



# Bayport *brief*

Winter 2023

## The *mayor's minute*



Hello and happy 2023! It has been an honor to be a Bayport City Councilmember for the past 12 years and I am humbly grateful to begin serving as your Mayor. My husband Ben

and I moved to Bayport 25 years ago and raised our two children here because we appreciate the benefits a small town has to offer. We have an empty nest now and I have recently retired from 30 years in market research, a career focused on asking questions and solving problems. My focus as Mayor will be similar and I intend to lead by listening, learning, and advocating for the good of our community.

I hope you will help me by reaching out if you have ideas to share! Your feedback is important and I sincerely look forward to finding ways to improve our quality of life. I appreciate your support and the support of the dedicated city staff and City Council as we work together to ensure that Bayport remains the charming and thriving community it is today!

## *plan ahead!* 2023 Park Reservations Now Open

# Parks Make Life Better!

Looking for a great venue to hold a reunion, graduation, or other special event? The city is now accepting reservations from residents only for the Lakeside Park

Beach House and picnic shelters through January 31. These facilities book up early in the season, particularly on weekends in June and July. For best availability, we encourage making your reservation as soon as possible. Contact City Hall to inquire about open reservation dates.



## *community spotlight:* General Election Results



The Mayor and two City Council seats were elected on November 8, 2022. City Councilmember Michele Hanson was elected to replace outgoing Mayor Susan St. Ores and incumbent City Councilmember John Dahl was re-elected to serve his second term. New Councilmember Katie Hill was elected to fill the seat vacated by Michele Hanson. Below is a summary of Bayport statistics and results of the election.

Total voters	1,302	John C. Dahl	509
Absentee ballots	257	Katie Hill	481
Voter registrations	60	Eric J. Larson	433
Michele Hanson	968	Trischa Heitman-Ochs	347

## Resident Reminder: *snowmobile regulations*

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

- Private property with the owner's permission
- Public streets and alleys, on the right side of the paved traffic lane only, less than 15 MPH
- Sunday – Thursday 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Friday – Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.



Please remember snowmobiles and ATVs are not allowed to be operated on school grounds, ice skating rinks, playgrounds, boulevards, or public sidewalks at any time.

## COMMUNITY EVENT *updates*

<b>NOW – FEBRUARY 13</b>	<b>BAYPORT FIRE ON ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT</b> The Bayport Fire Department is sponsoring this event with assistance from <i>FishDonkey</i> , an on-line tournament app management system. Fish in any Minnesota water and record catches in designated categories for a chance to win prizes. Visit <a href="http://www.bayportfire.org">www.bayportfire.org</a> for details.
<b>APRIL 8</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT</b> Barker's Alps Park – Promptly at 10 a.m. The Bayport Community Action League invites families with elementary age school children to hunt for prizes throughout the park. Bring a basket for goodies!
<b>APRIL 21 / 26</b>	<b>BAYPORT LIBRARY GRAND RE-OPENING EVENTS</b> Celebrate completion of the Library's much anticipated building remodel project at these events! Visit the Library's website for more information (see article, right).
<b>JUNE 2-3</b>	<b>CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE</b> June 2 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. / June 3 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit the Bayport Community Action League website for registration details closer to the event dates.
<b>JUNE 7</b>	<b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b> Lakeside Park – 6 to 8 p.m. Join friends and family for a sweet treat, sponsored by the Bayport Community Action League!
<b>JUNE 14</b>	<b>LIBRARY SUMMER EXPLORERS KICK-OFF MAGIC SHOW</b> Bayport Public Library – 2 p.m. Don't miss an amazing performance by popular magician Brodini and sign up to participate in the Summer Explorers learning program!

### *get outdoors!* Help Keep Sidewalks Clean & Safe



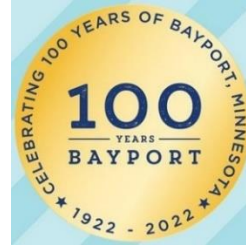
While the abundance of snow has created challenges for us all this winter, the city would appreciate your efforts to prioritize removal of snow/ice on public sidewalks within 24 hours of accumulation. This will not only improve accessibility, but it will also reduce the amount of salt necessary to treat problem areas and create a safe surface for pedestrians. As a reminder, 1 coffee cup is enough salt to clear 10 sidewalks squares or 250 sq. ft., so salt smart!

### *20 MPH: new speed limit on city streets*

In October 2021, the City Council approved a speed limit reduction on city owned streets from 30 to 20 MPH. The speed limit on county and state roads (5<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. and Highway 95) remains at 30 MPH. While studies have shown slower speeds are generally safer for drivers and pedestrians, multiple intersections were also identified as part of the speed limit analysis to be reviewed for potential other safety improvements, such as additional signage and/or 4-way traffic control. Results of the intersection safety review are anticipated to be complete in the coming months. Any traffic control changes approved by the city will be featured in upcoming editions of the city newsletter.



### American Legion: *thank you!*



Last year marked both the city and Bayport American Legion's centennial! To commemorate this milestone, the city and Legion are partnering on a new pavilion project at Village Green Park. The Legion recently donated

\$25,000 toward the project and the remaining funds will be secured through other donations and/or city fund reserves. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact City Hall.

### *bayport library:* Reopen Events!

The Bayport Library will be hosting two grand re-opening events to celebrate completion of the building remodel project! Adults are invited to attend on Friday, April 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. and families with children are welcome on Wednesday, April 26 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Visit the Library's website for more detailed information closer to the event dates.



### Prevent a Tow: *avoid the snow!*



During forecasted snow events, please avoid parking on the street whenever possible. On-street parking is limited to 24 hours year-round and vehicles must be removed after a 2-inch snowfall until the street has been plowed curb to curb. Vehicles in violation may be ticketed or towed.

## CITY CONTACTS *and resources*

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