



Silver Bay Newsletter

SPRING/SUMMER 2023

Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the Spring/Summer Newsletter! I thank you for reelecting me to serve as your Mayor.

It is great news that Northshore Mining is operating and many are back to work! I appreciate the resiliency of our community during this difficult past year. I was fortunate to have the new experience of testifying at the Capitol to help extend the unemployment benefits for Northshore Mining workers. I keep learning every day and have had my eyes opened to the amount of time and collaboration it takes to get something accomplished, especially in government.

We are in the official Spring season and Summer is just around the corner, so it is time to think about city-wide clean up! I have heard many comments relating to blight and unkept properties in our community. I ask that as the snow melts, please remove waste, junk, non-operating & unlicensed vehicles/equipment from your property. Also, keep your lawns mowed & weed-whipped.

City-wide Exchange Days and Neighborhood Revitalization Grant information can be found on page 2. The Revitalization Grants are a \$500 grant for exterior improvements to your properties and is on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to first time applicants. Residents and Businesses are eligible and there is no income restriction.

Housing and workforce shortfall continue to be topics heard locally, regionally, and statewide. We continue to participate in those discussions, but we also heard from you that fixing our streets is a priority. Lake County has started the engineering RFP process to begin the planning for reconstruction of three segments of roads within our City, and the City is working on the financial planning for the other segments. Public information meetings will be held when more information becomes available.

The City continues to work on updating its website, adding new conveniences for paying online, and moving toward the digital world. It always comes with transition challenges, but I have been hearing good things about the convenience of paying utilities online. I encourage everyone to at least register your utility account online as there is no cost to register, view your accounts, or sign up for paperless billing. There is a nominal processing fee for online payments depending on choice of method you choose, but it can be as low as \$8 per year and can avoid a \$15 late fee if utility payments are not received on time.

I am still hosting "Meet with the Mayor" at 4:00pm prior to the 2nd Council Meeting of each Month. The next meetings will be April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, and August 21st. These meetings are driven by the topics you want to discuss, so I encourage you to attend. There is a lot of information in this newsletter, but also check out our updated city website at www.silverbay.com where you can find the City Calendar and information on City Meetings, Codes, Permits, and other important information. Enjoy your summer season and don't hesitate to contact me at wadeleblancsb@silverbay.com if you have any questions.

Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

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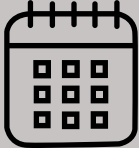
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Important Dates



EXCHANGE DAY

The Silver Bay City Council has designated the following Saturdays as citywide exchange days:

- May 20, 2023
- June 10, 2023
- August 19, 2023
- September 16, 2023

These are the days designated for residents to place unwanted items on their boulevard. Please be sure to remove all items from the boulevard by the Monday following the exchange day, otherwise items will be picked up and disposed of at resident's expense.

Full Sun Services is offering a free curbside disposal service of trees, branches, and shrubs for the residents of Silver Bay. All debris will be removed from the properties and disposed of at no cost to the homeowner. The city will be divided into three pick up zones and the debris will be retrieved in the days specified for each zone.

This free service will have set parameters and if a homeowner has interest in services above and beyond this free service, Full Sun Services will do a free on-site quote. Services above and beyond the free clean up service will be completed at a later date at owners expense.

In order to ensure safe and timely completion of this cleanup, homeowners must adhere to the following parameters:

- ONLY leave branches, logs or shrubs
- No stumps
- No roots with dirt attached
- Logs may not exceed 12" in diameter
- All debris must be on the boulevard side of sidewalk

**** Please adhere to the set parameters & schedule. Any debris left on boulevard will be removed at owners expense.**

Schedule:

May 30

Adams, Aiken, Arthur, Bell, Burk, Charles, Chase, Carter, Banks to Davis

May 31

Davis, Drake, Dodge, Edison to Horn, Evans, Horn to Hays, Gibson, Garden, Field, Green, Floyd, Edwards

June 1

Outer, Kent, Law, Lee, Nelson, Marks, Shaw, Reed, Quincy

Questions? Call Alex Truax
(612) 412-9499

Thank you to Full Sun Services for giving back to your community!

