

Village NOTES

"A village in the city"

A Note from the Mayor.....

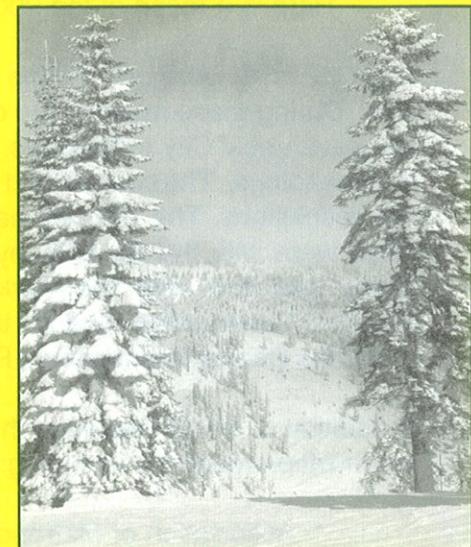
As we began the New Year it is a good time for us to contemplate on the past and see how we can move onward and upward.

I like to reflect on my parents as they were coming of age during the 1930's. It had a profound effect on them and consequently we were the benefactors of their experience. We became conservationists out of necessity and prudence but it did not deter hope or optimism that things were always better than they appeared at first blush. I believe that this "long view" is the tempering approach we must take now in our personal, professional and public life. When we look back at the tumult of the depression, Pearl Harbor attack with World War II, the threat of nuclear holocaust, the baby boom's need for schools, untimely loss of national leaders, market variations, national financial and political scandals, 9/11 and perceived uncertainty – it gives us pause to wonder and think. It is time then to take the "long view" – out of this cacophony of calamity come great achievements and accomplishments. The "Greatest Generation" was able to attend college on the GI bill and become the builders of a nation of international renown in almost every endeavor. We are able to explore space and develop many useful daily products for society. The United States is still the preeminent leader of the world – we have to establish rules and processes to keep people out rather than to keep our people in. The ability to self-actualize one's dreams is still most evident in this country – be that intellectually, entrepreneurial, religiously, politically or artistically. We could debate the merits of some people's pursuits but the fact that we are free to pursue our dream is the most alluring and lasting asset of this nation! So, I encourage all of us to take the "long view" on issues rather than to succumb to the negativity that is so easily pervaded upon us. Pessimism is an easy sell but we need to be wary of its perils. We are the master of our future and we determine our course. It is all about ATTITUDE on how we choose to view the situation: Is the glass half full or half empty? I have and always will be a "half full" attitude person. I would suggest that humankind has achieved more through attitude than aptitude. Give me a person with a good attitude and we'll accomplish more than the best trained minds that are negative.

This brings me to where our City is and where it needs to progress to. Silver Lake Road and the Water Reuse project are essentially completed less the spring planting, painting and final pavement lift. We could all say "let's take a breather"; but we need to be forward thinking when most want to retreat – this is a time of great opportunity and we must seize upon this moment. I recently read of a study, "Soul of the Community"; It "found that a city's offerings for social life, how welcoming residents were to others, education and community aesthetics were the qualities that most inspired loyalty and passion. Initial results show a significant correlation between gross domestic product growth to the emotional connection residents have with their city." I don't think this should surprise any St. Anthony residents that we value our community life, parks, public services, schools, churches and businesses and it pays dividends!

For these reasons, we need to continue our quest of making this community better than when we found it; and in that vein we are looking at upgrading Emerald Park and exploring a self funding mechanism for installing fiber optics to the home. If we don't invest in our future our progeny will be left with a horrendous task. As our parents and forebears did for us - we must do for the future. Now is the time to be calm and forward thinking as the country, state and St. Anthony depend upon our benevolence! Now more than ever we must take the "long view".

My best regards,
Jerry Faust



winter 2009

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

2008 A Year In Review

Here is a recap of the 2008 City Council activities:

The City of St. Anthony Village held 22 regular Council meetings. During these meeting the council approved 82 resolutions and seven new City ordinances. Most of these ordinances had three readings. The council held 13 HRA meetings and approved five resolutions. The Council held 12 worksessions. Three of these were with the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District. There was one with the Parks Commission, one with the Planning Commission, one for the Pandemic Plan review and six for the Capital Improvement Plan and 2009 Budget Planning.

