

# Village

*"A village in the city"*

# NOTES

## *Note from the Mayor*

Dear Residents,

The city council and I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year! Even though I personally do not make New Year's resolutions, I still reflect on what I did last year and strive to improve on my short comings. All of us have areas where we can improve upon both professionally and personally and the sign of an intellectually honest person is one who can evaluate their performance and frankly review themselves factually.

In most cases we face an annual performance review from our employer and even though these can be stressful we should look forward to the opportunity of having an unvarnished look at ourselves. If we were all perfect – well let's just say even the best of us could use some critical evaluation. This brings me to the crux of our city. What have we done well and what needs improving upon. Internally that happens with the staff via the city manager and the council gives guidance to the city manager. The council receives its review via elections and personal feedback while we move throughout the community.

We reaffirm ourselves to doing better this year than last. An affirmation can be powerful thing when used positively. It allows us to refocus our energies on productive thoughts and actions versus unhelpful behaviors and motivations. Rather than looking at each item through a prism of negativity, we can aspire to look at the possibilities of a different view and approach. By doing this we can grow both rationally and spiritually prosper from that insight. We don't have to subscribe to a change of mind or heart, but just be open to the possibilities of potentially learning something new or at the very least looking at it from a different perspective. There is an old saying that one "should walk a mile in my moccasins". Only then can we move forward and thrive in the New Year.

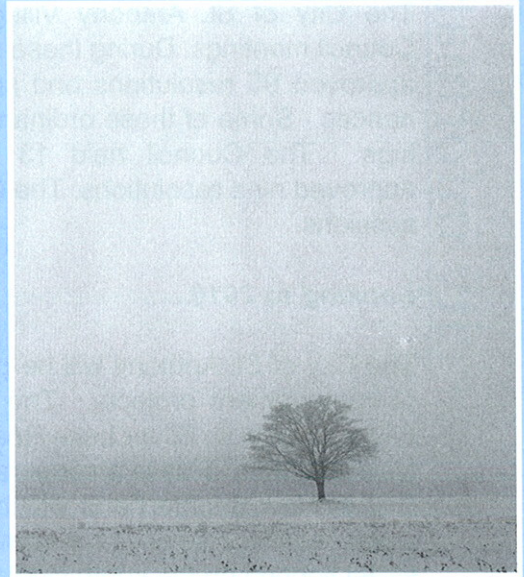
Congratulations to Council member Jan Jenson on his election to the city council and to Council member Randy Stille's re-election, this is an affirmation of the people's choice. Their backgrounds will continue to enhance the goals and will of the residents and through their professional experiences they will add value to the city's future endeavors.

We publically applaud and acknowledge retiring Council member Brian Thuesen for his 12 years of loyal dedication to the City of St. Anthony. He has had only one goal throughout his tenure and that was "doing right by the entire city!" Thank you Brian!

In spite of the turmoil of this last year the city is continuing to provide the services to the community that it has come to expect and request. We will continue with our infrastructure revitalization through our road, sewer, water and sidewalk improvements in 2010. Our financial condition is strong and that is evidenced by our bond rating and low interest rates on capital improvements. The city continues to provide impeccable service in our response times by police, fire and public works. We invest in these services and we get what we pay for!

We look forward to this coming year and pledge to keep St. Anthony that special place that all others strive to emulate. The council and staff encourage you to continue sharing your ideas with us throughout the year, as your input is valuable to our collective decision making process.

My best regards,  
Jerry Faust



*winter 2010*

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



## 2009 A Year in Review

Here is a recap of the 2009 City Council activities:

The City of St. Anthony Village held 22 regular Council meetings. During these meetings, the Council approved 95 resolutions and seven new City ordinances. Some of these ordinances had three readings. The Council held 13 HRA meetings and approved nine resolutions. The Council held 8 work-sessions.

### Looking to 2010.....

The City of St. Anthony will be participating in several improvement projects. The first project will be Silver Lane from Silver Lake Road to 16th Avenue in New Brighton. This is a cooperative project with the City of New Brighton and will include replacing the water, sanitary sewer and some storm sewer and street lighting on the south side of the road. This will improve safety for pedestrians.

