

# VILLAGE

“A village in the city”

# notes

## A Note from the Mayor.....

Dear Resident:

As we settle in for the winter with our snow and cold, I would like to talk about the need for support after the holiday season. We are all very cognizant of people's need before and around the holidays; however, we put it out of our minds after we all go back to our normal life's activities, but in a number of cases that need continues.

Support is something we think of as the work for someone else: such as the government, non-government organizations and family members to provide, but in truth it is each one of our roles to play in life. Reflect back to when we were being raised and how people watched out for us and its effect, we know the ones that didn't get that support and how difficult it was for them.

We like to think of ourselves as that proverbial cowboy riding off into the sunset - strong, self reliant and stoic; however, we all know that it takes all of us to make a viable community. One is not a community. There is a current ad on television that depicts random acts of kindness between strangers and it truly illustrates that we are our brother's keepers. Recently my garage door was left open inadvertently late in the evening and my neighbor was kind enough to come over and tell me - I am grateful for that kindness and concern. The strength we receive from helping others is returned tenfold; maybe not today or tomorrow but it will manifest itself to be sure!

In warm weather it is easier to say hello to neighbors and know what is happening; now it takes a little more effort when we are behind closed doors for warmth. Neighbors may need a periodic phone call to ensure they are well, a hand with snow shoveling, errands or medical appointments - not all of us are confident of our mobility during the winter months. We have a tendency to cocoon until spring and people may be reluctant to ask for assistance, so I would encourage all of us to ask our community neighbors if we could lend a hand. No matter how insignificant that hand may be, it is greatly appreciated and it helps bind the community together. Don't forget children as they need encouragement and support from parents, teachers, family, friends and neighbors. Relationships familial and non-familial can be strained and a listening ear sometimes is all that is needed.

So if all of your neighbors are well situated think about what support you could do in our service organizations such as Community Services, Vital Aging Council, Northwest Youth & Family Services, Kiwanis, local churches, Chamber of Commerce, Meals on Wheels the list is limitless.

Let us not forget the businesses that provide the economic vitality to our City. We should patronize our local businesses at every chance we can because it is good for us and the health of our community.

We have a strong vibrant city and each of us can continue to enhance it as a livable, safe and secure city.

My best regards  
Jerry Faust



*winter 2008*

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*Our mission is to be a  
progressive and livable  
community, a walkable  
village, which is safe  
and secure.*

By Gordon J. Amundson

Christmas Potluck luncheon...on Friday, December 14, more than 40 St. Anthony Village seniors turned out for a potluck luncheon at the Community Center. Special thanks to committee chairperson Mary Bonneville and her committee, Gene and Delores Anderson, Betty Saja, Pat Hill and Sally Cain for organizing this fun event. After attendees sampled a variety of tasty hot-dishes, ham, and other homemade goodies, the program began with brief statements by Fire Chief John Malenick and Police Chief John Ohl.

Chief Ohl highlighted the partnership between the police department and the VAC. VAC volunteers helped the police department secure 24-hour emergency contact information on all St. Anthony Village businesses. Also, VAC volunteers are "on-call" to the Police Department to distribute leaflets alerting neighborhoods to any suspicious activity that may come up.

Chief Malenick acknowledged the contribution of VAC volunteers in identifying homes that did not have adequate house numbers. If the fire department needs to make a call on a home, it is imperative that adequate house numbering be in place.

The VAC values these partnerships and looks forward to serving the City in other worthy community projects.

Following much socializing and outstanding food, the group enjoyed a holiday entertainment program provided by the St. Anthony High School Band Ensemble. The ensemble played several Christmas carols, and finished with a beautiful rendition of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Thanks again to this talented group of young musicians.

VAC organizational status...an important organizational milestone has been reached. The St. Anthony Village Vital Aging Council is now registered with the State of Minnesota as a non-profit organization. This status allows the VAC to accept contributions as tax deductible.

Seniors, get involved! St. Anthony seniors are encouraged to become involved with the VAC. Monthly meetings (3rd Monday of each month) are held in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall beginning at 1:45 pm. Meetings are completed by 3:00 pm. Interested seniors are encouraged to contact VAC Secretary, Vernie Bjorklund at 612-781-2401, or by email at [vhbjorklund@comcast.net](mailto:vhbjorklund@comcast.net). Email contact allows us to contact you (postage free) and keep you informed of VAC activities even if you go South for the winter!

Hope to see old friends and meet new ones at the next meeting on January 21, 2008.