In addition to these meetings, the City Council attended other organization meetings including:

- * Association of Metropolitan Cities
- * North Suburban Cable Commission
- * St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce
- * St. Anthony Community Services Advisory Council
- * Family Services Collaborative
- * Friends of the Library
- * St. Anthony Kiwanis
- * League of Minnesota Cities Board Meetings
- * League of Minnesota Training, Annual Conference and Regional meetings
- * Middle Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
- * National Nite Out
- * Northwest Youth & Family
- * Salo, Finland Delegation Visit
- * Silver Lake Road Open House and Dedication
- * Sister City
- * Sports Boosters
- * Village Fest
- * Vital Aging Council
- * Task Force Meetings

As you can see, the City Council was very busy in 2008. Through all of the City Council's hard work and dedication, St. Anthony has become a better place.

SILVER LAKE ROAD

Silver Lake Road Ribbon Cutting Dedication Ceremony was held on November 17, 2008.



pictured above: Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Stenglein and St. Anthony Mayor Jerry Faust

County staff, St. Anthony City Council and other dignitaries participated in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and a ceremonial drive down Silver Lake Road.

Everyone was invited back to City Hall for cake, cookies and refreshments.

Here are some *"Fast Facts"* regarding the Silver Lake Road Reconstruction Project:

18,859: Tons of Bituminous Pavement was used on the project

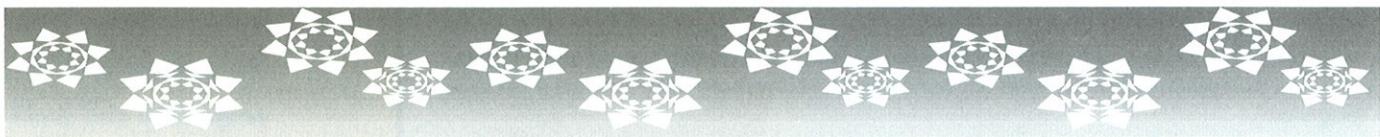
6,192: Feet of Storm Sewer Pipe was installed under ground

16,418: Feet of Watermain and Storm Sewer was replaced and improved the current system

229: New Trees will be planted

78,018: Square feet of New Sidewalk was laid to make walking in the City easier.

Overall, the Silver Lake Road project progressed very smoothly and quickly. The City of St. Anthony appreciates the patience residents demonstrated during the construction period.



THINGS TO WATCH IN 2009

2009 Street Reconstruction * **Reconstruction of Emerald Park**

2008 ELECTION SEASON

The 2008 Presidential General Election was a very busy election. All three precincts experienced high turn-outs. They were as follows:

Hennepin 1

Ballots cast: 1431
New Registrations: 187
Voter Turnout Percentage: 89%

Hennepin 2

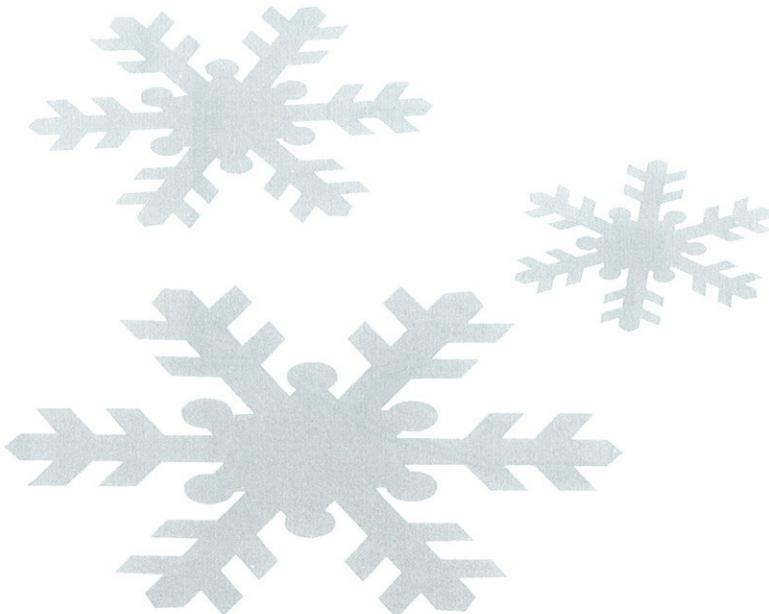
Ballots cast: 2262
New Registrations: 191
Voter Turnout Percentage: 86%

Ramsey 1

Ballots cast: 1791
New Registrations: 506
Voter Turnout Percentage: 75%

Overall, St. Anthony had 5,484 residents vote in the Presidential General Election and 884 new registrations on election day.

