

Village NOTES

summer 2014

“A Village in the City”

Notes from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

When I was attending officer training in the Army as a young man, we were instructed on the Leadership Reaction Course to do something! As inaction gives the initiative to the opponent and therefore you lose the opportunity to seize the advantage. This is certainly an attribute that our public safety personnel must adopt along with their standard operating procedures, training and experience. However that which works well in times of emergencies may not be the best approach in deliberative governance, home or business life.

We all are constantly receiving new information as time passes, however we must at some point make a decision even in the absence of a perfect data set of knowledge. Not to do so lead a lot of people and organizations to analysis paralysis and consequently events' results are determined for them. That may not be the most appropriate or effective decision making process and it ultimately diminishes your ability to control your destiny or desired outcomes. In my decision making process I “reserve the right to change my mind” as new data is illuminated. Not to do so would make one rigid and dogmatic in their thinking.

A good example of reserving the right to change one's mind might be found in the grocery store aisles – based upon many factors shoppers are continually evaluating new products, brands, and ingredients. Pricing, changing tastes, healthier products, substitute items, and more are all reasons discreet shoppers are continually shifting their consumer habits. An example of not changing or at least evaluating could be in automobile purchases; many buy the same brand vehicle time in and time out without ever scrutinizing the options for our current and future needs thereby not exercising our right to change our minds upon further reflection.

We have all heard the phrase the need to “justify one's purchases” which is not very flattering in the context of good stewardship of one's resources. As we look to sustainability in our lives, community and for our successors we must be flexible in our willingness to give a fair hearing to other possibilities or we may be trapped in a false set of realities according to past information.

Over the years, we have all met people that we are not always in agreement with, or that we even try to understand their position. But as we learn to listen respectfully, we will be able to hear their views and insights and even though we may have not come to the point of agreeing, we gain mutual respect and we can move forward on the issues we can undertake together with a renewed vigor and sense of purpose. All of us have friends that we have disagreeable views with on various issues but nonetheless remain friends in a cordial and respectful manner. And even on some occasions opposing thoughts have adjusted view points. However that will only happen when we open our minds to the possibilities of change and leave the entrenchment we have so well established.

We must all retain the right to change our minds for the continued enhancement of ourselves, family and community.

My best regards,
Jerry Faust

Inside this edition:

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- Night to Unite
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- Organized Solid Waste Collection

ORGANIZED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION by Mark Casey, City Manager

City of Saint Anthony staff has been directed by the City Council to explore organized collection of residential solid waste. This initiative to start a plan for organized collection has been a long standing objective of the City Council as part of the City's goal of building and cultivating environmental responsibility.

Pursuant to the Minnesota Organized Collection Statute, M.S. 115A.94 ("Statute"), the recently amended process begins with a 60-day negotiation period exclusively with the existing residential refuse collectors to develop a proposal for the collection of trash and recyclables. As required under the Statute, such meetings and negotiations are exclusive. The 60-day negotiation period will conclude on June 29th, 2014.

The City of Saint Anthony Village will use the following priorities (alphabetical order) as the basis for negotiating and developing a proposal with licensed residential collectors. These priorities may also be considered by an organized collection options committee, if established, for future evaluations of organized collection options, alternative collection methods and structures, and other implementation decisions about trash and recycling collection system improvements.

1. Allocate Adequate Staff Resources
2. Assure All Residents Have Adequate Trash and Recycling Services
3. Enhance Coordination Among Government Agencies
4. Enhance Public Education and Awareness
5. Improve Hauler Reporting Systems
6. Improve Recycling, Composting and Waste Reduction
7. Improve Safety
8. Improve Standardization of Service Options
9. Improve Value of Services
10. Increase Use of Resource Recovery Facilities
11. Lessen Environmental Impacts
12. Minimize Disruption to Residents
13. Minimize Impacts on Licensed Solid Waste Collectors
14. Optimize Administrative Efficiency
15. Promote Local Economic Development
16. Reduce Road Wear Impacts



There will be opportunity for public input upon the conclusion of the 60-day negotiations. No final decisions will be made by the City Council until after a formal public hearing. We will continue to post information on the City's website as it becomes available.



