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A Village in the City

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City Drinking Water Meets Federal and State Standards

As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the City of Saint Anthony Village monitors its drinking water and has issued the results for the period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2024. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect our precious water resources.

The City is proud to report that no contaminants were detected at levels that violated state and federal drinking water standards. Visit the city website at savmn.com/waterquality to view our annual water report, which includes information on the monitoring of the City's drinking water in 2024.

Did you know?

- Our Water Tower holds 250,000 gallons of clean, ready-to-use water.
- In 2024, the Water Treatment Plant produced over 271 million gallons of safe, high-quality drinking water.
- Daily testing by city staff and weekly state monitoring ensure your water is consistently clean, safe, and reliable.

**ANNUAL WATER
QUALITY REPORT**



View the 2024 Report



PHOTO CONTEST | SUMMER 2025

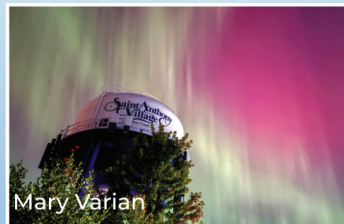


SIGHTS OF SAINT ANTHONY VILLAGE

Showcase your photography skills while illustrating how our community is a great place to live, work, learn, play and thrive.

Photos of cityscapes, people, activities, landscapes, buildings, landmarks, plants or wildlife are encouraged

**ENTRY DEADLINE
SEPT. 15**



Photos must be taken in Saint Anthony Village. Full Contest Guidelines and Entry Form: savmn.com/photocontest



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Growing Together | Empowering Staff for Success

Contributed by Charlie Yunker, City Manager

Since I became City Manager, there have been significant changes to our staff leadership team. In the past four years, we have welcomed a new Public Works Director, Finance Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Human Resources Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, Sustainability Coordinator, and Assistant City Manager. Additionally, we have had changes in the Public Works Superintendent, Police Captain(s), Police Sergeants, and Deputy Fire Chief roles, as well as other new staff across all City departments.

While we still benefit from a number of long-tenured employees, our new leadership team is learning to work together and carry-on the staff culture of service and care for each other and the City. A colleague of mine who transitioned from being a City Administrator to facilitate recruiting and professional development for public sector staff reached out to offer assistance. The result has far exceeded our expectations.

"This process has shown the importance of intentionally checking in with colleagues to better understand our shared needs and individual challenges."

- Izzy Diaz, SAFD Fire Chief



Our facilitator, Bart Fischer, had all department heads complete a Work Personality Index and reviewed the results with us individually. Then we paired-up to further discuss the results and areas for development including obstacles faced in their roles, career aspirations, and frankly anything else staff wished to discuss.

Meetings continued in various pairings to explore additional topics and concluded with the entire group together reflecting on the discussions and lessons learned throughout the process. We'll keep working to improve professional development for City staff, and some may even choose to explore personalized growth opportunities.

Investing in Our People to Better Serve You

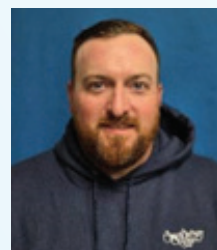
We are ultimately in the people business and our continued development as a staff is foundational to organizational health and effectiveness. This effort is made possible through the City Council's support and staff prioritization, helping ensure we have the tools needed to deliver great service and grow as a team. In turn, that makes the Village an even better place to live for all our residents.

Welcome to our Team



Maddie Kujawa Office Support Specialist

Maddie joined our Police Department in April. Most recently Maddie worked as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher for Minneapolis Police. She has also been a Medical Dispatcher for M Health Fairview. Maddie grew up in Woodbury, was an EMT and lives in Shoreview with her husband and daughter.



Casey Nelson Public Works Team

Casey started with us at the end of April as a Maintenance Worker. He joins us from New Brighton where he had worked since 2021. Casey has extensive experience in the area of streets and grounds maintenance.



Jesus Vega Gomez Public Works Team

Jesus joined our Public Works crew in April as a Maintenance Worker. He comes to us from Traverse Des Sioux Garden Center in St. Peter where he was their Landscape Machine Operator Foreman.

Meet the Finance Department | Transparent, Trusted and Here for You.

Contributed by Deborah Maloney, Finance Director

Your tax dollars, our mission

Every service delivered by the City of Saint Anthony Village — whether it's clean water, safe streets, or reliable emergency response—relies on sound financial management. Behind that responsibility is the Finance Department: a small, dedicated team ensuring that every dollar is used wisely, every budget is transparent, and every partnership benefits the community. As shared in our 2024 Annual Finance Report, this year brought significant growth, fresh talent, and renewed commitment to both core operations and long-term planning.

