

# VillageNOTES

A Village in the City

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## City Recognized for Sustainability Efforts

The City of Saint Anthony Village once again achieved Step 4 & 5 recognition in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program in 2025.

### What is a GreenStep City?

Saint Anthony Village is proud to be a GreenStep City Level 5, which is a voluntary program through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Minnesota GreenStep Cities program is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help communities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals.

The City was recognized for its efforts to cost savings, energy use reduction, resource conservation and civic innovation.

Visit [savmn.com/sustainability](https://savmn.com/sustainability)

The Sustainability section of our website is a great place to learn how you can be involved in Saint Anthony Village sustainability initiatives and events.

## Saint Anthony Village WORKING FOR SUSTAINABILITY



GreenStep City Recognition 2025

Saint Anthony Village was first recognized as a Step 4 GreenStep City in 2016 and has achieved Step 5 every year since.



Minnesota  
GreenStep Cities



## City News - Join a Commission



Planning Commission  
Parks & Environmental Commission



Be a positive voice for the future of Saint Anthony Village. We are seeking engaged citizens to lend their voice and time to our Planning and Parks & Environmental Commissions.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Commissioners advise City Council on zoning decisions, development plans and policies; and provide a forum for citizen input. There are two open seats and the commission meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly, with occasional additional meetings/worksessions throughout the year

**PARKS & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:** This Advisory Body provides input on policies, practices and proposals around sustainable use and management of the City's environmental resources. There are two open seats and the commission meets quarterly on the first Monday in March, June, September and December, with occasional additional meetings/worksessions throughout the year.

**TO APPLY:** Applications for both commissions are now open. Deadline to apply is Nov. 10; interviews will be held Nov. 17. The term is three years and begins Jan. 1, 2026. Commissioners are paid per meeting.

**APPLICATIONS & INFO:** [savmn.com/boardsandcommissions](https://savmn.com/boardsandcommissions)



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A Look Inside City Services, Community Goals, and How It’s All Funded  
By Deborah Maloney, Finance Director

**CORE CITY FUNCTIONS & PRIORITIES:** Your city government operates through several departments, each playing a vital role in daily life. Your Input shapes the City’s ongoing goals and priorities. Here’s where we are focused:

	DEPARTMENT	FUNCTION & PRIORITY
	Administration	Leadership, city planning, and public support; sustainability & climate resilience; effective communication
	Finance	Manages city budgets, spending, and financial planning, and oversees the responsible use of taxpayer funds to maintain city services and quality infrastructure
	Public Safety	Professional Police and Fire services, preserving the peace and safety of the community, 24/7/365, rapid emergency readiness; response under 3 minutes
	Public Works & Parks	Snow removal, road maintenance, utility services, and upkeep of streets, sidewalks, and recreational spaces, well-maintained utilities, and active support for community events
	Municipal Liquor Stores	City-operated retail operations to generate revenue to support public services

**UNDERSTANDING CITY FUNDS:** To manage operations effectively, the City separates finances into specific funds, each with its own purpose and source of revenue.



FUND	DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE
General Fund	Covers core services like police, fire, public works, parks, and administration	Property Taxes, Intergovernmental Revenue & Partner Contracts
Special Revenue Funds	Supports specific programs including Housing & Redevelopment Authority, Community Center Operations, Police Services	Property Taxes and Partner Contracts
Capital Equipment Funds	Used for equipment, facility upgrades and small-scale improvements	Property Taxes
Capital Infrastructure Funds	Major construction projects like street reconstruction, sidewalk expansion, and large-scale park development	Bonds/Debt
Debt Service Funds	Pays for previous investments in streets, buildings, and parks	Property Taxes
Enterprise Funds	Operate like businesses to support city finances.	Liquor Operations Sales, Water and Sewer Services User Fees



LOOKING AHEAD

Your City is committed to staying responsive, efficient, and transparent – and we are proud to deliver services that reflect the values of our residents. We encourage you to stay connected, ask questions, and participate in the future of our community. Together, we’re building a city that’s safe, sustainable, and financially sound. For more information: [savmn.com/budget](https://savmn.com/budget)

Gold Leaf Challenge Recognition

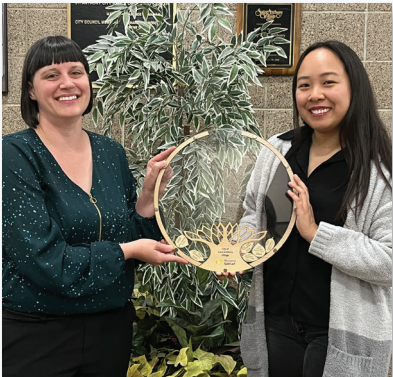
Saint Anthony Village has been recognized for significant progress in the Gold Leaf Challenge including six high-impact climate actions:

- Climate Plan
- Climate Staff
- Flood Mitigation
- Green Team
- Youth Involvement
- Youth Collaboration


The Gold Leaf Challenge focuses on pathways for communities to take local climate action in four areas: climate mitigation, planning, adaptation, and community connectedness for Minnesota’s changing climate.


