



# Bayport *brief*

Summer 2022

## Primary Election: *aug. 9*



The State Partisan Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. The ballot includes the federal office of US Representative District 4 and state offices for State Senator District 33,

State Representative District 33B, Governor / Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State. City offices will be elected at the General Election on November 8. For a new voter registration form or absentee ballot information, please visit the county website [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us). Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and all residents vote at the Bayport Fire Station, 1012 5th Ave. N.



## Building the Next Chapter: *bayport library*

Beginning August 8, the Library will be closed to start construction on the much anticipated building remodel project, which will be on-



going through early 2023. During this time, the Library will still offer pickup of reserved materials at City Hall, during varied hours Monday – Saturday, from the Washington County and Stillwater Library collections. Other services typically provided at the Library, such as computer use, copying, scanning, and faxing will be suspended throughout the remodel. As a reminder, Bayport Library cardholders may use any Library in Washington County.

Thanks to generous donors and sponsors, the Library was successful in raising approximately \$2.45 million to help fund this exciting project! The newly remodeled building is anticipated to reopen in early 2023, with a grand opening celebration planned for National Library Week in April. Questions? Contact Library Director Jill Smith at 651-275-4416 or [jsmith@ci.bayport.mn.us](mailto:jsmith@ci.bayport.mn.us)

## *what's new?* County Food Scraps Collection Program

Did you know that over 20% of household trash consists of organics, such as produce, meat, eggshells, and certain paper products that could otherwise be recycled into compost? To help address this, Minnesota has adopted a waste management goal of recycling 75% of all waste by 2030, which means organics collection will be critical to that achievement.



Locally, Washington County has been leading efforts to reduce the amount of organics that are disposed of in the trash. Most recently, the county opened a new food scraps drop off site in the City of Mahtomedi, which is accessible to all county residents. Food waste and non-recyclable paper products collected at the site are turned into finished compost in just 6 months. To help households get started with food scraps collection, the county offers a free composting starter kit, which includes a kitchen collection pail and compostable bags. *Continued on page 2...*

## *community spotlight* : Bayport's 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial



This year marks the city's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Originally, Bayport consisted of three small settlements along the St. Croix River named Baytown, Middletown, and Bangor, which were incorporated as South Stillwater in 1881. Because many confused the name with the City of Stillwater, it was changed to Bayport in 1922. The city and the Bayport Community Action League (BCAL) are collaborating on efforts to celebrate and commemorate the centennial. One community project under discussion and consideration is a fundraising campaign for the installation of a park pavilion at the Village Green. If you are interested in volunteering your time, talent, or donating funds to support this project, please contact the BCAL at [bcal55003@gmail.com](mailto:bcal55003@gmail.com) or City Hall at 651-275-4404.

## COMMUNITY EVENT *calendar*

<b>NOW - OCTOBER</b>	<b>BAYPORT FARMER'S MARKET</b> Barker's Alps Park – Mondays, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.
<b>AUGUST 2</b>	<b>NIGHT TO UNITE (NATIONAL NIGHT OUT)</b> Lakeside Park – 5 to 8 p.m.
<b>AUGUST 8</b>	<b>LIBRARY REMODEL GROUNDBREAKING EVENT</b> Bayport Library – 4:30 p.m. Come celebrate the start of construction on the Library building remodel. Refreshments will be served!
<b>AUGUST 9</b>	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b> Bayport Fire Station – Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
<b>AUGUST 24</b>	<b>ICE CREAM CONE WITH A COP</b> Mabel's Ice Cream – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Eckberg-Lammers Law Firm
<b>SEPTEMBER 16 -17</b>	<b>BAYPORT DERBY DAYS</b> This annual festival includes a street dance, duck races on Perro Creek, family games, and fireworks. Visit the Bayport Community Action League website for details.
<b>OCTOBER 8</b>	<b>BAYPORT BOY SCOUT TROOP 113 PUMPKIN SALE</b> Village Green Park – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### *lawn irrigation*: Slow Your Roll!

Dry conditions are contributing to record high water usage again this year, primarily due to irrigation, which is taxing our municipal water infrastructure system. To ensure an adequate capacity of water supply for all, please abide by the city's watering restrictions, which are now in effect until September 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 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. Lawns only need 1 inch of water per week, so you can still get green grass with less blue!



### *Aquatic Invasive Species prevention tips*



Help prevent unwanted travelers from entering rivers and lakes by applying this 4 step approach:

**CLEAN:** Aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other invasives from watercraft, trailers, and related gear before leaving any water access/shoreland

**DRAIN:** Boat, ballast tanks, live/bait wells, motor/drain bilge by removing drain plugs before leaving any water access/shoreland

**DRY:** Equipment and gear thoroughly before traveling to other waters

**DISPOSE:** Any unused bait (leeches, worms, minnows) in the trash

Watercraft and equipment used on waterbodies impaired with known invasives should also be sprayed and rinsed with high pressure hot water following use and allowed to dry for 5 days. Boats that are clean in and clean out help prevent the spread of invasives, so do your part!

### *staff feature*: Kaytee Estall

We are pleased to welcome Kaytee Estall as our newest Library Clerk! Kaytee was hired last year and recently completed her master's degree in Library and Information Science. "Every day brings something new and I enjoy assisting patrons with a variety of needs," she notes. During her free time, Kaytee enjoys reading historical fiction or fantasy. Welcome Kaytee!



### *What's New*: *food scraps*

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The county is also pursuing efforts to introduce a residential food scraps pickup program in conjunction with regular curbside trash and recycling collection. The program is still in development, but the objective is to offer a more convenient method for residents to separate food scraps and include with their regular trash for collection. Once collected by the hauler, compostable food scraps bags will be sorted from other trash and composted. Anticipated rollout for the pickup program is 2023. To learn more about programs and resources offered by the county, visit [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us)

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### *traffic change*: 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.

To improve pedestrian safety and better manage traffic and on-street parking near Andersen Elementary, the city recently designated a stretch of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. between the Library and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. as a one way street. School will soon be in session, so please be alert and continue to use extreme caution in this area!



### *city departments*

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