Who We Are: Meet the Team

Deborah Maloney – Finance Director

With strategic oversight of citywide finances, Debbie leads the department in budget development, capital planning, and compliance with financial regulations. In 2024 Saint Anthony's bond rating was upgraded from AA to AA+, a testament to strong fiscal stewardship and careful debt management from past and current finance teams.

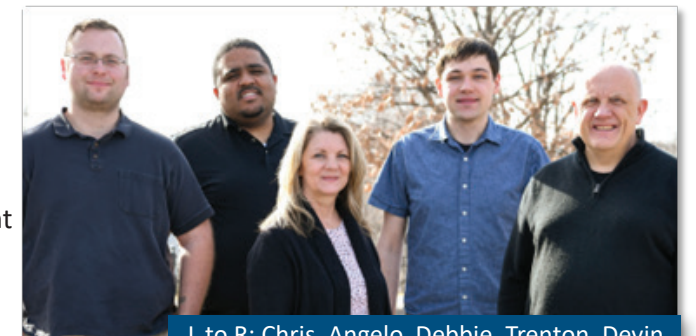
Trenton Sax – Staff Accountant

Trenton brings precision and professionalism to the finance department. He is responsible for tracking financial activity, preparing reports, and assisting with the City's annual financial audit. His attention to detail helps ensure compliance and clarity in financial documentation used by staff, council, and the public. Trenton is the main city contact for the city's partnerships with MWMO and NineNorth for accounting services.

Devin Willi – Accounting Specialist

Devin plays a central role in general ledger operations, payroll management and processing, and utility billing customer support. In 2024, he contributed to the integration of the City's Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST) policy. He also updated the special assessment maintenance process and enhanced internal reporting and payroll processes.

"With new perspectives, continued training, and a deep sense of purpose, our team remains focused on providing high-quality, resident-focused financial management. We're proud to serve our community and our regional partners with transparency, efficiency, and care." — Deborah Maloney, Finance Director



L to R: Chris, Angelo, Debbie, Trenton, Devin

Angelo Salas – Utility Billing and Permitting Technician

As the first point of contact for many residents, Angelo delivers efficient service and outstanding customer support that reflects the city's commitment to excellence. In 2024, he processed 10,195 utility bills — serving 380 accounts in Birchwood Village and 2,437 in Saint Anthony Village. He also processed 236 business licenses and supported over 1,100 permit applications, ensuring residents and businesses receive timely, accurate assistance. Known for his friendly demeanor, Angelo's exceptional service makes him a vital part of Saint Anthony's front-line team.

Chris Carroll – Accounting Clerk

Chris manages invoice processing and interdepartmental records, supporting both internal teams and external collaborators. His accuracy and consistency are key to maintaining a dependable accounts payable system — processing nearly 3,000 checks helping keep city vendors and contractors paid accurately and on time.



WHY IT MATTERS:
Better Ratings, Lower Costs

Thanks to the Finance Department's diligence, Saint Anthony Village achieved a bond rating increase to AA+ in 2024, which:

- ✓ Lowers future borrowing costs
- ✓ Enhances financial flexibility
- ✓ Increases investor confidence

Water Treatment Plant | Solar Project Update

In May, rooftop solar panels were installed at the Water Treatment Plant! This project was made possible in large part by the City's Solar on Public Buildings grant award from the Minnesota Department of Commerce. The grant covers 60% of costs for the project, 30% of costs will be covered by direct pay tax credits from the federal government, and the remaining 10% is covered by City capital funds. The Public Works building's rooftop solar project is expected to be installed later this year.



Water Treatment Plant Solar - Quick Facts

- 74 Solar Panels
- 40 kW AC Capacity
- Total Cost \$106,910
- Solar on Public Buildings Grant \$64,146
- Direct Pay Credits \$32,073
- City's net cost \$10,691
- Expected Year 1 Savings from Solar \$3,938
- Overall life expectancy of system 40-50 years

Stay up-to-date on the City's Solar on Public Buildings project:
savmn.com/solar-public-buildings

Water Treatment Plant | Solar on Public Buildings



Grants available to start or improve recycling & organics at businesses, nonprofits

If you have a small business or or nonprofit in in Saint Anthony Village, check out the business recycling grants through Ramsey (BizRecycling) and Hennepin Counties. Both programs offer FREE bins and other supplies such as labels and bags to eligible applicants.

This is a great way to kick-start or enhance public-facing recycling options as more customers seek out the availability of recycling while out and about.

Scan the QR code for the county in which your business/nonprofit is physically located to learn more.



