Message from Kathy Ballot…

I would like to invite all residents of Baytown to our 15\textsuperscript{th} annual Baytown Potluck Picnic and Ice Cream Social on August 17\textsuperscript{th}. You will have a chance to meet new neighbors, enjoy home cooked food, and a chance to win prizes that appeal to all ages.

We are always grateful for Raffle donations of $25.00 gift cards. If you have won in the past maybe you would like to “pay it forward” as the saying goes.

For more information regarding the picnic see pages 4 & 5.

A HUGE Thank You the 4-H St Croix Clovers for doing their annual yard and building cleaning. The Community Center and grounds look beautiful. Thank you.

On June 26th there will be public meeting on the Manning Corridor. Please see information on page 2.

On page 10 you will also find information on the “right of way” placing obstructions on Baytown roadways.

Now that “spring has appeared” please do your part in keeping Baytown Beautiful. Trash along the roadways is unsightly.

I hope to see many of you at the picnic on August 17\textsuperscript{th} from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
Manning Avenue Informational Meeting #3

The Manning Avenue (County Road 15) Corridor Management and Safety Improvement Project has been progressing well since last summer. Since that time, project representatives have studied several design alternatives along Manning Avenue and have identified a solution that will not only respond to future growth and planned development, but also improve safety and functionality along the corridor. Two open houses have been held to date for the project that were well attended by area business owners, local residents and the general public. The input gathered at these meetings have been instrumental in informing the design process and have provided a venue to share ideas and answer questions.

Please join representatives from Washington County, City of Lake Elmo, West Lakeland Township, Baytown Township and MnDOT on June 26th for our third informational meeting where you will have the opportunity to:

- View the preferred alternative developed for Manning Avenue and TH 5
- Learn about planned project phasing
- View computerized visual renderings of what Manning Avenue may eventually look like
- Ask questions of project representatives and provide input regarding the project
- Sign up for project updates via e-mail

Your input is important to us as we begin to develop this much-needed project to promote long-term safety and mobility along Manning Avenue. This meeting will be an Open House format with a presentation given at 4:30 PM.

When: June 26, 2014 (4:00 PM to 7:00 PM)
Where: Baytown Township Town Hall
        4020 McDonald Drive North,
        Stillwater, MN 55082
Robert Kroening, a life long resident, served on the Baytown Township Board from March 2008 thru March of 2014. The Board of Supervisors would like to thank him for his commitment and service to Baytown Township.

Things you should know...

- **Town Board Meetings** are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Baytown Community Center located at the corner of 40th St. N and McDonald Drive N. (Occasionally meeting dates may change due to holiday observations. Please check with the Baytown Town Clerk if there are any questions.)

- **Recycle Pickups** are every other Monday in Baytown Township. New residents who have not yet received a recycling container can contact the Baytown Town Clerk, Connie Fredkove, at 651-430-4992. An average of just over 50% of our residents participates—we’d like to increase that number.

- **Burning Permits**—Minnesota’s Open Burning Law requires that burning permits are required for any non-recreational fire that is larger than 3 feet in diameter. Burning permits may be obtained by contacting the Bayport Fire Dept. at 651-275-4401. Permits require an on-site inspection and cost $20 (same as Lake Elmo and Oak Park Heights), so requests should be made a few days in advance of any burning.

- **House Number Identifications**—The Bayport Fire Dept. suggests that residents put LARGE address numbers on each side of their mailbox (or other prominent position) to assist the Fire Department, Sheriff and/or Ambulance to find their location quickly in the event of an emergency.

- **Building Permits**—Building permits are required for all construction. Permits are good only for one year from the issue date, at which time the project is expected to be completed. If not completed, a new permit must be requested. Inspections during construction try to insure that state building codes are being followed, but are not a guarantee of the quality of work being done. That responsibility ultimately lies with the homeowners and/or the contractor they hire. Inspection services are provided by Valley Inspections at: 651-777-6165 or 763-433-9849. If you need a permit or have questions about obtaining one, please contact them. Some information also is available through the Baytown Town Clerk at 651-439-4992.