St. Anthony conducted their Senatorial Recount on the morning of December 19. There were election judges from both Hennepin precincts and several representatives from both campaigns present. Although the process was very time consuming it went very well. The Ramsey County recount was performed at the Elections Department of Ramsey County. The results of all recounts were matchable to election day totals.



ELECTION THANK YOU'S

The City of St. Anthony would like extend a great big “**thank you**” to Autumn Woods and Chandler Place for allowing polling sites in their facilities. Both facilities were so accommodating and helpful during the election period. Chandler Place provided coffee and snacks throughout the day for voter's and election judges. The City of St. Anthony's staff appreciate the sacrifices these businesses endured during the election event.

The City of St. Anthony would also like to extend a great big “**thank you**” to all of the election judges that worked during the 2008 election season. It was a very busy year with three elections and two recounts. The work of an election judge is truly a democratic act. St. Anthony's staff truly appreciates all of the time and dedication the election judges extend throughout the election season.

Without the supportive businesses and dedicated residents of St. Anthony, the elections process wouldn't be as efficient as they are. **THANK YOU AGAIN!**

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Dog Licenses

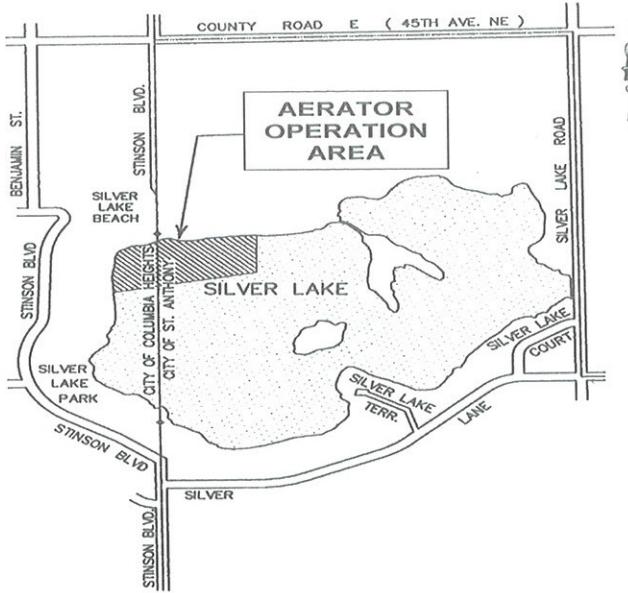
It is that time of year to renew your dog license. All licenses are due for renewal in March. Please stop by City Hall with a copy of your dog's current rabies certificate. The cost is \$12 if your pet has been spade or neutered. Otherwise the cost is \$15. If you have any questions call 612-782-3301.

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 19, 2009.

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 St. Anthony, Minnesota at 612-782-3301.



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.....The owner and occupant of property adjacent to a public sidewalk must use due diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. All ice and snow must be removed within 12 hours after it has deposited.

DID YOU KNOW.....Before residents can have a recreational fire you must first call the St. Anthony Fire Department. You will 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 put in place 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

SAFETY FIRST ~ CenterPoint Energy

1. During winter, snow or ice can build up around or near gas meters, causing potentially dangerous conditions. Although, meter problems due to weather are not common, here are some tips to prevent them:
 - Keep meter area and path to your meter free of snow, leaves and other debris. DO NOT use a shovel or snow blower near the meter.
 - DO NOT attempt to remove ice from the meter yourself. You can use a broom to brush snow away from around and on top of the meter.
 - If there is ice on the meter, or snow or ice formations are visible above or around the meter, call 612-321-5200 or 1-800-722-9326.

STATE LAW REQUIRES CO ALARMS IN MINNESOTA

A new state law requires carbon monoxide (CO) detection devices to be installed in homes within 10 feet of each lawfully used sleeping quarter.

