

Village NOTES

"A village in the city"



winter 2012

Note from the Mayor

As we commence a new year, I would like to highlight some of our most recent activities in the city.

First, the election judges conducted another election cycle with stellar performance of their duties and require to be recognized and commended for their dedication. It is what makes a democracy work! Those of us re-elected are grateful for the opportunity to continue serving St. Anthony and we thank you for that vote of confidence.

The acceptance ceremony of the Veterans Memorial at 11:00 AM on November 11th, 2011 at Silver Lake Road and 35th Avenue was a solemn event. This has been a project in the hearts of residents for a number of years and through their persistence and diligence it has been achieved. Special thanks needs to go to that committee of Dan Ganley, George Wagner, Sue Holten and Jim McGovern. It was primarily funded through the St. Anthony Kiwanis with major donations from Mr. & Mrs. Hobie Swan, the McReavy family and Lions Club. Thank you all for a lasting tribute for all the veterans and all those who support them.

We also hired a new City Manager, effective December 12, Mr. Mark Casey. He previously served as City Administrator of the City of Annandale for the past 7 years. Mark has 24 years of local government service and is equipped with a Master's degree.

The process for hiring a city manager was facilitated by Springsted Inc. and garnered 75 applicants for the position. This speaks well for the reputation of St Anthony. The council's number one goal was to find the best candidate for the City of St. Anthony that fits the culture and values of the residents, council and staff. The council conducted several screenings to narrow the field of applicants, then followed with interviews by the city council and an assessment with city department heads. Ultimately the final decision rested with the council and we are convinced that Mr. Casey meets those standards and will fit the character of our city. Mark's research of St. Anthony was thorough and complete, he has not applied for other positions capriciously but selected St. Anthony as a place to pursue not only for his professional career but his personal future. The council and Mark feel that this will be a long relationship that will benefit both the city and his professional objectives. Mark's depth and breadth of experience prepare him well for immersion in the city's cultural and vast array of responsibilities. To that end I would invite you to introduce yourselves to Mark and join me in welcoming him to St. Anthony. Please join us for an open house to meet Mark from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on January 17th, 2012 at City Hall.

Jay Hartman needs to be lauded for his efforts as interim city manager. He did that job very well in conjunction with his duties as Public Works Director and kept the city moving forward throughout the period. He will provide Mark with valuable insight and support as time moves forward. Thank you Jay for your total dedication and commitment to the City of St. Anthony!

Again, we have the opportunity for a new beginning and a renewed vigor to do what is in the best interest of St. Anthony. Let us continue this culture of community progress together.

My best regards,
Jerry Faust

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

Radar Activated Lighted Stop Signs



A new innovation in traffic calming has arrived in St. Anthony. Look for new LED lit stop signs at 29th Ave NE and Crestview Drive. This innovative technology is designed as a dramatic attention-getting device to alert approaching motorists to come to a full stop before proceeding through the intersection. Radar units trigger the activation of a LED pattern of lights around the stop sign as an automobile approaches Crestview Drive along 29th Ave NE. This traffic safety solution is high-tech in nature and research has shown it to be an effective traffic calming device.

2011 General Election Results

The results of the Municipal General Election are:

<u>Mayor</u>		<u>City Council</u>	
Jerry Faust	863	Hal Gray	807
Todd Roepke	298	Jim Roth	792
		Steffanie Roepke	428

The City of St. Anthony wishes to thank all of the election judges who worked in the 2011 General Election. We appreciate all their hard work and dedication during the election season. Our elections would not run as smoothly and efficiently without them.

The City would also like to thank Autumn Woods and Chandler Place for allowing polling sites in their facilities. Both facilities were very accommodating and helpful on election day. The City of St. Anthony is very fortunate to have facilities such as these and truly appreciates the sacrifices they endured during election day.

In 2012, a Primary Election will be held on August 14th and the Presidential Election on November 6th. Watch for more information in the upcoming newsletters.

If you are interested in becoming an election judge for the 2012 Election season, you can download an application from the City's website or stop by City Hall and pick one up.



2011 A Year in Review

Here is a recap of the 2011 City Council activities:

In 2011, the City of St. Anthony Village held 22 City Council Meetings and, during these meetings, the City Council approved 84 resolutions and six City Ordinances. In addition, the City Council held 14 Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Meetings and approved five HRA Resolutions. The City Council also had several work sessions and joint meetings with the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District #282.