- **Community Center Use**—For information, please contact Gerry Ballot at 651-351-7919.

- **Animal Control**—Please contact the Baytown Town Clerk (651-430-4992) to report lost and found dogs.

- **Water Quality Contacts:**
  - **GAC Filter Installation & Monitoring:** Rich Baxter, MPCA—651-297-8471
  - **Sampling:** Kurt Schroeder, MPCA—651-297-8471 or email: kurtschroeder@pca.state.mn.us
  - **Health concerns:** Jim Kelly, MDH—651-296-4910 or email: jame.kelly@health.state.mn.us

- **Baytown Township Website is:** baytowntwpmn.govoffice2.com
- **The Baytown Community Center is located at:** 4020 McDonald Drive N, Stillwater, MN 55082
BAYTOWN NEIGHBORS

ANNUAL COMMUNITY POTLUCK PICNIC & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

AUGUST 17TH 2014

5:00 SOCIAL HOUR 5:30 POT LUCK BEGINS

followed by

Children’s Activities Baytown Cook Book Sale “Buy one get one Free”
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and more . . .

Donations are needed for the raffle. Please contact Kathy Ballot at 651-351-7919 or email tennis3540@comcast.net

Please bring: A dish to share, your own beverages, and your own folding chairs. Paper products will be provided.

Join us for great food and friendly neighbors. It’s a fun time for the whole family! (Rain or shine!!!)

BAYTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
CO. RD.14 & MCDONALD DRIVE

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES
BAYTOWN NEIGHBORS POTLUCK PICNIC &
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
AUGUST 17, 2014

Donations are needed for the Adult and Children’s Raffle

At this year’s picnic we will have the very popular gift card raffle and gift basket raffle for the children. Please consider making a donation. The picnic is such a great community get together and at any raffle the more prizes, the more fun.

We need the support of the community. Please consider making a cash donation or purchasing a $25.00 gift card from a Stillwater business. We will acknowledge each donation. Call Kathy Ballot at 651-351-7919 or email at tennis3540@comcast.net.

IDEAS – Joseph’s Family Restaurant, Nelson’s Ice Cream, Brine’s Bar & Restaurant, Main Café, Famous Dave’s, Target, Cub Foods, and Kowalski’s just to name a few.
WHAT IS BAYTOWN NEIGHBORS?

We noticed many new faces at the annual picnic last year and thought it might be a good time to explain again what we are and what we do.

Baytown Neighbors is NOT Baytown Township. The Baytown Township Board is the governing body for our township, the oldest township in the state!

In 1999 there was a proposal to merge Baytown Township and the City of Lake Elmo. The proposal was defeated but a group of residents determined that if Baytown was to continue as a township, then the residents had to come together as a community to support the hard work of the Township Board of Supervisors and its staff of two (the town clerk and the town treasurer).

In July of 1999, Baytown Neighbors was organized by a group of citizens as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of enhancing the township form of government and to promote community spirit. Baytown Neighbors’ membership is open to and made up of residents of the community of Baytown Township and is run by a board of directors and a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. None of the board members or officers receives any compensation.

In August of 1999, Baytown Neighbors hosted a community potluck picnic for the residents of Baytown. The picnic was held at the bingo pavilion at the Washington County Fairgrounds. The picnic was a success and started an annual tradition. For the first few years, the picnic was held at the fairgrounds.

In an effort to promote community spirit and communication, Baytown Neighbors launched a newsletter and installed “Baytown” signage at various entrances to the township. The bluebird, like our township, was once almost extinct and was chosen as a symbol by Baytown Neighbors to represent Baytown’s comeback. To enhance its presence in Washington County, Baytown needed a building to call home. Until then, the Board of Supervisors met at various rented locations. Elections were also held at various venues. Through the efforts of many in Baytown, a community center was built and opened in 2002. The Baytown Community Center is located at 4020 McDonald Drive, at the intersection of County Road 14/Olinda Boulevard and McDonald Drive. Funds were raised with monetary donations. The land was generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Myhre and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mogren. Materials were donated or discounted by businesses in the area. Many volunteers provided labor and support. Others provided cookies and coffee to the workers.