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### Do You Know THIS BARN?

You may look at this photo and wonder where in the world would someone have built a barn in St. Anthony Village? Well, if you know or recognize this barn, please let us know.

But as for a barn being in St. Anthony Village, it is true. Most of the original township of St. Anthony was rural and agricultural in nature. Much of the land supported hog farms and produce farms. Vegetables and some fruits were hauled to "town" with horses and wagons using horse trails that over time became gravel roads and are now our paved streets. In the winter, the more hilly streets, like Silver Lake Road, became sledding hills, an activity that could never take place now.

If you have any interesting stories about the Village or want to become a member of the Historical Society, please contact Kim Moore-Sykes, 612-782-3312



## GREETINGS & BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT 2008!

The St. Anthony Chamber had a very successful 2007, both with the events that we held, great speakers at our monthly meetings and best of all with our membership growth! Because my article is written ahead of time, (a week before our Annual Holiday Christmas Party and the Holiday Lighting Contest) the winners of the holiday lighting contest will be announced in the local newspapers and in the next edition of the City Newsletter.

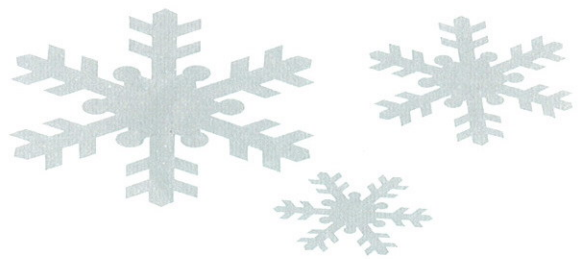
Plans are already underway for our Annual Meeting at which time we honor the Business of the Year and Villager of the Year Winners. We are currently looking at April 16 or 17 for our annual meeting. If you would like to nominate someone for the Villager or Business of the Year, please contact George Wagner for information – 612-788-1360. St. Anthony is known for its residents and businesses involvement in community outreach programs and these people and businesses that do and give so much should be nominated and recognize!

Dr. Michael Petersen, St. Anthony Chamber Board Member, is working with the St. Anthony High School Officials on planning and putting together what use to be called the Job Shadow Program for seniors and will now be called "Chamber of Commerce Career Day". This event will be held sometime in May and more information will be announced once the details are finalized. This is a great chance for our young people to talk to our business people and hear about business careers and opportunities.

The St. Anthony Chamber encourages you to support our local businesses and organizations that work so hard to make our great community that it is.

The St. Anthony Chamber meets at noon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Chandler Place. If you would like more information about our chamber, you may call me at 612-781-8301 or George Wagner at the telephone number listed above. Or visit our chamber website at [www.sainthanthonychamber.org](http://www.sainthanthonychamber.org).

Our Board wishes you a very healthy and great 2008!  
Rose Fitzjerrells, President  
St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce



## NEW BLUE THUMB GUIDE TO RAINGARDENS AVAILABLE!

Have you ever wondered what to plant in that low

**RICE CREEK  
WATERSHED  
DISTRICT**  
*Dialogue*

spot in your backyard where the grass won't grow because water puddles there after it rains? Or how to fix the erosion gully where rainwater drains away from your downspout? Well, there may be an easy, attractive solution! Try planting a raingarden.

A raingarden is a garden with a depression that is designed to catch rainwater runoff in your yard, growing plants that don't mind getting

flooded on occasion.

Raingardens provide wildlife habitat and an opportunity to create beautiful landscaping. And, by soaking up rain where it falls, rain-gardens slow stormwater runoff, help prevent erosion and remove pollutants in the process.



Planting season may seem like a long way off, but winter is a great time to plan your garden so you're ready to go in May. You may purchase a copy of this detailed, step-by-step guide from the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) for \$17.95. For more information, visit [www.BlueThumb.org](http://www.BlueThumb.org) or call the RCWD at 763.398.3078.

# WINTER

## ABOUT SNOW PLOWING

The City's snow plowing crews' number one priority is to clear snow away to make the streets safe for traffic and emergency vehicles. Sometimes the crews' schedule for plowing does not coincide with residents' snow shoveling schedules. Please keep in mind the crews do not intentionally plow windrows of snow back onto freshly shoveled driveways or sidewalks.

Also, it is dangerous for children to dig tunnels in these windrows created by the snow-plows. Tunnels can cave in, smothering the children. Plow drivers also cannot see children playing in or around the windrow. Children can be covered and trapped by these snow plow windrows.