Looking to 2012.....

The City of St. Anthony will be conducting their annual street improvement project. The 2012 project consists of:

* **Belden Drive**

(from 34th Ave. NE to 36th Ave. NE)

* **Coolidge Street**

(from 34th Ave. NE to 36th Ave. NE)

* **35th Avenue**

(from Harding to Belden Dr.)

The project will consist of reconstruction of the street with bituminous paving and concrete curb and gutter. The project also includes replacing the water main and sanitary sewer main, installation of the new storm mains and new storm sewer catch basins.

The project reconstruction will be completed, including the first lift of bituminous and all restoration items, in 2012. The final lift of bituminous will be installed in June of 2013.

Watch in the upcoming spring newsletter for more information!



St. Anthony New Brighton Endowment Foundation Seeks Donations for Mondati Match

Mr. John Mondati, a former resident of St. Anthony, did not have children, but cherished the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District. He believed the schools provided excellent educational opportunities for its students and wanted to help create a long-term funding source to ensure those programs continued. Mondati left a matching pledge of \$100,000 to the St. Anthony New Brighton Endowment Foundation with the condition that it be matched within three years. The Foundation received Mr. Mondati's \$100,000 in November 2010; therefore, matching funds or pledges need to be secured by November 2013. Thus far, the Foundation has raised approximately \$25,000 in funds and pledges.

When the intent of Mr. Mondati's pledge has been fulfilled and an additional \$75,000 has been raised, the funds will be invested and the income will be used to ensure and enhance valuable programs that might otherwise be discontinued because of decreased funding from the state and other sources. These include activities, the arts, or academic enrichment programs. To learn more about the Endowment Foundation or to contribute to this match, contact Leah Slye, Foundation Chair, at 612-781-3982 or visit www.stanthony.k12.mn.us/foundation.

Veterans' Memorial Announcement Ceremony

On November 11, 2011, at 11 am the Veterans' Memorial was unveiled. This memorial is located east of Silver Lake Road between the Central Park parking lot entrances. Several dignitaries of various levels, residents, and Veterans' participated in this wonderful event.



St. Anthony Introduces New City Manager, Mark Casey

Mark Casey previously served as the City Administrator for the City of Annandale, Minnesota. Annandale (population of 3,228) is located approximately 45 miles west of the Twin Cities. During his tenure of seven years, Annandale experienced steady commercial and residential growth along with construction of a new fire hall, water treatment plant, public works facility, numerous street & utility reconstructions and a shared wastewater treatment plant. Prior to being City Administrator, Mark served as the Director of Community Education for both the Annandale and Maple Lake school districts for nine years. Mark has also worked for the City of Faribault, Saint Peter and Columbia Heights. Mark was born in Iowa, grew up mostly in Stillwater and graduated from the University of Minnesota. Mark's wife Lori teaches English as a Second Language for the Annandale School District. Mark and Lori have been married for twenty-four years and have three sons - Alex (senior at the U of M), Adam (sophomore at the U of M) and Michael (senior at Annandale High School). Welcome Mark, to the City of St. Anthony.



2011 Fire Safety Poster Contest Winners

The St. Anthony City Council recognized the 2011 Fire Safety Poster Contest winners at their December 13th City Council meeting. The winners are as follows:

1st Place

Elli Carlson

Fourth Grade Wilshire Park



2nd Place

Kate Sandage

Fifth Grade Wilshire Park



3rd Place

Sophia White

Fifth Grade Wilshire Park



4th Place

Hanna Wilke

Fifth Grade Wilshire Park



Congratulations to all the winners and we hope you continue on with your fire safety!

Join us in welcoming City Manager Mark Casey at a
**"Meet & Greet" Open House on
 January 17th from 4 pm to 6 pm**
 in the St. Anthony Council Chambers.

Take advantage of this opportunity
 to meet your new City
 Manager.

**Valentine Party
Bingo! Refreshments!
Monday, February 13
1:30-3:00 p.m.
St. Anthony
Community Center
\$3.00**

**Paying in advance will
reserve your seat.**

**Tickets will also be sold
at the door
until capacity is met.**

Space is limited!