In addition to a place to hold township board meetings, the community center also created a place for other groups to meet. Two 4-H groups, a quilting group, book club, scrapbooking club and various homeowners associations meet at the building. Occasionally the Washington County Sheriff uses the building for classroom training. Election judges have met and trained there. Each year the building is used over 200 times for different purposes! Not bad for a population of 1,650!*  

Since the community center opened in 2002, the property has been the site of the annual community potluck picnic. The picnic is a chance to meet our neighbors, greet old friends, and make new ones, too! In 2009, the outside pavilion was built and dedicated.

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Baytown Neighbors is the owner of the community building and the Township of Baytown is the non-exclusive tenant. The various groups that use the building meet at no cost to them and they show their appreciation by supporting the picnic by donating gift cards to the raffle and/or by monetary donations. The St. Croix Clovers 4-H Group also contributes a major cleaning of the building each year!

Baytown Neighbors is run strictly on donations, membership dues, paid advertising in the newsletter, and the picnic raffle fundraising event. Baytown Neighbors is recognized as a valid non-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Income Tax Code and all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

The funds raised and donations given help offset the costs of running the building, repairs, insurance, lawn care, etc.

Please consider supporting the efforts of Baytown Neighbors by making a tax-deductible donation today or by becoming a member of Baytown Neighbors. Membership is open to all Baytown residents 18 years of age or older. The cost of membership is $1 per person per year and can be paid up to five years in advance. The membership fee is not tax deductible but all other donations are. There is a membership form elsewhere in this newsletter. We have also included a list of current members and the year their membership has been paid to. If we have omitted you in error, be sure to let us know.

If you have any questions about Baytown Neighbors, please contact Mary Keefer at 651-439-8286 or keefe011@aol.com.

We appreciate your support of Baytown Neighbors and our Baytown community!

*Metropolitan Council estimates as of April 1, 2012

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**Election Information**

The polling place for all Baytown Township elections is at the:

Baytown Community Building
4020 McDonald Drive N.

Primary Election - August 12, 2014
General Election - November 4, 2014
Absentee ballots are available through Washington County Elections.
BAYTOWN NEIGHBORS MEMBERSHIP
(108 Members as of May 18, 2014)

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If your name has been omitted in error, please contact Mary Keefer at Keefe011@aol.com

Thank you for your support of Baytown Neighbors!
Annual Memberships: $1.00 per person (voting member) - Must be 18 years or over!

Membership fees now due by December 31st of each year.

Date: ______________________

Name(s): _______________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________  Fax: ________________________________

E-mail: _________________________________________________________________________

_____ 1 year membership @ $1 / person = __________
_____ 5 year membership @ $5 / person = __________
_____ Additional $ donation = __________

Total $ Amount Enclosed  $ __________

Please make check payable to: Baytown Neighbors. Send form and payment to:

Mary Keefer
5340 Oakgreen Avenue N
Stillwater, MN  55082

Please list number of years you have lived in Baytown Township (if 30 or more) __________

If you have questions, please call 651-439-8286

If you have already renewed, and this is a duplicate payment, may we apply it as a donation?

_____ YES  _____ NO  _____ OR RETURN TO YOU?
Obstructions in Baytown Township Roads and Right of Way

It’s unlawful to place obstructions on the traveled portion of any streets in Baytown Township, per Ordinance No. 44 “No obstructions shall be constructed or planted in the Town right of way. Obstructions include, but are not limited to, retaining structures, rip rap, posts, trees, shrubs and other such items. Mailboxes and support posts may be located within the Town right of way; however, the Town is not responsible for damage to mailboxes or posts during maintenance or snowplowing of the right of way. All mailbox supports must comply with Federal Highway Administration guidelines. Stone, masonry or other non-breakaway mailbox supports are not allowed within the Town right of way.”