There are a total of 44 actions identified in the Gold Leaf Challenge.

For more information visit: [greenstep.pca.state.mn.usa](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.usa)





Sustainability Coordinator, Minette Saulog, accepts Gold Leaf Award from MN Green Step Coordinator, Kristin Mroz

AN EVENING WITH THE CANDIDATES  
Learn more about our candidates for St. Anthony-New Brighton School Board

WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 8  
7 - 8:30PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | LIVESTREAMED ON NINE NORTH MEDIA.

ELECTION  
NOV. 4, 2025

Hosted by the League of Women Voters in partnership with the Saint Anthony Area Chamber of Commerce

Meet the Candidates | October Forum

Hosted by League of Women Voters  
with Saint Anthony Area Chamber of Commerce

St. Anthony-New Brighton School Board Candidates

Wednesday, October 8, 7 - 8:30PM  
City Hall Council Chambers, 3301 Silver Lake Road  
Livestreamed on Nine North

Forum will be available for later viewing on the City website: [savmn.com](https://savmn.com). Submit your questions for candidates by emailing: [lwvnewbrighton@lwvmn.org](mailto:lwvnewbrighton@lwvmn.org)


Staff Update




City Welcomes New City Clerk, Nicole DeDeyn

Nicole comes to us from the City of Circle Pines where she worked as an Administrative Support Specialist. Prior to that, Nicole worked for the City

of Lino Lakes. She holds a B.A. in Communication Studies with a minor in Political Science from Minnesota State University - Mankato. Nicole lives in New Brighton with her husband and two sons, as well as their 10-month-old puppy and two tuxedo cats. In her free time, Nicole enjoys reading, playing video games, building legos with her kids, and spending time at her parents’ cabin in Wisconsin. Nicole is looking forward to bringing her passion for public service and creative energy to the Saint Anthony Village community!

ELECTION | NOV. 4  
Polls Open 7AM - 8PM

Who is on Your Ballot?  
[sos.state.mn.us](https://sos.state.mn.us)

[savmn.com/elections](https://savmn.com/elections)

General Election 2025 is November 4. Saint Anthony Village has three voting precincts:

Hennepin County

Precinct 1: Autumn Woods, 2600 Kenzie Terrace  
Precinct 2: Saint Anthony Village City Hall  
3301 Silver Lake Rd.

Ramsey County

Precinct 1: Silverwood Park, 2500 County Road E

Visit [savmn.com/elections](https://savmn.com/elections)  
for early voting info



## COLD WEATHER ENERGY-SAVING TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

With colder months approaching, keep these energy-saving tips in mind to help your household save money and stay warm this fall and winter.



### Before reaching to turn the thermostat up –

Bundle up and double check that all storm windows in your home are completely closed. At night, draw your shades or blinds to keep rooms warmer. And don't forget to switch your ceiling fans to spin clockwise to push warm air down into the room!

### Manage your temperature –

Save up to \$180 a year by lowering the temperature on your home thermostat 7°F – 10°F when you're away or asleep. For the best of both worlds, upgrade to a programmable or smart thermostat to warm your home before you wake up or return home. Visit [xcelenergy.com/ACRewards](https://xcelenergy.com/ACRewards) for more information about obtaining a smart thermostat.

### Take care of your furnaces, vents and heaters so they can take care of you –

Replace or clean your furnace filter every three months or when it looks dirty. And vacuum or dust vent covers and radiator fins to keep your system working at peak efficiency. Avoid heating unused areas of your home by closing vents or turning down the heat to those areas if able. Use space heaters wisely by directing them towards people, not spaces, and keeping flammable materials away.

**READY FOR MORE?** Schedule a visit from the Home Energy Squad and become an energy efficiency role model.

Schedule a Home Energy Audit for help identifying more energy saving ideas for your home. Plus receive installation of needed energy-savings measures like LED bulbs, weather-stripping and efficient water fixtures.

TO GET STARTED VISIT: [homeenergysquadmn.com](https://homeenergysquadmn.com) or call 651-328-6220



Saint Anthony Village is seeking testimonials from residents who have previously received or are planning a visit from the Home Energy Squad. Schedule your visit and then email Sustainability Coordinator Minette Saulog at [minette.saulog@savmn.com](mailto:minette.saulog@savmn.com) to have your story shared in future city communications and social media.

The first 10 residents to share testimonials can choose between a FREE SAV sustainability reusable tote, or 14-piece specialty LED bulb set that can be used throughout the home.



## RESIDENTIAL SOLAR TAX CREDIT REMINDER

Do you have plans to install rooftop solar on your home by the end of 2025? The residential solar federal tax credit is set to expire on December 31, 2025. Homeowners need to have their solar systems fully installed and commissioned by this date to qualify for the full 30% tax credit.