The second improvement project is on Highcrest Road from 27th Avenue to 33rd Avenue and Old Highway 8 from 33rd Avenue to CSAH 88. This is a cooperative project with the City of Roseville and is anticipated to begin next summer.

The City will also be constructing new sidewalks and street lighting on Silver Lane from Stinson Blvd. to Silver Lake Road. Construction is expected to begin spring of 2010.

Watch the spring newsletter for more information!

### City Meetings

The **City Council** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The **Planning Commission** meets the third Tuesday of the month.

The **Parks Commission** meets quarterly on the second Monday of the month.

## Municipal General Election Results

On November 3, 2009, The City of St. Anthony and the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District #282 held their Municipal General Election. The results of the election are as follows:

### City Council

Randy Stille	1202
Jan Jenson	1057
Basil Joseph	472
John Prokopiuk	485

### School District #282

Leah Slye	1202
Dave Evans	1084
Barry Kinsey	1079
Kelly Everhart	765
Sandor Miko	656

*Overall the voter turn out was 33.62%.*

Thank you to Autumn Woods and Chandler Place for allowing polling sites in their facilities. Both facilities were so accommodating and helpful on election day. The City of St. Anthony appreciates the sacrifices these businesses endured during elections.

The City of St. Anthony would also like to extend a thank you to all the election judges that worked during the 2009 election season. The City of St. Anthony appreciates all the time and dedication the election judges demonstrate during the election season!

The 2010 Election season will have some changes. In October 2009, President Obama signed the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. This law requires absentee ballots for members of the armed forces and persons residing overseas be mailed out no later than 45 days before election day. This law will directly affect the upcoming State Primary. Most likely the date of the State Primary will be moved to the second Tuesday in August or August 10. Watch for more information in the spring newsletter.

If you are interested in being an election judge for the 2010 election you can download an application off the website or stop by City Hall and pick up one.



## St. Anthony Implements Water Conservation Rates:

Beginning in 2010, Minnesota State Law requires the suppliers of public water serving more than 1,000 customers to implement a conservation rate structure that provides households and businesses with a financial incentive to use less water.

The City Council and Staff completed their evaluation and analysis of how to implement a tiered water rate structure. The goal in the process is to promote the conservation of water for non-essential purposes such as irrigation and to impact residential, commercial and multi-family users equally.

The 2010 residential tiered rate structure is as follows:

0 – 7,500 gallons	\$2.60 per 1,000 gallons
7,500 – 15,000 gallons	\$2.73 per 1,000 gallons
15,000 – 22,500 gallons	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
22,500 – 30,000 gallons	\$3.45 per 1,000 gallons
Above 30,000 gallons	\$4.32 per 1,000 gallons
(Minimum Bill = 7,500 Gallons)	

A comparison of a typical water bill using tiered water rates looks like this:

		2009*	2010**
Consumption – 1st Quarter	15,557 Gallons	\$ 40.45	\$ 41.65
Consumption – 2nd Quarter	21,765 Gallons	\$ 56.59	\$ 60.27
Consumption – 3rd Quarter	34,001 Gallons	\$ 88.40	\$105.63
Consumption – 4th Quarter	16,660 Gallons	<u>\$ 43.32</u>	<u>\$ 44.96</u>
	Total	\$228.76	\$252.51

\*Flat rate of \$2.60 per 1,000 Gallons.

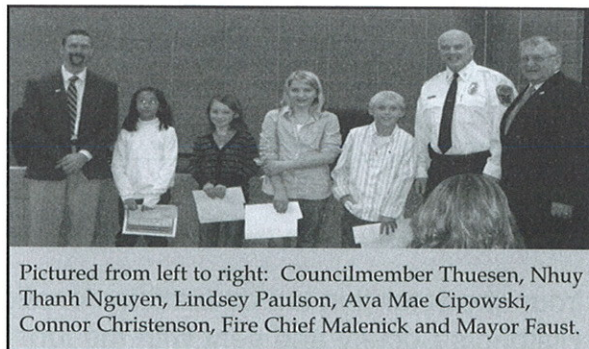
\*\*If no conservation of water occurs, the annual cost for water would increase \$23.75 or 10.4%.