Residents are reminded that the Township basically owns the property 33’ on either side of the centerline of most of our roads. This right of way allows the Township to push snow off the road surface, run utility lines, etc. without having to get permission from each adjoining property owner whenever work is done. Therefore, if you choose to landscape, put sprinkler heads, reflective markers, etc. in the right of way, please be aware that the Township is not responsible for any damage that may occur during snowplowing, or by other equipment employed in Township business. Snowplowing can be an especially difficult task, so we are fortunate to have a contractor within our community that provides us with cost effective, timely, and quality service.

A note from the Scrapbook & Stamp Club

We are finishing our biggest season of papercrafting ever! We extend a warm welcome to the many new members and visitors crafting with us this year at the Baytown Community Center. The next meeting of the Baytown Scrapbook and Stamp Club will not be until September. In June, July and August we do not schedule regular meetings. However, members host a variety of events, including some fundraiser scrapbook workshops. Please join us, and create some amazing papercrafting projects! New members always welcome. RSVP to Merrily Karel (612)618-5846 or merrilykarel@me.com.

Baytown Community Center Schedule:
Friday, September 19, 5pm-9pm and Saturday, September 20, 9am-3pm
Additional news from the St. Croix Clovers

The St. Croix Clovers 4-H club has had a fun spring. In February, 22 of our 86 members participated in our club's One Act Play, “The Paper Bag Mystery”. We competed in the county One Act Play competition and were honored to get first place. The next day, our members performed the play for the senior citizens of Boutwells Landing. Our members like to mingle with the seniors in their costumes and describe what 4-H is like in 2014. They always find seniors who were 4-H members when they were young and they share many fond 4-H experiences with our youth. Another community service event in February was our polar fleece sewing workshop where our members made 41 Fleece hats, 9 scarves, 3 pair mittens, and 2 blankets for Franciscan Brothers of Peace. We held a food workshop this month and made our own cheese and crackers which were very good.

In March, our members started practicing our Share the Fun skit. Two of our members drafted the script. Our members practice 2-3 times per week for 6 weeks to prepare for a stage performance. These practices are a great way for the members to bond as they work together very hard to produce a quality show. Some of our members participated in the new STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) workshops on solar energy, Lego robots, veterinary sciences, etc. There were also creative arts workshop activities.

In April, twenty-eight of our members competed in the county 4-H Share the Fun competition. We were awarded first place and will represent Washington County at the MN State Fair Share the Fun competition. One of our members, Charlie Bristow, has started his annual golf club 4-H fundraising activity. He gets sponsors who pay him for every birdie, par, etc. His goal is to raise $2,500 for 4-H again this year.

At our May meeting, our members learned about geocaching. One of our parents, Baytown resident Karen Bechtold, got permission to hide a permanent cache on the Baytown Community center grounds. Our members learned how to use a GPS, read a map, and learned about this fun activity. Our members present demonstrations every month at our monthly business meeting. This month 2 of our members demonstrated on practical items that can be made from Duct tape and a violin performance/composer information.

In June, we will have our annual club carnival at our monthly meeting. Each family is invited to bring a simple competitive game such as gold fish races, frog jumping contest, bean bag toss, balloon dunk tank, etc. This is a fun way to bring in the summer season. We will also hold our annual group campout at Lake Elmo Park Reserve. The highlight of this 2-day adventure is the kids vs adults kickball game. We will also enjoy swimming, roasting food over the campfire, and bike rides. At our July meeting, our members are given the opportunity to practice judging of their county fair exhibits. Young members can get very nervous talking to a judge about what they made and how they made the item. This 5-10 minute conference judging segment is an important opportunity for the member to showcase what they know. During our practice sessions, the members will be asked typical questions the judge may ask and we will provide possible suggestions to improve the exhibit. Then the big day arrives at the end of July when the members take their exhibits to the county fair for judging.

Another big event for many of our members (usually about 1/3 of the cast) is the County Arts-In performance. This is a half-hour song-dance show performed twice a day at the county fair and twice at the state fair. In mid-July the cast members spend 4 days at the fairgrounds learning & practicing the show.