**In-person or mail-in registrations
are taken at
Community Services
3301 Silver Lake Road**

**For more information call
612-706-1166.**

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



RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT Dialogue

Salt the Fish on Your Plate, Not the Ones in the Lake

Did you know that our creeks and lakes get polluted during our winter months? Since the early 1950's, our metro area waters have become increasingly salty. Chloride (salt)

levels in our water have become so high that many metro area creeks are now considered unhealthy. According to the Environmental Protection Agency standards, many creeks around the state are unhealthy due to high chloride levels. Standards are being developed for lakes and soon we will be able to identify area lakes with high chloride levels too.

Chlorides are applied on our roads, sidewalks and parking lots to melt ice. However, once dissolved in water, the salty mixture goes directly to our creeks and lakes from our streets and homes via our storm drain system. Chloride is considered a "conservative pollutant", meaning it does not break-down into a non-toxic substance. Once chloride is in a stream or lake, it is nearly impossible to get rid of. Salt harms plants and animals, contaminates our drinking water, damages buildings, and corrodes vehicles, roads and bridges. Too much salt results in costly damages and serious environmental consequences. Even if your bag of deicer says environmentally friendly it does not mean it is friendly to our waters especially, if the word 'chloride' is listed in the ingredients.



Photo by Phil Romans

Tips to Keep Your Roads, Driveways and Sidewalks Safe and Our Waters Healthy

1. **Before the storm**, apply a liquid deicer before snow storms to prevent snow and ice from building up. This is not a substitute for shoveling; it just makes it more effective.
2. **Shovel that snow.** Shoveling, snow blowing, plowing and/or sweeping are all effective measures that will remove snow and minimize ice build-up.
3. **Less is better.** When applying salt, if there are leftover crystals still visible then the salt has been over-applied. The left-over salt can be swept up and reused or disposed of in the trash.
4. **Temperature matters.** At low temperatures, salt begins to become less effective. When the temperature falls below 15°F, consider using small amounts of sand for traction.



Photo by Fortin Consulting

Make a difference this winter; help us keep salt out of our waters! If you would like to know more about this topic and other topics related to water quality, go to www.ricecreek.org to sign up for the RCWD eNews on the right side of the homepage.

A Clear Resolution for 2012

For the New Year, Resolve to Have Cleaner Water

Only a few days remain to decide on your resolutions for the new year. It's time to ask yourself, what changes do you plan to make in your life to be happier, healthier and more productive? For years, I made the same standard resolution – to lose weight. Then one year I decided my resolution would be to stop complaining about my weight, and low and behold, after a few complaint-free months I felt much happier and more self-confident. I guess sometimes you need to change your way of thinking about a problem to find the right solution.

As we prepare for the new year, I would like to suggest a resolution we can all work towards. Let's resolve to do what we can in our homes and in the workplace to protect local water resources. Let us resolve that we will maintain a steady supply of clean, fresh groundwater to drink and that we will have clear blue lakes for fishing and swimming. Let us resolve that our local rivers will remain unimpaired by salt and sand, oil and grease, pesticides and fertilizers.

Is this a realistic resolution? It is if we agree to work towards our goal of clean water together. Imagine for a moment that one neighbor on your street installs a raingarden in their yard. It would be a nice gesture, for sure, and it would save about 9000 gallons of stormwater runoff from polluting local water bodies each year. Now, imagine that twenty of your neighbors install raingardens next year. Suddenly we are talking about 180,000 gallons of stormwater pollution prevented, and the impact



big to solve alone. Because the St. Croix River forms half of the border between Wisconsin and Minnesota, it makes sense to involve both the states in its protection. The St. Croix phosphorus reduction goal, however, goes beyond bi-state cooperation. Recognizing the role of citizens, businesses, cities and counties in creating clean water, the goal names each of these groups as agents in pollution prevention. Reducing phosphorus loading by 20% will require counties to change the way they salt their highways, cities to change the way they zone new development and residents to change the way they manage their lawns and gardens.