If you would like to find out more information on ways to conserve the use of this precious resource, go to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources web-site <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/water> and click on DNR Division of Waters, Key Topics and Water Conservation.

### 2009 Fire Safety Poster Contest Winners

The St. Anthony City Council presented awards to the 2009 Fire Safety Poster Contest Winners at their December 8th City Council meeting. The winners are as follows:

- 1st Place - Connor Christenson, 5th Grade
- 2nd Place - Ava Mae Cipowski, 5th Grade
- 3rd Place - Lindsey Paulson, 4th Grade
- 4th Place - Nhuy Thanh Nguyen, 4th Grade



Pictured from left to right: Councilmember Thuesen, Nhuy Thanh Nguyen, Lindsey Paulson, Ava Mae Cipowski, Connor Christenson, Fire Chief Malenick and Mayor Faust.

## St. Anthony Village Historical Society

2009 Annual Meeting Program was Monday, November 16 in the City Council Chambers.

Dan Ramberg and his cousin, Karen Abraham talked about growing up in St. Anthony in the 1940's and 50's." Life in the Village during their childhood was quite rural – development was just around the corner. They showed photos of the town with open farmland and few trees. Dan's family owned two acres at 29th and Silver Lake Rd where their home had a pasture and horse barn. They talked about school life, pranks and activities such as tobogganing down the hill where Armour Terrace is now and being drawn back up the hill by horses. Dan entertained the crowd describing how he taught himself to ride standing up on horses – three at a time, Roman style - and to carry Karen on his shoulders. They did this on Saturday mornings without their parents' knowledge – the parents were grocery shopping at that time. One Saturday they were discovered and after a disciplinary time in his room, Dan convinced his folks he could do Roman Riding and showed them. Thereafter, his parents and relatives were his biggest supporters. At the close of the program, Dan and Karen showed a video of the Roman Riding act they developed and performed in rodeos all over the country. To see the video online, check out the web site for Dan's stables in the Hugo area at [www.woodlochstable.com](http://www.woodlochstable.com).

We are excited about the progress on the Village history being written by Gail Olson. Our project involves producing the first book on the history of the Village – a corner stone remnant of St. Anthony Township. It will be a lasting compilation of memories from early residents for the generations that have built this city from before its incorporation in 1945 to present. The first section of the book will present a lively narrative about the rural-urban tensions and relationships with Minneapolis before the City was incorporated as well as a close look at the economic and social impacts of the 1984 tornado. The second part includes the four churches in the City, the schools, civic organizations, fire and police departments, and other groups in the community.

Advanced book orders are being taken now. Donations are also sought. You are encouraged to do both using the form below and sending it to City Hall for the SAV Historical Society.

### ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE HISTORY BOOK PUBLICATION PROJECT DONATION / PLEDGE AND ADVANCED BOOK ORDER FORM

Yes: enclosed is a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: May 2010, I/we will we \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: We/I want to order \_\_\_\_\_ books (orders for 3 or more books \$20 each - send no money now.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Organizations - please include name of contact person)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your check for this tax-deductible donation should be made payable to the St. Anthony Village Historical Society and sent with the form to the St. Anthony Village Historical Society, 3301 Silver Lake Rd. NE, St. Anthony, MN 55418.





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

## 2010 CENSUS

### *What is the census?*

The census is a count of all residents in the United States. The U.S. Census is taken every 10 years. The census is required by the U.S. Constitution.

### *Why do we count residents?*

The census determines representation in the U.S. Congress. Minnesota currently has eight Congressional Representatives. The 2010 census will determine how many Congressional Representatives we have in the next decade.

### *When is the census?*

The 2010 census will take place on April 1, 2010. Questionnaires will be sent to every address in the nation. Local governments have been working with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure that all addresses are included.

### *How does the U.S. Census Bureau count us?*

Questionnaires will be mailed one to three weeks before Census Day: April 1, 2010. Residents complete the questionnaire and mail it back to the U.S. Census Bureau.