**More Info:** [irs.gov/credits-deductions/residential-clean-energy-credit](https://irs.gov/credits-deductions/residential-clean-energy-credit)

## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION | Simple Steps. Sustainable Impact.



## WHAT IS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION?



- human-powered travel like walking and cycling
- public transportation
- reduced reliance on cars
- affordability – eliminates fuel, insurance and maintenance costs

[savmn.com/activetransportation](https://savmn.com/activetransportation)

### Please Take Our Active Transportation Plan Survey

The City of Saint Anthony Village is developing an Active Transportation Action Plan to improve walking, biking, and rolling in the community. This plan will identify missing links in sidewalks, trails and bicycle networks, and recommend connections to key community destinations such as schools, retail centers, transit stations, and open spaces.

We want to hear about your experiences walking, biking, and rolling around Saint Anthony Village! The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete and will help inform future projects in our community to make it a safer and more comfortable place to move around.



Survey Link

This effort is made possible through the Minnesota Department of Transportation Active Transportation Planning Assistance Grant. Scan the QR Code to take the survey, or for more information visit our webpage ([savmn.com/activetransportation](https://savmn.com/activetransportation)).

## FIX-IT CLINIC at City Hall – October 25

Work together with friendly, skilled volunteers to diagnose, troubleshoot and fix your stuff.

Fix-It Clinics teach valuable troubleshooting and basic repair skills, build community connections, and reduce the number of repairable things thrown away.



**FIX-IT HUB**  
EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT  
ST. ANTHONY LIBRARY  
(2941 Pentagon Drive)

Volunteers are always welcome!

Help keep the Fix-It Hub going in our community by assisting with repairs and sewing.

To volunteer with the Hub or the Oct. 25 Fix-It Clinic Event, contact Nancy Lo: [nancy.lo@hennepin.us](mailto:nancy.lo@hennepin.us) or call 612-348-9195.



## RECYCLE OR REPAIR ELECTRONICS

**SATURDAY  
OCT. 25**



Not using it?

## RECYCLE IT!

Drop off old phones, tablets, computers, radios, small appliances, etc.

**TIME: 10AM - 2PM**  
**CITY HALL SOUTH PARKING LOT**  
3301 Silver Lake Rd.

**CASH  
ONLY**

We partner with **REPOWERED** Recycling Services  
**Details on accepted items and costs:** [savmn.com/electronicsrecycling](https://savmn.com/electronicsrecycling)



## Broken? Don't trash it – fix it! FIX IT CLINIC

**Ramsey County Fix-It Clinic**  
Volunteers will help you disassemble, troubleshoot, and repair small appliances and other household items.

**TIME: 10AM - 1PM**  
**CITY HALL - COMMUNITY CENTER GYM**





**Safety is a shared responsibility for bikers, walkers and drivers**  
Contributed by Sergeant Jim South



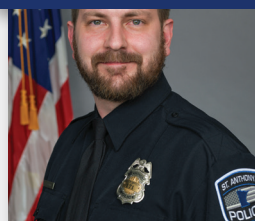
As summer winds down and a new school year begins, the St. Anthony Police Department would like to remind all residents to stay alert and prioritize safety, for themselves and each other – on our roads, sidewalks, and school zones. Whether you’re walking, biking, or driving; safety is a shared responsibility.



## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Pedestrians remain among the most vulnerable road users. Please keep the following tips in mind:

1. **Use Crosswalks.** Always cross at designated crosswalks or intersections where drivers expect to see pedestrians.
2. **Stay Visible.** Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially in early morning or evening hours.
3. **Avoid Distractions.** Keep phones down and stay alert while crossing streets.
4. **Make Eye Contact.** Be sure drivers see you before stepping into the road, never assume vehicle will stop.



Welcome to Adam Kodet, our newest St. Anthony Police Officer. Adam worked as an Officer at the Stillwater Correction Facility for nine years, achieving the rank of Sergeant, serving as a mentor to new correctional officers, and as a Field Training Officer. He also served on the Special Operations Response Team and as a member of their Crisis Intervention Team. He attended North Hennepin Community College and received his degree in Law Enforcement from St. Cloud State. Adam attended Blaine High School where he was active in track and music. His hobbies include archery, playing the guitar, training his dog and spending time with family. Adam looks forward to being engaged in our community.



## BICYCLE SAFETY

With more people biking for recreation and commuting, it’s essential to follow the rules of the road:

1. **Wear a Helmet.** It’s one of the most effective ways to reduce head injuries.
2. **Obey Traffic Laws.** Cyclists must follow the same traffic rules as vehicles, including stopping at stop signs and signaling turns when biking in traffic.
3. **Ride with Traffic, Not Against It.** Use bike lanes.
4. **Be Seen.** Use front and rear lights at night and wear reflective gear.
5. **Stay Alert.** Watch for parked cars opening doors and vehicles turning at intersections.



## WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

The St. Anthony Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of everyone on our roads – students, pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

***We encourage all residents to stay alert, be respectful, and look out for one another. Let’s start this school year safely!***



**OUT OF TOWN FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME?**  
Use our **HOUSE WATCH REQUEST FORM** to have our patrol officers check on your home.

[savmn.com/housewatchrequest](https://savmn.com/housewatchrequest)

**CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home**  
Contributed by Deputy Fire Chief Mattie Jaros



**Fire Prevention Week 2025 Oct. 5-11**

Each year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) celebrates Fire Prevention Week.

This year’s theme, *“Charge Into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,”* is focused on safe use of the powerful batteries found in everyday devices. From phones and tablets to power tools, vacuums, lawn equipment, e-bikes, and even cars, lithium-ion batteries are part of modern life. But if damaged, improperly charged, or exposed to extreme heat, they can overheat, catch fire, or even explode.

## WHY IT MATTERS

Lithium-ion battery fires burn hotter and spread faster than many other types of fires, and they can be difficult to extinguish. Prevention is your best protection.



**RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY:**  
Never throw **lithium-ion batteries** in household trash or curbside recycling bins. Bring them to an authorized recycling site. Find a site at [call2recycle.org](https://call2recycle.org).

## SAFETY TIPS:

**Buy Smart:** Choose batteries with safety certifications such as UL, ETL, or CSA

### Charge Safely:

- Place batteries on a hard, flat, nonflammable surface while charging
- Unplug as soon as the battery is fully charged
- Avoid charging overnight or when you’re not home

**Use the Right Equipment:** Always use the charger and cords provided by the manufacturer. For replacements, purchase directly from the manufacturer or a trusted supplier.

**Know the Warning Signs:** Stop using the device if the battery smells strange, feels excessively hot, makes popping or hissing noises, bulges, or changes color.

**Store with Care:** Keep batteries away from direct sunlight, high heat, or freezing temperatures. Do not store them in vehicles during extreme weather.



**OPEN House**

- Join us for lunch and tour our station.
- Learn how we keep our community safe.
- Tour the Fire Trucks and spray the fire hose
- Take a photo with Sparky
- Play Fire Prevention Trivia and Win a Prize!
- Meet our firefighters and try-on the gear
- Play in the Jump House and get a fire prevention bag.



**SATURDAY, OCT. 4  
1-4PM**

**3505 Silver Lake Rd. NE**





STAY INFORMED

UPDATE FROM ASPEN WASTE

Fall has arrived and Aspen Waste is here to help with your yard waste disposal needs.

If you currently subscribe to seasonal yard waste service, you receive weekly collection during the season (April 1-November 30), weather permitting.

If you do not subscribe to the seasonal yard waste service and have yard waste that you need collected, you can either add seasonal yard waste service now or schedule a one-time yard waste pickup.

OPTION 1: SEASONAL YARD WASTE SERVICE

Price	What is included
\$110.98 / Season	Weekly collection of 1 cart and up to 5 bags or bundles
\$3.88 / Bag	Any additional bags or bundles / must call in advance to request

OPTION 2: ON-CALL YARD WASTE SERVICE

Price	What is included
\$3.88 / Bag	Any yard waste bags or bundles / must call in advance to request

CONTACT: [aspenwaste.com](https://www.aspenwaste.com) | 612-884-8008

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

Trash and recycling services will be delayed one day.

THANKSGIVING | Nov. 27 ▶ Nov. 28

CHRISTMAS | Dec. 25 ▶ Dec. 26

NEW YEARS DAY | Jan. 1 ▶ Jan. 2



Recycling in Saint Anthony Village occurs Thanksgiving and New Years week this year.

[savmn.com/garbage-recycling](https://www.savmn.com/garbage-recycling)

WINTER SNOW REMINDERS



- **NO PARKING** on any street 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 curb to curb
- **DO NOT PLACE TRASH or RECYCLING CARTS** in the street
- **DO NOT PLOW, BLOW OR SHOVEL SNOW INTO THE STREET**
- **STAY BACK** when driving behind plows
- **KEEP YOUR WALK SAFE:** Required for owner or occupant of any property next to a public sidewalk.
- **WITHIN 24 HOURS**, remove snow and ice from sidewalks (including walks where Public Works does an initial pass with their equipment).



Help your Neighbors! Eastside Meals on Wheels (EMoW) needs meal delivery volunteers and donations.

About 10% of the EMoW client base lives in Saint Anthony Village. We have two delivery routes in the City. Qualifying seniors are never denied meals even if they cannot afford to contribute toward their meal costs. Meals on Wheels allows older adults to remain in their own homes longer without the significant cost of nursing home care. Through July 2025, EMoW served 208 clients over 24,500 meals.