As the new year approaches, think about the ways you can protect water resources in your community. Perhaps you will decide to become a volunteer water monitor for a local lake. Maybe you would enjoy planting a border of native plants around your yard to capture stormwater runoff and attract birds and butterflies. Don't have much free time? Your resolution can be to support your city council as they create new ordinances to protect sensitive water resources. I can't promise that we'll succeed by the end of next year, but at least we will feel better trying. Who knows, you might even lose weight in the process!

begins to become visible on a watershed level scale.

In 2004, the St. Croix Basin Team, composed of representatives from federal, state and local units of government in both Minnesota and Wisconsin, issued a resolution to reduce phosphorus loading to the St. Croix River by 20%. What does this resolution mean? Given the fact that excess phosphorus causes algal growth, which in turn makes the water green and smelly, it means that we can look forward to clearer water in the near future. Secondly, it means that government agencies in both Minnesota and Wisconsin understand that there are some problems that are too

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Wilshire Elementary.....706-1200
St. Anthony Middle School706-1030
St. Anthony High School.....706-1100
Web site.....www.stanthony.k12.mn.us



JUNK MAIL REDUCTION TIPS

While recycling is a better option than throwing out junk mail, reducing unwanted mail is the best option.

CONTROL YOUR EXPOSURE

The most important thing you can do to keep your name off junk mail lists is to control your exposure. Think about how often you give out your contact information on product warranties, professional associations, publication subscriptions, contest sweepstakes, writing checks or shopping online. Remember to consistently add a privacy statement to anything you put your name on asking not to be added to their mailing list.

REGISTER WITH THE DIRECT MARKETING ASSOCIATION

The Direct Marketing Association (DMA) is a national trade association for companies that send direct mail. Register at their website DMAchoice.org to remove your name from catalogs, magazines and other mail offers.

For each of these categories, you can choose whether or not you want to receive mail from companies one at a time. Or, if you prefer, you can choose to stop receiving mail for all companies you haven't purchased from or donated to within an entire category. Any choice you make will be effective for five years from the date you make them.

In order to be a member of this organization, businesses must agree to honor the mail preference requests submitted. However, this only applies to businesses that you have not done business with already. If you have previously ordered from a catalog or shopped at a retail location, they may continue to mail offers to you. To reduce this kind of mail, you need to contact those companies directly and ask to have your name removed from their list.

CREDIT OFFERS

The nation's major consumer credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, Innovis and TransUnion) offer a website and a toll-free number to remove your name from pre-approved credit card offers. You will need your social security number, name, address and phone number to make the request.

Online: www.optoutprescreen.com or Phone: 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688)

PHONE BOOKS

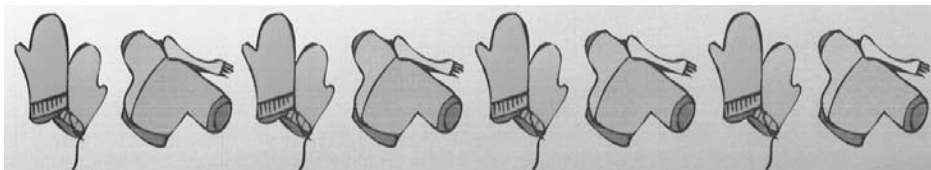
To remove your name from lists to receive phone books, visit www.donttrashthephonebook.org.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO REDUCE UNWANTED MAIL

By registering with the DMA and the credit bureaus you will see a significant reduction in junk mail in about 3 months. If you want contact information for ways to reduce national mailings such as Val-Pak or sweepstakes, see Hennepin County's factsheet for more ways to reduce junk mail.

RECYCLE YOUR JUNK MAIL

Even by following all these tips, you may still receive some junk mail. Remember to recycle it! If you are concerned about protecting your privacy, shred your mail prior to recycling it. Place shredded paper in a closed paper bag, label it "shredded paper" and put it out with the rest of your curbside recycling.



Just a Dash Will Do - De-Icing Alternatives

Deicing salts applied to your driveway and walkway may save yourself from neck or tailbone injuries this winter, but they can spell disaster for your landscape plants, vehicles, and nearby lakes and streams. Much of the salt flows with melted water into nearby lakes and streams. In addition, excessive salt application can affect plant stems, buds, and roots of trees. For these reasons, it is important to apply salts only when necessary and in the appropriate manner.

The most common deicing agent used is called sodium chloride. Sodium chloride causes severe decline in plant and tree health. Salt runoff can wash into the soil, thus increasing salt levels. As a result, the root systems grow weak, which reduces the ability of foliage to fight disease.