Biz Recycling Bin-Only Grant



Grants for Bins & Compostable Bags

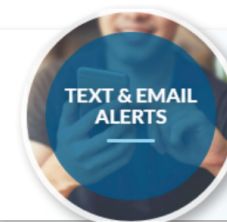
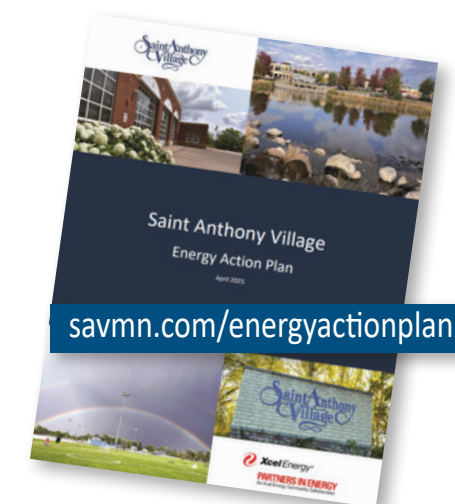


Saint Anthony Village Energy Action Plan Approved

On April 8th, City Council approved the final version of the City's Energy Action Plan. This document was developed during the City's ongoing participation in Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy Program.

The Energy Action Plan builds on the Climate Plan to highlight concrete actions in the energy sector to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The plan will guide the community in opportunities to save energy and money, increase renewable energy support, and provide resources for electrifying homes and buildings over the course of the next 18 months.

Visit the Energy Action Plan's webpage to read the plan and executive summary. Future progress updates will be shared on the website and in future Village Notes editions.



STAY INFORMED

Visit savmn.com to subscribe to the latest City news and events.

Click the **TEXT & EMAIL ALERTS** icon on the home page and select Saint Anthony Village Sustainability News Blog for updates on Sustainability initiatives and activities.

Skip the Chemicals: Go Organic First

A powerful environmental movement is growing in our community and it's beautifully simple: stop using toxic lawn and garden chemicals. An Organic First approach encourages residents to ditch synthetic fertilizers and chemical pesticides; protecting our water, pollinators, pets and children. Lawn chemicals create harmful runoff, contribute to algae blooms such as in Silver Lake and harm the local ecosystem. And you can have healthy, beautiful yards without them.

PROTECT OUR ECOSYSTEM
GO ORGANIC.
 Avoid chemical pesticides and synthetic fertilizers.

Eco-friendly Lawn and Garden Tips:

- Water deeply (1 inch) once a week.
- Overseed with grass blends and microclover, which need less water and naturally fertilize soil.
- Aerate to improve drainage and nutrient absorption.
- Fertilize only in fall — choose organic fertilizer, used sparingly.
- Use corn gluten meal for pre-emergent weeds.
- Use chelated liquid iron to kill broadleaf weeds, while still safe for grass. For Creeping Charlie, rake to stress it and then spray. Repeat every 2–3 weeks.
- Mix 1 gallon vinegar with 1 tbsp unscented dish soap for garden bed weeds.
- Create native plant buffer zones along shorelines and storm drains.

Learn more about Organics First at silverlakemn.org/water-quality



Saint Anthony Village
and Sustainability

@VILLAGEFEST

Visit the City at VillageFest!
 Saturday, August 2: 12 - 5PM

Stop by our City booth at the VillageFest vendor fair!

Explore:

- City Energy Action Plan initiatives
- Climate Plan progress
- Resources for energy efficiency and home energy audits
- City Active Transportation Plan that promotes non-motorized travel like walking, biking, and rolling (strollers, rollerblades, skateboards).

Learn how these plans contribute to a more sustainable and connected community.

Summer To Do List – Protect Your Valuables



As summer weather arrives, so do many summer-long outdoor projects! From gardening to construction, automotive projects to paint, we are all ready to put our warm weather honey-do list in our rear view, so we can get out and enjoy all that a beautiful sunny summer has to offer! Unfortunately, warm weather also often inspires local thieves.

Many summer projects require expensive, hard-to-come-by tools and materials that are the favorite targets of those looking to make a quick score off of your summer outdoor adventures. Here's a few tips and reminders as we all head into what promises to be a beautiful outdoor season.

PROTECT YOUR TOOLS

They are portable, easy to hide, easy to sell, and fetch top dollar at local pawn shops and online marketplaces. Help SAPD get your tools back with simple measures.

- **Write down your serial numbers** - most popular brands stamp their power tools with serial numbers, that will make recovering your favorite tools easier for law enforcement.
- Battery packs are expensive and often targeted by thieves. Mark them uniquely, photograph them and their serial numbers, and save the images in a separate phone album — just in case they're stolen.

SAFEGUARD YOUR CARS

Today's autos are hard to take, but not impossible. Beautiful classic cars without anti-theft devices, however, are much easier to steal.

- Do NOT to leave cars running, ESPECIALLY in the summer.
- Take keys with you, and don't leave them in a detached garage.
- "Up-tech" your classic investment with bluetooth tracking tags
- Invest in a personal GPS device.

