

VillageNOTES

A Village in the City

WINTER 2025

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NAME OUR SNOWPLOWS | 2024



City Snow Plows Receive New Names!

Thank you to Community Services Pre-School, Wilshire Elementary & St. Charles Catholic School for participating in our Snow Plow Naming Contest this year.

Before the big unveiling, each school brainstormed names and voted on their favorite. Then just before the big reveal, our Public Works crew held an assembly to talk about snow plow safety and provided activity books to reinforce snowplow safety tips. Community Services Pre-School: Blizzy Wilshire Elementary: Frosty the Snowplow St. Charles Catholic School: MINNESNOWTA

Look for your favorite snowplow on our city streets this winter. **Stay back and stay safe!**

(see page 8 for snowplow safety tips)

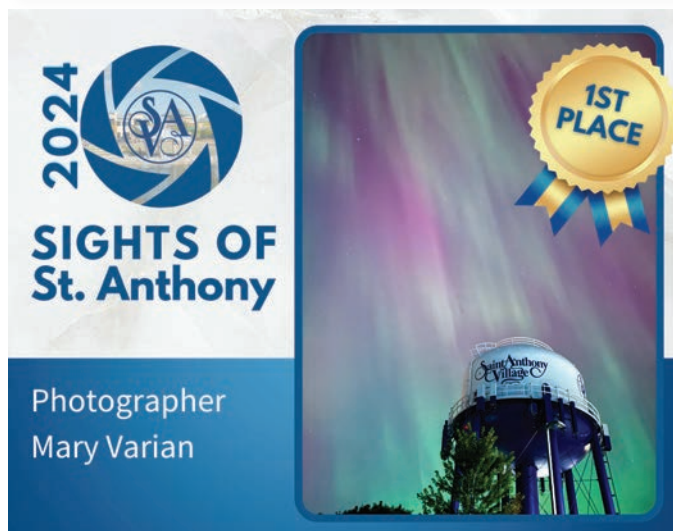


Photo Contest Winner Announced

Congratulations to Mary Varian for her stunning photo of our water tower!

Thank you to all of the photographers who submitted their favorite photos of St. Anthony for the contest. Look for many of these photos on social media, in print, and on our website in the coming months. A new contest will be announced in 2025. A slideshow of all of the entries can be found on the Sights of St. Anthony web page, savmn.com/photocontest



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ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE AND FALCON HEIGHTS CITY COUNCILS RENEW POLICE PARTNERSHIP



Contributed by
Charlie Yunker, City Manager & Jeff Spiess, Chief of Police

The St. Anthony Village and Falcon Heights City Councils voted to move forward with a contract to renew a police services partnership between the two cities.

CONTRACT DETAILS

Beginning March 1, 2025, the St. Anthony Police Department will provide 24/7 emergency response within Falcon Heights. The department plans a phased increase in daily patrols within city limits as additional officers become available. Patrol hours will ramp up as staffing permits, with 24-hour patrols expected by January 2027.

SAPD will hire nine additional staff members. The cost of these new positions will be covered through contract fees paid by Falcon Heights and will not result in a levy increase to St. Anthony Village property owners, though the increased SAPD capacity will benefit both the St. Anthony Village and Lauderdale communities.

RECRUITING STRATEGIES BUILD RESILIENCY IN ST. ANTHONY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The St. Anthony Police Department has deployed several significant strategies in recruiting new officers to keep the department a healthy, positive work culture, and provide a resilient, sustainable police force.

The City has implemented signing, referral and retention bonuses, consistent with best practices, that have already shown success in helping to build a strong, diverse department for the future. Recently, the department identified and hired two experienced police officers.

The **SAPD Cadet Program** allows us to identify and hire potential new officers while they complete their college degree. SAPD helps pay for their education and employ them part-time with the benefit of mentorship and training with our officers. Once their education is complete, we are then able to hire them as full-time, licensed police officers.

This year, our Cadet program will expand from two to six cadets to provide the department with a long-term reserve of aspiring and potential St. Anthony police officers.

ICPOET, Minnesota's Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Program, provides funding grants to police departments to identify and train potential police officers who are transitioning from another career field. Candidates in this program will receive their law enforcement education paid by state money including salary, tuition and other expenses. SAPD has awarded funding for one candidate, who begins school in February.

Our nationally recognized police department is committed to building public trust, with a high quality of police service, and to providing opportunities for our officers to grow their skills and develop professionally.



PRIORITIZING COMMUNICATION AND ALIGNMENT

The new partnership includes a commitment to prioritize communication between the three City Councils to ensure stability and ongoing alignment on contract management, service expectations and shared risk. A Joint Operations Committee consisting of City leaders and SAPD command staff will meet quarterly.



