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A Message from the Mayor

By Mayor Rick Schneider

City staff and the City Council have diligently been looking for solutions to eliminate trace amounts of trichloroethylene (TCE) from our municipal water. The contaminant level has remained below the 5 parts per billion and is safe to drink according to standards set by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). However, any measurable contaminate level in our water is a concern.

Background

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) were first found in groundwater in 1987 in portions of Lake Elmo, Baytown, West Lakeland Township, and Bayport. Since 1987, investigators have been trying to identify the source and extent of the contamination and determine the direction that it is moving. In 2002, we asked for frequent water testing of our city wells. In May 2003, one of our three wells showed TCE for the first time.

Although the TCE level is below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), we want to be very proactive in ensuring that we have safe water. Just recently, the

MPCA has identified the source of the contaminant, which exists to the west of the Lake Elmo airport. Because the source can be identified, it will allow for more efficient groundwater cleanup. However, what is already in the aquifer, will take up to 25 years to clean out.

Latest Test Results

The last test for well #2 had a level of 4.9 parts per billion. The elementary school tested at 2 parts per billion. We anticipate we will hit the MCL of 5 parts per billion, so we are in the design stages now for a new treatment facility. If we reach the MCL, we have the option to move temporary mobile filtration units in to filter our water.

Solutions for Bayport

We have looked at various options to resolve this situation. These include blending our water to lower the MCL, drilling a new well, utilizing the prison well, carbon filters, and air stripping. Each approach has pros and cons, which we have examined at length, and it appears that the best options are carbon filtering and air stripping.

On March 28th, we met with the MPCA and they indicated that air stripping would be a very effective solution for our water problem. Air stripping is a full-scale technology in which volatile organics are partitioned from ground water by greatly increasing the surface area of the contaminated water exposed to air. Types of aeration methods include packed towers, diffused aeration, tray aeration, and spray aeration. The MPCA has indicated

that they could have this up and running in 4-5 months and they would fund the costs to establish this treatment plant.

For information regarding the testing of private wells for TCE, residents may contact Patrick Sarafolean, Minnesota Department of Health, at 651-643-2110.

**Citywide
Cleanup Day
Saturday,
June 11, 2005**



Are you looking for a place to dispose of unwanted household items? The city and BFI Waste Disposal Company have scheduled a household materials drop-off day for residents of Bayport on Saturday, June 11, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The drop-off site will be located at the Bayport Public Works Building, 98 Second Ave. S., and adjacent Lakeside Park parking lot, where BFI will be equipped to accept unwanted household items for disposal. The drop-off day is being offered to residents of Bayport at no charge.

How to participate:

- Bring a form of identification (driver's license or state issued identification) that verifies residency within Bayport. Materials will not be accepted from individuals without valid identification.

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Lights Out?

The Public Works Department would appreciate your help in maintaining the city's street lights by contacting City Hall at 651-275-4404 if you notice a street light is not working properly. Faulty street lights are a safety and security issue. With your assistance, public works can arrange for prompt repair, to ensure our streets and neighborhoods have proper lighting.

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Community Programs and Events

Carrying Library Books Just Got Easier!

A gift from First State Bank and Trust has had library patrons smiling when checking out library materials in recent weeks. Cloth book bags, imprinted with the words "Bayport Public Library" have replaced the plastic book bags supplied to the library for many years by First State Bank and Trust. Library patrons can now tote materials to and from the library in earth-friendly style.

Patrons' reactions have been wonderful. According to Library Director Kathy MacDonald, "Their eyes just light up, so handing out the cloth bags has been great fun for us." Thank you to First State Bank and Trust for their generous, ongoing, and creative support!

Performances on the Library Lawn

Join fellow residents on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of entertainment, followed by an ice cream social. Most performances are held on the library's front lawn. For information, contact the Bayport Public Library at 651-275-4416.



June 16	Airplane Annie
June 30	Schiffley Puppets
July 14	Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade
July 28	Dakota Wild Animals
August 11	Professor Bear
August 25	Children's Humorist Rob Reid

Derby Days, September 16 and 17, 2005

To volunteer for this Bayport community celebration, contact Mark Berthelsen at 651-439-9200 or via e-mail at markberthelsen@comcast.net.

Women Veterans to be Honored

The Bayport Senior Center would like to honor women veterans over the age of 65 by inviting them to ride in the Bayport Memorial Parade on May 30, 2005. The Senior Center will provide parade transportation for participants. For more information, please contact Sue at 651-275-8907.



Reserve a Picnic Pavilion at Lakeside Park



Lakeside Park offers picnic pavillions equipped with electricity that may be reserved by Bayport residents at no charge.

Lakeside Park, located on Central Avenue, is open to the public between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. each day. For more information or to reserve a picnic pavilion, please contact City Hall at 651-275-4404.

Residential Conservation Development "Inspiration" is Approved

On April 4, 2005, the City Council approved a final plat, submitted by Contractor Property Developers Company, for a residential conservation development entitled Inspiration, located on 242 acres on the western edge of Bayport. Highlights of the development include construction of 253 single-family residential housing units, 75 multi-family residential units, 145 acres of open space, protection and restoration of native prairie/wetland landscape, an extensive trail system, and a storm water treatment plan that emphasizes natural infiltration. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring of 2005.

Designated Boat Trailer Parking on 4th Avenue North

Beginning May 1, 2005, the city, in conjunction with Andersen Corporation, will be designating 20 parking spaces adjacent to the public boat launch located on 4th Ave. N. for parking of vehicles with boat trailers. Only individuals who live or work in Bayport and have purchased a parking permit from City Hall will be eligible to utilize this parking.