Other ways to assist with snow removal operations include:

- \* Do not place refuse or recycling containers in the street;
- \* Do not plow, blow or shovel snow into the street;
- \* Pile snow downstream of the plowing operation to minimize snow left in your driveway from the plow;
- \* Stay back when driving behind plow trucks.
- \* Park cars in the driveway or off the streets so plows can completely clear the streets.

With your cooperation, the city can have the roads cleared in a more efficient time frame. If you have any questions regarding snow plowing, please call Jay Hartman, Public Works Director at 612-782-3314. Thank you for your understanding regarding these issues.



### WINTER SURVIVAL KIT

by American Red Cross

Whether driving across town or traveling hundreds of miles, planning ahead is essential to alleviating stress and staying safe in your vehicle in case a winter storm emergency occurs. Here are some items the Red Cross suggests having in your vehicle:

- \* Battery Powered NOAA radio with extra batteries
- \* Blanket or sleeping bag
- \* First Aid kit with manual
- \* Flashlight with extra batteries
- \* Fire Extinguisher (5 lbs., A-B-C type)
- \* Battery Booster (jumper) cables and flares
- \* Tire Repair kit
- \* Compass, road map and knife
- \* Heavy sack or sand or cat litter (for tire traction) and tow rope
- \* Bottle water and non-perishable, high energy foods such as peanut brittle or energy bars
- \* Extra Clothing to keep dry
- \* Windshield scraper and brush

For additional information to help you and your loved ones be more prepared for unexpected situations, visit the "Get Prepared" section of the Red Cross website at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

## REPORTING STREET LIGHTING OUTAGES

You can assist Xcel Energy by reporting broken, burned out or flickering street lights. Streetlight outages occur for a variety of reasons including electrical storms, traffic accidents involving streetlights, and vandalism. You can help keep your neighborhood well lit by notifying Xcel of malfunctioning lights.

To report a streetlight outage, go to [www.xcelenergy.com/streetlighting/](http://www.xcelenergy.com/streetlighting/), or call 1-800-895-4999.

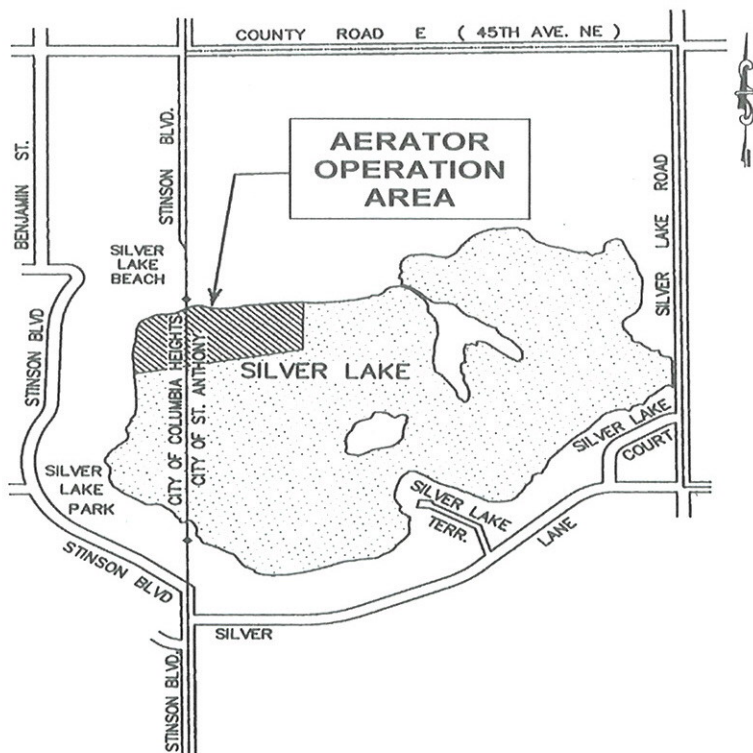
You will need to provide Xcel with as much information as possible to locate the pole, such as the nearest street address, nearest cross street and directional position to the pole (e.g. northeast corner or south side of alley). If possible, you can note the 13-digit facility tag number listed on the street light pole. This information is particularly helpful for maintenance crews whom typically work during daylight hours, when outages are not readily apparent. Thank you for your assistance!

### WARNING

An aeration system creating open water and thin ice will begin operation on Silver Lake in Anoka County T30R24 and Ramsey County T30R23 on or after January 17, 2008.