A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

The City of St. Anthony is looking for photographs reflecting St. Anthony's parks, events, etc. that we can use in our publications, website, presentations, reports and general public relations. If you have photos that you are willing to share, please email them to the City at city@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us. If you have any questions regarding the photos, please contact Barb Suciu, City Clerk at 612-782-3313.

PRIMARY ELECTION - Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

On the primary ballot residents will have the opportunity to vote on the following races:

- United States Senator
- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Auditor
- Attorney General

Sample ballots are available on St. Anthony's website under Hot Topics. Remember when voting in the Primary Election, you need to vote within party lines.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You may register to vote in Minnesota if you are:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Citizen of the United States; and
- Have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day, and maintain residence at the address given on the registration form;
- Have any felony conviction record discharged, expired or completed;
- Are NOT under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights; and
- Have NOT been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law.

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Unregistered residents are encouraged to pre-register to vote. Pre-registration must be completed at least 20 days prior to an election. You can register to vote on-line at:

<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us> under voter registration.

If you need to register on Election Day be sure to bring proper identification to provide proof of residence. A complete listing of proper Election Day credentials are listed on the St. Anthony website at www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us under Register to vote.

ABSENTEE VOTING

New for 2014 "No Excuse Absentee Voting". Yes, anyone can absentee vote without an excuse. You can apply online for an Absentee ballot on our website or call 612-782-3313 to have an application mailed. Absentee voting for the Primary Election will also be taking place at St. Anthony City Hall during office hours, Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to noon. Extended absentee voting hours for the Primary Election will be available on Saturday, August 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Monday August 11, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding elections you can check out our website at www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us or call 612-782-3313.

COUNTY RD. E



SILVER LN.

RAMSEY COUNTY

PRECINCT 1

Chandler Place

3701 Chandler Drive

37th AVENUE NE



HENNEPIN COUNTY

PRECINCT 2

St. Anthony City Hall

3301 Silver Lake Road



STINSON BLVD.

31st AVENUE NE

HIGHCREST RD.

HENNEPIN COUNTY

PRECINCT 1

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KENZIE TERRACE

Autumn Woods
2600 Kenzie Ter.

LOWRY AVE.

GROSS GOLF
COURSE

WALNUT ST.

AND THE WINNER IS.....ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE WINE AND SPIRITS!

Our Municipal Liquor Stores contributing to the community since 1948 by Mike Larson, Operations Manager

St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits is proud to announce that we have been awarded “Best Beer and Wine Selection” by the St. Anthony Bulletin Newspaper! Our stores received the most votes during the “Reader’s Choice” contest held annually by the newspaper. We have won this award seven times previously. On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank the readers that voted for us!

The residents of St. Anthony Village are also winners! All of us can celebrate winning awards that recognize hard work and dedication by the residents, volunteers, City Council, Commission members and City staff. In the past, our stores have been awarded “Facility of the Year” by the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association. We were selected for this award over 220 other municipal liquor operations in the state of Minnesota.

The citizens of St. Anthony Village can also celebrate the revenue that St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits provides for our city. Our profits have been used for capital equipment purchases for City Hall, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments, and City projects such as Central Park.

We look forward to serving our customers and St. Anthony Village! The money you and your neighbors spend at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits stays in the community! Please contact me if we can assist you with anything that would provide a better shopping experience for you and your fellow residents. I can be contacted by phone at (612) 782-3455, or feel free to email me at mike.larson@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you!

WHY DO WE PLAN? by Kelsey Johnson, City Planner

One of the fundamental responsibilities of local government is planning and the preparation of plans. Planning involves describing how a community shapes and guides growth, development, and redevelopment. This process is often referred to as “city planning”, “urban planning”, or sometimes “land use planning”. Just as veterinarians need to be able to work with circulation, digestion, respiration, the skeleton, and nervous system of an animal, planners need to work with the transportation system, the economy, the environment, urban design and physical facilities, and culture and politics of a city to maintain the quality of life.

