



Bayport *brief*

Summer 2021

The *mayor's minute*



I am delighted and relieved to see our community and businesses returning to 'normal'. It's a great time to reconnect with friends and neighbors, visit our local businesses, and get involved in the community. There are so many opportunities to volunteer, lend a helping hand, and make new friends. There is something for everyone.

In the past few months, we've seen evidence of the good and generous work around us. The beautiful flowers in our parks and along city streets planted and maintained by industrious residents, new wooden satellite enclosures in our parks constructed by Eagle Scouts, park bench donations, and native plantings along Perro Creek installed by the Girl Scouts are just a few examples.

In addition, I would like to recognize and thank the Bayport American Legion for hosting the Memorial Day ceremony, the Bayport Community Action League for managing the Farmer's Market and many other community events, as well as our skilled all-volunteer Fire Department and their continued dedication. Please consider lending your time and talents. It's sincerely appreciated!

pet reminder: leash law



It is the responsibility of every pet owner to control their pet by leash in city parks, streets, open space areas, and public property. In addition, owners must control their pet to prevent excessive noise,

property damage, and interference with pedestrians, other pets, and vehicles. Failure to comply could result in fines and/or pet impoundment. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!



community spotlight: New Citizen Representatives



The city would like to recognize and welcome several new citizens that were appointed in the past year to serve and represent the city in a variety of positions. Many thanks to these individuals for their willingness to serve and make a difference in our community! Visit the city's website to view other citizen volunteer opportunities or sign up to receive text or email notifications when new positions become available.

Bayport City Council
Bayport Library Board
Inspiration Stewardship Foundation
St. Croix Valley Joint Cable Commission

Ethan Gilmore
Adriana Temali-Smith, Marie Hydukovich
Robert McManus, John Dahl
Andrew Kaeding

City Speed Limit Reduction survey results

In March, the City Council initiated a community survey to gather public input on a proposal to lower the state standard 30 mph speed limit on eligible residential city streets. Survey questions included: 1) Opinion on the current speed limit; 2) Should the city spend money to conduct a study to lower the speed limit and install new signage, as necessary; and 3) Preferred speed limit (30, 25, or 20 mph).



- A total of 383 survey responses were received and results indicated approximately:
- 53% feel current 30 mph limit is too fast; 9% too slow; 38% neither too fast or slow.
 - 39% did not support spending money to lower the speed limit; 49% did support.
 - 38% favor a 30 mph speed limit; 26% 25 mph; 34% 20 mph; 2% not sure.
 - 30% of respondents were in the age-range demographic of 35-44 years.
 - 49% live west of Highway 95; 30% east of Highway 95; 21% in Inspiration.
 - 94% of respondents were city residents

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COMMUNITY EVENT *updates*

<p>JUNE - AUGUST 7</p>	<p>LIBRARY SUMMER EXPLORATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH Track reading, share reviews, and complete literacy activities to earn badges and prizes! Sign up at www.stillwaterbayportlibrary.beanstack.org. Be sure to check out other virtual events on the Library's website!</p>
<p>JUNE 14 - OCTOBER</p>	<p>BAYPORT FARMER'S MARKET Barker's Alps Park – Mondays, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>JUNE 19</p>	<p>RESIDENT CITYWIDE CLEANUP DAY / DISPOSAL EVENT Lakeside Park – 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>Take advantage of this event to drop off/dispose of household items and bulky materials. A photo I.D. or utility bill that verifies Bayport residency is required per vehicle to participate.</p> <p>Entry fees: \$20.00 per vehicle \$40.00 per vehicle with a trailer \$200.00 per box/moving truck Fees payable by cash or check to the City of Bayport.</p> <p>Items accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Household goods (clothes, books, dishes, décor) - Appliances and furniture - Small engines/lawn equipment (gas/oil removed) - Construction debris (lumber, flooring, fixtures, metal) - Tires (with or without rims) <p>NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR ELECTRONICS!</p> <p>Visit the city's website for a complete list of items accepted, traffic flow map, and other disposal options through the city and Washington County.</p>

Lawn Irrigation: *water wisely!*

City watering restrictions are now in effect until Sept. 1 and allow watering before 12:00 p.m. and after 5:00 p.m. on odd and even days by address. Reduce the need for irrigation by mowing lawn high for deeper roots, leaving clippings to act as a natural fertilizer, or replacing some turf with native plants. Also, inspect and repair clogged or broken sprinkler heads and make sure they are adjusted to avoid overspray. As a reminder, lawns only need 1 inch of water per week, so you can still get green grass with less blue!



what's new? Treatment for Emerald Ash Borer



Thanks to a grant from the Department of Natural Resources, the city will be treating a select number of mature, high value boulevard trees this summer to reduce the effects of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The insecticide treatment will be applied by direct injection into the tree, as opposed to the root drenching method, which can result in environmental impacts to the soil. If applied every 2-3 years, the treatment will prevent or stop further EAB infestation and prolong the life of the tree. The city is also pursuing an opportunity to extend this

treatment option to residents for trees on private property. Watch for further information on this program to be provided via the city website, newsletters, social media, and email notices/updates.

staff feature: Kara Hoier

We are very excited to welcome Kara Hoier as our new part-time Office Support Specialist at City Hall! Kara has extensive experience in local municipal government, previously working for multiple surrounding cities, primarily in the areas of community development and building / zoning permits. Kara lives in Hudson with her daughter, Claire, and their two corgis, Gus and Piper. She enjoys gardening, interior design, and spending time with her daughter. A stay-at-home mom for several years, she is excited to return to the workforce and has enjoyed meeting the city's friendly staff and residents. Welcome to your new position, Kara!



Speed Limit: *survey results*

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After discussing the survey results, the City Council voted 4-1 in favor of pursuing a study to lower the speed limit to 20 mph. Additional traffic control measures at specific intersections will also be looked at as part of the study. For a complete summary of the survey results or to view the May 3rd City Council agenda materials and minutes, visit the city's website. Look for updates on speed limit changes in upcoming editions of the newsletter and the website.

CITY CONTACTS *and services*

For the protection of our community, most city buildings remain closed or with limited access to the general public. Increased public access is anticipated to begin in July 2021. Please refer to the contacts below to assist with essential city services by phone, email, or appointment.

CITY HALL GENERAL INFORMATION
PARKS / PERMITS / LICENSES / UTILITY BILLING
651-275-4404 or office@ci.bayport.mn.us

LIBRARY CURBSIDE PICKUP / APPOINTMENTS
651-275-4416 or jsmith@ci.bayport.mn.us

PUBLIC WORKS STREETS / TREES / UTILITIES
publicworks@ci.bayport.mn.us

PUBLIC SAFETY / POLICE / FIRE / EMERGENCY
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