Weather conditions may cause the areas of thin ice and open water to fluctuate greatly. Stay clear of the marked area!

If there are questions concerning this aeration system, please call the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota at 763/706-3700.



## Sewer or Water Emergencies

If you have a sewer or water emergency, call City Hall immediately at 782-3301 during business hours or 782-3400 after hours. City crews will be dispatched to assist the property owner in taking care of the situation.

## Outdoor Ice Rinks

Looking for a free, recreational activity for your family? St. Anthony offers outdoor skating at three rinks in our community:

- \* Central Park Pavilion  
3401 Silver Lake Road
- \* Silver Point Park  
3010 - 29th Avenue
- \* Emerald Park  
3925 Macalaster Drive



All three rinks have warming houses and are supervised. Hockey and pleasure rinks are available at each location. Hours of operation are:

- Monday - Friday 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
(closed 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.)
- Sunday 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

During school holidays, the rinks will also be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (closed 5 p.m - 6 p.m.) except Sunday.

## CANDLES

During 2005, an estimated 15,600 home structure fires started by candles were reported to local fire departments.



These fires resulted in an estimated 150 civilian deaths, 1,270 civilian injuries and an estimated direct property loss of \$539 million. Homes include dwellings, duplexes, manufactured housing and apartments.

### *Facts and figures*

Although home candle fires fell 8% from 2004 to 2005, more than twice as many were reported in 2005 as in 1990.

Candle fires accounted for an estimated 4% of all reported home fires in 2005.

Thirty-eight percent (38%) of home candle fires started in the bedroom, resulting in 41% of the associated civilian deaths.

December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. In December, 13% of home candle fires began with decorations compared to 4% the rest of the year.

More than half of all candle fires started when something that could burn, such as furniture, mattresses or bedding, curtains, or decorations, was too close to the candle.

Falling asleep was a factor in 12% of home candle fires and 26% of the associated deaths.

The top five days for home candle fires were Christmas Day, Christmas Eve, New Year's Day, New Year's Eve, and Halloween.

## STAYING COMFY AND COZY—AND SAFE

If you have kerosene heaters, woodstoves, fireplaces or furnaces that burn oil or natural gas in your home, you are at risk for potential fire and /or carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Home heating equipment is essential, but it isn't safe unless you give it proper attention.

Chimneys should be checked by a qualified chimney sweep before and during the heating season. Both the fireplace and chimney should be checked for structural integrity. Wet ashes down and dispose of them in metal containers. Never burn trash, charcoal or plastics in your wood-burning appliance. These items can overheat and cause a fire; they also release dangerous pollutants.

Portable electric heaters are intended to heat a small space for a short period. They must be kept at least 36 inches from anything that can burn, and must never be left on when occupants are gone or sleeping.

Gas heating equipment is doubly dangerous; it can cause both fire and carbon monoxide poisoning. If you have an unvented, gas-fired space heater, be sure it has an oxygen depletion sensor to detect reduced oxygen levels and shut off the heater before carbon monoxide accumulates.

Fuel your portable kerosene heaters outdoors, in a well ventilated area when it has cooled completely. Never use gasoline instead of kerosene.

## CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

About 230 people die each year from CO poisoning related to fuel-burning household appliances. CO is a tasteless, odorless and very lethal gas, easily absorbed into the blood. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, fatigue, weakness, shortness of breath and nausea, which are sometimes dismissed as a "touch of the flu." Don't be fooled—get to fresh air.

For more information on home heating safety, go to the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Web site at [www.fire.state.mn.us](http://www.fire.state.mn.us).

"Safe home heating means proper installation, use and maintenance," says Don Drusch, Assistant Fire Chief. "Knowing about fire dangers and eliminating risks is essential preparation for winter."

The St. Anthony Fire Department would like every home and family to follow these tips. "And please, make a home fire-escape plan and practice it," Assistant Fire Chief Don Drusch advises. "If tragedy strikes, a safe escape is the only alternative."

If you have questions about home heating or any fire issue, call the Fire Department at (612) 782 3400.

## REFLECTIONS OF A RESPONDER: THE 35W BRIDGE COLLAPSE

by Michael Huddle-St. Anthony Police Department

There's been a lot said on television, radio, and in print about the 35W bridge collapse. The images captured were at once spectacular and frightening. Perhaps you were there that day and experienced it first hand. You may not know that you, as a citizen of St. Anthony, had something to do with the success of the response to the collapse. A lot of things had taken place long before this disaster that you helped make possible.