Effective Dates:

Jan. 1, 2007 ~ New Construction
Aug. 1, 2008 ~ Existing Residential Homes
Aug. 1, 2009 ~ Multi-Family with gas furnaces

CO is a poisonous gas that is colorless, odorless, tasteless and non-irritating that is produced while burning fuels such as gasoline, coal, wood, charcoal, kerosene, natural gas, propane, heating oil, and almost any other combustible material. When breathed into the body, CO combines with blood and oxygen absorption, which can cause illness or death. Symptoms mimic the flu and usually begin with a headache. If you suspect CO release or exposure, introduce fresh air immediately and call 911.

To Prevent CO Build Up:

Make sure your fresh air intake(s) is unobstructed.

Have fuel-burning equipment regularly checked by a qualified technician (most manufacturers recommend annual check-ups).

Check frequently for visible signs of problems, such as high indoor humidity, or soot or water collection near a burner or vent.

Call 612-342-4610 in the metro area or toll free 1-800-333-9365 or visit the web site at www.centerpointenergy.com to obtain information about purchasing CO detector/alarm.



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

city information

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.

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 business hours. City crews will be dispatched to assist the property owner in taking care of the situation.

REPORT STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

If you notice a street light out within the City, please call Xcel Energy at (800) 960-9235 to report it or you can download a form at

www1.xcelenergy.com/odl/outagereport

Residents can print this form and fax it to Xcel Energy. Having residents report non-functioning street lights helps St. Anthony stay out of the dark!

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES

The Fire Department would appreciate residents' help in keeping the snow cleared away from pathways and fire hydrants. The accumulation of excess snow blocks the view of responding fire apparatus to fire hydrant locations. Precious time is wasted when firefighters have to look for and uncover fire hydrants. Please help by occasionally shoveling around the fire hydrants, keeping them accessible in case of a fire.

If you have a water or sewer emergency, contact City Hall immediately at 782-3301 during normal business hours. For after hours service contact the fire department at 782-3400. City crews will be dispatched to assess the situation and assist the property owner. Remember, the property owner is responsible for maintaining water or sanitary sewer service from their building up to and including the connection to the main water or sewer lines.

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The winter parking restrictions are as follows:

Residents are not allowed to park on ANY city street for a period of 48 hours, beginning immediately after two (2) inches or more of continuous snow fall or until the snow removal has been completed curb to curb.

**SNOW EMERGENCY HOTLINE
#612-782-3333**

MWMO ACCEPTING GRANTS

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) is now accepting applications for Stewardship Fund Mini Grants up to \$2,000 each. \$20,000 is available each quarter to fund projects that address the following goals:

- 1) To improve water quality or improve water and natural resource management.
- 2) To build community understanding, knowledge, and initiative related to water and natural resource issues and solutions.

Nonprofit organizations, neighborhood groups, schools, local units of government, and business and professional associations are eligible to apply.

Quarterly Deadlines for Mini Grants:

Monday, March 22, 2009, by 3:00 p.m.

Monday, June 22, 2009, by 3:00 p.m.

Monday, September 21, 2009, by 3:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21, 2009, by 3:00 p.m.

For full information about the application process and eligibility, visit the MWMO website at: www.mwmo.org/stewardshipfund.html.

For any questions please contact Nancy Dilts, Grants Specialist, at: ndilts@mwmo.org, or call (651) 287-0948, ext. 208.

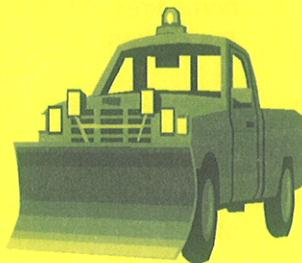
Be a Voice for Your Watershed: Citizen Advisors Needed

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) is seeking citizen advisors from Saint Anthony. This group provides public comment on the MWMO's annual budget, reviews project proposals and participates in strategic planning for the watershed. Being a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee is a great way to learn about your watershed and meet other community-minded people. For questions or more information, please contact: Erica Sniegowski, esniegowski@mwmo.org, (651) 287-0948, ext. 206.