More information at [eastsidemeals.org](https://www.eastsidemeals.org)  
OR call Jessie Hausman at 612-277-2529.

STAY INFORMED

Get Connected on Social Media

For Village News & Updates

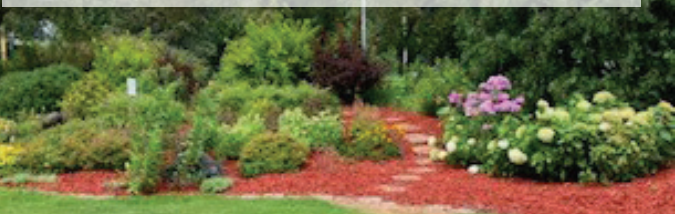
**FACEBOOK**  
@ City of SAV  
@ St. Anthony Fire Department  
@ St. Anthony Police  
@ St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits

**INSTAGRAM**  
@ StAnthonyVillageMN  
@ StAnthonyFire  
@ StAnthonyPolice  
@ StAnthonyWineandSpirits

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@ CityofStAnthony  
@ StAnthonyPolice  
@ StAnthonyLiquor

**YOUTUBE**  
@cityofstanthonyminnesota 1529

The Village Gardeners | Trillium Garden



The Village Gardeners, in partnership with Saint Anthony Village Public Works, "freshened up" Trillium Garden and the fountain area, for Village Fest. The group would love more help in keeping up Trillium Garden and the City Hall gardens. Contact [Anita.Davis19@gmail.com](mailto:Anita.Davis19@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

Information about City Services, Codes, Permits, News, Events and More | [savmn.com](https://www.savmn.com)

Santa is visiting our Village collecting toys and donations for our annual tradition of helping to spread holiday cheer with Santa's Helpers at our St. Anthony Fire Department

SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER

**Santa ON THE FIRE TRUCK**  
DECEMBER 2025

ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

Track SANTA via GPS, visit [savmn.com](https://www.savmn.com) / 612-782-3400

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.





## Pedestrian Safety Improvements in Saint Anthony Village



Recent years have shown an increase in pedestrian-vehicle collisions, highlighting the vulnerability of pedestrians on the road. Several reasons contribute to this surge including increased speeds and reduced vigilance. Moreover, distracted driving due to the prevalence of smartphones and electronic devices, impaired driving, speeding and inadequate pedestrian infrastructure have all played a role in pedestrian-related crashes and fatalities. The City has prioritized improvements to enhance pedestrian safety throughout the Village.

### THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WERE PRIORITIZED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2025:

- > **Installation of Flashing Stop Signs at 29th Avenue and Silver Lake Road**  
Flashing stop signs with LED lights to improve visibility and alert drivers at intersections, especially in low-light or high-traffic areas, to help reduce crashes.
- > **Driver Feedback Signs on Silver Lane**  
Signs at crosswalks remind drivers of their speed to increase awareness of pedestrians and encourage slower, safer driving – especially at this location.
- > **Pedestrian Crossing at 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Silver Lake Road including Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)**  
The crossing will include a “refuge area” where pedestrians can wait after crossing half the street, to safely cross the second lane of traffic. In addition, RRFBs will be installed to further enhance pedestrian safety at the highly-utilized crossing. When a pedestrian pushes the button, the lights flash quickly in an alternating pattern to warn drivers that someone wants to cross.

- > **St. Anthony Boulevard Sidewalk Overlay**  
The existing sidewalk along the boulevard on the west side of the roadway from the south City boundary to the bridge has heaved and degraded over time creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians. Overlaying the existing concrete walk with a thin layer of asphalt will help alleviate existing tripping hazards until more permanent improvements are completed in the future. A similar remediation has been completed along this stretch on the east side of the roadway.



### Public Works promotes Ernie Hicks to Crew Lead for Streets Department

Ernie has worked for the City for 19 years and will continue a strong

tradition of outstanding leadership in our Public Works Department. Staff across all departments speak highly of Ernie and his positive attitude. Ernie was the 2024 recipient of the Spirit of Saint Anthony Village award presented to an employee who is nominated and chosen by peers for demonstrating the City’s core values of trust, service and inclusion. Congratulations Ernie!

## 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

This ordinance (\$50.16) is intended to help reduce peak sanitary sewer flows caused by Inflow and infiltration.

**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.

**Please Note:** When submitting inspection video, be sure you complete entire upload form and include your email.

More information: [savmn.com/InflowandInfiltration](https://savmn.com/InflowandInfiltration)



## Merle Fischer retires after 32 years of dedicated service



### THANK YOU MERLE FISCHER

# 32 YEARS

### OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO SAV

### Thank you Merle!

July 25 marked the end of Merle Fischer’s 32-year career with the City of Saint Anthony Village. Merle served as the Streets Department’s Crew Lead for over a decade. He oversaw snowplowing, street patching, tree removals, and overall management of the crew and their schedules. Merle’s commitment to excellence and outstanding service to our residents set him apart as an exemplary leader. His presence will be missed, but we are confident in our future moving forward. Ernie Hicks fabricated a going away gift that acknowledges Merle’s proud service in the U.S. Army as well as to our Village.