### *Will my information be safe and remain confidential?*

Yes. The accuracy of the census depends on your cooperation and trust and the U.S. Census Bureau promises to protect the confidentiality of your information. For more information, see the U.S. Census Bureau's data protection and online privacy policy.

Find more information at [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov)

SENIORS

### VALENTINE'S PARTY

Bingo! Refreshments!

Friday, February 5

1:30-3:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Community Center

Admission: \$1.00 at the door

Call 612-706-1166 for your reservation.

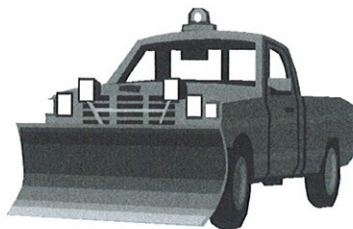
Please bring a signed Valentine and we will deliver it to the Veteran's Hospital in time for Valentines Day!





## 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 snowplows. 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;
- \* When shoveling, pile snow downstream of the plowing operation to minimize snow left in your driveway from the plow;
- \* Stay back when driving behind plow trucks.

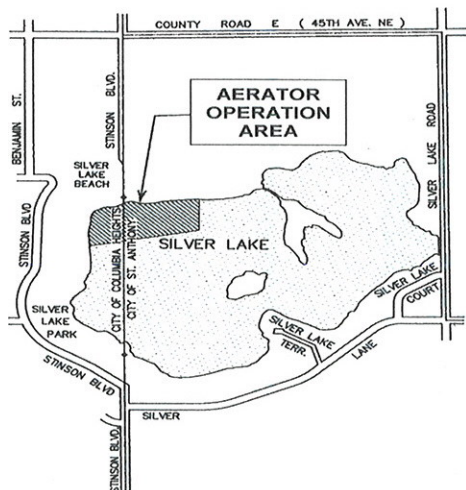
With your cooperation, we can be more efficient and have the roads cleared in very little time. Call Jay Hartman, Public Works Director at 612-782-3314 with questions on our snowplowing procedures. Thank you for your understanding regarding these issues.

## 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 at 612-782-3301.



## REPORT STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

If you notice a street light out within the City, you can call Xcel Energy at (800) 960-6235 to report it or you can download a form at:

[www1.xcelenergy.com/odl/outagereport/](http://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!

## WINTER PARKING REMINDER

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

## GOING AWAY THIS WINTER?

Plan to be away for an extended period of time this winter? Before leaving, contact the utility billing department at 612-782-3318 and the St. Anthony Police Department at 612-782-3350.



## WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES

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.



### ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

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's 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.

## Outdoor Ice Rinks

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

\* **Central Park Pavilion**  
3401 Silver Lake Road

\* **Silver Point Park**  
3010 - 29th Avenue



Both 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.

Note that **Emerald Park** will NOT have skating this winter due to the redevelopment of the park. The park will open spring of 2010 for all activities.

### January

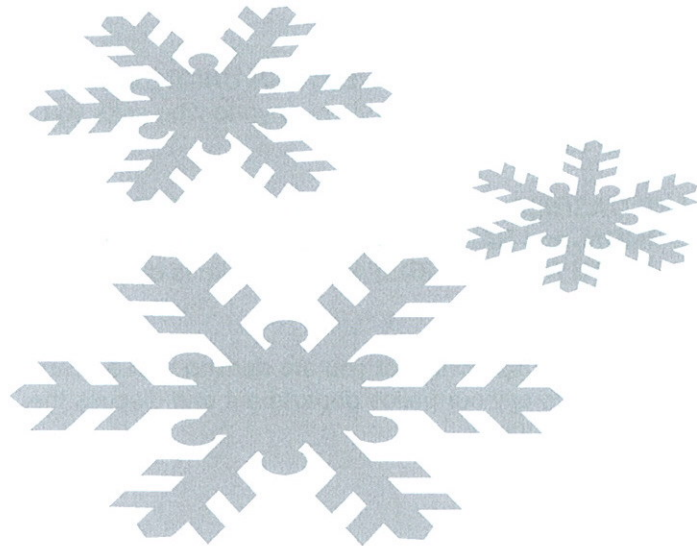
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 18 Holiday - Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 26 City Council Meeting