In August, our big club event is our annual Olympic games. These are held in the nice grassy area

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around the Baytown Community Center. The events are different every year and planned by our Junior Leaders. In the past, members competed in sack races, 4-square, water-balloon toss, relay races, Frisbee toss, etc. After the games, we hold our Awards ceremony with gold, silver and bronze metals.

In May the 4-H families performed our annual Baytown Community Center cleanup tasks:

- Remove all items from storage rooms and senior citizen room
- Vacuum all floors and rugs
- Mop all rooms except the large meeting room (cleaned by a large floor cleaner machine)
- Sort play props and costumes (place in clear bags) into storage boxes
- Move One Act & Share the Fun set and props to storage shed (toss/recycle items unlikely to use again)
- Reorganize our club’s craft/meeting items stored in bins/file cabinet (northwest storage room)
- Dust shelves and wall items
- Wash tables and scrub off any paint, glue, etc.
- Clean kitchen, wash out cupboards/stove/microwave, clean refrigerator/freezer
- Clean bathrooms
- Wash glass doors (inside and outside)
- Wash windows (inside & outside) and wash window sills
- Put everything back into all rooms
- Clean up and trim the plants/flower beds around the building (bring thorn-proof gloves and gardening tools). Dispose of plant debris in the long grass
- Pick up litter/trash all over the property
- Gather all non-recyclable trash and dispose of it in your home garbage bin. There is no garbage pickup at the Baytown Community Center.

_Avis Peters_

_on behalf of Baytown Neighbors I would like to extend a huge thank you to the St. Croix Clovers for the hard work they put in sprucing up the Community building and grounds._

_Kathy Ballot_
Baytown Book Club — The Baytown Book Club just finished a biography, Cleopatra: A Life, by Stacy Schiff, an interesting account of an intriguing personality. These are our selections for the next two months:

June 24 - The Late Homecomer by Kao Kalia Yang
July 22 - The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

The Baytown Book Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Baytown Community Center, unless otherwise noted. Anyone interested in discussing books in an informal setting is welcome to join us.

For more information, contact Karen Bechtold at 651-275-3947 or kmbechtold@yahoo.com

Baytown Quilters — The Baytown Quilters meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Baytown Community Center. Our meetings are casual gatherings where we work on personal or group projects, have “show & tell” of current projects, and enjoy the company of other quilters. New members of all levels are always welcome.

For more information about Baytown Quilters, contact Jenny Powell at 651-439-0821 or jassma@usfamily.net

Baytown Scrapbook & Stamp Club — Please join us for some paper crafting fun at the Baytown Community Center. Workshops are FREE. A $1 donation is requested to fund community center upkeep. RSVP’s are requested to insure table space for all participants.

The Baytown Scrapbook and Stamp Club kicked off its new season of paper crafting in September. Please join us at the Baytown Community Center for the upcoming FREE workshops.

New members and guests are always welcome. Please RSVP Merrily Karel.

For additional information. Contact Merrily Karel at 651-439-8196 or merrilykarel@msn.com

Genealogy Club — Baytown neighbors who are interested in Genealogy may wish to consult their District 834 Schools “Community Education” catalog for upcoming classes.

For club information, contact Ray Erwin at 651-439-8689.

Girl Scouts Troop #55040 — Contact Kirsty Kargel at 651-351-0822 or kristykargel@gmail.com

Lucky Aces 4-H Club — The Lucky Aces 4-H Club meets the 3rd Monday of the month (except August) at 7:00 pm at the Baytown Community Center. The members are enrolled in a wide variety of project areas. All age groups are represented in our club from Cloverbuds to 1st year college students. We have a Cloverbud program that meets during our regular business meeting.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Thelen at ken.thelen@usfamily.net

The St. Croix Clovers 4-H Club — Our monthly 4-H meetings are usually held the first Friday of the month. If anyone is interested in more information about joining the great 4-H experience, please contact Avis Peters at 651-430-8163 or email avisapeters@hotmail.com
“STATE OF BAYTOWN TOWNSHIP”