## UPDATE: 2025 Street and Utility Improvement Project

The Contractor has substantially completed the street reconstruction and utility replacements along MacAlaster Drive and asphalt resurfacing along the following roadways:

- 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE: Stinson Boulevard to Silver Lake Road
- 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE: Stinson Boulevard to Silver Lake Road
- Armour Terrace: Roosevelt Street to Silver Lake Road
- Murray Avenue: Roosevelt Street to Coolidge Street
- 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE: Silver Lake Road to Highway 88
- Roosevelt Street: St. Anthony Boulevard to 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE
- Wilson Street: St. Anthony Boulevard to 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE
- Coolidge Street: St. Anthony Boulevard to 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE
- Anthony Lane: 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to cul-de-sac

The optimal season for restoration (seeding) runs from spring to early summer and again from fall until the ground freezes. As the temperatures cool and precipitation increases with fall weather, newly seeded areas have optimal conditions to germinate and combat weeds. The contractor will return in the spring to complete any final turf establishment and place the final layer of asphalt pavement along MacAlaster Drive.

Should you have any questions or concerns with construction, please call Katie Koscielak at 612-282-3641.

## IMPROVING CITY STREETS & UTILITIES IN 2025

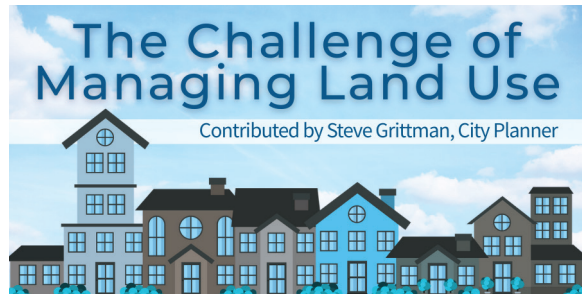


 [savmn.com/projects](https://savmn.com/projects)

Stay informed about City projects







Zoning is a city function in directing and managing land use. Generally designed to cluster similar uses together, zoning employs the theory that similar uses will have similar external impacts – and that those similar uses also will have similar expectations for their neighbors’ use of their properties.

## Principal Use Expectations

The zoning ordinance sets an expectation for the “principal use” of property and then defines a number of “accessory uses” that are allowed to accompany the principal use. In neighborhoods zoned for single family residential, those districts are set aside for just that – single family homes. Accessory uses are those activities that support residential living, such as garages and automobile parking, recreational uses like swimming pools and gazebos, and other things most of us commonly think of in residential neighborhoods.

Recent years have brought changes to how we use our homes, not the least of which is the growth in the need for home office space. Home offices are a variety of a larger example of accessory uses known as “Home Occupations.” In most cases, home office space is a convenience, and a small, or even unnoticeable, impact on the residential character of the property and the neighborhood.



When the business use grows into a more robust venture, however, that business activity can become a nuisance and interrupt the neighborhood character that is a component of people’s expectations for residential areas. Perhaps the business activity results in the

desire to have employees report to the home office, or customers using the business services that create traffic to a level far beyond a typical residence. In this case, a question arises about “principal” use as opposed to “accessory” use. General Rule of Thumb: If business use is not very noticeable to the neighbors, it’s likely to be consistent with the zoning regulations.

## Density Presents a Challenge

The interest in increasing property use (whether through more intensive activity on an individual lot, or more units on that parcel) adds complexity to what might otherwise be thought of as a simple change. One example of this complexity is in managing the stormwater running off expanded hard surfaces. This environmental challenge increases in direct proportion as we increase the size and intensity of use.



Balancing land use demands and the impact of change.



Other challenges include upholding the privacy many seek on single family properties – or creating it for multiple family neighborhoods. As the availability of private recreational space shrinks, it can impact demand for public park and trail development. Intensity of use in neighborhoods can affect traffic, noise, demands on utilities, and other expectations we have for traditional residential living, requiring a delicate balancing act as we consider how residential property use evolves.

One of the greatest challenges for the City’s zoning work is to balance changing demands for land use with the impact of those changes on neighborhoods, as well as on the public generally. Thriving, livable neighborhoods – regardless of density – are central to the Village’s success. Zoning is just one tool that Saint Anthony Village uses to promote that success.

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## St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits

*Contributing to the community since 1948*

### Cannabis Store: Fall Update

There has been a significant national shift from alcohol to low-dose THC/CBD edibles and beverages, as well as non-alcoholic beer, wine and spirits. Sales of these alternatives are up 28% year-to-date over the same period in 2024. Our alcohol sales declined 6% in 2024 compared to 2023, with the exception of THC/CBD products. We’re working to remain relevant by enhancing your shopping experience and appealing to younger consumers and those seeking alternatives to alcohol.