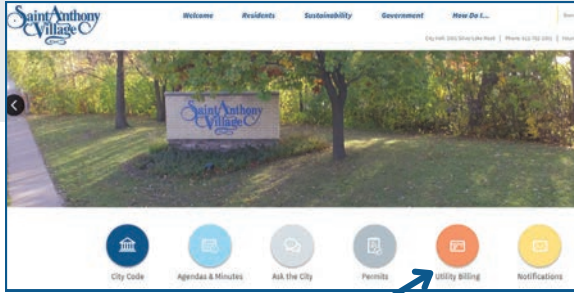
Service Line Materials Inventory Now Available

The City of Saint Anthony Village service line materials inventory is now publicly available. Residents can check service line materials by visiting the Lead Inventory Tracking Tool (LITT) at maps.umn.edu/LSL. To complete the inventory, the City performed record reviews, community outreach, and visual inspections.

Letters were sent to households with galvanized pipes and/or pipes with an unknown material. If you received a letter, there may be action requested (additional in-person inspection or pipe replacement). If you did not receive a letter, no further action is needed. Thank you to everyone for your assistance with this initiative.

WHAT'S NEXT? The City will apply for grant funds in 2025-2026 when the application for funding grants open. If awarded funds, the City will work to complete replacements as federal/state funds are provided.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE



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Please Locate Your Account

Utility Bills
Search for your invoices using the fields below. Please DO NOT enter dashes. Required fields are marked with a *.
[Need help finding your invoice?](#)

Account Number *

Last Name *

PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE

Utility Bills are mailed quarterly, around the 25th, the following months:
January, April, July & October



Search Invoices

1. Visit savmn.com
2. Click on **Utility Billing** to visit [Invoice Cloud](#), our Online Payment platform
3. Enter your account number (without dashes) and Last Name
4. Click on blue "Search Invoices" button to view the most recent bill and to make payment
5. You may need to navigate to a different page (select at bottom of screen) to find current bill

Note: You can also set up an account to save information for future payments

2025 UTILITY RATES

Effective Jan. 1, 2025

WATER

| | 2025 | 2024 | Change |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Quarterly Water Distribution Flat Fee | 27.00 | 25.50 | 1.50 |
| Price Per 1,000 Gallons | | | |
| Water Tier 1 | 3.44 | 3.32 | 0.12 |
| Water Tier 2 | 3.62 | 3.50 | 0.12 |
| Water Tier 3 | 3.99 | 3.85 | 0.14 |
| Water Tier 4 | 4.57 | 4.41 | 0.16 |
| Water Tier 5 | 5.73 | 5.53 | 0.20 |
| Irrigation | 4.57 | 4.41 | 0.16 |

STORMWATER

| Classification | 2025 Quarterly Rate | 2024 Quarterly Rate | Change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
| 1 - Cemeteries, parks, golf courses, railroads, vacant land | 18.94 per acre | 18.19 per acre | 0.75 |
| 2 - R-1, R-1a, and R-22 residential | 18.35 per unit | 17.60 per unit | 0.75 |
| 3 - R-3 residential | 18.35 per unit | 17.60 per unit | 0.75 |
| 4 - Schools and institutional | 61.15 per acre | 54.15 per acre | 7.00 |
| 5 - R-4 residential, churches, and manufactured home parks | 78.21 per acre | 69.21 per acre | 9.00 |
| 6 - Commercial and industrial | 99.98 per acre | 87.98 per acre | 12.00 |

SEWER

| | 2025 | 2024 | Change |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Quarterly Flat Fee | 23.25 | 21.25 | 2.00 |
| Usage Rate per 1,000 Gallons | 5.12 | 4.85 | 0.27 |

UTILITY BILLING SCHEDULE

Meters are automatically read at the end of each quarter:

March 31
June 30
Sept. 30
Dec. 31

Bills are mailed:

Jan. 20
April 20
July 20
Oct. 20

Payment is due:

Feb. 25
May 25
Aug. 25
Nov. 25

CHARTING A COURSE FOR OUR ENERGY FUTURE

By Minette Saulog

Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy Program provides opportunities for St. Anthony Village residents and businesses to improve energy efficiency.



The City of St. Anthony Village is participating in Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy program to develop an Energy Action Plan that will chart a course

for our community's energy future. The plan will provide opportunities for residents and businesses in St. Anthony Village to improve energy efficiency, save on energy costs, and decrease carbon emissions. This plan will serve the entire community, with a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2040.

A group of stakeholders convened throughout the summer and fall for three workshops to make decisions on the vision, focus areas, goals, and strategies for the Energy Action Plan. They brought unique perspectives and shared what was important to them and the St. Anthony Village community around energy efficiency, renewable energy, and electrification.

The Energy Action Plan will be completed in 2025 and we are excited to get to work implementing the great strategies outlined in the plan. The goal of this plan will make high-impact progress towards decreasing greenhouse gas emissions through implementing clean energy and efficiency projects in the community.



Test Your Home.
Protect Your Health.

JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

Did you know? Two in five homes in Minnesota have high radon levels that can impact health.

Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas. It is odorless, tasteless and invisible. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is the nation's second leading cause of lung cancer. Winter is the best time to test for radon and the Minnesota Department of Health recommends every home be tested.