SECURE YOUR BICYLES AND SCOOTERS

Bikes are always a popular item for opportunistic thieves.

- Photograph bike, and record the serial number to increase recovery chances by law enforcement thru field contacts and pawn investigations.
- Invest in a solid "U lock" style lock, which is very hard to cut off, and will often deter a would-be thief.
- Hide a bluetooth tracking tag inside bike frame or seat.
- Don't leave bike unattended, close your garage door!

POPULAR AMONG THIEVES

Photograph valuable items like fishing gear, boat electronics, and sports equipment — some can cost hundreds or even thousands to replace. Mark them uniquely so they're easier to identify if lost or stolen.

*Have an amazing and safe summer!
Please continue to **CALL 911** to report criminal or suspicious activity. Let's work together to keep our neighborhoods safe.*

CONSIDER A HOME CAMERA SYSTEM



Investing in a camera system can deter crime and help neighbors identify suspicious or dangerous individuals in the community. While not cheap, these systems can save you thousands and help prevent you from becoming the next victim.



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612-782-3400

Enjoy The Water Safely – Prevent Drowning Risks



Swimming is a fun and healthy activity, but it comes with real risks — especially for children. Make water safety a top priority for families, caregivers, and swimmers of all ages.

Drowning can happen quickly and silently, often in just seconds, even in shallow water or familiar settings like backyard pools. That's why understanding general swimming safety guidelines is essential before heading into the water.

To stay safe, always swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards when possible. Never swim alone, and closely supervise children at all times— "water watchers" should avoid distractions like phones.

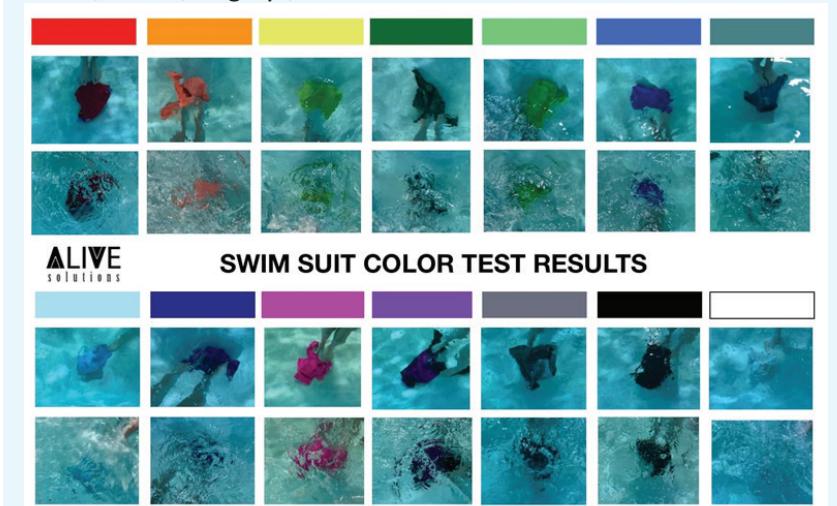
Be Water-Wise

- Enroll kids and adults in swimming lessons to build confidence and skills.
- Make sure inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- Avoid rough play in the water.
- Check the water depth before diving—only dive in designated deep-water areas.
- Learn CPR and basic rescue skills in case of an emergency.

Taking these simple but critical steps can help ensure a safe and enjoyable swimming experience for everyone.

Swimsuit Colors Make A Difference

An often-overlooked tip is to dress children in brightly colored swimsuits—neon colors like orange, pink, lime green, and yellow are much easier to spot both underwater and from a distance than blues, blacks, or grays, which can blend in with the water.



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Let's Get Connected



@St. Anthony Village Fire Department



@stanthonysfire



savmn.com/firedepartment



612-782-3400

Interested in learning more safety tips or hands-only CPR for free?

Contact our Fire Department — 612-782-3408 or email: Mattie.Jaros@savmn.com



STAY INFORMED

Salo Park Summer Concert Series

July 3: Anthony Civic Orchestra
 July 10: Vinnie Rose
 July 17: Rose Duffy with Paul Barry Blues Band
 July 24: The Double Down Daredevils
 July 31: The Backyard Band
 Aug. 7: Ecuador Manta
 Aug. 14: Fabulous Fairlanes

Thursdays, 7-8PM at Salo Park Amphitheater
 39th Avenue NE, west of Silver Lake Village

Weather cancellations posted on concert website by 3PM day of concert. To join our committee or become a sponsor, please contact Linda Foster, lindafoster0113@gmail.com, 612-788-7044.

saloparkconcertseries.com

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

JULY 4th Friday pickup will be Saturday
LABOR DAY WEEK Sept. 4→ Sept. 5
 Sept. 5→ Sept. 6 

 savmn.com/garbage-recycling

ASPEN WASTE UPDATE: Yard Waste Disposal



With yard waste season underway we continue to see yard waste being mixed within trash carts.