### February

- 2 State Precinct Caucus
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 15 Holiday- President's Day
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 City Council Meeting

### March

- 8 Park Commission Meeting
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 City Council Meeting
- 30 Joint Meeting with ISD #282





## FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY

The St. Anthony Police Department has seen a recent rash of fraudulent activity regarding "Advance Fee Fraud", otherwise known as a "419 Scam". The scam is named after Article 419 of the Nigerian Criminal Code because it originated in Nigeria in the early 1980's. The scam usually involves people receiving either an email or a letter on what appears to be official letterhead. The letter/email may say that "You've won a foreign lottery" or sweepstakes and foreign taxes need to be paid in order for you to receive your prize. The scam artists actually send you a check for more than you need to pay and ask you to wire the money via a money transfer service, commonly Western Union. The extra is "Yours to keep" to cover any fees you have for the wire transfer. They ask you to deposit the check in your bank account and quickly send the wire transfer as time is of the essence. The check is fraudulent, but you don't find this out until after the check gets routed to the issuing bank and long after you've wired the money. I hate to say it, but the old adage fits quite well; if it sounds too good to be true.....

Another issue we have seen more recently revolves around Craigslist postings for "Rooms for rent". It has some similarities to the 419 scams. With our proximity to the University of Minnesota and other colleges, many prospective students look for housing in advance of the school season. Homeowners and other students post advertisements on Craigslist stating that they have a room for rent. A prospective student, claiming to be from a foreign country, contacts the poster stating that they intend to rent the room sight unseen. They send you a check to cover the first couple of month's rent as well as extra money for a vehicle or living expenses. They ask you to deposit the check and wire extra money to their "agent" in the United States. As with the first example, the check turns out to be worthless.

Craigslist and other similar sites state clearly that attempted fraud is common and give you simple guidelines to follow to limit your chances of becoming a victim. I'll quote directly from Craigslist's site:

- **DEAL LOCALLY WITH FOLKS YOU CAN MEET IN PERSON** - follow this one simple rule and you will avoid 99% of the scam attempts on craigslist.
- **NEVER WIRE FUNDS VIA WESTERN UNION, MONEY GRAM** or any other wire service - anyone who asks you to do so is a scammer.
- **FAKE CASHIER CHECKS & MONEY ORDERS ARE COMMON**, and **BANKS WILL CASH THEM AND THEN HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE** when the fake is discovered weeks later.

If you have any suspicions that you are dealing with a scam artist, feel free to call our police department and discuss the situation with an officer.

## NIXLE by Officer Mark Mosby

The ever-expanding information age has ushered in several new advancements for the Law Enforcement community. Many of you are aware of Twitter and what it's used for. Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read messages known as tweets. Anyone can open a Twitter account and share whatever is on their mind and these mini messages get sent to whoever subscribes to that person's Twitter feed.

Law Enforcement has its own version of Twitter called Nixle. Our agency joined Nixle in an effort to keep our citizen's informed of up to the minute issues and alerts. Nixle is free for people to join. Go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and register with your address. You can select which messages you would like to receive as well as how you want to receive them. Nixle can send messages via email and/or text messages on your cellular phone. Our department can send messages about traffic reports, community information, advisories or urgent alerts. We can also select different geographical areas to send messages to as well, so recipients will only receive information pertinent to them. Once you register with Nixle using your home address, you can enter other addresses to keep up to date with information near your work, your child's school, etc. You can also sign up to receive information/alerts from neighboring communities or counties. We are in the early stages and urge you to get on board with us.

As some of you may know, our department has a list-serve (electronic mailing list) that sends email alerts to citizens who have registered. This function is limited to sending messages to the registered email addresses only with no ability to set geographical parameters. With Nixle, we can send messages to cell phones as well as direct information to particular areas. We will continue to operate both functions for some time, but envision transitioning completely to Nixle in the future. Nixle is a much more flexible and powerful application that will keep you "in the know".