Testing is easy, inexpensive, and only takes 3-7 days for a short-term test. Depending on which part of St. Anthony Village you reside, programs are available to purchase radon test kits at a reduced price. Residents of Ramsey County can order a test for \$2 through Ramsey County Environmental Health. Residents of Hennepin County are eligible to order a test kit for \$12.95 through the Minnesota Department of Health.

Order your Radon Test



Ramsey County
Environmental
Health



Minnesota
Department
of Health



RECYCLE YOUR CARDBOARD

SATURDAY, JAN. 4



9AM - 1PM

**Public Works
Garage
3801 Chandler Dr.**



SIDEWALK SNOW CLEARING

One of the many challenges St. Anthony residents and the Public Works Department face in the winter months is clearing snow and ice from public sidewalks.

Clearing snow along sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian ramps is an essential part of making walking practical, safe, and comfortable in the winter.

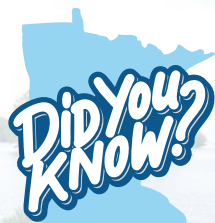
Our goal is to maintain year-round walking infrastructure by ensuring the clearing of snow is completed in a timely way. According to St. Anthony Ordinance Code, 92.01(B)(1), the owner and occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians... snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish is not to remain on the walk longer than 24 hours after its deposit. The Public Works Department clears public sidewalks as part of the regular snow removal program with specialized equipment. As a general rule, the Department does not apply rock salt to sidewalks as it may eventually find its way into lakes, rivers, and other water bodies and cause environmental damage. Additionally, rock salt can cause concrete deterioration and harm plants, trees, wildlife, and pets.

SMART SALTING - PROTECT MINNESOTA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

If an application of salt is necessary to remove accumulated snow and ice, residents are encouraged to apply sparingly.

- As much salt as would fill a coffee mug is enough to treat 250 square feet of pavement.
- Shoot for a 3" spread between salt granules to apply the proper amount of de-icing salt.

While bare pavement is not always possible with the harsh winter conditions we experience as Minnesotans, diligent and responsible practices for snow and ice removal on sidewalks will help to maintain the goal of walkability for all.



- More than 48 billion pounds of salt is spread on icy roads in the U.S. annually.
- Chloride is toxic to freshwater fish, amphibians, insects, and plants.
- Road Salt is the #1 source of chloride in Minnesota with an estimated 403,600 tons used annually.
- There are 54 impaired bodies of water in Minnesota that exceed the chloride standard designed to protect fish and aquatic life.
- One 50lb. bag of salt can contaminate over 10,000 gallons of water.



Celebrating Climate Action in the Village

We celebrate the Village's remarkable progress delivering climate actions in this first year since adopting our Climate Plan in December 2023. We recognize the commitment of city staff, city leaders, and community members who are actively working on climate actions:

- Piloting our first electric vehicles in the Public Works fleet
- Hiring a Sustainability Coordinator (former GreenCorp intern Minette Saulog)
- Engaging business and community leaders in a Partners in Energy collaboration to create an Energy Action Plan
- Piloting a harmonics passive filter to reduce energy consumption in our Liquor store by 25%
- Engaging regional leaders in long-term planning for Rapid Bus Transit and Grand Rounds connection
- Participating in MN Cities Climate Coalition to learn from others' successes
- Securing \$194K in state and federal grants that will pay 90% of the cost of 2025 solar installations on our Public Works and water treatment facilities
- Applying for a grant to begin active transportation planning to improve walking and biking in the Village

Thank you for your leadership in turning climate goals into tangible, impactful actions. By addressing climate challenges head-on, you are paving the way for cleaner air, greener spaces, and a vibrant community.

JOIN US

January 27, 6:30 pm at St. Anthony Library, as we imagine possible climate futures in our discussion of Ayana Elizabeth Johnson's latest book, *"What If We Get It Right? Visions of Climate Futures."* You can find more details at: citizensforsustainability.org/book-club ■

PUBLIC SAFETY

WINTER WEATHER SAFE DRIVING TIPS

Contributed by Sgt. Jim South



Well, the weather outside may soon be frightful, and the roads won't be delightful, so if you have some place to go, take it slow, take it slow, take it slow!!




It is that time of year again, and we all need to remember that not only do we need to drive more carefully, but we also need to take precautions to help keep us safe on the roads and be ready in case of emergencies.

CLEAR YOUR WINDOWS

Prior to getting out on the road we need to remember that it is State Law to clean all of the windows of your vehicle clear of ice, snow and frost. This is for everyone's safety. When warming up your vehicle it is advised to be in your vehicle while warming it up unless your vehicle has a remote starter option. Warming up our vehicles in our driveway or letting them run while running a quick errand at the store is a perfect opportunity for thieves to take advantage of us.