Salt that is applied near your home can enter streams directly from the road or from surrounding melting snow (runoff). A sudden or extreme change in salinity (or "saltiness") can be harmful to aquatic life as well. Aquatic organisms require a certain amount of salt in the water. If the amount of salt is too great it will affect an organism's ability to regulate the amount of fluids in and out of its cells.

You can reduce pollution of local streams, lakes and landscape vegetation by selecting the proper materials and methods for removing ice and snow.

- Ice melting products are most effective when spread thinly and evenly over the pavement prior to ice formation. It is much easier to prevent ice than to try and melt a thick layer of ice.
- Use alternatives, such as clean cat litter or sawdust to help improve traction on ice (sand is NOT recommended for residential use).
- If possible, use less salt than is recommended by the manufacturer.

- Add a small amount of water with the deicer to help initiate melting.
- Protect your plants with burlap or durable plastic screens to shield them from traffic splash.
- Try using more salt-tolerable plants. Check with your local garden center to find out what is best suitable for your needs.

Source: City of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

OUTDOOR ICE RINKS

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

Emerald Park

3925 Macalaster Drive

Central Park

3503 Silver Lake Road

Silver Point Park

3010 - 29th Avenue

Hockey and pleasure rinks are available at all locations. There are warming houses at all of the facilities and all facilities are supervised.

Hours of operation are:

Monday - Friday 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 8:30 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. except on Sunday.

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, 2012. 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 at 763-706-3700.



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/default.asp

Residents can print the 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

The St. Anthony Fire Department appreciates 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 and keeping them accessible in case of a fire. The St. Anthony Fire Department appreciates your help during these winter months.

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.

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.

AUTOMATIC UTILITY PAYMENTS

Did you know that your water and sewer bills can be automatically paid from your checking or saving account? All you need to do is sign up for automatic withdrawal. If you are interested in this service you can sign up on the City's website at www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us or you can complete the form below and return it to the Utility Billing Clerk.

The website also lists answers to frequently asked questions. This may be helpful in deciding if automatic withdrawal is right for you. If you have additional questions, please contact the utility billing clerk at 782-3318.

Direct Answers to Questions About Electronic Payment

<p>Q. What is electronic payment?</p> <p>A. Electronic payment is automatic bill payment whereby your payment is deducted automatically from your checking or savings account.</p> <p>Q. What is the advantage of electronic payment?</p> <p>A. It saves time! It saves work! It simplifies your life! You can avoid the hassle of writing or mailing checks!</p> <p>Q. How can you transfer money from my account?</p> <p>A. Only with your authorization.</p> <p>Q. When is the electronic payment transferred from my account?</p> <p>A. On its due date. You never have to worry about forgetting a payment or mailing it on time!</p>	<p>Q. If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?</p> <p>A. Since your payment is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date.</p> <p>Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my payment?</p> <p>A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic payments. It is your proof of payment.</p> <p>Q. Is electronic payment risky?</p> <p>A. Electronic payment is less risky than check payment. It can not be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail. It has an extremely high rate of accuracy.</p> <p>Q. What if I change bank accounts?</p> <p>A. Notify us and we will give you a new authorization form to complete.</p>	<p>Q. How much does electronic payment Cost?</p> <p>A. It costs you nothing. Plus, you save the cost of stamps, checks and envelopes.</p> <p>Q. What if I try electronic payment and don't like it?</p> <p>A. You can cancel your authorization by notifying us any time. But, once you've enjoyed the convenience, time and money savings of electronic payment, we doubt you will want to go back to paying bills the way you did before.</p> <p>Q. How do I sign up for electronic payment?</p> <p>A. Complete and sign the authorization form below and return it to us along with a voided check or savings deposit slip.</p>
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City of St. Anthony

☐ **YES!** I'd like to sign up for electronic payment!