SNOW PLOWING HINTS

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 does not coincide with resident's 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 snowplowing, please call Jay Hartman, Public Works Director at 612-782-3314. Thank you for your understanding regarding these issues.

seasonal spotlights

Winter Fire Safety Information Facts from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety

- In 2006, cooking was the number one cause of home fires; 49 percent of residential fires originated in the kitchen.
- Open flames and heating fires were numbers two and three.
- Most heating fires in Minnesota involve fire places or chimneys.
- The most dangerous place to be, with regard to fire, is in your own home. Three-quarters of fire deaths take place in residences.
- In 2006, 43 percent of home fire deaths took place in homes without working smoke detectors.

Safe Behavior

Your home can be a cozy, warm place to spend the winter, but it can become a nightmare if you don't "watch what you heat!"

- Safety around heating equipment and appliances is an important first step in reducing the threat of fire. Keep children and loose clothing at a safe distance.
- Use a yardstick to measure the distance between heating equipment and combustible material. Unless you have three feet of clearance, you are at risk.
- Always turn off portable heating appliances when leaving home or retiring for the evening. Be sure the fire in the fireplace is out before going to bed.
- Have chimneys, fireplaces and other heating devices inspected by a qualified professional at the start of every heating season.
- Use a sturdy screen or glass closure in front of your fireplace, and burn only clean fireplace wood. Never burn treated lumber.
- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home, including the basement, and test them monthly.
- If you smell gas in your home, contact your local utility company or qualified professional heating contractor and follow their advice.
- Install a residential fire sprinkler system in your home.
- Inspect heat tape before using it. Never thaw frozen pipes with an open flame.

CITIZEN ACADEMY

The St. Anthony Police Department will be hosting a Citizen Police Academy on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. starting March 12 and ending May 30.

Most sessions will end earlier than 10:00 p.m. few will use the entire allotted time. This program is designed to educate community members about the inner working of a police department. This eight-week course will cover such topics as:

- * Patrol Procedures,
- * Property & Personal Crimes
- * Criminal Procedures,
- * DWI/DRE
- * The Use of Force
- * Defensive Tactics
- * Introduction to Firearms
- * Simmunition Shoot
- * DARE
- * Crime Prevention
- * McGruff Houses
- * Police Reserve Unit

The Citizen Police Academy is free of charge. Participants must be at least 21 years old and either work or reside in St. Anthony, Falcon Heights or Lauderdale. Applicants must also submit a background investigation and sign a waiver. For more information or to request an application, please contact Officer Tressa Sunde at 612-782-3371 or via email at Tressa.Sunde@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

CALL 9 - 1 - 1

If you see any suspicious activity happening.

police and fire

612-782-3350
police department (during business hours)

612-782-3400
fire non-emergency

763-525-6220
police after hours

REDUCE WASTE: If Not You, Who?

What does reducing waste mean? When you avoid making garbage in the first place, you don't have to worry about disposing of waste or recycling it later. Changing your habits is key – think about ways you can reduce your waste when you shop, work and play. There's a ton of ways for you to reduce waste, save yourself some time and money, and be good to the environment at the same time.

Did You Know? Each Minnesotan creates over 2000 pounds of garbage each year. Americans throw away enough office paper each year to build a 12-foot high wall stretching from New York to San Francisco. That's 10,000 sheets of paper for each person!

Paper NOR Plastic! Waste reduction is in the bag ~ literally. Looking for an easy way to change the way you shop? Reduce the waste you create when you bring home your purchases.

Do you even need a bag? If you have a handful of items then tell the clerk that you don't need a bag. Why bag that magazine or pack of gum? Toss them into your backpack or purse.

A sturdy cloth bag is a nice investment. You can throw it over your shoulder for hands-free carrying and it won't rip if you catch the door knob or it gets wet. Cram it full of groceries!

If you have to use paper or plastic, pick one you will use again. Many stores do give a rebate of 5 or 10 cent rebate when you "bring back the sack". It's good for the environment and your wallet.

Rent or Borrow Instead of Buying. By renting equipment you can avoid having to purchase items that you may only use a few times. Some of the most commonly rented items are trailers, lawn care equipment, tables and chairs, ladders, power tools, tents and tree trimming equipment. You can also borrow items from friends or family to avoid purchasing.