On my way to the bridge site I was thinking: What will I find when I get there? Where will I be needed most? How do I get to where they need me? Who do I check with when I arrive? How will I communicate with other personnel by radio? What channels will we use?

The St. Anthony Police Department had a big advantage in dealing with these issues. We work daily with two separate county dispatch centers, and routinely interact with and assist surrounding agencies. This has forced St. Anthony Police Officers to become familiar with the 800 MHz radio system across two counties and be very good at interagency cooperation. There would be a lot of that to do at the bridge site.

I was operating in a relatively isolated area of the collapse, but operations were taking place over a wide area. As responders, we were focused on our own particular area of operation, and there was a lot to do. There were EMS and firefighters at the scene doing their jobs. I saw doctors and nurses from HCMC assisting casualties. There were not enough resources where I was right away, so the EMS personnel were forced to improvise. Many of the victims were stabilized on large pieces of plywood (rubble from the bridge structure itself) as makeshift backboards because there weren't enough to go around. I only saw one ambulance make it through the crowd to where we were to evacuate the most severely injured. It seemed that people were coming from everywhere to get close

to the collapse. This made securing the scene and ensuring public safety much more difficult. It also made evacuating casualties more difficult. With all that was going on, I never felt overwhelmed. I felt focused and confident. I saw that the firefighters and EMS personnel were also calm and focused. Police, Fire, and EMS had their own operational radio channels to work on and reported directly to a unified command. We all traded information and communicated what we needed from each other easily at the scene. Communication to command and other areas of the collapse seemed trouble free as well. There was order. There was control. We were professionals.

None of us anticipated this collapse to occur. But first responders were ready for it. We were ready because of the training and equipment we were given. Our elected officials, people you put in place, looked ahead and invested in the 800 MHz radio systems. Tax payers made it a reality. Our public safety leadership saw the need for this technology, researched it, and implemented it across all public safety services throughout Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. They pushed for increased quality of training and inter-agency involvement through countless hours of tabletop exercises and full scale training events. Agencies evaluated failures and traded their successes with each other. Having been a small part of this, I saw all of that pay off at the bridge. Confident in our training. Confident in our equipment. Focused on our mission. None of this would have been achieved without the forward thinking and willingness to invest in the best training and equipment by our agencies' leaders, our elected officials, and the support of our citizens.

Citizens in St. Anthony have developed and supported a public safety system that is resourceful, networked, and well trained. I was extremely impressed with the capability displayed by police, fire, and EMS at the scene. What a triumph in the face of a great tragedy. We as responders owe our capabilities to you, the citizens.

Thank you.

### CALL 9 - 1 - 1

If you see any suspicious activity happening.

#### police and fire

9-1-1

police and fire emergency

612-782-3350

police non-emergency

612-782-3400

fire non-emergency

763-525-6220

police after hours emergency



## St. Anthony Directory

### Mayor

Jerry Faust 789-7684  
jfaust@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

### City Council

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hgray@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us  
Jim Roth 788-4290  
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Randy Stille 788-3235  
rstille@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us  
Brian Thuesen 789-6470  
bthuesen@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

### City Offices

3301 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony, MN 55418

General Information.....782-3301  
Fax.....782-3302  
Hours.....M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
E-Mail.....city@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us  
Web site.....www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

### City Staff

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bsuci@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us  
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johl@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us  
Public Works Director Jay Hartman.....782-3314  
jhartman@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us  
Utility Billing Questions.....782-3318

### St. Anthony-New Brighton School District #282

District Office.....612-706-1000  
Wilshire Elementary.....706-1200  
St. Anthony Middle School.....706-1030  
St. Anthony High School.....706-1100  
Web site.....www.stanthony.k12.mn.us

## 2007 ELECTION RESULTS

St. Anthony held their General Election on November 6, 2007. The results of this election are as follows:

### Mayor - 4 year term

Jerry Faust 486

### Councilmember - 4 year terms

Jim Roth 464

Hal Gray 461

### St. Anthony - New Brighton School District #282

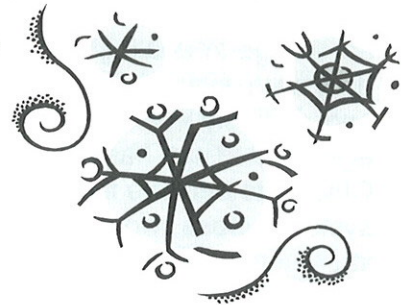
### School Board - 4 - year terms

Michael Volna 472

Jane Eckert 444

Don Siggelkow 83 (write in candidate)

Total Number of votes cast 557



## 2008 ELECTIONS

The 2008 Election season will consist of a primary on September 9 and the Presidential Election on November 4, 2008.