CALL 9-1-1

*If you see any suspicious activity happening.*

POLICE

612-782-3350

police department (during business hours)

POLICE AFTER HOURS

763-525-6220



Thirty minutes a day of moderate physical activity is the recommended amount that we should all target. Whether it is a brisk walk or even some social dancing, research has shown that physical activity does a body good. Now that the snow season is upon us, that recommended 30 minutes can easily be met by going out and shoveling off our sidewalks and driveways. But this type of physical activity does have some caution associated with it and it is tied to your heart.

Heart attacks triggered by snow shoveling are quite common, particularly among people over the age 55 who don't regularly exercise or who are unaware that they have heart disease. But there are some simple measures that you can take to assist in the prevention of having a heart attack.

- Give yourself and your body time to wake up and warm up. Most heart attacks occur early in the morning because blood is more prone to clotting after you have been sleeping.
- Avoid Caffeine/Nicotine 1 hour before and after shoveling since these stimulants can increase your heart rate and cause your blood vessels to narrow, which puts extra stress on your heart.
- Start out easy and take frequent breaks. The effort of picking up heavy snow increases blood pressure.
- Wear the appropriate clothing. You should layer clothing so you can remove the top layer if you are feeling overheated.
- Sometimes shoveling needs to be done in extreme cold. Combining extreme cold with the exertion of shoveling can play havoc with your heart. Dress warm and go slow.
- Pick the right shovel for you. A smaller blade will require you to lift less snow, putting less strain on your body.
- If you eat prior to shoveling, eat a light meal. A large meal in your stomach mixed with strenuous work can strain your heart.
- Listen and respect what your body tells you. Chest tightness or pain, difficulty breathing, or dizziness are all signs that you need to stop immediately. If things do not improve then call 911 or head to an emergency room.

Remember to take it slow, avoid overexertion and enjoy the season. It is that time of year after all when we are supposed to make family memories in the living room and not in the emergency room.

# WINTER



## WAYS TO CUT BACK ON SALT FOR HEALTHIER LAKES AND RIVERS

Just like hats and gloves, snow and ice are part of Minnesota winters. While fun for skiing and skating, snow and ice also make our sidewalks and driveways slippery. How we control snow and ice on driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and roads affects water quality in our rivers and lakes. Salt pollutes our water, and it doesn't take much—as little as one teaspoon contaminates five gallons of water! When salt dissolves it becomes invisible, but it does not disappear. Instead, when snow and ice melt, the water flows into stormdrains, washing everything down the drain directly into Silver Lake and the Mississippi River. Before you grab a bag of salt this winter, consider the following:

- \* Always shovel or plow first. Removing snow buildup allows you to use less salt, and it is more effective.
- \* Labels can be misleading. All salt (and other deicing) products have environmental impacts.
- \* Do not mix sand and salt; they do different things and actually work against each other. Salt melts ice, and sand provides temporary traction on slippery surfaces. Unless it is swept up later, sand can also pollute our rivers and lakes.
- \* Rock salt (NaCl) only works when the pavement temperature is above 15 F. Calcium and magnesium chloride work better at lower temperatures.

If you hire out snow removal on your property, choose a contractor who is certified by the state in Snow and Ice Control Best Practices or encourage them to become certified. A link to a list of certified contractors may be found at [www.mwmo.org/certifiedcontractors.html](http://www.mwmo.org/certifiedcontractors.html).

If you want more information on this topic or wish to host a workshop for homeowners on snow and ice removal, contact the MWMO at 612-465-8780 for details.

*~This article was brought to you by the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization*



### **Notice of Annual Public Information Meeting Rice Creek Watershed**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Public Information Meeting on the District's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 during the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Shoreview City Hall Council Chambers, 4600 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, Minnesota. The purpose of this meeting is to receive comments and respond to questions regarding the District's SWPPP. Interested parties will have an opportunity to provide oral or written input on the Best Management Practices (BMPs) being utilized by the District. The District's SWPPP can be reviewed on the District's website [www.rice-creek.org](http://www.rice-creek.org) or a copy is available for review at the District office. For questions regarding the meeting, contact Kyle Axtell, Water Resource Specialist, 763-398-3072

### **2010 WATER QUALITY WALL CALENDARS AVAILABLE!**

The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) has complimentary 2010 calendars available for residents while supplies last. The calendars feature pictures taken within the Rice Creek Watershed District boundaries.