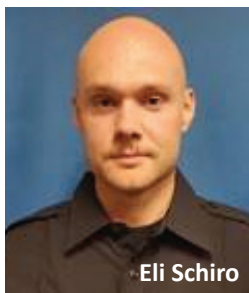
SLOW DOWN WHEN IT'S SNOWY OR ICY

As we have all heard on local media stations and in our driving classes we need to remember to **Slow Down** when the roads are snowy or icy. Even if your vehicle is equipped with four-wheel drive, it does not help your vehicle stop in slippery conditions. Leave extra space between your car and the vehicle in front of you. If you are involved in an accident on the freeway try to remain in your vehicle especially if roads are slippery. Getting out of your vehicle could be more dangerous than remaining inside. Wait for a law enforcement officer or a highway helper to arrive and assist you.

 **REDUCE STRESS.** For some, this is their most favorite time of the year and for others it is the most stressful. Let's all work together to make it manageable for everyone. Please remember to leave distance behind snow plows and remove our cars from the streets after 2 inches of snowfall so we can all benefit from the wonderful job Public Works does in clearing our roads. Have a wonderful winter season and please drive safe!

Welcome Eli Schiro to the St. Anthony Police Department

Eli started at the end of July and is just finishing his Field Training. Eli graduated with an Associate's degree in Law Enforcement from North Hennepin Community College. He was a Reserve Officer with the Minnesota State Fair Police Department and was a Security Officer with Fairline Security prior to becoming a licensed police officer.



Eli Schiro



WINTER SURVIVAL KIT

Be sure to stock your vehicle with a winter survival kit. Families take many road trips over the holiday season and we want to make sure we are prepared in case severe weather causes our vehicle to be stranded.

- Make sure to have blankets, water, snacks, flares, cell phone chargers and hats and mittens.
- Put a small shovel and bags of sand or salt in your trunk to assist in case your vehicle may get stuck.
- Also make sure to keep your gas tanks with at least a quarter tank. This is not because the gas will freeze but to keep your vehicle running to stay warm while waiting for help in case the vehicle becomes stranded.



Connect with us!



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What does it take to be a firefighter in St. Anthony?

Contributed by Deputy Fire Chief Mattie Jaros

The St. Anthony Fire Department is staffed with a combination model, meaning we have both full-time and part-time firefighters.

Our full-time staff includes a Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and 6 firefighters that work 24-hour shifts. These firefighters are paired into 3 shifts (2 per shift). We also have 20-25 part-time firefighters. If a firefighter takes time off, the shift is filled with a part-time firefighter. There is an old saying that *"fire doesn't know the difference between full-time and part-time"* which is why we train all of our part-time firefighters to the standard of a full-time firefighter.



HIRING REQUIREMENTS

Before a firefighter can be hired on to start training, they must meet minimum requirements – be 18 years of age, possess a valid Minnesota driver's license, have earned a high school diploma or equivalent, and be within a 12-minute drive time from our fire station. If they meet these requirements, they are eligible to apply for employment.



OUR HIRING PROCESS

For the hiring process, applicants are sent through a panel interview with current members as well as a written test. They must meet a minimum score with both these combined to move forward. The next requirement is a physical assessment, background check, and psychological written test and interview. If an applicant passes all requirements, they are given an offer to begin training and are labeled as a "rookie" on the fire department roster.

Although there are many dynamics surrounding each step, below is an overview of the path a "rookie" takes before becoming sworn-in as a St. Anthony Firefighter. The training schedule typically takes around a year to complete.

GETTING STARTED: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a St. Anthony firefighter, please reach out to us. Call the Fire Station: 612-782-3400; or email: mattie.jaros@savmn.com

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| In-House Training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn equipment / Test out on every item on the trucks Start training with whole department every Wednesday night Map Test - Learn every street in the city |
| Academy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firefighter I Class / State Certification Firefighter II Class / State Certification Hazmat -Operations Class / State Certification |
| Medical | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPR -BLS Class / Certification EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) Class / Practical Exam/ National Registry Written Test |
| In-House Training, Cont... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driver's Training (All Vehicles) Pump Operator Classroom / Training / Test (All Engines) Address Test (behind the wheel, given addresses they must find) 3rd person shifts (put to work with each full-time shifts and learn daily tasks/respond to calls as if they were filling in, >36 hours total) |
| Finished | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We hold a swearing in ceremony for friends and family and review their accomplishments - swapping that yellow helmet for a black one Officially approved to work shifts! |



FUN FACT:

During training, Rookies are given red shirts and yellow helmets for safety. This allows up to make sure that we space them out with experienced firefighters both in training and on the fireground. Once sworn in – they trade their yellow helmets for a black one.