The City of St. Anthony is currently recruiting election judges for the upcoming election season. If you are interested in becoming an election judge, contact the city clerk at 612-782-3313.

## 2008 CAUCUSES

The 2008 Precinct Caucuses are scheduled for February 5, 2008. If you are interested in attending a caucus, you can obtain more information from the Office of the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us), the City of St. Anthony's website [www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us) or contact city hall 612-782-3301.

## REGISTERING TO VOTE

If you are new to the City of St. Anthony be sure to stop by city hall and fill out a voter registration application. By registering early, it will make your voting experience more smooth.



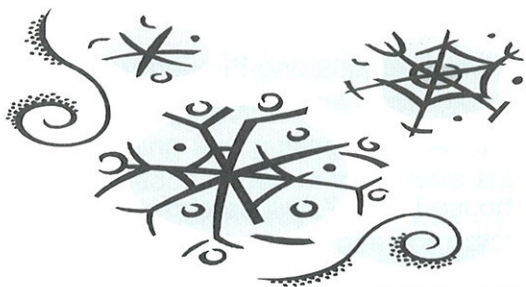
## THE CITY SAYS GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK



City Councilmember Richard Horst decided it was time to resign his position on the St. Anthony City Council and did not run for re-election. He has served the St. Anthony residents for a total of fourteen years. Dick started his public service career with his appointment to the City's Planning Commission in 1993 and won election to the City Council in 2000.

Dick also served as the Chair and Co-Chair of the VillageFest celebration. He was the proprietor of the Coast to Coast Hardware store that was located in the St. Anthony Shopping Center.

We wish Dick and his family a wonderful retirement and thank him for his years of hard work and dedication.



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### January

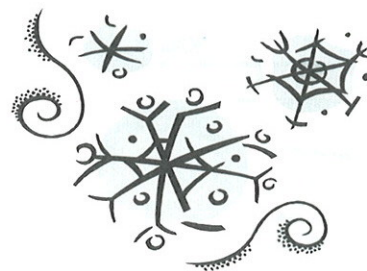
8....City Council Meeting  
15....Planning Commission Meeting  
17....Historical Society Meeting  
18....Water Bills Mailed  
21....Martin Luther King Holiday  
22....City Council Meeting  
29....Joint Meeting with School Board

#### February

12....City Council Meeting  
18....President's Day Holiday  
19....Planning Commission Meeting  
26....City Council Meeting

#### March

10....Park Commission Meeting  
11....City Council Meeting  
18....Planning Commission Meeting  
21....Good Friday Holiday  
25....City Council Meeting



## HOUSING CODE CORNER

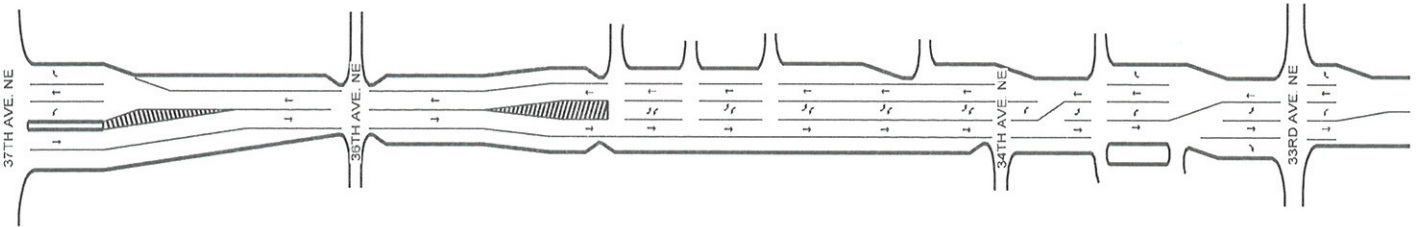
**DID YOU KNOW**.....The storage of refuse and recyclable collection items may not be kept in the front yard. On trash pick-up day, please remember to remove your trash can and recycling bin from the curb and return it to the garage or some place out of site from the road.

**DID YOU KNOW**.....Parking in any residential district must be done on a surface paved with asphalt or bituminous material, concrete, cement, brick, or other paved surface. Please remember parking vehicles on the grass is not allowed in the City of St. Anthony.