Neighborhood Revitalization
Mini Grant Applications
will be accepted by City Hall starting
May 2, 2023 at 8:00am.
Applications available
at City Hall or online at
www.silverbay.com

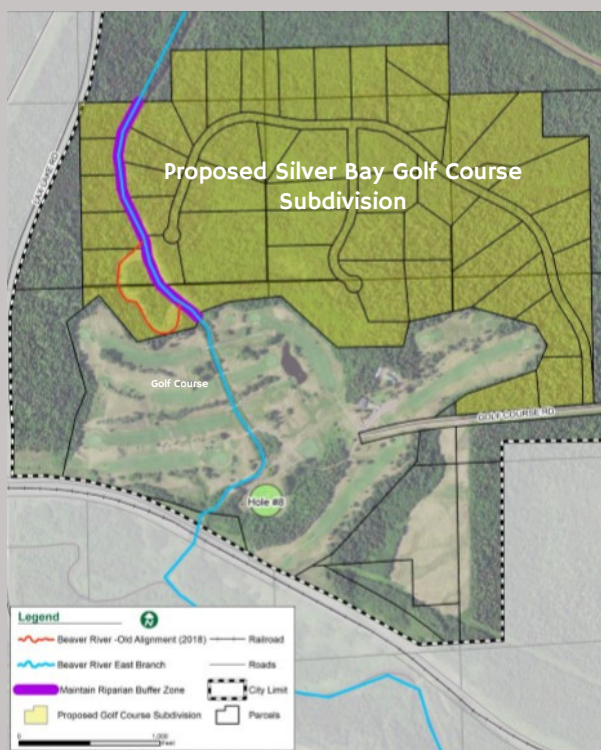
Bay Days

SILVER BAY, MINNESOTA

JULY 7 - 9, 2023

WWW.BAY-DAYS.ORG





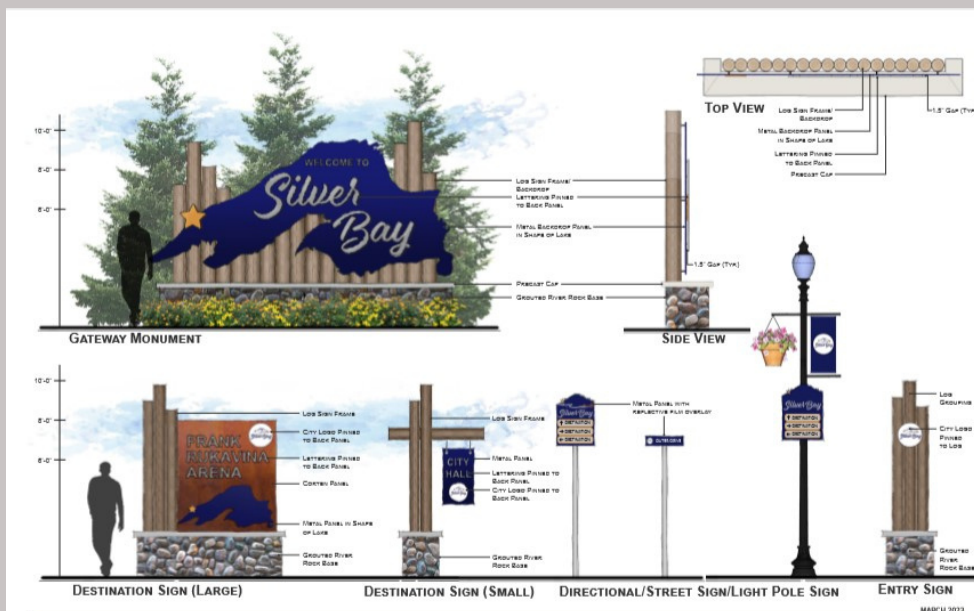
Golf Course Housing

This project is expected to create approximately 40 lots available for sale around the Silver Bay Golf Course for development of single-family housing. The preliminary plat design is nearing completion. Watch for additional information in the near future on how you can purchase one of these lots for your new home construction!

City Master Sign Plan

A Master Plan for gateway, monument, wayfinding, street, and other signs was approved by City Council on April 3, 2023.

Signs will be replaced as needed and on a schedule to be determined in the future.



The Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund can provide relief to homeowners paying property taxes.

To qualify, you must:

- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Own and occupy a home
- Have your home classified as a homestead with your county
- Pay or arrange to pay your property taxes

For more information go to:
www.revenue.state.mn.us/homeowners-homestead-credit-refund

Type of Refund Special

- You owned and lived in the same home on January 2, 2022, and on January 2, 2023
- Your home's net property tax increased by more than 12% from 2022 to 2023
- The net property tax increase was at least \$100
- The increase was not because of improvements you made to the property



East Lakeview Drive

The City has obtained \$1,841,800 in grant funding through MN DNR State Park Road Account, MnDOT Local Road Improvement Program, and IRRRb for the new road improvements leading to Black Beach. Final engineering is nearing completion with review by Lake County and the State of MN. Bidding is expected to be done soon and construction should start in the summer of 2023.