Example: Rent or borrow items for your family or neighborhood get-together. Churches and schools are great resources for tables and chairs, and tents can be rented from most party rental centers. Renting reusable dishware from banquet halls for events and gatherings can prevent waste from disposable cups, plates, and silverware.

Benefits: Renting items saves you money and time. Plus it can reduce the amount of trash created by these events. Often the rental center will drop off and pick up the items for you.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection~Ramsey County Site

Ramsey County's household hazardous waste (HHW) collection site at Bay West is open year round. From December through March, its hours are Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The site is located near the State Capital at 5 Empire Drive in St. Paul, just north of Pennsylvania Avenue between Rice and Jackson Streets.

There is no fee to dispose of HHW at the collection sites. Collection is open to residents of Ramsey, and Hennepin County. Please bring a picture I.D. Drop off an old mercury thermometer and receive a free digital thermometer in exchange.

Items accepted at Ramsey County HHW collection sites include products labeled poisonous, flammable, or corrosive. Please do not bring empty containers. Examples of accepted items include:

- * aerosol cans (no empty cans)
- * antifreeze
- * batteries
- * fluorescent lights
- * gasoline, kerosene
- * mercury (thermometers, etc)
- * paint (no empty or dry cans)
- * paint stripper, thinner
- * propane tanks
- * used motor oil, used oil filters
- * weed killer, weed and feed
- * wood preservatives

Appliances and electronics are not accepted at the Ramsey County HHW collection sites. Call 651-633-EASY (3279) for information on how to safely dispose of these and other items not listed above. Residents can also access Ramsey County's online A to Z Disposal Guide by going to www.co.ramsey.mn.us, hovering over Health and Environment and clicking on A to Z Disposal Guide.

recycling

**CLEAN WATER, LAND AND LEGACY AMENDMENT PASSED
NOVEMBER 4, 2008
BY THE RICE CREEK WATERSHED**

The residents of Minnesota approved this amendment with 56% of voters voting "yes." How much money will this raise and what will it be used for?

The general sales and use tax is currently 6.5%. The new amendment will increase the tax rate by three-eights of one percentage point (0.375%) to 6.875% and dedicate the additional proceeds as follows:

- 33% Outdoor Heritage Fund - to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for game, fish, and wildlife (approximately \$80 million in FY 2010 and \$91 million in FY 2011*);
- 33% Clean Water Fund - to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater, with at least 5% of the fund spent to protect drinking water sources (approximately \$80 million in FY 2010 and \$91 million in FY 2011*);
- 14.25% Parks and Trails Fund - to support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance (approximately \$35 million in FY 2010 and \$39 million in FY 2011*);
- 19.75% Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund - for arts, arts education, and arts access, and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage (approximately \$48 million in FY 2010 and \$54.5 million in FY 2011*).

* These figures are estimates from the Minnesota Department of Revenue. The total amount of money available from future sales tax receipts can be greatly affected by general economic conditions.

Who will receive this money?

The money dedicated under the constitutional amendment will be appropriated by law and the Legislature will make final funding decisions based on the merits of proposed projects. The dedicated money must supplement traditional funding sources for these purposes and could not be used as a substitute.

**THE RICE CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT**

(RCWD) is seeking applications for membership on its Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) by Friday, January 30, 2009.

**RICE CREEK
WATERSHED
DISTRICT
Dialogue**

The RCWD Board appoints CAC members for 1-year terms. Our CAC meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The District encompasses over 200 square miles of urban and rural land, in parts of Anoka, Ramsey, and Washington Counties and contains 39 lakes and numerous ditches, marshes, wetlands and wildlife areas.

The purpose of the CAC is to advise and assist the managers on all matters affecting the interests of the district and make recommendations to the managers on all contemplated projects and improvements in the district. Members are also asked to keep current on water-related issues in their community and relay this information to the district.

For more information or to request an application please contact the RCWD at (763) 398-3070 or www.ricecreek.org

FREE 2009 WATER QUALITY WALL CALENDARS AVAILABLE!

The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) has complimentary 2009 Calendars available for residents while supplies last. The calendars feature pictures taken within the Rice Creek Watershed District boundaries.

Come pick up your calendar at the RCWD office (located in the "Village of Blaine" shopping center 4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE #611, Blaine, MN 55449 at 35W and Lexington Avenue) or at City Hall.