State law prohibits the mixture of these two materials resulting in your trash container being left full. Yard waste must be removed before the next service day in order for service to be performed.

Compostable bags are required for bagged yard waste. Eco-friendly compostable bags can be purchased at most hardware stores.

Please contact Aspen Waste to find out your yard waste service options.

What is considered yard waste?

- Bagged leaves
- Bagged grass clippings
- Bagged garden waste
- Brush and twigs (limbs no more than 3 inches in diameter and no more than 4 feet long, tied in bundles no more than 2 feet diameter.)



CONTACT: 612-884-8008 | aspenwaste.com

REGISTER YOUR BLOCK PARTY ★ Build community



NIGHT to UNITE!
Neighbors Joining Together





Improve YOUR neighborhood safety

Have fun with neighbors

★ Tuesday, Aug. 5 | savmn.com/night2unite ★

STAY INFORMED

RECYCLE YOUR CARDBOARD



SAT. JULY 19
9AM - 1PM

Public Works
Garage
3801 Chandler Dr.



Get involved in the City's sustainability efforts:
savmn.com/sustainability

ELECTION 2025

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION INFORMATION

City Council: 2 Open Seats
 Candidate Filing: July 29 - Aug. 12
 Early Voting Starts: Sept. 19

 **ELECTION**
NOV. 4, 2025

Term runs Jan 5, 2026 - 2030 | savmn.com/elections

CITY WATERING RESTRICTIONS



No Watering: 11AM-6PM
 Follow even / odd schedule for watering days
 April 1 - November 1




St. Anthony VillageFest
AUG. 1-2, 2025
 Parade | Races | Contests
 Community | Music | Food
stanthonyvillagefest.com

Recreational Fires Require a Permit

- Permit applications available online
- Permits are valid for 5 years
- Only dry wood or charcoal can be burned
- Must be extinguished before leaving site
- No burning when air quality index is greater than 50 or when winds are greater than 20 mph

savmn.com/recreational fires

 City Services, Codes, Permits, News, Events and More.

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Keep Our Pipes Clear — Disposable Wipes Belong In The Trash

The Public Works Department is asking for your help.

We are seeing increasing use of disposable wipe products for a variety of household and business purposes. While these products are sometimes labeled as flushable, they actually cause serious inconvenience to homeowners and businesses, and to our City's sewer system by creating blockages.

Unlike toilet paper, disposable wipes do not break down once they're flushed and they can block your home or business sewer line. Older pipes that may already contain grease, roots, or other obstructions are particularly susceptible to a backup. Repairs can be expensive and are often not covered by insurance.

In the public sewer system, these products bind together causing a blockage in the sewer main line or they get tangled in the sanitary sewer lift station pumps. When pump stations get clogged they stop working which causes a much larger backup affecting many. The pumps then require cleaning and repair and possible replacement to continue moving sewage.



Pump station sewer clog | non-flushable products

Join our effort

Help prevent sewage cleanup and expense – please don't flush anything down the toilet that isn't toilet paper or human waste.

Products that should never be flushed:

body wipes, disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, diapers, moist towelettes, Swifter wipes, and paper towels.

Questions or concerns:

Contact Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director, 612-782-3441 or Jeremy.Gumke@savmn.com.

UPDATE: 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, included with the 2025 Street and Utility Improvement Project are asphalt resurfacing (mill and overlay) improvements along the following roadways:

39th Avenue NE:	Stinson Boulevard to Silver Lake Road
30th Avenue NE:	Stinson Boulevard to Silver Lake Road
Armour Terrace:	Roosevelt Street to Silver Lake Road
Murray Avenue:	Roosevelt Street to Coolidge Street
29th Avenue NE:	Silver Lake Road to Highway 88
Roosevelt Street:	St. Anthony Boulevard to 30th Avenue NE
Wilson Street:	St. Anthony Boulevard to 30th Avenue NE
Coolidge Street:	St. Anthony Boulevard to 29th Avenue NE
Anthony Lane:	29th Avenue NE to Cul-de-Sac



The project bid was awarded in late April and is slated to get underway this summer. To stay informed about the 2025 Street Project, visit savmn.com and click on **TEXT & EMAIL ALERTS**.

How Pet Waste Affects More Than Just You And Your Neighbor

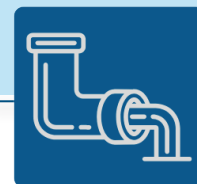
Minnesota has over 10,000 lakes, over 6,000 rivers and streams, 81 major surface water watersheds, and 8 major river basins.