Let's Get Connected



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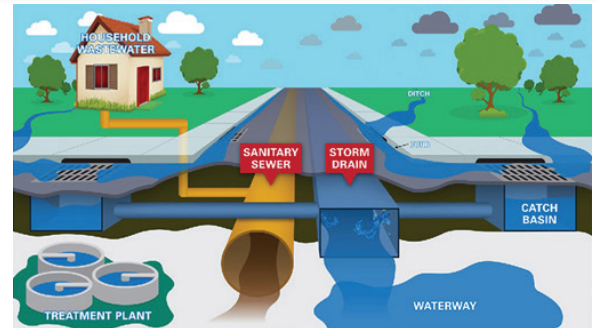
PUBLIC WORKS

Prevent Stormwater Pollution by Reporting Illicit Discharges

Lakes, rivers, and streams are an important part of our ecosystem, and we all play a part in keeping them clean. One way is to report illicit discharges. What exactly are illicit discharges? And what do they have to do with keeping our waters clean? The answer to these questions starts with storm drains.

Everyone has seen the storm drains along the side of the roads and perhaps wondered where they go. Unlike wastewater from your home that is sent to water treatment facilities, the water that flows through storm systems is drained directly into lakes, rivers, and streams. The water does not undergo filtration or treatment to clean it before reaching surface waters. This is why it is so important to avoid and report illicit discharges.

Illicit discharge refers to any discharge to the stormwater drainage system, (commonly through drains in streets, gutters, ditches, and ponds) lakes, rivers, and streams other than stormwater. *Substances that could be harmful include paint, trash, car fluids (like oil and gas), and cleaning materials.* These are just a few examples of illicit discharge, so it's important to remember that the only thing that should be entering the storm system is stormwater.



REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGE IMMEDIATELY



Reporting illicit discharge is crucial in stopping water pollution and keeping our waters clean, please report to Public Works Director, Jeremy Gumke at 612-782-3441 immediately. For spills of potentially hazardous substances, call 9-1-1 right away.

Non-stormwater discharges are prohibited and are enforced under local ordinances.

WINTER PARKING & SNOW PLOWING REMINDERS

During winter, the first priority of the Public Works Department is to clear the snow and make St. Anthony's streets safe for traffic and emergency vehicles.

Our Public Works Department clears public sidewalks as part of its regular snow removal program with specialized equipment. The owner or occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk should be diligent to keep the walk safe for pedestrians — snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish should not remain on the walk longer than 24 hours after its deposit.

With your cooperation, snow removal can be more efficient and roads cleared in very little time. Be sure to sign up for snow plow alerts at savmn.com. If you have any questions regarding City snow plowing operations, contact Public Works Director Jeremy Gumke at jeremy.gumke@savmn.com or call 612-782-3441.



A few reminders to assist residents in achieving this goal:

- On street parking is not allowed for a period of 48 hours beginning immediately after two (2) inches or more of continuous snowfall or until the snow removal has been completed from curb to curb.
- We understand that sometimes the schedule for snow removal doesn't correlate with our residents' snow shoveling schedules. Our plow drivers do their best to avoid pushing snowbanks onto freshly shoveled driveways or sidewalks.
- It is dangerous for children to dig tunnels in snowbanks created by the plows. Tunnels can cave in which can result in smothering. Plow drivers can't see children playing in or around snowbanks and kids can become covered or trapped in the snow.
- Don't place refuse or recycling containers in the street.
- Don't plow, blow, or shovel snow into the street.
- When shoveling, pile the snow downstream of the plowing operations to minimize snow left in your driveway.
- Stay back when driving behind plow trucks.



NEW: 2025 Street and Utility Improvement Project

The 2025 Street and Utility Improvement Project consists of the complete street and utility reconstruction along MacAlaster Drive from 39th Avenue to the southern railroad tracks.

Proposed utility improvements include sanitary sewer and water main replacement including individual services to the right-of-way boundary, fire hydrants, water valves, and manholes. The proposed project will also include the construction of new storm sewer system to improve drainage along the project corridor.

Additionally, the 2025 Street and Utility Improvement Project includes asphalt resurfacing (mill and overlay) improvements along the following roadways:

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 39 th Ave. NE: | Stinson Blvd. to Silver Lake Rd. |
| 30 th Ave. NE: | Stinson Blvd. to Silver Lake Rd. |
| Armour Terrace: | Roosevelt St. to Silver Lake Rd. |
| Murray Ave: | Roosevelt St. to Coolidge St. |
| 29 th Ave. NE: | Silver Lake Rd. to Highway 88 |
| Roosevelt St: | St. Anthony Blvd. to 30 th Ave. NE |
| Wilson St: | St. Anthony Blvd. to 30 th Ave. NE |
| Coolidge St: | St. Anthony Blvd. to 29 th Ave. NE |
| Anthony Lane: | 29 th Ave. NE to Cul-de-Sac |

Removal and replacement of the existing asphalt trail and basketball court in Central Park and the installation of a pedestrian safety refuge at the intersection of Silver Lake Rd. and 34th Ave. NE are also being investigated with the improvements proposed for 2025. The project is currently out for bid with the project anticipated to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in April 2025.



MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION | SEASONAL ROAD RESTRICTIONS



Seasonal road restrictions on St. Anthony streets typically last from mid-February thru mid-March. The exact dates restrictions go into effect and are removed each year are provided by the MN Department of Transportation for the Metro Area Frost Zone. These restrictions are enforced to protect the infrastructure investment on city roadways during spring thaw. Please schedule early season construction projects accordingly. Heavy trucks, delivery of roll-off dumpsters and materials, and other heavy equipment are not allowed on St. Anthony city streets during the restriction period. The City does not issue exception permits.

Inflow & Infiltration Inspection Reminder

Two inspections are required prior to listing your home or business for sale:

- Sanitary sewer line inspection video
- Sump pump inspection

Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) is the excess flow of clear water into the City's sanitary sewer system. The system is not designed to handle excess clear water and it can become overloaded and cause basement flooding or bypass raw wastewater to local streams and lakes.

This ordinance is intended to help reduce peak sanitary sewer flows caused by Inflow and infiltration. Check website for complete information and exemptions: savmn.com/Inflowandinfiltration



Most know that the City has a Zoning Ordinance that regulates the use of land, and how intensely land can be developed. Zoning regulations are formed around the idea of “reasonable use” – what can a property owner reasonably expect to use their land for? Reasonableness is a concept built around our own expectations for land use, the impacts of that use (and therefore, the intensity of the use) on our neighborhood, and also, how we can expect our neighbors to use their land.

VARIANCES AS SOLUTIONS

But what can we do when the things we want to do on our property exceed the box that zoning has created for us? The process for considering an expansion of how we use our property is called a variance. The variance process is built into the State’s land use laws as a way to appeal to the zoning authority for a modification of its regulations. The variance process requires the property owner to apply for a variance, which is then reviewed by Planning Commission following a public hearing and contingent upon City Council approval.

Variances can only be considered for changes in some dimension of the allowed use, not for the use itself. Thus, in a single family zoning district, a variance might be possible from a setback standard, but cannot be employed to change the nature of the land use (such as for requesting a two-family residence or a commercial use).

Moreover, variances require that certain statutory measures be met to qualify. In sum, the property owner is supposed to prove:

1. The proposed use is a reasonable use of the property.
2. There are unique physical conditions on the property (not created by the applicant) that create practical difficulties to accomplishing “reasonable” use, thus requiring a variance to overcome these conditions.

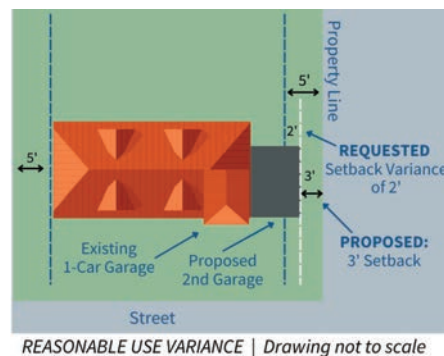
In simpler terms, for single family parcels, these criteria usually come down to showing that there is some less-than-standard aspect of an existing home, and that there is no realistic way to correct that deficiency without getting a variance.

Also, Note for Variances - the property owner is not permitted to use economic conditions as the sole factor for variance support. Explaining

that the proposed solution is cheaper, and complying with the ordinance is too expensive, is not adequate support for variance consideration.

WHAT IS REASONABLE?

In St. Anthony, a common condition that could come up would be for properties that were built with a single car garage. A nice feature in 1954, but no longer adequate in 2024. The code requires at least 15 feet of total side yard space - and no less than 5 feet on either side (so for instance, 5’ on one side, 10’ on the other).



Imagine that the condition of a property is such that the property owner wants to add a second garage stall to the side of an existing single garage. However, the garage addition would result in less than a 5’ setback. In this case, we might say that a two-car garage is a reasonable use for a

contemporary single family home, and the current owner obviously did not build the original house and create those existing setbacks. Therefore, the condition on the property (not created by the applicant) results in needing a variance for the reasonable expansion of the garage. **NOTE:** This analysis is for hypothetical purposes only.

VARIANCES & REASONABLE DEVELOPMENT

Variances are a possible solution when contemporary land uses don’t fit on an existing parcel in compliance with current zoning restrictions. They are intended to be used rarely and sparingly, since the presumption is that most parcels are designed to accommodate reasonable development. With this acknowledgment, St. Anthony Village encourages property owners to reinvest in their housing stock, and further encourages creative design and use of land.



If you have questions about whether a variance might be possible in your building plans, please contact City planning staff to explore your options.
CALL: 612-892-3301

SIGN UP FOR SNOW PLOW ALERTS



- 1 - Visit savmn.com
- 2 - Click on **YELLOW** notifications bubble
- 3 - Sign-in or Register
- 4 - Choose text and/or email alerts in the City of St. Anthony Plow Alerts Category



SKATING RINKS

ST. ANTHONY PARKS ICE RINKS & WARMING HOUSES:

Central Park, 3503 Silver Lake Rd.
Emerald Park, 3925 Macalester Dr.
Silver Point Park, 3010 29th Ave.