Customer Account #:	
Name on account (Please print):	
Address:	
City:	State: Zip Code:
Please transfer payments directly from my: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking account (attach a voided check) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings account (attach a savings deposit slip)	
Routing #:	Account #:
I authorize City of St. Anthony to process debit entries from my account. This will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip.	
Authorized signature on my account:	Date:
• Please attach voided check or savings deposit slip •	

January

10 City Council Mtg
16 Holiday ~ MLK Day
17 City Manager Open House
17 Planning Commission Mtg
24 City Council Mtg

February

7 Precinct Caucuses
14 City Council Mtg
20 Holiday ~ President's Day
21 Planning Commission Mtg
28 City Council Mtg

March

12 Parks Commission Mtg
13 City Council Mtg
20 Planning Commission Mtg
27 City Council Mtg

Winter Driving Tips By: Officer Dale Moore



Winter is here, and every year we Minnesotans “learn” to drive all over again on winter roads. Every year there seems to be a bit of a learning curve with the first snowfalls of the season. In hopes of lessening the impact of these first few snow events, the police department wants reminding drivers of the following safety and driving tips.

Knowledge — Before leaving home, find out about the driving conditions by logging on to MN DOT / Travel Information Services, www.511mn.org/default.asp. Safe drivers know the weather, and their limits. If the weather is bad, remember, “Ice and Snow...Take it slow, or just don't go.”

Inspect — Check your vehicle’s tires, wiper blades, fluids, lights, belts, and hoses. A breakdown is bad on a good day and dangerous on a bad-weather day.

Emergency Kit Supplies — Have an emergency winter kit in your car if you get stuck. A shovel, sand or ice melt, gloves, heavy winter clothing, food, candles, lighter and a blanket are just some of the items you will want to have with you. If you have a cellular phone, carry it with you to use if you get stuck or need help. A citizens band radio can be used as well to contact help.

Tires — Make sure that your tires have good tread and the air in the tires are properly inflated to the correct pressure. If using studs or chains, call your local police department to learn when you can place them on your vehicle. Some cities and states have laws pertaining to the times that you can use them.

Gas Tank — Keep your gas tank close to full. If you get stuck the engine will be your only source of heat. Crack the window if you will be sitting with the engine running to avoid carbon monoxide asphyxiation.

Vision — Be aware of what’s going on well ahead of you. Actions by other vehicles will alert you to problems more quickly, and give you that split-second of extra time to react safely. Stay attentive and reduce speed. Know what’s going on around you.

Clear — Remove any snow on your vehicle’s windows, lights, brake lights and signals. Make sure you can see and be seen. Clear off the entire car, not just a peephole in the windshield which is illegal. All windows should be cleared, along with your headlights, taillights and outside mirrors.

Control — When driving on ice and snow, do not use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers. When merging into traffic, take it slow. Sudden movements can cause your vehicle to slide. Do everything slowly. Accelerate slowly, turn slowly and brake slowly. Leave plenty of distance between cars. Plan on leaving earlier to work, shopping, business meetings, etc.

Brake — Brake early, brake slowly, brake correctly, and never slam on the brakes. If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don’t have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal. Either way, give yourself plenty of room to stop.

First snow or ice — Drivers aren’t prepared for winter driving and forget to take it slow. Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between cars. Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don’t tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.

Black ice — Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery — and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas — all are hot spots for black ice.

Remember, “Ice and Snow...Take it Slow.”

CALL 9-1-1

If you see any suspicious activity happening.

POLICE OFFICE

612-782-3350

POLICE AFTER HOURS

763-525-6220

FIRE

612-782-3400

non-emergency

Protect Your Family from Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

from the St. Anthony Fire Department



The 2006 Minnesota legislative session passed a carbon monoxide law requiring carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in homes built after January 1, 2007. All existing, single-family homes were required to have CO alarms by August 1, 2008, and multi-family housing by August 1, 2009. To find out more about this law, go to the Minnesota Fire Marshal website at dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm Select "Public Education" from the orange menu bar and click "Fire Safety."

FACTS

- CO is a gas you can't see, taste or smell. CO is released when fuels like natural gas, oil, wood, kerosene or charcoal don't have enough oxygen to burn efficiently. This poisonous gas can escape into a home, car or garage and kill people.
- CO can accumulate inside the home from a variety of sources, including furnaces and water heaters, gas or kerosene space heaters, gas boilers, gas ranges and ovens, gas dryers, charcoal or gas grills, fireplaces and wood stoves, vehicles, and yard equipment with gasoline-powered engines.
- Exposure to low levels of CO can cause flu-like symptoms – nausea, dizziness, drowsiness, weakness, intense headaches and shortness of breath. Higher levels can result in unconsciousness or death.
- People most vulnerable to the effects of CO include pregnant women, the elderly, small children, people with lung problems or other chronic health conditions, and people engaging in strenuous physical activity.
- CO is most likely to accumulate during the winter months, when a heating system is in use and the home has been sealed and insulated against the cold.