How we use or misuse the land directly affects the quality of water of those downstream of us. Water is not polluted from the end of the pipe, but from streets, parking lots, parks, and our own backyards. Pet waste is a leading source of nutrient and bacteria pollution in urban streams and waterways. With over half of all Minnesota residents owning a pet, improper disposal of pet waste not only affects you and your neighbor, but also those in your community and beyond.

Rain, snow melt, and stormwater runoff pick up pet waste that is not properly disposed of and deposit it directly to a storm sewer system and into nearby lakes, rivers, and streams. This harms our water by causing pollution, encouraging weed and algae growth, damaging local ecosystems, and endangering public health — ultimately reducing swimming, fishing, boating, and overall enjoyment of our lakes, rivers and streams.

When nature calls, remind yourself to:

- Pick up the poop, every time, everywhere.
- Scoop the Poop.
- Bag it and toss it, it's required!
- Check out your local pet waste ordinance (City Code Section 91.34)



Inflow & Infiltration Inspection Reminder

Are you planning to sell your home or business?

Prior to listing your home for sale, you must complete two I/I inspections:

- Sanitary Sewer Line Inspection Video
- Sump Pump Inspection

WHY IS THIS REQUIRED?

- to help reduce peak sanitary sewer flows caused by Inflow & Infiltration
- to prevent excess clear water from causing I/I problems and from sapping sanitary sewer capacity needed for wastewater
- to prevent sewer backups and increased costs for needlessly putting clear water through the wastewater treatment process

NOTE: I/I Inspections are also required as part of our rental licensing program

For more info visit: savmn.com/InflowandInfiltration



WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCY?



During Normal Business Hours
Contact City Hall immediately
612.782.3301

After Business Hours
Contact the Fire Department
612.782.3400

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

Please Note: Property owner is responsible for maintaining water and sanitary sewer lines on their property from the building (including the connection) to the main line for sewer lines and to the curb stop (including the stop connection) for water lines.



Let's talk about parking (we'll leave the driving discussion to the engineering and public works departments).

"Why do we drive on a parkway, and park on a driveway?"
– George Carlin

Parking is a (usually) mundane planning and zoning issue that gets raised in all sorts of situations. Parking has also become more controversial - and is ever evolving. When Saint Anthony Village was initially developed in the post World War II era, families were just beginning to make automobile ownership a thing – it paralleled the rise in single family home ownership.

Naturally, auto ownership went from rare to a family owning, typically, one car. Housing development followed suit by adding a new feature – the garage, a single car garage. Especially in climates like Minnesota, keeping a car under a roof was a great convenience. As auto ownership became commonplace, garage (and driveway) development increased in importance. Parking cars on residential property has become an even bigger issue as homes originally developed to accommodate one or maybe two cars, are now faced with the explosion in car ownership.

- In 1950, there were 40 million cars in the US, and 43 million households – less than one car in use per household.
- By 2022, households in the US tripled to 130 million, while automobiles in use increased 7 times to 279 million cars – 2.15 cars per household.
- According to the US Census Bureau, 92% of all households own at least one car, and 22% own three or more with statistics trending upward.

This has all happened as average household size has decreased from 3.4 persons to less than 2.6 persons per household during that same period.

279 million
cars in US today

Where do we park all these cars?

Zoning regulations traditionally manage parking on all types of land use. Fitting cars into garage space on lots designed for a single car can be a challenge.

Finding the balance for commercial and industrial area parking can also test land development and zoning requirements. For those uses, the City strives to ensure that there is adequate parking on site, without creating a vast sea of unused asphalt. The difficulty can be when uses change – as they often do. A new restaurant will generate more than twice the parking demand of a retail shop of the same square footage. Managing this – and avoiding spillover of parking onto city streets – is the goal of our zoning rules.

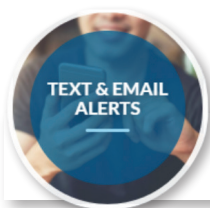


Keeping streets clear for driving (especially during winter), means keeping vehicles parked off the street and on private property. Of course, things are always changing. With the rise of autonomous vehicle

technology and the growth of ride- or car-sharing, and delivery trends that impact retail “brick-and-mortar” sites, recalibration of parking (both near and long-term) may be required.

Fortunately, there are good resources to assess needed parking, based on summaries of actual counts. The American Planning Association and the Institute of Transportation Engineers provide a wealth of data about parking generation and need. Statistics, with actual usage in our Village, are regularly monitored to ensure that we are finding that sweet spot – providing adequate, but not too much, parking for private automobiles.