**DID YOU KNOW**.....Any vehicle without a current state registration must be parked in a garage or other building. If a vehicle has expired tabs, either renew them or move the vehicle into the garage.

**DID YOU KNOW**.....Before residents can have a recreational fire you must first call the St. Anthony Fire Department. You will then receive a copy of the rules and review them with a member of the Fire Department. The fire department may prohibit any or all recreational fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. Call 612-782-3400.

Please remember these ordinances have been adopted to keep St. Anthony clean, safe, and healthy. If you have a housing code question or would like to report a possible violation, please contact Rick Lundeen at 612-782-3438. For your convenience, the City Code is also available online at [www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us)



# 2008 SILVER LAKE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE

This article is a brief update on the current status of the reconstruction of Silver Lake Road. Hennepin County is on track to begin construction in the spring of 2008. The County has completed the construction plans and anticipates receiving bids on the project within the next several months. The project is proposed to begin construction in April or May of 2008.

Currently, the cable television and power, which are overhead utility lines on Silver Lake Road, are in the process of being put underground. This process will continue for the next several months, utility poles will be removed sometime this spring. Hennepin County is also in the process of contacting residents along Silver Lake Road and acquiring temporary and permanent easements, as necessary, to facilitate the construction of the new Silver Lake Road.

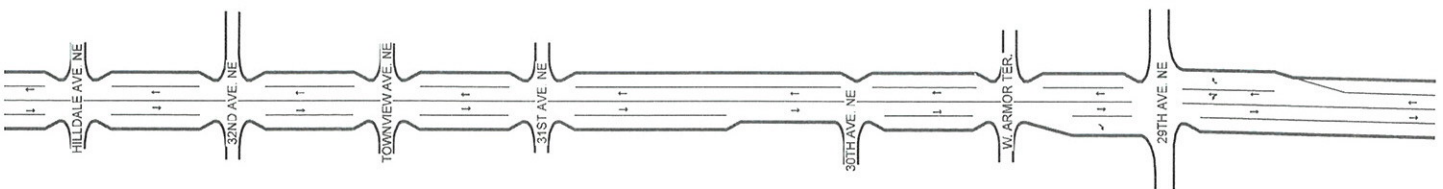
Silver Lake Road will be constructed as a two-lane roadway, which means one through traffic lane in each direction, parking on both sides, turn lanes to facilitate traffic movements, and new sidewalks and street lighting on both sides of the road.

The final design that was previously presented at the open house in 2007, will be shown again in an open house this spring, along with the anticipated schedule for construction and the contractor's proposed staging of the project. Additional information will be made available as to the time and date for the open house. We anticipate this open house to occur sometime in March of 2008.

The County still expects to completely close Silver Lake Road during construction in an effort to complete the project in one year. The project will be staged to allow continuous operation of the fire station, St. Anthony High School and Middle School, and the City Hall complex. Residents will be informed of construction schedules and changes throughout the process with newsletters, mailings, website, or a combination of these.

The reconstruction of Silver Lake Road will entail replacement of the City's existing sanitary and water mains within the street and construction of new retaining walls to accommodate the new sidewalk and turn lanes and to improve the safety of Silver Lake Road.

We are working toward a successful reconstruction of Silver Lake Road in 2008 and request your continued patience and cooperation in regard to construction activities. The City and Hennepin County are dedicated to expediting this project in a manner which meets both the City and County needs for the Silver Lake corridor. We look forward to the opportunity to talk with you at the spring open house, or if it's more convenient for you please feel free to contact Pete Lemke at Hennepin County Highway Department, or Todd Hubmer, the St. Anthony Village City Engineer, should you have any questions or comments.



## Congratulations to...

the Fire Prevention Poster Winners. They are as follows:

1st Place:

Rajeep Lamichhane

2nd Place:

Rumi Skoglund

3rd Place:

Emily Onken

4th Place:

Tseten Dolkar



(pictured from left to right: Asst. Fire Chief Don Drusch, Emily Onken, Rumi Skoglund, Rajeep Lamichhane, and Fire Chief John Malenick)

## TRANSIT NEWS

### These routes changed on Dec. 1

On Saturday, Dec. 1, changes were made to several Metro Transit and Maple Grove Transit routes. This list is an overview of the changes. If your route is listed, please pick up an updated schedule for details. Schedules are available on buses and trains and at Metro Transit stores and outlets.

If you know your route and just need departure times, call TransitLine at 612-341-4287.

