called *Lynda.com*, geared to help teach individuals software, technology, and business skills to achieve personal and professional goals. *Lynda.com* offers unlimited access to a library of high-quality, current video tutorials taught

by industry experts. To access this resource and others, visit the library's website [www.bayportlibrary.org](http://www.bayportlibrary.org)

## Free Disposal of Household Hazardous Items

Got household hazardous waste? Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury, provides Bayport residents with a FREE and convenient disposal option for household hazardous waste, electronics, and recyclables. For hours of operation and information on materials accepted, please contact 651-275-7475.



## Police Chief Laura Eastman Recognized with CLEO Certification

Chief Laura Eastman was recently accepted by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association as a Master Level Certified Chief Law Enforcement Officer. Only a select group of individuals receive this designation, which is based on years of service, educational attainment, and leadership accomplishments. Congratulations to Chief Laura Eastman on this special achievement and certification.



## New Park Reservation and Rental Policies



Now through January 15, the city is accepting priority reservations from residents for the Lakeside Park beach house, all park picnic shelters, game fields, and tennis courts. New for 2016, the beach house is available for an 8 hour rental period and the resident picnic shelter rental cost for groups up to 100 people is \$25.00 per shelter. Facilities book up early,

so for best availability, be sure to make your reservation as soon as possible. Park reservation forms, fees, and policies can be found on the city's website or at City Hall.

## Don't Let the Snow Lead to a Fine or Tow!

Removing snow and ice from city streets, sidewalks, and parking areas is critical to ensure motorists, pedestrians, and emergency responders can maneuver through the city in a safe and efficient matter. For this reason, the city has adopted the regulations listed below.

- On-street parking is not allowed for more than 24 consecutive hours
- Vehicles parked on the street or public property must be removed after a snowfall over 2 inches, until snow removal is complete
- Property owners adjacent to a public sidewalk need to remove snow/ice accumulation within 24 hours

Violators of these regulations may be ticketed, charged for the cost of sidewalk snow/ice removal, or have their vehicle towed. Please do your part to keep our streets and sidewalks safe!



## Congratulations to the 2015 *Focus on Bayport* Photo Contest Winners

Once again, residents captured some great images of our city in this year's *Focus on Bayport* Photo Contest! Thanks to residents of all ages who participated in the contest and shared their spectacular photos.



*"Observer" by Lisa Eldred*

Entries were judged on visual and technical merit, creativity, and composition. Winning photos in various categories are featured in this edition of the newsletter on page 1 and in this article. Photos will also be on display at City Hall through March.



*"Nesting" by Don Hoye*

We look forward to continuing this contest annually and showcasing the talent of our residents. So, grab your camera and start capturing your favorite images for next year!



*"Weeping Willows of Croixdale" by Darryl Germain*

## Connection of Well #3 to Water Treatment Plant Funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Over the past few months, approximately 2,000 feet of new underground water main was installed to facilitate the connection of municipal Well #3, located in Village Green Park, to the city's water treatment plant, near the Inspiration neighborhood. This project was initiated as a proactive measure to ensure that our water remains safe from the groundwater contaminant trichloroethylene (TCE) and in compliance with federal drinking water standards.

The connection was completed in November at an estimated cost of over \$500,000, which was funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, with the help of State Senator Karin Housley and Representative Kathy Lohmer. More information on municipal water monitoring and quality can be found in the annual City of Bayport Drinking Water Report, which is posted on the city's website. Thanks to all who helped make this project possible!



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### PUBLIC WORKS

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

### UTILITY, FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCY

Phone: 911

### CITY HALL OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

January 18	October 10
February 15	November 24
May 30	December 22
July 4	December 26
September 5	

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

January 4	July 11
February 1	August 1
March 7	September 6
April 4	October 3
May 2	November 7
June 6	December 5

Meetings are held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

### COMMUNITY EVENT DATES

Memorial Day Parade	May 30
Citywide Garage Sale	June 3-4
Farmer's Market	June-October
Night to Unite	August 2
Derby Days	September 17
Lighting of Village Green	December 7



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## The Toys for Tots Campaign Was a Huge Success

**Thank  
You**

Thanks to those who donated to the 2015 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program, which helps provide gifts to less fortunate

children. An estimated total of over 800 toys were collected from the City of Bayport! Many thanks to the First State Bank and Trust, Holiday Stationstore, Croixdale, and the Minnesota Department of Corrections for helping to collect toys and making this year's campaign a huge success!

## Credit and Online Payments Accepted for City Utility Bills

Do you often misplace your utility bill or forget to make payment on time? As an alternative to mailing a check or paying your utility bill



in person, you may want to consider the city's online bill pay option, which accepts credit or debit cards or auto pay through a bank account. A transaction fee of \$2.99 does apply for online or telephone payments. However, this program may help you stay on track and avoid a \$5.00 late fee for payments received after the due date. For more information, or to sign up for this program, visit the city's website.

## Snowmobile and All-Terrain Vehicle Regulations

For the safety of the community, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are only allowed to be operated under the following conditions within the city limits:



- Private property with owner's written permission
- Public streets and alleys, on right side of traffic lane, at a speed less than 15 MPH
- Sunday-Thursday 6 a.m. – 11 a.m. and Friday-Saturday 6 a.m. – 1 a.m.

Snowmobiles and ATVs are not allowed to be driven on school grounds, skating rinks, playgrounds, or public sidewalks at any time. We appreciate your cooperation!

## Winter Ice Melt and Salt Application: Less is More!

A common treatment for snow and ice accumulation is often ice melt or salt. Unfortunately, most of these treatments contain chemicals, which pollute our local bodies of water and cause harm to aquatic life.

The best way to minimize the need for treatment products is to remove snow and ice accumulation as soon as possible. When application of a treatment product is necessary, keep in mind that a little amount goes a long way; using more product does not mean more melting!

Applying treatment at warmer temperatures will produce the best results, as most salts stop working at temperatures below 15 degrees and can actually cause wet pavement to refreeze at temperatures below zero degrees. As an alternative to ice melt or salt application, consider using sand to help provide traction during extreme cold weather. Most importantly, use caution when operating vehicles, machinery, and equipment during the winter season, as ice melt, sand, and salt are not always a cure for slippery surfaces!

**MORE SALT**  
 ...not always the cure for slippery roads!

30° Normal winter conditions

20° CAUTION Salt takes longer to work and ROADS REFREEZE FASTER

10° EXTREME CAUTION ROADS REFREEZE EVEN FASTER Ice melts very slow

0° When salt is used at these lower temperatures, it may cause wet pavement to refreeze

**ICE & SNOW**  
 TAKE IT SLOW