"When Solomon said there was a time and a place for everything he had not encountered the problem of parking his automobile."
– Bob Edwards, American radio journalist



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Adapting Our Municipal Liquor Operations To Serve A Changing Community

By Mike Larson, Liquor Operations Manager



Like any retail business, we follow trends to better understand our customers and provide the best experience we can. Staying relevant means evolving with how people choose to relax and unwind.

Understanding sales trends

Sales of our low-dose THC/CBD products have been strong, especially as alcohol consumption continues to decline, most notably among younger generations. Retailers nationwide are seeing a clear shift from alcohol to low-dose THC/CBD edibles and beverages, and we're seeing that trend here as well. Many of our THC/CBD customers use them to help manage pain, anxiety, or sleep — choosing this alternative over alcohol.

Nationwide, the shift from alcohol consumption is clear. Alcohol consumption among adults under 35 has dropped 10% over the past 20 years. In 2024, 58% of Americans reported drinking alcohol — down from 67% in 2022. The non-alcoholic beverage market grew 29% from 2022 to 2023. And cannabis use nearly doubled from 8% in 2013 to 15% in 2022. Minnesota legalized recreational cannabis in May 2023, and demand is expected to increase.

Our liquor store sales are following national trends. In 2024, overall sales dropped by 6% compared to 2023, except for THC/CBD drinks and edibles, which continued to grow. These options are taking the place of alcohol-based products, even though profit margins for wine, beer, and spirits have stayed the same. THC/CBD items have now passed wine as our most profitable category. So far in 2025, sales of THC/CBD products are up 42% compared to this time last year. In short, more customers are choosing THC/CBD products for various reasons and cutting back on alcohol.



Impact of changing trends on our stores
It's important to remember that 100% of our profits support our community. As more customers choose THC/CBD products and buy less alcohol, our overall store profits will be impacted.

Since our city has limited space for new homes or businesses, we don't have many other ways to grow our revenue. That's why our store profits are so important, helping fund key services like Police, Fire, and Public Works, including the equipment they need to do their jobs well.



Exploring retail expansion to cannabis sales
We are carefully exploring the expansion of our municipal retail operations to include a cannabis dispensary as a legal and natural extension of our liquor stores. Across the country, cities are using cannabis sales to offset declining alcohol revenue and meet changing customer demand.

While we can step away from this process at any time, we currently believe this expansion fits our mission and values. Our liquor operations have served the community since 1947, and legal cannabis today mirrors the shift that followed the end of Prohibition.

Like many others, I initially found it hard to believe that cannabis could become a legal product. But now that legalization is a reality, and we have the opportunity to regulate its sale and generate meaningful revenue, I've gained a much clearer understanding of what our role could be. We believe we are uniquely positioned to manage this responsibility effectively and in the best interest of our community.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you!

Please contact me if we can assist you and provide a better shopping experience.

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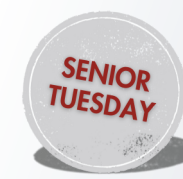
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SAV Historical Society

The St. Anthony Village Historical Society will be participating in Village Fest this summer with its Apache Express Kiddy Train in the Parade and in our booth on the festival grounds. We look forward to sharing our books, hearing your stories and discovering what you want to know about our Village.



Pioneer Days, in the late 1940s, celebrated the early days of the Township which was established in 1858. In 1949, this event was paired with Minneapolis' East Side Fair and Picnic held on the elementary school grounds on the southeast side of 33rd and Silver Lake Road. The photo reveals the rural nature of the town at that time. The farm in the background is probably the Christen family farmstead which was at the crest of the hill on Silver Lake Road, the current location of the Fire Hall today.



Photos of the 1949 Pioneer Days and East Side parade were provided by Julianne (Benyo) Hertog and show the lineup for a parade with the "pioneer" ladies in the foreground and the "Queen" candidates in the carriage behind ■



Look for us at VillageFest on August 2nd!

Share your sustainability story for a home energy savings giveaway, see student environmental projects, bring kids for free face painting, or say hello and learn what CFS is about. We would love to have you join us!

Earth Week a Great Success!

Over 125 volunteers rallied across 7 action-packed days and 11 events, powered by 7 dedicated sponsors, to ignite our community's passion for sustainable living and inspire action. Events included cleaning up parks, school grounds, rain gardens, roadsides, and shorelines as well as t-shirt upcycling in the schools, a clothing swap at Silverwood Park, a zero-waste Kiwanis pancake breakfast, and more.

Thanks to all the cleanup volunteers who came on their own, as well as those representing Parks and Environmental Commission, Ecology Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Boys Volleyball, Key Club, Kiwanis, Faith Methodist, Silver Lake Condo Association, Silver Lake Homeowners, Village Gardeners, and Saint Anthony Village Public Works Department!