When asked about the state of our township, Ken Grandlienard, our town supervisor, replied: “GREAT” …

“All town-board members, along with the clerk, treasurer, and the few contractors that provide us with services (town attorney, planner/engineer, and snow plowing) continue to work hard to be fiscally responsible with our tax dollars. The township continues to try and sustain our rural character, with the expectation that individuals and home owners to be responsible in maintaining their properties and adjoining right-of-way (pick up trash, etc.), so that we can maintain the longstanding township philosophy of providing minimal services at minimal cost.”

Remember to check out the Baytown Township’s website to review town board meeting minutes, etc. at baytowntwpmn.govoffice2.com

KEEPING BAYTOWN TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFUL

Just a reminder …

We are fortunate to enjoy a neighborhood where residents look out for one another in many ways, one of which is keeping our township free of debris. Many of you take on the responsibility of carrying trash bags on walks — we THANK YOU for this service to our community.

It has been asked that we place a REMINDER to all pet owners, which includes horses, that they clean up after their animals while on their rides or walks. This is a responsibility that each person should own when out and about for their walks and not rely on the kindness of your neighbors to clean up after you have passed by their homes.

Thank you for keeping our neighborhoods clean and enjoyable for all of its residents.

Baytown Township Ordinance No. 44

According to the above listed ordinance it is unlawful to place obstructions on the traveled portion of any street in the Township. Baytown Township Ordinance No. 44 provides that obstructions, “include, but are not limited to, retaining structures, rip rap, posts, trees, shrubs and other such items”. It is the residents’ responsibility to keep the street free of any debris that may be placed in the road by them.
The Community Center

View the calendar at: baytownneighbors.org

The mission statement of Baytown Neighbors requires that the groups using the building have a public service purpose, such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H and any other type of organization that provides a benefit to the Baytown community.

Are you involved in a group that offers a public service to the benefit of residents of Baytown?

If the answer is yes and would like to use the building, please read the rules and either fill out our online form (link below) or send your written request to:

Gerry Ballot, 13340 51st Street Ct. N., Stillwater, MN  55082, indicating the name of your organization, approximate number of people that would meet in the building and meeting times that you would like.

RULES:

- Respect all personal property and equipment located in the building.
- No alcohol in the premises.
- No smoking.
- Do not adjust thermostats.
- Restore room and return tables and chairs to original location.
- Clean and restore kitchen to original condition.
- Clean coffee maker, if used.
- Take all garbage, trash and recycling with you when you leave.
- Report any damage or broken items to the person re-locking the doors at your departure or to Gerry Ballot at 651-351-7919.
- Vacate the building no later than 9:00 pm
- Pick up key and return to designated person.
- Be a good neighbor to adjacent homes — No loud noises either outside or inside if windows are open.
- Close any windows you open and make sure air conditioning is not on before opening windows.

These rules are subject to revision at any time. At the present time, no deposit or charge is required for use of the building. However, this policy is subject change at any time.

Interested in using the Community Center?

Link to the request:

Form: baytownneighbors.org/request/requestforuse.pdf

Please contact: Gerry Ballot at 651-351-7919
BAYTOWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Baytown Neighbors newsletter will be sent in February, June, and October.

Please submit articles, meeting notices, updates and/or any other information to the newsletter team by the 10th of the following months: January, May, and September.

Are you interested in writing an article or requesting coverage of a topic? Contact Mary or Kathy.

A reminder will be emailed to those of you for whom we have a current email address. To ensure that you can be reached, please send your current email address to: keefe011@aol.com

Some paper copies will still be available at the Baytown Community Center for you to pick up. Copies will be in the mailbox marked “Newsletters” by the building entrance on the north or parking lot side. (Please do not look for the newsletter in the mailbox on the street.)

If the above methods of distribution pose a hardship for you, please contact Kathy or Gerry Ballot at 651-351-7919.

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