Effective planning ensures that future development and/or redevelopment occurs where, when and how the community and local government wants. There are several important benefits to the entire community that result from the planning process including, but not limited to:

- Quality of life is maintained and improved;
- A vision is clearly stated and shared by all, that describes the future of the community;
- Economic development is supported and encouraged;
- Private property rights are protected; and
- There is more certainty about where the development/redevelopment will occur, what it will be like, approximately when it will happen, and how the costs of development/redevelopment will be met.



If you are interested in learning more about the City’s planning efforts, please send any comments or questions to planner@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us or call at (763) 287-8521.



How would you like to improve the safety of your neighborhood, have a fun time with your neighbors, build community and take part in a huge, statewide program?

You can do it all at this year's Minnesota Night to Unite (NTU) celebration on Tuesday, August 5th! For residents of St. Anthony, this is an opportunity to put together a neighborhood celebration, turn on the front porch lights, gather with neighbors and friends, get to know one another, catch up on things, play some games with the kids, enjoy a few hot-off-the-grill favorites, have some ice cream, receive a visit from the police/fire department and build a sense of community.

On Tuesday, August 5th, 2014 from approximately 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. the St. Anthony Police Department invites St. Anthony neighborhoods to join neighborhoods throughout Minnesota for this fun filled evening.

What is building community?

This is a simple but powerful method for people to improve their own and others' living conditions. At its most basic, this is neighbors working together to create positive changes in their neighborhoods; whether they're trying to reduce crime, look out for each other's property, or get involved in the community. People working together with shared understandings and expectations are what provide an atmosphere of strong community. A strong community sends a message to criminals letting them know that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Already involved in a neighborhood crime watch group?

NTU will help keep your group active. This is important. Neighbors who know each other and agree to watch out for suspicious behavior are a great defense against crime. If you do not have a crime watch group, NTU is a great way to get neighbors together for the first time and start building relationships. You can make your NTU event as simple or as elaborate as you like. The main point of this evening is for residents to gather as neighbors to affirm their commitment to a safe, healthy community.

Get your children involved in this event. Kids bring great energy and enthusiasm to NTU events. Get all ages busy with your NTU planning this year. Involving children and teens can have a great long-term benefit for your block.

Can my apartment complex sign up for Night to Unite?

Apartment complexes are neighborhoods, within themselves, and are encouraged to plan an event. As you plan your NTU event, try to draw in all the people you can. Everyone benefits when neighbors know each other. The connections that are made and strengthened through NTU carry far beyond this evening.

Will there be ice cream certificates?

In keeping with tradition, the St. Anthony Cub Foods Store (3930 Silver Lake Road) is again partnering with the Police Department in promoting Minnesota "Night to Unite" events. The Cub Store is providing a 5 quart pail of Kemps vanilla ice cream to each resident who hosts a party on August 5th.

How do I register my Night to Unite Event?

Residents with questions, or who plan to host a block party on August 5th, are asked to contact Sergeant Jon Mangseth by Thursday, July 31st, by calling 612-782-3366 or e-mail at jon.mangseth@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us. Please leave your name, address, phone number, approximate number of people attending your party, time your party will begin and if you will require barricades. The Police Department will deliver ice cream certificates prior to Night to Unite. (Note: to be able to accommodate requests for ice cream certificates, in a timely manner, only those who sign up prior to the July 31st deadline will receive certificates) The City Public Works Department will deliver street barricades, to the host address, for those interested in blocking off their street.

If you see any suspicious activity happening.
CALL 9-1-1
police - 612-782-3350
police after hours - 763-525-6220

PET WASTE

WATER QUALITY REPORT

As required by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the City of St. Anthony is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

St. Anthony is proud to report that no contaminants were detected at levels that violated state and federal drinking water standards.

Visit www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us and click on the link located on the homepage to view the City's annual water report, which includes information on the monitoring done on St. Anthony's drinking water in 2013. Please review the report, and if you have questions, contact Jay Hartman, Public Works Director, at 612-782-3314 or send an email to jay.hartman@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us



When you are out and about with your pet, please remember to bring along the proper items to clean up after your pet. It is your responsibility to clean up after the animal and dispose of the droppings in a sanitary manner. For more information visit our website keyword search: **PET WASTE**

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Garbage Containers

All garbage and recycling containers need to be stored out of public view except the evening before and the day of collection. If this is a problem, you need to install screening to block the site of the containers from the street.