### Impact on Municipal Liquor Stores

As alcohol consumption trends shift, our Liquor Store profits may continue to decline. These profits are critical to funding city services like Police, Fire and Public Works. We must adapt to maintain this essential revenue stream.

### Why Consider Cannabis Sales?

Our mission includes responsible control of adult consumables while generating sustainable revenue for the community. A cannabis store would be a legal, logical extension of our operations, allowing us to offer compliant, high-quality products. *This expansion could help offset declining alcohol sales and meet changing customer preferences.*

### Minnesota Cannabis Licensing

Minnesota is limiting initial cannabis licenses to 150 applicants as well as municipal operators like us. Our application has been approved to continue the process. No final approvals have been issued yet.

### Next Steps

After extensive research, we continue to explore opening a cannabis store. We retain the flexibility to discontinue the project if needed. Our current focus is on evaluating potential locations, product offerings, and staffing needs – all with financial feasibility as a guiding factor.

We remain committed to serving our Village. Please reach out with feedback or suggestions. Mike Larson, Liquor Operations Manager: 612-782-3455 | [mike.larson@savmn.com](mailto:mike.larson@savmn.com)  
*Thank you for your continued support!*



## HOLIDAY EVENTS

**Sampling Event | Marketplace**  
Saturday, Nov. 8 from 2-5PM

**SANTA! at Silver Lake Village**  
Saturday, Dec. 13 from Noon-4PM

**Save Big Every Week – Shop Our Weekly Specials!**

**SENIOR TUESDAY**  
55+ Save 10% on non-sale items

**WINE WEDNESDAY**  
Save 10% on all non-sale wines

**JOIN OUR ROYALTY CLUB**  
Receive \$10 OFF for every \$200 spent

## Exciting Changes Coming: A Fresh Look for Our Municipal Liquor Stores!

We’re thrilled to share that our Municipal Retail Operations are getting a brand-new look in the coming months. Our rebrand will bring a cohesive, elevated design across all locations – where each store feels both familiar and unique. By blending nostalgic charm with modern appeal, the new store concept will reflect the spirit of our brand while offering an enhanced shopping experience. Expect warm, flexible spaces that not only showcase our products beautifully, but also serve as welcoming hubs for community tastings and educational events.

**Looking Forward:** We’re infusing fresh energy and inclusive values to connect with a new generation of customers – while staying true to the legacy that has shaped our success over the years.

*Our Mission and Values Remain Unchanged: Service, Trust and Community.*

### Shop Smart. Shop Local.

When you shop with us, you support more than great taste – you invest in your neighborhood.

## STORE LOCATIONS

### Marketplace

2700 Highway 88 | 612-782-3451

### Silver Lake Village

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



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## Citizens for Sustainability



At VillageFest we had a great time connecting with folks through hands-on activities and conversations! We showcased live monarchs at different stages of metamorphosis, crafted edible insects, and awarded four free Home Energy Squad visits to improve residents' energy efficiency.

### Let It Be: Why Critters Need Winter Gardens

As the growing season ends, it may be tempting to cut back dead plants and clear garden beds. However, leaving some vegetation standing through winter plays an important role in supporting local ecosystems.

When you let stems, seed heads, and leaves stay put through the cold months, you're creating essential winter habitat. Many insects hibernate inside hollow plant stems or under leaf litter. Birds rely on leftover seeds from coneflowers, sunflowers, and grasses when other food is scarce.

### How You Can Help:

1. Leave plant stalks.
2. Pile leaves in your garden to insulate soil and offer cover.
3. Wait to clean up until spring temperatures are consistently above 50°F.

Watch for the return of the [Buy Nothing Toy Sale](#).

In December, families can give new life to outgrown toys by donating them and picking out "new-to-you" toys for free – supporting other families while reducing waste. ■



## Saint Anthony Area Chamber of Commerce

The Saint Anthony Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to support a vibrant and growing community – powered by the small businesses that bring it to life. From local shops and essential services to passionate entrepreneurs, small businesses are at the heart of what makes Saint Anthony a truly special place to live, work, and connect.

Following the success of the VillageFest Vendor Fair in August, we're excited to once again highlight our local vendors during Small Business Saturday this November. It's a wonderful opportunity to support local businesses, discover unique products and services, and celebrate the true backbone of our community – our small businesses.

## St. Anthony Village Kiwanis



The St. Anthony Kiwanis (aka the peanut people in the VillageFest parade) invites the community to join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Dinner and Auction; Sunday, November 2, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Saint Anthony Village Community Center.

The evening will include food, fun, games, and great fellowship with our neighbors. Join us as Wilshire Park Choir ensemble serenades us with beautiful music, bid on your favorite silent auction items, and raise your bidding number for that favorite live auction piece.