St. Anthony Kiwanis

The St. Anthony Kiwanis is excited and honored, once again, to celebrate the upcoming Villagefest activities with the community in early August. As we continue our mission to support the youth of this community, we will sponsor a pop toss booth for the youth as well as greet parade goers at Friday's event.

Throughout the years, the St. Anthony Kiwanis has maintained a presence in ISD 282 schools with K-Kids at Wilshire Park, Builders Group at the Middle School, and Key Club at the High School. All groups focus on developing leaders as they serve the community in various capacities, including Mats for the Homeless, Ronald McDonald House, Second Stork, Bridging, Every Meal, etc. Best wishes to Rick and Carol Dunn who have been the Kiwanis advisors for the Wilshire Park K-Kids for the past 12 years; they retired from this role at the end of the school year. They have mentored many 5th graders as they developed their leadership and decision-making skills. Thank you Rick and Carol.

Looking ahead...watch for more information on our Fall Dinner and Auction in early November. And, as always, the community has a standing invitation to join us at one of our meetings...3rd Wednesday of the month...6PM at the Saint Anthony Village Culver's. Join the service; join the fun as we serve the youth of our community. ■



Scholarship Recipients Announced

Adeline Reseland and Mira Chinander are the 2025 recipients of the CFS Environmental Scholarship for Graduating Seniors for their work in environmental stewardship. Both young women have volunteered many hours on the Green Team, Save the Bees concerts, and more. Many seniors stepped up with impressive applications sharing their passion and dedication to environmental sustainability. Congratulations Adeline and Mira! ■

St. Anthony Sister City Association



On April 27 more than 70 people gathered at the Saint Anthony Village Community Center for a celebration brunch to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the St. Anthony Sister City Association. Attendees included current and past members of the St. Anthony Sister City Association board, city and state elected officials, and members of the community. Melba Hensel, Jean Lynch, and Tina Karelson, were the winners of the trivia contest.



St. Anthony Sister City continues to support our community through the American Red Cross Blood Drive. The next Village Blood Drive will

be VillageFest Weekend, Friday Aug. 1, from 9AM to 3PM. Visit redcrossblood.org to sign up (sponsor code SAV). There will be great giveaways for everyone who gives blood, including a free sub sandwich coupon from our Saint Anthony Village Jersey Mike's. Help us support the blood supply this summer.

Also during VillageFest, the St. Anthony Sister City Association will again stage the always popular, Finnish-inspired, dead cell phone throwing and partner carrying contests. Come join the fun! VillageFest will also be a time when residents can meet our Finnish guests who will be in St. Anthony this summer as a part of the 55+ exchange. This year marks the third anniversary of the exchange and the second time we have hosted Finnish visitors.

For more information on becoming a member and joining us, email stanthonysistercity@gmail.com or follow us on facebook [@StAnthonySisterCity](https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonySisterCity). ■

Saint Anthony Area Chamber of Commerce



The Saint Anthony Area Chamber of Commerce (SAACC) extends our deep gratitude to everyone who joined us at the Awards Dinner! It was an evening filled with celebration, recognition, and the wonderful spirit of our community. A special thank you to our incredible sponsors for making the event possible and supporting our Chamber. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

Congratulations again to the [2024 Villager of the Year, Megan MacLeod](#), and the [2024 Business of the Year, Curiouser Foods](#). We are proud to celebrate their outstanding contributions to our community, and we look forward to seeing their continued impact in the years to come.

Join the Chamber in the morning for a brew to connect and network with local professionals.

Coffee Connect

Tuesday, July 15 | 8AM | The Legacy of St. Anthony

The SAACC Golf Tournament is Back!

Save the date and join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition at our Golf Simulator Tournament this fall. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or have never picked up a club, this event is for everyone!

SAACC Golf Tournament

Friday, October 3 | 5 - 9PM

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Check out our website for more details on all of our events and exciting sponsorship opportunities! SAACC Website: saintanthonychamber.org

Email: executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org. ■

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JULY

July 3: Salo Park Concert
July 4: Independence Day Holiday*
July 8: City Council Meeting
July 10: Salo Park Concert
July 15: Planning Commission Meeting
July 17: Salo Park Concert
July 19: Cardboard Recycling Event
July 22: City Council Meeting
July 24: Salo Park Concert
July 31: Salo Park Concert

AUGUST

Aug. 5: Night to Unite
Aug. 7: Salo Park Concert
Aug. 12: City Council Meeting
Aug. 14: Salo Park Concert
Aug. 12: Elections: Primary
Aug. 19: Planning Commission Meeting
Aug. 26: City Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1: Labor Day Holiday*
Sept. 8: Parks & Enviro Commission Meeting
Sept. 9: City Council Meeting
Sept. 16: Planning Commission Meeting
Sept. 23: City Council Meeting

*City Hall Closed

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