Parking

Parking ordinances for boats, RV's and cars within St. Anthony are as follows:

- * Park all vehicles on a paved surface. Don't park your vehicle on the grass at anytime.
- * Be sure all vehicles have a current state registration; otherwise, park the vehicle in the garage or other building. This also applies for expired license tabs on vehicles.
- * A motor vehicle that remains for more than a 48 hour period on public property is considered abandoned and can be ticketed.
- * Travel trailers, campers and other recreational vehicles can't be parked in any zoning district for use as a dwelling.

Tree Trimming or Removal

All contractor's performing tree trimming or tree removal services must be licensed by the City of St. Anthony. Contact our License Specialist at 612-782-3317 to confirm your contractor is licensed.

Also, remember you don't want to obstruct the view of the streets and private property when parking in residentially-zoned property.

2014 ST. ANTHONY BRANCH CHIPPING PROGRAM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO. _____

I hereby request that branches be chipped by the City of St. Anthony at the above address between August 18 - 20. I understand that I will be charged \$15 plus applicable sales tax for each 10 minutes of chipping and that I will be billed on my October 2014 water/sewer bill. Branches must be at the curb.

Date: _____

signature

BRANCH CHIPPING



St. Anthony will be doing curbside branch chipping for residents August 18 - 20. If you wish to have your branches chipped, either complete the form below and return it to City Hall or go to....

www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

and complete the branch chipping form online. Branches must be left at the curb. Maximum branch diameter is 8". Tree stumps are not accepted and don't bundle branches with wire. **For more information call 612-782-3301.**

RAMSEY COUNTY ORGANIC RECYCLING DROP OFF PROGRAM

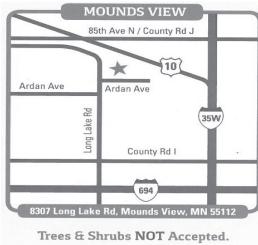
Put Your Food Scraps to Work

Bring your food waste and non-recyclable paper to six of the Ramsey County yard waste sites (does not include the site in Arden Hills). Ramsey County will haul it to an organics composting site, where it will become a soil amendment.

Drop-off Locations: All Ramsey County Yard Waste sites, EXCEPT ARDEN HILLS. Closest drop off site to St. Anthony is the **Mounds-view** location.

How to Use:

1. Pick up FREE compostable bags at the six yard waste sites that collect organic waste or contact City Hall.
2. Fill the bags with food waste and other material listed below.
3. Bring your bagged organics to a Ramsey County yard waste site.
4. Put your bagged organics in the designated container.
5. If you need more compostable bags, ask a yard waste monitor.
*Keep food waste separate from yard waste



Items Accepted

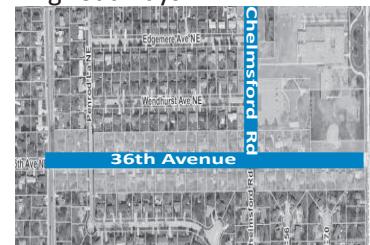
All food scraps (including meat and dairy) and non-recyclable paper are accepted. For more information on Ramsey County's organics recycling program, go to RamseyAtoZ.com and search "organics recycling" or contact the Ramsey County Master Gardeners at 651-704-2071 (leave a message and a Master Gardener will return your call.)

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 2015 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY

The proposed 2015 Street and Utility Improvement Project include reconstructing the following roadways:

* 36th Avenue NE from Silver Lake Rd to Highcrest Rd NE

* Chelmsford Rd from 36th Avenue to 37th Avenue NE



Proposed utility improvements include replacement of sanitary sewer, water main, private service connections to the right-of-way, fire hydrants, water valves, and construction of new storm sewer facilities. The City will also be looking at improvements to alleys and the overlay of St. Anthony Blvd. east of the bridge over the Northeast Diagonal Trail to the city border.