Tickets are \$35 per person, which provides you with this fabulous entertainment and auction activity, along with a delicious catered dinner, including adult beverages and a variety of non alcoholic beverages. Order your tickets today at [sakc.betterworld.org/events/fall-dinner-auction](http://sakc.betterworld.org/events/fall-dinner-auction)

Ticket sales end October 24!

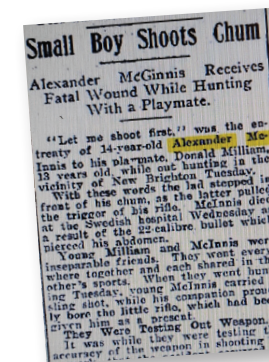
All proceeds from the evening go into the St. Anthony Kiwanis Foundation and are used to support local organizations promoting youth-centered causes. ■

## SAV Historical Society



Our article about early schools in St. Anthony, and our subsequent Facebook post, stimulated a brief online conversation about two tragic early deaths with Joyce Jackson of Perry, Maine and her husband Patrick Mealey. Online and by phone, they shared his memories growing up in St. Anthony including the following stories:

The first story from the "History of Hennepin County, 1881" describes the demise one of our earliest residents, Lewis C. Timson who with his brother-in-law, Nathan O. Phillips in "the fall of 1850... made claims on the north-west quarter of section 6 ... Mr. Timson[sic] joined the army in 1862. He was a prisoner at Andersonville, and died of ill treatment received there. He was exchanged, but his death occurred before he could reach the Union lines. Mr. Timson is the only known casualty of the Civil War who was a resident of St. Anthony.



The second story is from the Minneapolis Morning Tribune, March 10, 1910 reports "Small Boy Shoots Chum." 'Let me shoot first' was the entreaty of 14 year-old Alexander McInnis to his playmate, Donald Milliam, 13 years old, while hunting in New Brighton Tuesday. With those words the lad stepped in front of his chum, as the latter pulled the

trigger of his rifle. McInnis died at the Swedish hospital Wednesday as a result of the 22 caliber bullet which pierced his abdomen... Dr A. E. Johnson, who was called caused the removal of the boy to the hospital where he died ... after completely exonerating his friend from all blame." He is buried at the St. Anthony Cemetery. His father was a truck gardener, a respected and active member in the community since the mid 1880s as a school board member and township officer. Their homestead on Stinson Boulevard is one of few existing original homes left in the Village.

### Find us online:

Facebook: @StAnthonyVillageHistoricalSociety;

YouTube: search SAV Historical; Web: [savhistorical.org](http://savhistorical.org) ■



## St. Anthony Sister City Association



The Sister City Association continued our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration this past summer by hosting six guests from Salo, Finland in August. They were in Saint Anthony Village during VillageFest as part of our annual adult homestay exchange program. Our thanks to our Salo guests, hosts and the many volunteers who made it a success!

During VillageFest, our Sister City Association held two Finnish-inspired contests: leave it to the Finns to have all kinds of unusual contests! The dead cell phone throwing contest included many St. Anthony ISD #282 students competing for prizes donated by the City of Salo, Finland and St. Anthony Jersey Mike's Subs. The ever-popular partner carrying contest was again filled with humor and available to all configurations of partners age 18 and older. Crossing the finish line first was Travis and Megan Emmert, second place finishers were Aaron Bielawski and Emma Holmi, and in third place were Luke and Case Anton.

The St. Anthony Sister City Annual Meeting will be held November 23. Check our Facebook for the time, location and more information.

Thank you to all those that came to donate blood at our VillageFest Blood Drive. Over 50 generous donors helped us to make our goal during the severe summer blood shortage. We hope to host our next drive in January 2026. Look for more information this fall on our Facebook page.

For more information on becoming a member and joining us email us at [savsistercity@gmail.com](mailto:savsistercity@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook @StAnthonySisterCity. ■





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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### OCTOBER

Oct. 4	St. Anthony Fire Dept. Open House
Oct. 13	Indigenous People's Day Holiday*
Oct. 14	City Council Meeting (with Work Session)
Oct. 21	Planning Commission Meeting
Oct. 25	Electronics Recycling / Fix-It Clinic
Oct. 28	City Council Meeting

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 4	General Election
Nov. 10	City Council Meeting (with Work Session)
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Holiday*
Nov. 17	City Council Meeting (with Work Session)
Nov. 18	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov. 25	City Council Meeting (with Work Session)
Nov. 27/28	Thanksgiving Holiday*

### DECEMBER

Dec. 1	Parks & Environmental Commission Mtg
Dec. 9	City Council Meeting (with Work Session)
Dec. 16	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec. 23	City Council Meeting (with Work Session)
Dec. 25/26	Christmas Holiday Observed*

\* City Hall Closed

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