**Black Beach Park Improvements**

The City has received additional leased land from Northshore Mining to expand parking, trails, and primitive camping sites at Black Beach Park. This is being designed in conjunction with the East Lakeview Drive Road improvement project. Once the designs are satisfactory to the State, they will be provided to Northshore Mining for their final approval. The majority of the funding for East Lakeview Drive improvements has been secured, but the funding for the parking lots and trails are being sought.

REMINDERS FROM OUR STREET DEPARTMENT

Spring is here, which means the Street Department will be out sweeping streets, filling in pot holes, and cleaning up from winter. Again, we would ask that you do not rake the debris from your boulevard into the street. This creates problems not only with the street sweeper being able to pick up the piles but also with rain washing the sand, leaves and grass into catch basins and pipes.

Our crew will be out fixing sod that was damaged from the snow plows and sidewalk plow as soon as the weather permits.

If you notice a street light out call (218)-226-4552 or (218)-226-4408.

If you are replacing, repairing or adding a new driveway approach (sidewalk to street) the City requires that you apply for a driveway approach permit available at City Hall.

Please report any broken boulevard tree branches to the street department at (218)-226-4552.



THE CITY OF SILVER BAY'S STORMWATER PLAN WAS ADOPTED MARCH 20, 2023. THE FULL STORMWATER PLAN CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SILVERBAY.COM



OUTDOOR RINK PROJECT

The City is working on securing grant funding for this project that involves redevelopment of an underutilized outdoor rink area, that is located on City-owned property next to the Rukavina Arena, to a year-round multi-purpose public area. Specifically, the dilapidated hockey boards will be disposed of, the property will be leveled and properly prepped for installing a new multi-use concrete slab; purchase of new hockey boards, pickle ball nets and striping, picnic tables, fire pit, and seating; leveling and surface prep for a skating-only rink; and improving trail access from the outdoor rec area to the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center and local trail system. This project started with a request for the serious need to replace the dilapidated outdoor rink that is used heavily by the Silver Bay Blue Line Club, our community youth hockey association. In addition, there have been many requests from the public to install pickleball courts in our community for the growing interest.

The proposed upgrade of the outdoor rink/pickleball court area only enhances the overall recreational vision for this area and is all-inclusive for anyone who chooses to recreate in our community.



MULTI-MODAL TRAILHEAD CENTER

\$4.6 million has been secured to develop a Multi-Modal Trailhead Center at the rec center/ballfield site. The funds received from the State of MN Legislature, LCCMR, and the Federal TAP program, will be used to replace the aging rec building with new meeting space for the public to use, wayside rest facilities including coin operated showers, large lighted parking areas to accommodate larger vehicles and trailers, safe and separate access for both motorized users (ATV/Snowmobile) and non-motorized users (Biking and Hiking), and have new playground and picnic areas. The project is currently under environmental and cultural review, with design and engineering to follow. Estimated project completion date is 2024.





THE MARINA LOOKS FORWARD
TO A BUSY SUMMER

The Silver Bay Marina will be open for the season On May 15th. managers Kathleen Koch and Michael Ettel are in their second season as marina managers. We look forward to another great season on beautiful Lake Superior. Seasonal slip rentals are full, but many daily and weekly slip rentals are available.



The 2023 Lake Superior Salmon Classic Fishing Tournament will be held this year on July 15th & 16th at the marina and Bayside Park

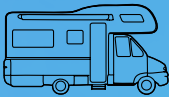
BLACK BEACH CAMPGROUND NEWS



2023 Campground Host Needed

More Information & Applications can be found on our website.

BLACKBEACHCAMPGROUND.COM



Campground opens May 12th for the season. We look forward to another successful camping season With early reservations exceeding last year's pace.

**Parks & Rec Department
List of Summer Activities**

(dates & times found at www.silverbay.com)

- **Baseball:** T-ball, 9u, 11u, 13u
- **Softball:** 10u, 12u, 14u, 16/18u
- **Dryland Hockey Skills:** 8 yrs & up
Tuesdays & Thursdays
- **Pickleball Nights:** 16 yrs. & up
Mondays & Wednesdays
- **Singles tennis league:** Tuesday nights
(starting in June)
- **Youth Golf:** Wednesday mornings





The Silver Bay Liquor Store carries a wide variety of off-sale liquor, wine, beer, and mixes. Ice is also available.

Stop by and try our deep fried food, pizza, and beer/cocktails. Check us out on Facebook for weekend entertainment line-ups, food and drink specials.