### Route 118 NEW! (eff. Jan. 22, 2008)

- This route, added to help relieve congestion after the I-35W bridge collapse, will provide service between Columbia Heights Transit Center and the University of Minnesota.
- Route 118 will provide local service on Central Ave., Lowry Ave., Stinson and New Brighton Blvd., and then nonstop service to the U of M.
- This route will have five morning and six afternoon week day rush-hour trips.

### Route 141 NEW!

- This route, added to help relieve congestion after the I-35W bridge collapse, will provide service between Silver Lake Village in St. Anthony and downtown Minneapolis.
- Route 141 will provide local service on Johnson (with limited stops from Lowry to Broadway) and East Hennepin, and nonstop service on East Hennepin to downtown Minneapolis.
- The route will offer six morning and six afternoon week day rush-hour trips.

### Route 241 NEW!

- This route, added to help relieve congestion after the I-35W bridge collapse, will provide limited stop service between a 250-space Park & Ride lot at I-35W & Industrial Blvd. and downtown Minneapolis.
- This route will offer nine morning and nine afternoon weekday rush-hour trips.

### Route 829

- Added northbound trips will leave Nicollet & 15th at 3:36, 4:27 and 5:42 p.m.
- Added southbound trips will leave 53rd & Central at 5:49, 7:29 and 7:44 a.m.
- Bus stops will be added at Central Ave. and St. Anthony Pkwy.
- The bus stops at Central/East Hennepin will be removed.

## THINGS TO WATCH FOR IN 2008



- \* RECONSTRUCTION OF SILVER LAKE ROAD
- \* "THE LIQUOR STORY" - 60 YEARS OF ST. ANTHONY MUNICIPAL LIQUOR
- \* PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

It's time to make room for all you new holiday gifts by removing some of your old stuff. January is one of the biggest months for garbage collection. But you don't need to trash all of your old stuff just because you no longer want it -- someone else might need it. Here are some options:

**Recycle It** - Many Minnesota manufacturers need your old stuff to make new stuff. For instance, Rock-Tenn in St. Paul and LDI Fibers in Becker take your old boxes and make new boxes and liner board for boxes.

**Donate It** - Goodwill, Salvation Army, Unique Thrift Store, want your reusable clothes, books sporting goods or housewares. Remember these donations are tax deductible.

**Give it Away** - You can also list unwanted items on the Twin Cities Free Market. The Free Market is a listing service for residents who want to give or get free reusable goods for the home, garage and garden.

**Recycle Electronics** - Putting old televisions in our trash is now prohibited. TV's and computer monitors with CRTs have many pounds of lead - a toxic material. You can take your old electronics to Asset Recovery (651) 602-0789 or Retrofit Recycling (651) 766-7422. If the TV or computer is still working you can also take them to a few of the local thrift stores. Be sure to remove all of your personal information off the computer before disposing of them.

Also, remember Spring Clean-Up Day will be held on May 3, 2008. There will be more information regarding this event in the Spring edition of the Village Notes.

After a recent electronics recycling event at the Mall of America was overwhelmed with participants, many residents took advantage of Hennepin County's free services. The county was not affiliated with the MOA event, which was sponsored by a private company. Hennepin County representatives reported that November 17th was the busiest day on record at the county's drop-off facilities. The Bloomington facility had 775 participants - nearly double the old record.

Hennepin County recycles electronics to keep toxic metals out of the trash, save valuable resources and create jobs in Minnesota. In 2006, the county collected 4.5 million pounds of electronics. The consumer electronics recycling program, which began in 1992, removes and reclaims lead, cadmium, scrap metal and other components from the solid waste stream. The county takes electronics free of charge, year-round, from residents at drop-off facilities in Brooklyn Park and Bloomington.

Electronics are disassembled and metals are collected at one of two vendors, Project for Pride in Living Industries in Minneapolis and Asset Recovery Corporation in St. Paul. The remaining parts may be further broken down at processing facilities located in the United States and Canada. Each of these processors has been thoroughly audited to ensure compliance with high environmental standards. The county does not ship electronics overseas for reuse or recycling.

As a result of the new e-waste law, Hennepin and other local units of government have greater opportunities to recycle e-waste. Manufacturers that sell video display devices - televisions, computer monitors, and laptops - are now required to collect and recycle an amount proportional to the weight of their products sold in Minnesota during the previous year. The county is working with the state, the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, manufacturers and recyclers to implement the law.

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