Parking spaces for vehicles with boat trailers will be available Saturdays and holidays 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., and Sundays 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. through September 30, 2005 on a first come, first served basis. The 2005 parking permits will be sold at City Hall for \$10.00 and must be visibly affixed to the lower left side of the boat trailer at all times.



Additional designated parking for vehicles with boat trailers is available at Lakeside Park for both residents and non-residents on weekends. Please be advised that parking is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Parking permits are not required at this location. Have a fun and safe boating season!

Good-bye, John Nash...Hello, Tom Westling!

After 15 years of employment with the City of Bayport, John Nash retired on January 28, 2005. His duties as Finance Officer included fund accounting, utility billing, payroll, budget preparation, and managing the city's investments and cash flow. Residents and city staff will miss John's knowledge of the community, as well as his upbeat personality, but we all wish him well in his retirement!



Tom Westling joined the City of Bayport on January 10, 2005, as the city's new Finance Officer. Tom has a background in finance and accounting, with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of St.

Thomas in accounting. In his free time, Tom enjoys tennis, reading, working on cars, and spending time with family. Feel free to stop by City Hall to meet Tom and wish him well in his new position!

When Do I Need a Building Permit?

Did you know that most insurance agencies may not cover damages to your property if work has been done without required permits or inspections? In order to safeguard your property, the city has adopted the Minnesota State Building Code, which regulates the construction of all buildings and structures.

The city's building official works with property owners and hired contractors to certify that all construction projects meet required codes. It is best to contact the building official during the planning stages of any project to determine what permits are required. Permits are required for the following:

- All new construction and any remodeling, altering, moving, or converting, of existing structures, including re-roofing, re-siding, and window replacement
- Replacement of gas ranges, water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, fireplaces, and vents
- All mechanical, electrical, plumbing, water, and sewer work

Whether you plan to do the work yourself or hire a contractor, a permit must be obtained prior to starting any work on a project. The inspection card issued with the permit must be posted at the construction site and be visible from the street. The permit applicant is also responsible for scheduling all required inspections throughout the duration of the project, as well as a final inspection upon completion.

Informational handouts are available at Bayport City Hall to help answer questions regarding building projects and permit requirements. For more information, please contact 651-275-4404.

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CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City offices will be closed on the following upcoming dates:

- May 30, Memorial Day
- July 4, Independence Day
- September 5, Labor Day
- October 10, Columbus Day

2005 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Schneider, Mayor
Dan Johnson
Connie Carlson
Jon Nowaczek
Sharon Ridgway
Mike McGuire, City Administrator

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

City Hall651-275-4404
City Hall Fax651-275-4411
Fire Department651-275-4401
Library651-275-4416
Police Dept-Emergency911
Police Non-emergency . . .651-275-4400
Public Works651-275-4410

MEETING CALENDAR

CITY COUNCIL - 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1st Monday of the month, unless noted otherwise

PLANNING COMMISSION - 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 3rd Monday of the month, unless noted otherwise

LIBRARY BOARD - 6:00 p.m. at Bayport Public Library, 4th Thursday of the month, unless noted otherwise

City meetings are open to the public and most are broadcast on cable access, channel 16.

Citywide Cleanup

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- Bring materials to the drop-off site between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2005. Materials will not be accepted before or after the designated drop-off time.

- Bring only household materials that are specifically listed below to ensure they will be accepted. Household materials that are not listed below may not be accepted.

Household materials that will be accepted:

Non-perishable general junk: Must be under 100 lbs. per item.

Carpet/carpet pad: Must be no longer than 5 ft, no wider than 1 ft in diameter, and securely rolled and tied.

Mattress/box springs

Metal desks, cabinets, fencing, swing sets, bicycles, lawn mowers: Must be under 100 lbs, no longer than 5 ft, with non-metal parts removed and fluids drained.

Stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, microwaves, dishwashers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water heaters: Limited to two appliances per household, doors must be taped shut, and fluids must be drained. Natural gas/propane refrigeration units will not be accepted.

Furniture: Must be securely tied to avoid loss of parts.

Construction materials: Limited to the amount that can fit into a level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber must not have protruding nails or be longer than 5 ft. Railroad ties or treated lumber will not be accepted.

Tires: Limited to two tires per household and metal rims must be removed.

Televisions, stereos, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, fax machines: Limited to two electronic items per household and items must be securely tied to avoid loss of parts.

The city hopes you will take advantage of this free opportunity to dispose of unwanted household items. For more information, contact 651-275-4404.

Is Your Pet Licensed?



Recently, the Bayport Police Department has crossed paths with a number of pets within the city that are not licensed. For safety reasons, the city requires that all dogs over 6 months of age and cats within the city be licensed and have a valid rabies vaccination.

Proof of a valid rabies vaccination must be presented when obtaining a license. Licenses are valid for a calendar year, or balance thereof, and may be purchased at Bayport City Hall. License fees for dogs or cats are as follows:

Spayed or neutered	\$ 8.00
Not spayed or neutered	\$20.00

Please be advised that any pet found running at large without a collar tag issued by the city will be impounded until claimed by the owner. The City of Bayport appreciates your efforts to protect the safety and welfare of our community!

POSTAL PATRON BAYPORT

THIRD CLASS PERMIT NO. 9

CITY OF BAYPORT
294 North 3rd Street
Bayport, Minnesota 55003-1027