Mon.-Thurs: 9:00AM–10:00Pm
Fri-Sat. 9:00AM–12:00aM
Sun. 11:00AM–6:00PM

The Lounge
Entertainment Schedule:

4/21/23 Buckwild
5/19/23 Sidestreet Detour

CHECK OUT OUR PIZZA MENU

Kettle River:

(made in Kettle River)

Pepperoni
Pepperoni & Sausage
Deluxe
Four Meat
Chicken Alfredo
Cheese Wheel
Hot Hawaiian

Giovanni's Pizza:

(Made in Brainerd)

Buffalo Chicken
Thin & Thick Crust



COMMISSION THANKS

The City would like to thank all the volunteers who are serving or have served on our various boards and commissions this year. We appreciate your dedication, hard work, and community involvement making this a better place to live, work, and play. Thank you!

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission, please pick up an application at City Hall or call 226-4408 to have an application mailed to you.



**MEET THE
FULL TIME
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



Chief Ernest
Badge #700



Officer Shubert
Badge #704



Officer Fischer
Badge #703



Officer Bergman
Badge #705

The City of Silver Bay is moving toward electronic newsletters only. If you would like to receive the newsletter in the future please call City Hall and provide us with your email address. Copies of the newsletter will be available at City Hall or the Library.

Check out the City's newly updated website.
www.silverbay.com



LIBRARY UPDATES:

We had a lovely winter with lots of great activities including a Love Your Library fundraiser in February with a reveal of the plans for the library addition and expansion.

Each year the library submits an annual report to the State of Minnesota.

Some fun stats about our library from this years report:

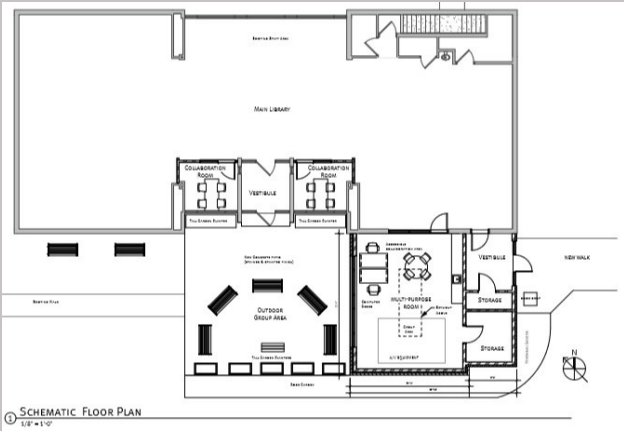
- 1895 people have library cards for our library
- we offered 129 programs that served 2617 people of all ages
- and we have over 26,000 items in our collection at the library

2022 was a great year!

We also have some great events coming up. Our new calendar is on the library website where you can see all the great things going on. You can also follow the Silver Bay Public Library on Facebook.

The renovation and construction project is slated to start this summer. We will provide regular information about the project as new information comes in on the website and at the library.

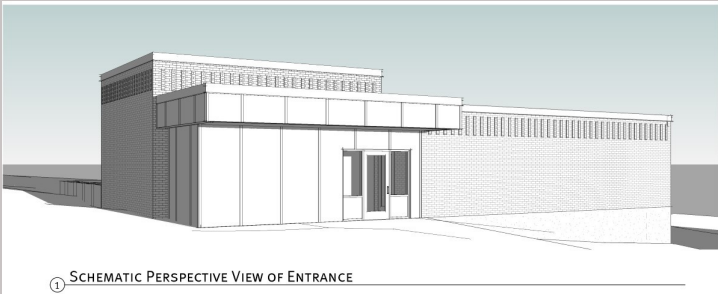
We love having the community use our space. We hope to see you all at the library this spring!




MONDAY-THURSDAY
10:00 AM-6:30PM

FRIDAY
10:00AM-6:00PM

SATURDAY-SUNDAY
CLOSED





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Email Address *

Invoice Cloud Password *

Sign In

Forgot your password?

Register

If you are a first time user, you will need to create an account to be able to use extended features such as:



- Review Invoice History
- Review Payment History
- Schedule Automatic Payments
- Pay With Previously Saved Remittance Information

Register Now

You may reach us at (218) 226-4408 .

You may email your questions at sbay@silverbay.com.

Register your utility account for free! Once registered you can check your balance, view your history and sign up for paperless billing. Payments also can be made for a fee as low as \$8.00 a year if you use your bank account. Go to: www.silverbay.com



UTILITY BILLING

Water, sewer, and garbage services are billed on a quarterly basis. Bills are processed and sent out in January, April, July, and October. Payments are due upon receipt.

Payments must be received by the City Administrator's office no later than 4:00pm on the last business day of each quarter, if late you will incur a \$15.00 late fee and be subject to the water shut off process.

Currently, the quarterly rate is \$313.71 except for the summer quarter (July bill) which is \$323.43. This difference is due to the State mandated fee of \$9.72 for safe drinking water.