WARMING HOUSE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 4 - 8:30pm

Saturday: 10am - 8:30pm

Sunday: 1 - 8:30pm

School Holidays: 10am - 8:30pm

Rinks are generally open late December to early March, depending on weather conditions and ice safety.



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RECYCLE Holiday Lights



now through Jan. 31 @ City Hall



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STAY INFORMED



ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

Help keep a fire hydrant clear of snow this winter and save valuable time for our Firefighters in an emergency.



Be a Village Hero



Thank you for helping to keep our Village safe.

ASPEN WASTE SERVICE REMINDER

We want to share some reminders for cart placement and collection this winter.



- Be sure to clear snow and ice from around your carts.
- Do not place carts, bulk items or your holiday tree in snow banks.
- If you have walk-up service, please be sure the path our drivers use to collect your cart is free of ice and snow, salted and sanded, to ensure driver safety.
- Please have carts at the collection point by 7am on your service day.



QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR SERVICE?

Call Aspen: 612-884-8008

Web: aspenwaste.com



SNOW FORTS ARE FUN WHEN BUILT SAFELY!

STAY SAFE - Please don't allow children to dig tunnels in snowbanks created by the plows. Tunnels can cave in, and plow drivers can't see children playing in or around snowbanks.

WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCY?



During Business Hours: 612-782-3301
Call City Hall immediately

After Business Hours: 612-782-3400
Call Fire Department

City crews will be dispatched to evaluate the situation and assist property owner.

Note: Property owner is responsible for the maintenance of sewer lines from building (including connection) to main line for sewer lines, and to curb stop (including stop connection) for water lines.

HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL



Aspen Waste will pick up trees at no charge for residents under the City Single Hauler Contract.

To have your tree picked up, bring it to your curb **Jan. 1 through Jan. 17.**

Remove all decorations, lights, tinsel and tree bags. (Flocked trees are not accepted.)



Or drop your tree off at a **Ramsey County Yard Waste Site**. Scan the QR Code for hours and locations.

RamseyRecycles.com/yardwaste

MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits

Contributing to the community since 1948

Maximizing efforts; producing results

By Mike Larson, Liquor Store Operations Manager

Now that the year 2024 is over, the staff at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits, your Municipal Liquor Stores, will be evaluating our successes and missed opportunities during 2024. Our goal is to improve operations and determine what we can do to provide a better shopping experience for customers.

Our mission to “control the sale of adult consumables while simultaneously generating revenue” will not change, but our goals to continue this mission may adjust to maximize our efforts and produce the best results.

Early figures from our pending 2024 financial statement indicate that our sales dropped slightly while net profit increased. We continue to implement new retail initiatives to increase sales and profits. 2024 brought the introduction of THC/CBD drinks to our market. This was an important addition to our product selection as many consumers have transitioned into these low dose seltzers from products that contain alcohol. We expect this trend to continue as the introduction of Cannabis enters the marketplace.



It is important for our customers and residents to know that our profits are used for the benefit of the community. While you are enjoying our beautiful parks and the services that our Police, Fire and Public Works Departments provide, remember that our liquor stores contribute to

the funding for equipment to provide city services. We want to thank our customers for shopping at our stores and keeping the profits in our community!

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you!

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STAY INFORMED

Sign up for notifications from us for events and monthly sale items by visiting savmn.com. Click the yellow Notifications icon on the home page and select St. Anthony Village Wine & Spirit Announcements.

STORE LOCATIONS

Marketplace

2700 Highway 88 | 612-782-3451

Silver Lake Village

2602 39th Ave. NE | 612-782-3452



SAV Historical Society

Gunhild Ashbach attended the 33rd and Silver Lake school in the 1920s and later became a teacher. She wrote the following account of the Saturday night community dances in the basement of the old school. When she visited the old school during her high school years, she noticed that not much had changed.

There was still the Saturday night dance, where one had to dance carefully to avoid the big stove just inside the door. The music was mediocre and the setting plain, but the feeling of community was still there. Families were not separated into teenagers and senior citizens — the whole family participated in the event. Babies went to sleep on coats while parents danced. Uncles twirled with blissful nieces. Occasionally, an older sophisticate would ask a young teenager to dance, giving her the thrill of the evening. Romances bloomed. A brash fourth-grader would ask the principal for a waltz. And when the last 'Home Sweet Home' had been played, one went home in a state of euphoria and to happy dreams.



Those were simpler times. There were no strangers; for two miles around, we knew the occupants of every house. Benefit dances often gave a few extra dollars to a family in special need. It was as though we were an extended family in which we felt secure and loved. No riches gave us this feeling; no possessions gave us supremacy. But we were rich in spirit, happy in our simple good times and secure in our own little niche in the world. Ashbach's piece appeared in the St. Anthony Bulletin in July, 1995 during St. Anthony's 50th Anniversary. (Lewis Kenzie, Sr., according to his grandson, Don Hickerson, often called the square dances.)

Text is copied from our book: "A Village in the City", Gale Olson, Author.