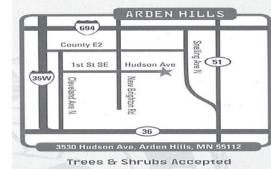


YARD WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

Ramsey County compost sites are open. Operating hours are:

M - W - F 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(sites will be closed July 4th and Labor Day)



ALL St. Anthony residents are eligible to use the Ramsey County yard waste disposal sites. When visiting the sites, be sure to bring identification with you. For more information regarding yard waste disposal, call 651-633-EASY (3279) or go online at RamseyAtoZ.com

Salo Park Concert Series continues.....

July 3: St. Anthony Civic Orchestra

July 10: Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band

July 17: Robert Everest
music from Latin America and around the world

July 24: Calhoun Isles Community Band

July 31: Dan Perry and the Ice Cream Band

60's, 70's, blues, popular tunes & old favorites

August 7: Blue Stratum Quartet
folk, blues, popular tunes & old favorites

August 14: Ecuador Manta

a unique Andean Band traditional rhythms from South America, combined with contemporary Latin and Caribbean rhythms

All concerts will be held at
7 p.m. at Salo Park

BE PREPARED! by Mark Sitarz, Fire Chief

I met with a young member of the community recently who is going for a merit badge in the Boy Scouts. He asked me various questions pertaining to different situations that the Fire Department may face and how would we deal with them. After our discussion we chatted about our training and how being prepared can make a difficult situation a lot easier to deal with.

Last year the storms that we experienced were not something new. Depending on the forecast, we know that we need to make sure the gutters are clean, the downspouts are on and patio furniture is secured. We prepare for what we are familiar with. We prepare for what we have experienced in the past. Where things fell short for people was the absence of preparation for a multi-day event; because it never happens.

When it comes to being prepared for a severe weather event, there are a number of things that people need to pay attention to. Here is the information from the Red Cross to give you some ideas on putting a kit together to help you prepare for a weather event.

Food:

Buy a three day emergency food supply for your household. Use the **BUS** rule to help you out.

Balance- A balanced diet which includes high energy foods to comfort food. Having both ends of the spectrum can help everybody get through things a lot easier. This is especially helpful for people with certain health conditions or dietary needs.

Usability- Canned or dried meat, cereal and canned vegetables. Items that don't need to be cooled, heated or required a lot of water. Also make sure you have a manual can opener.

Shelf Life- Pay attention to expiration dates and replace as needed.



Power Outage:

Keep a vehicle charger in your car so you can recharge your cell phone(s). Keeping that communication option available is extremely important. If you have a landline remember that a cordless phone won't work but the old wall phone with a cord to the handset will. Wrap your fridge and freezer in blankets if a power outage occurs. Keep vents clear in case power returns. Know where you can buy dry ice in the area to use in your fridge and freezer. Remember that this will be a popular item if there is a widespread power outage.

Medicines:

Ibuprofen, antibiotic creams and even some alcohol wipes. If you take medications, get a copy of your records and ask your doctor about a backup supply as a possibility. Walking down to the Pharmacy may not be an option as they may not be open.

Unique Family Needs:

Whether you have an infant, a diabetic, require oxygen, have a disability or have a pet(s), determine your unique needs, then consider and plan for them. Pets will need water, food and any specific medications. Keep in mind that most emergency shelters will not allow pets so you will have to consider that when you need to find a place for them. Make sure you have a copy of their vaccination records.

Water:

Have enough water on-hand for your family to last 3 days (72 hours). This is around 3 gallons per person. If you buy commercially bottled water, it should be replaced once a year.

Documents:

Insurance policies, medical information, emergency contacts and any other important information you feel you may need. Store them in a waterproof container that is easy to grab.

What I listed above are some basic things to think about when there is some type of major event. Keep in mind that what is easy for you to do today may not be easy or possible during a storm or event. The insert from the Red Cross will also give you some ideas on putting a kit together to help you prepare for a weather event. Putting some time and energy into preparing for an emergency situation can make a world of difference for you and your family. So follow the Boy Scout Motto and BE PREPARED, you will be glad you did.

NEED A TRUSTED ADVISOR?

A free Business Consultant?