St. Anthony Village Historical Society *by Barry Tedlund, President*

The St. Anthony Village Historical Society recently learned some "How-To's" on book writing at their annual meeting. The writers of Three Bold Ventures: The History of North Oaks, MN, Joan C. Brainard and Richard E. Leonard spoke about what they learned through the process of writing a historical book about a city. They presented ideas that spurred excitement amongst the crowd to visualize a cornerstone product of the Society's efforts. Tom Heller was also present from Soulo Communications. Tom, a resident of St. Anthony, is the President of Soulo Communications and played a key role in the publishing and creative aspects of the book.

The Society also presented a wish list to Santa for the year of 2009:

- 1 - People with Audio/Visual knowledge - to help with video-taping of the many resident interviews we want (and need) to perform soon. These interviews will be used in writing a history of St. Anthony, to preserve our heritage.
- 2 - Stories from the varied residents (and visitors) of our City's history - we have a good number of interviews completed and quite a number to do on our list. We encourage you to submit your name for our Interview List or submit your story (knowledge of St. Anthony history) to us via mail. Please contact Kim Moore-Sykes at 612-782-3312 if you have a written story to contribute or you want to contribute your story!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

As a resident of St. Anthony, you may be surprised to find the Chamber is the right fit for you. Don't be surprised, we have a number of residents and church members who have chosen to network with the business community in and around your community. This can be a great opportunity to connect with the area business leaders on your needs and wants.

As a Home-Based business or tele-commuter, you will find benefit by networking with those around you in a convenient local setting. As you work from your home, connect with business leaders and business people around your home to grow your business or add to the conveniences you enjoy.

As a business in the St. Anthony area, this is a grand time to join the Chamber to support and be supported through networking, collaboration and the suggestions you can receive from your fellow businesses. We are trying new ideas as we struggle through the difficult times we are facing and by working together much can be gained.

As we all work to endure these more difficult economic times, please remember to support your local businesses. By doing this, your dollars do come back to your community by way of jobs, taxes these businesses pay and the support that your businesses provide to the community and community organizations.

It is a pleasure to be involved with such a great city as St. Anthony!

Tony Fragnito

VITAL AGING COUNCIL NEWS

The Vital Aging Council hosted a Christmas Party for St. Anthony Village senior citizens on Tuesday, December 16. The event attracted 90 senior citizens, which represented the



largest attendance of any Vital Aging Council event. Thanks to capable planning and leadership of co-chairs Kay Bjorke and Kathie Talbot, the Community Center space was decorated by several volunteers from the Vital Aging Council with very festive table clothes and centerpieces. A pasta entree and salad were provided by Marino's Restaurant and were supplemented with very tasty Christmas cookies from favorite recipes of some of our guests. The cold weather of the day caused some problems at St. Anthony High School, which prevented the school ensemble from performing after lunch, but Sue Malenick graciously filled in



and provided very enjoyable harp music. Besides Kay and Kathie, considerable assistance was provided by the Community Services staff, particularly Wendy Webster and Joady Tombarge. Many Vital Aging Council members also volunteered their time and effort to the event.

Seniors were asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the party. The response was very good, as 92 pounds of food items were collected and taken to the Northeast Emergency Depot food shelf, which serves northeast Minneapolis and St. Anthony Village.

Senior citizens from St. Anthony Village are encouraged to participate in Vital Aging Council monthly meetings. Meetings are held at the Community Center (in the Council Chambers) once a month from 1:45 pm - 3:00 pm. On Monday, January 12, the program will focus on hearing loss in seniors, with the option of having a free hearing test at a later date. Dates of future VAC meetings are February 9, March 16, April 20, and May 18. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The City of St. Anthony website is www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us. It is filled with a lot of useful information. Checkout the site!!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January

- 13.....City Council Meeting
- 19.....City Offices Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- 20.....Planning Commission Meeting
- 27.....City Council Meeting

February

- 10.....City Council Meeting
- 16.....City Offices Closed - President's Day
- 17.....Planning Commission Meeting
- 24.....City Council Meeting

March

- 9.....Park Commission Meeting
- 10.....City Council Meeting
- 17.....Planning Commission
- 24.....City Council Meeting
- 31.....Joint Meeting with School Board



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