Photo provided by Julianne Hertog, granddaughter of Andrew and Mary Skovran: Outbuildings at the Andrew Skovran farm on Edward Street before it was a street in 1939. ■

Find us online:

Facebook: @StAnthonyVillageHistoricalSociety | YouTube: search SAV Historical | Web: savhistorical.org

Saint Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to everyone who came out to SHOP LOCAL at Small Business Saturday on November 30! We're entering the new year with excitement, optimism, and a full calendar of community events:

Lunch 'n' Learn - MN Chamber Business Services

Wednesday, Jan. 8
12 - 1pm
The Legacy of St. Anthony
2540 Kenzie Terrace
Join us to learn how a chamber membership can enhance your business with additional support, advocacy, and tools for growth. Lunch is FREE for members, \$15 for non-members.

SAVHS Career Expo

Monday, Feb. 24
2 - 5:30pm, SAVHS Cafeteria
We are still searching for community members to represent their businesses at the expo. If you have current job openings, or would like to talk with high school students about your line of work, please consider signing up to exhibit.

SAACC Annual Awards Dinner

Thursday, Apr. 24
5:30 - 8:30pm
Jax Cafe, Northeast Minneapolis
Our annual dinner is open to the public! We'll be handing out awards for the 2024 Villager and Business of the Year. Nominations are due Friday, Feb. 28.

For more details on our upcoming events, please visit our website. We'd love to have you join us!

SAACC website: saintanthonychamber.org | Email: executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org ■



St. Anthony Sister City Association

In mid-September, a delegation from the St. Anthony Sister City Association left for Salo, Finland as a part of the Adult Exchange program between our cities. The first adult exchange occurred in the summer of 2023. This year, an eight member delegation spent nine days in Salo, staying with host families while immersing themselves in Finnish culture and gaining insights into Finnish daily life.



A highlight of the group's visit was attending a presentation on Salo and a discussion with the mayor and the chairman of the City Council. Afterward, there was a dedication marking the 40-year Sister City relationship between our cities. It culminated in the unveiling of a memorial honoring Ruth Ann Mark's father, George Marks, who was instrumental in nurturing this relationship with Salo for many years. It was a profoundly moving tribute.



The group visited high schools and elementary schools in Salo and had a chance to engage with students and even eat lunch with them. There was a tour of the Salo IT Campus (formerly a Nokia facility) to learn how the building has been re-purposed. There was also time for relaxation and fun with the host families. Starting from Turku, the group enjoyed a boat cruise of the nearby archipelago. The group ate a traditional moose dinner in the forest, followed by a sauna and brisk swim in a lake. Some attended a dance hall with dancers who had previously visited St. Anthony Village.

Meaningful for many was the time to just sit around a kitchen table getting to know our Finnish hosts. Toward the end of the stay, many visited Finland's capital city Helsinki. Others explored the 13th century castle in Turku, and a few even made a day trip to Tallinn, Estonia's capital city. The trip was an extraordinary experience and opportunity to participate in a unique cultural exchange. Plans are already in the works to receive the next group from Salo in 2025 and send another delegation to Salo in 2026.



For more information on being a host family in 2025 and to become a member of the St. Anthony Sister City Association follow us on Facebook @StAnthonySisterCity, visit savmn.com, or email us at stanthonycity@gmail.com. ■



Saint Anthony Village residents and business members are invited to visit with City Council members, ask questions and share insights, learn what was accomplished in 2024, and look ahead to the City's goals for the new year. Refreshments provided.

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 25

TIME: 9-11AM

LOCATION: Council Chambers

More dates will be announced for February & March - savmn.com/connectwithcouncil

St. Anthony Village Kiwanis

The St. Anthony Kiwanis continues to follow the mission to improve the world one child and one community at a time. The club is excited to share this service, together with our school groups (Key Club and K-Kids) at the Crisis Nursery, with the Ronald McDonald House, and for the Second Stork Project.



We are grateful for all who were able to participate in our November Fall Dinner and Auction to raise funds to continue this service in our community. We always welcome new members! Please check us out at one of our monthly meetings, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. at the back room of Culver's... come early and grab your meal and enjoy it with friends! We hope to see you soon. ■

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

JANUARY

- Jan. 1 News Years Day Holiday*
- Jan. 4 Cardboard Recycling Event
- Jan. 14 City Council Meeting (with Work Session)
- Jan. 15 - 17 City Goal Setting
- Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Day Holiday*
- Jan. 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- Jan. 25 Connect with Your Council
- Jan. 28 City Council Meeting (with Work Session)

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 11 City Council Meeting
- Feb. 17 Presidents' Day Holiday*
- Feb. 18 Planning Commission
- Feb. 25 City Council Meeting (with Work Session)

MARCH

- March 3 Parks & Environmental Commission Mtg
- March 11 City Council Meeting (with Work Session)
- March 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- March 25 City Council Meeting

* City Hall Closed

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| St. Anthony Village High School..... | 612-706-1100 |