Need Money to Start or
Expand your Business?

Are you thinking of starting your own business?



Open to Business can help. They provide one on one business counseling to current and prospective entrepreneurs. Their consultants work with you to develop a strong business plan, identify challenges and opportunities, and tailor solutions to your needs. In addition to direct consulting, Open to Business program staff can link entrepreneurs with additional resources to help them succeed, including training programs, community governmental services, and industry and business professionals.

They will work with you to determine all of your capital needs, and help you identify and apply for financing that meet those needs.

For more information or to get started, call 612-789-7337 extension 260 or email info@opentobusinessmn.org

AGING IN PLACE:

Make your home a home for a lifetime!

What's all the buzz about home modifications and aging in place design? What does it mean to you and the home you live in? Want to make some simple changes to update your home AND to make it a home for a lifetime?

Contact Alissa Boroff, Access Solutions, 612-238-5429 she can assist you in answering all your questions.

GREATER METROPOLITAN HOUSING CORPORATION

Are you thinking of taking on a home improvement project? If so, did you know that the city contracts with GMHC to provide home owners with technical assistance, low-interest financing and cash rebates to improve and preserve their homes.

For more information contact GMHC at 612-558-3033.

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE AWARDED A HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

by Todd Hubmer, WSB & Associates

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a competitive federal grant program established to improve safety on America's roads. The City applied for and has been awarded \$693,000 with a local 10% match of approximately \$77,000 for a total project of \$770,000. This grant has been awarded to the City to address eight signals with countdown timers, improve pedestrian refuge areas at intersections, include audio cues at intersections, and provide four segments of sidewalk within the City.

We anticipate that the City may find additional matching funds from Hennepin County and Ramsey County for the proposed signal upgrades and sidewalk improvements. Both Counties have previously offered assistance to upgrade these signals. City staff will be meeting with the Counties to quantify the amount of funding requested and to assist in defining the project components to be implemented. More details will be provided in open houses, City Council meetings and the fall newsletter.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT RECEIVES TARGETED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANT

by Todd Hubmer, WSB & Associates

The Minnesota Board of Water Resources made available \$5 million in grant money for the implementation of Targeted Watershed Management Programs. These funds were set aside to accelerate water quality improvements within targeted watersheds within the state of Minnesota. Of the available \$5 million, the Rice Creek Watershed District has received a \$3 million grant for the areas tributary to Pike Lake and Long Lake.

The proposed projects funded by this grant include two improvements that were recommended in the 2011 Flood Analysis for the Cities of St. Anthony Village and the City of New Brighton. These improvements are part of larger approach to resolving flood issues in the Ramsey County Ditch 2, 3 and 5 watersheds, and to improve the quality of storm water being discharged downstream into the impaired waters of Pike and Long Lakes in the City of New Brighton.

The two projects proposed to be completed in this grant program include:

1. Improvements to Hansen Park in New Brighton. These improvements will accommodate stormwater flows from St. Anthony and Roseville, increase the stormwater storage capacity in Hansen Park, and reduce the pollutants discharged to Pike and Long Lakes.
2. Improvements to Mirror Lake in St. Anthony Village. These improvements include dredging the lake to improve water quality; construction of a new outlet to provide additional flood storage, reduce peak stormwater discharge rates to the low point of Foss Road near the Mirror Lake condominiums, and to improve water quality to Pike and Long Lakes.

This grant also includes water quality benefits associated with the restoration and stabilization of stream banks on Rice Creek near the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant; and a program aimed at managing carp within Rice Creek and its tributary lakes.

Design of these projects will include opportunities for public input and participation. The exact schedule for design and construction has not been set as of this newsletter publication.

PURSUING GRANTS RESULTS IN LEVERAGING TAX DOLLARS by Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director

Each year, all City departments research, apply for and manage numerous grants from Federal, State and Local governments along with private and not-for-profit sources. These grants provide funding for City projects, equipment purchases and special initiatives, relieving the burden on local taxpayers. Since 1998, the City has been awarded over \$17 Million in various grants.