You can pick up a free calendar at St. Anthony City Hall.



## 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.

Items accepted at Ramsey County HHW collection sites include:

### ***Automotive***

fuels, brake fluids, gasoline, used oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries

### ***Home Improvement***

paint, thinners, solvents, adhesives, fluorescent bulbs & tubes, driveway sealants, wood preservatives, wood stains, lead paint chips, aerosol cans

### ***Cleaning Products***

acids and other corrosive products, drain opener, oven cleaner

### ***Lawn & Garden Chemicals***

weed killers, insecticides, rodent poisons

### ***Oil & Oil Filters***

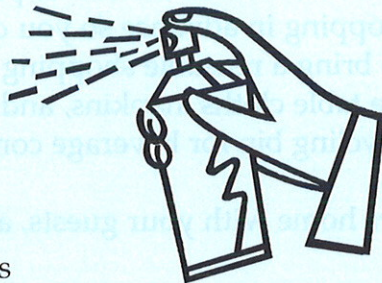
keep oil separate from other fluids

### ***Recreational Products***

batteries, pool chemicals, propane tanks, gas cylinders

### ***Items containing Mercury***

fever thermometers, switches, thermostats, vapor lamps



### ***Tips for Safe Storage & Transport***

- \* Keep the product in its original container.
- \* Make sure the container is tightly sealed and clearly marked.
- \* Store as directed on the label in an area away from children and pets.
- \* To avoid spills, transport bottles and cans upright and in a single layer.
- \* Transport leaking or loose products inside a larger leak-proof container with rigid sides. No garbage bags.
- \* Never mix or combine chemicals!
- \* Transport products in a bag, box or tote in the trunk or rear of your vehicle.
- \* Bundle fluorescent tubes with rubber bands, no tape.
- \* Reuse oil, antifreeze, and gas containers by asking collection staff to return your container.

If you have any questions, call the Ramsey County Recycling & Disposal Hotline at 651-633-EASY (3279).



## No-Waste Holidays ~

recycling

### Facts:

- \* From Thanksgiving to New Year's Americans generate 25% more trash than any other time of the year. That equals an extra 1 million tons per week or the weight of 25,000 fully loaded semi-trucks!
- \* The amount of discarded ribbon each year is enough to tie a bow around the Earth!
- \* If each person wrapped just 3 gifts in reusable bags, the paper saved would cover 45,000 football fields!

### No-Waste Gift Ideas:

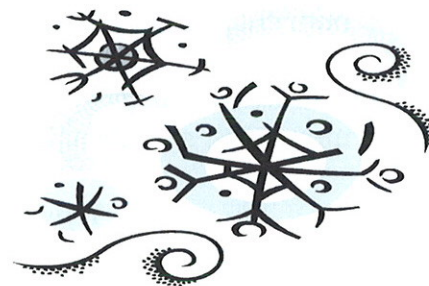
1. Use and reuse gift bags and decorative gift boxes.
2. Wrap gifts in the comics section of the Sunday newspaper and recycle it afterwards.
3. Turn old holiday cards or paper grocery bags into creative gift tags.
4. Think of gifts that don't have to be wrapped, like gift certificates, baked goods, and plants.
5. Tie a bow around larger gifts and hid them until it's gift-giving time.

### No-Waste Party Ideas:

1. Send out e-mail invitations instead of print ones (search for "free electronic invitations".)
2. Plan your shopping in advance so you don't make several trips to the same store. And remember to bring a reusable shopping bag!
3. Use washable table cloths, napkins, and place settings instead of disposable ones.
4. Provide a recycling bin for beverage containers next to the garbage can and remind guests to recycle.
5. Send leftovers home with your guests, and compost food scraps if you have a backyard compost bin.

### Website Resources:

[www.reduce.org](http://www.reduce.org)  
[www.newdream.org/holiday](http://www.newdream.org/holiday)  
[www.informinc.org/greener\\_holiday.php](http://www.informinc.org/greener_holiday.php)



The City of St. Anthony website is [www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us). It is filled with a lot of useful information. Checkout the site!!

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