

BAYSIDER NEWSLETTER

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Bayside Terrace Park Re-Opening!

The Bayside Terrace Civic Club Park is nearing completion and is set to re-open this March! Projects that are scheduled to be completed by Environmental Allies or the City of La Porte include: installation of new park fencing, along with bumpers and parking spot striping, installation of grate over outfall and guardrail around outfall, and rebuilding the park play structure.

Plans for repairing and rebuilding the pier are also underway, with construction to hopefully begin in the 1st quarter of the year.



Bayside Terrace Civic Club 2025 Membership Drive:

The Bayside Terrace Civic Club is excited to welcome residents back and is kicking off our membership drive for the 2025! Your membership is vital to sustain the efforts of the Bayside Terrace Civic Club. Membership dues will increase to **\$120.00** for the year. If you are a renter of a single family home, you are welcome to join the BTCC with authorization from your landlord. Authorization forms are available for download at www.baysideterraceneighborhood.org.

How to become a member:

1. Complete the membership form provided and return it with a check with your selected amount in the addressed envelope your newsletter was delivered in. You can return it by mail or deliver it to Virginia Pierson-Turner (281-389-6600) or Sharon Hill (713-724-6383)
2. Complete your membership online! You can either visit our website at www.baysideterraceneighborhood.org or scan the QR code provided to select your membership, complete the online form and process your payment.
3. Keys to the park will be delivered to you once the park is open if you pay early or once your payment is processed. As a reminder, we have limited the total number of keys per household to three.





Bayside Terrace Streets & Drainage Update

The City of La Porte reports the estimated timeline for project completion, is by the end of April 2025. Portions of the project are still under construction on the westside of Bayside along with the neighboring streets of Falk, Layne Ct., Layne Ave. and Humphreville. Installation of water lines should be 95% complete, with installation of storm sewer and paving still needing to be completed on these streets along with Bayside toward South Broadway. After construction is complete there will be a walk thru period where the city will essentially develop a punch list of workmanship issues or defects that need to be addressed.

Construction Advocacy

What a year it has been with all this construction, but there is light at the end of the tunnel, with the project being 70% or more complete. As we draw closer to completion it is very important that we advocate for ourselves with the City of La Porte. Under the contract, the City has the right and the power to hold the contractor to certain standards. Further our Councilman, Jay Martin, has been steadfast in his commitment that we are put back at least as good, if not better than before the construction.

We want to be thorough and be sure the City is aware of any issues. Several residents who had secondary sewer lines, found out their second lines were never connected. This was not the homeowner's responsibility to repair, but Environmental Allies (EA). The city did come out and confirm the problem and lines have been repaired.

Another construction issue occurred on Bonner St., when a crew attempted to "clean up" the street. Rather than clearing the debris and leveling to the curb with clean bank sand, they left all the debris and just scraped dirt from residents own yards to cover cans, bottles, rebar, large chunks of concrete, and pieces of wood. This will cause issues going forward and is not per the terms of the contract.

There have been reports of damaged fences, large tree debris left in yards, large patches of bar dirt with 15 inches of turf (contract calls for 30 inches), problems with yard drainage where there were no issues before, as well as lots that have been used as "unauthorized" staging areas that need to be restored and re-turfed.

Please be sure to keep thorough records of such issues. The City can only force Environmental Allies to address issues they are aware of, and they only have so long to do so. It's up to you to inform our City. Please report all issues by email to Jameson Appel, Asst. Director of Public Works for the City of La Porte, AppelJ@laportetx.gov and copy Jay Martin, City Councilman, martinjw@laportetx.gov so that your issues can be addressed before the project is completed.

Annual Meeting February 26, 2025 @ 6pm

The Bayside Terrace Annual Meeting will be held at City Hall on February 26, 2025 at 6pm.

Your attendance at this meeting is very important! The on-going streets and drainage project will be discussed with city officials, along with a means to ensure your issues as homeowners are addressed before the project is completed. Residents who attend will be entered into a drawing for a free membership for 2025! Refreshments will be served.

Volunteers needed for BTCC!

Are you looking for ways to make an impact in your community? Do you have skills in technology, social media, project management or finance? Do you have ideas about what can be done to enhance our park or pier? Do you value having a private bay front park that is only for Bayside Terrace member residents to use?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then please consider joining the Bayside Terrace Civic Club Board. We are at a time when it's important to have more resident voices heard and incorporate fresh ideas! Many of our board members have been volunteering their time for over 10 years. Meetings are held once per month. If you care about the direction our neighborhood is going, we would like to hear from you! Contact Virginia Pierson-Turner at virginiapt@att.net, for how to volunteer.

BTCC Current Financial Position

City of La Porte provides support

For the 2024 fiscal year, the BTCC had zero paid members. This was due to the park being under construction as part of the streets and drainage project for the entire year. Our balance of funds stood at \$1,614.00 as of November 30, 2024.

In order to help support the BTCC, the City of La Porte with the help of City Councilman Jay Martin, came to an agreement to support the BTCC for lost revenue for the 2024 fiscal year. In addition, the agreement also included extra funds specifically earmarked to repair and rebuild the pier.

The Bayside Terrace Civic Club held our first meeting for the year on January 14, 2025. Our budgeted expenses for 2025 are projected to be \$4,525.00

Our goal is to have at least 50 members for the upcoming year, or half of the approximately 120 households in our neighborhood to demonstrate our participation to community partners and city leaders. We have 2 board members rolling off the board this year. Returning board members are as follows:

Sharon Hill	Membership	713-724-6383
Virginia Pierson-Turner	City Liaison	281-389-6600
Larry Johnston	Park Maintenance	918-809-3141
Wanda Anderson	Secretary	832-498-5852



Bayside Terrace Neighborhood

Important Contacts

Emergencies:	Dial 911
La Porte Police Dept. -	281-471-3811
Animal Control	281-471-3810
La Porte Public Works	281-471-9650
CenterPoint Energy	713-207-2222
Senior Services Center	281-470-9897
City Code Enforcement	281-470-5074

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Park & Pier Rules

1. No vehicles inside park.
2. Keep gate closed and locked at all times. Even when you're using it.
3. No glass containers, fireworks or firearms allowed.
4. Children under 10 must be with an adult.
5. Not responsible for accidents, injuries or lost articles.
6. Please dispose of trash in cans, and pick up after pets.
7. 10:00pm curfew on noise.
8. No fishing lines left unattended.
9. No dead fish left in the park (throw back in bay!)
10. Parties are allowed with BTCC Board approval.

NO TRESPASSING - Report trespassing and civil disturbances to La Porte PD - 281-471-3811

Heavy Trash Pick-Up 2025

ZONE 2
Jan 6 or 7
Jan 27 or 28
Feb 24 or 25
Mar 17 or 18
Apr 7 or 8
Apr 30 or May 1
May 21 or 22
June 16 or 17
July 9 or 10
July 30 or 31
Aug 20 or 21
Sept 15 or 16
Oct 6 or 7
Oct 27 or 28
Nov 17 or 18
Dec 10 or 11