There are various types of grants that the City pursues and each has unique requirements:

- **Fully-funded** – No use of local tax dollars.
- **Mandatory City match** – There is a percentage share of program costs that the City is required to contribute.
- **In-kind contribution** – Services provided to the City by another agency at no cost to City. City's match done in the form of administrative support or other program related support.
- **Reimbursement** – The City incurs costs and then applies for full or partial reimbursement from the funding agency.

An example of a fully fund grant would be the Police Department's participation in the Ramsey County Safe & Sober program. This is a reoccurring program that has awarded over \$20,000 annually for enhanced DWI enforcement. In addition to DWI enforcement, the program has supported seat belt check, high visibility and speed control efforts. The Fire Department has procured numerous grants over the years for training and equipment such as pagers and radios. Recently, the Fire department received a Federal matching grant which supported 95% of the cost to acquire a Jaws of Life Device and Turn-out gear for 22 firefighters.

The Public Works Department receives grant funds for on-going safety training along with matching and fully funded grants for specific construction projects. Over the past five years, the street improvement program has benefited from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services reimbursement grants which will offset as much as 50% of the costs associated with replacing sanitary sewer lines. In 2013, the City was awarded a \$1,209,000 grant to construct an underground stormwater treatment system. This device will improve the quality of stormwater runoff conveyed from St. Anthony to the Mississippi River. The Liquor Operations have also participated by receiving awards from the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association.

Not all grants are associated with planned programs or projects. Grants are also available to deal with disaster events such as last summer's June storms. Storms such as these require Police, Fire and Public Works Department overtime during the event to ensure public safety. Additionally, the Public Works and Parks Departments spent the following 3-4 weeks focusing on storm clean-up. Subsequent to the storm, the City participated with other local jurisdictions in gathering cost estimates to qualify for disaster relief. Once the disaster declaration was made, the Finance Department's role in the grant process was the identification of eligible costs, tracking of costs and project status, submitting properly documented reimbursement requests, following-up on collections, and working with the agencies auditors to ensure compliance. By the collective efforts of all these City Departments, the City was able to recover over \$75,000 in storm related expenditures. See illustration of grant process below:



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

CHAMBER CHATTER by Kelly Salseg, Executive Director

I am pleased to announce the St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce 2014 Villager of the Year and Outstanding Business of the Year award recipients.

The Villager of the Year award was given to **Julianne Hunter**. Julianne is a Principal with IA Architects, a mother of twin daughters, and wife to a volunteer, paid on-call firefighter for St. Anthony Village.

As a volunteer in the St. Anthony Village community, Julianne has served on the VillageFest planning committee since 2004 and has volunteered as Chair for 9 years; is an active volunteer at Wilshire Park Elementary School and at the Early Childhood Halloween Carnival; serves on the St. Anthony Family Services Collaborative Board; and serves on the St. Anthony Community Services Advisory Council.

The Outstanding Business of the Year award was given to **Architect Mechanical**. Under the leadership team of Pat Niccum/President and Corey Anderson/Vice President, Architect Mechanical specialize in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning solutions for commercial and residential customers.

Architect Mechanical stands out as a generous business committed to making St. Anthony a stronger community. Architect Mechanical has been an active member since 2008. They are a major donor to the community Adopt-A-Family program, the St. Anthony New Brighton Endowment Foundation, and have provided funds and labor for various city and school fundraising efforts. In addition, Pat Niccum has served for the past 5 years as a Planning Commissioner for the City of St. Anthony, and Corey Anderson is a commissioner for the St. Anthony Sports booster's hockey program.

Both Pat and Corey are residents of St. Anthony and chose to locate their business here. Not often do we get a company that is owned and operated by residents who have the commitment to the community, customers and employees and so willingly gives of their valuable resources. Architect Mechanical is a truly LOCAL company that has proven you can be profitable, environmentally friendly, an outstanding employer and a benevolent corporate citizen.

Plans are well underway for the Chamber Annual Golf Classic which will be held on Friday, August 1st at Francis A. Gross Golf Course (2201 St Anthony Parkway). Put your golf team together now – remember all are welcome! If you would like your company's name in front of golfers that day, we have sponsorship opportunities open. For further information on the Annual Golf Classic or to become a sponsor, please contact Golf Classic Board Chair Barb McIntyre at barb@tcwebtech.com

Lastly, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 13, when the Chamber will be hosting the 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck event. The event will run from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Silver Lake Village. Featured performer will be The Teddy Bear Band. Further details will be released as the date draws closer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Villagefest is scheduled for August 1 - 2. For a complete listing of Villagefest activities, go to

www.stanthonyvillagefest.org

CITIZENS FOR SUSTAINABILITY was formed in January 2013 by a group of northeast area citizens interested in creating a resilient, sustainable community, in close collaboration with the city's administration. The organization has continued adding new members and expanding its outreach, within the northeast metro area and beyond.



A weekly e-newsletter—CFS News-Views Digest—provides an overview of information related to sustainability issues. Monthly Saturday forums provide opportunities to hear presentations by experts, discuss relevant topics, and provide meeting time for action teams.

Four action teams are working on several initiatives:

The Land-Food Team, coordinated by Pat LeFebvre, is sponsoring a Growing Groceries Program, consisting of three workshops taught by three UM Master Gardeners—Dawn Pape, Lynette Thompson, and Patrick Fischer. 30 citizen gardeners have participated in the first two workshops, and the third workshop is scheduled for Sept. 20. The team's main goal is to create more local food awareness and activity, including the ultimate formation of community and educational gardens. Amy Fields, manager of Eastside Food Co-op, will serve as forum speaker on July 12. Her topic will be "Promoting Healthy Local Food Sources".

The Energy-Resources Team, coordinated by Mary Friend, has been working on recycling issues, including collecting recyclable materials at the annual SAV Village Fest, for the first time last summer. Other projects include supporting single-hauler waste removal, exploring composting possibilities, and promoting solar energy within the city.

The Mobility-Transportation Team, coordinated by Kara Garbe Balcerzak, has been working on increasing and improving bikeways and walkways in the area, in addition to encouraging more bike racks and bus shelters for high-use locations. The team will also sponsor a bike-and-walk ride in the Village Fest Parade Aug. 1.

The Education-Communication Team, coordinated by Clif Ware, is responsible for managing the weekly e-newsletter, all forum presentations, and media publicity. The newest project—a Sustainability Book Club—will begin meeting June 14, 1:30-2:30 p.m., in the SAV City Hall Council Chambers, preceding the June forum, 3-5 p.m. The book to be discussed is "Plato's Revenge: Politics in the Age of Ecology", by William Ophuls.

CFS welcomes any citizen interested in sustainability issues. For more information about CFS, please see the website (<http://st Anthonyvillage.wordpress.com/>), or contact Clif Ware, CFS organizer (warex001@umn.edu).



VOLUNTEER / CONTRIBUTE / SHARE

Barry Tedlund – President

This is our task: To collect, preserve, and disseminate historical knowledge about the City of St. Anthony Village. You may be wondering how you may be of further help. Many of our projects require volunteer time. We are looking for fresh young faces to help us with our tasks. If you have an interest, please contact us. It can be a fun way to give back to a great community. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. Just stop in some month...

Funding support is also a big help in the way of membership with a requested \$10 annual support. This can be done in letter form addressed to the St. Anthony Village Historical Society c/o City Hall. We suggest \$10 per person or household.

Currently, we are looking more seriously at the events of our 1984 tornado as we have just passed the 30-year anniversary. If you have memories of the tornado to share, please contact us at b.tedlund@gmail.com



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ST. ANTHONY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 4 - HOLIDAY - Independence Day
- 8 - City Council meeting
- 22 - City Council meeting
- 28 - Planning Commission meeting

AUGUST

- 1-2 Villagefest
- 5 - Night to Unite
- 12 - Primary Election
- 12 - City Council meeting (8 p.m. start)
- 25 - Planning Commission meeting
- 26 - City Council meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - HOLIDAY - Labor Day
- 8 - Parks Commission meeting
- 9 - City Council meeting
- 19 - Absentee Voting begins for General Election
- 22 - Planning Commission meeting
- 23 - City Council meeting

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