SAFE BEHAVIOR

- Install a UL-listed carbon monoxide alarm in your home that will sound when potentially dangerous levels of CO are present. All homes should have BOTH a CO alarm and a smoke detector. A smoke detector does not warn you when CO is present. CO alarms and smoke detectors can be purchased at discount hardware and building supply stores.
- Have a qualified technician inspect your furnace and check fuel-burning appliances in the fall. Make sure your furnace has an adequate air supply. Make sure your heating system and all fuel-burning appliances are adequately vented and properly maintained.
- When using a fireplace, wood stove or space heater, provide adequate ventilation.
- Portable propane camping equipment and gas barbecues are approved for outdoor use only. They should never be used inside cabins, tents, fish houses, recreational vehicles or boats. Read labels on recreational appliances and follow manufacturer's operating instructions.
- If your car is stuck in the snow, make sure that the exhaust (tail pipe) is cleared before starting the car engine. Be sure the exhaust is free of snow and check it periodically if you use the engine for heat. Watch for symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- During power outages, do not use gasoline engines or burn charcoal in enclosed spaces, including a garage, even if the door is open. Do not use gas stoves or ovens to heat living areas.

These safety tips will help protect yourself and your family.

ASIAN CARP

The term “Asian Carp” typically refers to three newly introduced species: Silver Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) Bighead Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*), and Black Carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*). Common Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) were introduced to Minnesota around 1900, and are well established across the state. Although Common Carp originate in Asia, they are generally not included when referring to “Asian Carp”. Figure 1 shows the two invading Asian carp of greatest concern, the Silver Carp and Bighead Carp, along with the currently established Common Carp.



Figure 1. From left: Bighead Carp [USFWS], Silver Carp [Auburn University], and Common Carp [MN DNR]

Asian Carp were introduced to aquaculture and sewage ponds in the Southern United States in the 1970s. Since their escape into the Mississippi River Basin, their populations have expanded northward about 50 miles per year. Bighead Carp were captured by commercial fisherman in the St. Croix River near Prescott, WI in May of 2011. DNA samples collected in August and October 2011 indicate the presence of Silver Carp in the St. Croix River below St. Croix Falls, and in the Mississippi River below the Ford Dam in St. Paul.

Impacts of Asian Carp Establishment

The possible impacts of Asian Carp are not clearly understood. However, the negative impacts of the already established Common Carp serve as a warning. Collective impacts from Asian Carp could include habitat loss for native species, reduction in native aquatic food resources, displacement of native fish species, and human health concerns. Asian Carp could negatively impact fisheries by outcompeting native fish for resources. Southern states already infested with Silver Carp have seen a dramatic shift in fish populations. In many places, native fish populations are almost entirely replaced by Silver Carp. Based on reports from other states, Asian Carp populations will become established within two years of introduction. Beyond their impacts to the ecosystem, Silver Carp, are known to leap into the air when startled by boats. Numerous injuries have been reported from recreational users in southern states.

Carp Barriers

“Bubble-curtain” and sonic barriers are being tested and University of Minnesota researchers indicate that these technologies have potential as part of a larger carp management plan. However, these technologies, are not currently 100% effective at blocking carp passage and some technologies are also be prone to failure (i.e. power outages, clogging, etc.).

Both the Ford Lock and Dam, and the St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam have the potential to be effective physical carp barriers. However, as long as the lock systems are operational, fish passage is possible. Currently, the State of Minnesota is supporting a proposal that would close the St. Anthony Falls lock system, effectively creating a physical fish barrier. The closure would need to be supported by the U.S. Legislature and Army Corps of Engineers. The Minnesota DNR is also examining the possibility of installing a fish barrier on the Coon Rapids Dam, as part of a larger dam rebuilding project. Obviously, a barrier at Coon Rapids would not preclude Asian Carp movement into the Rice Creek Watershed.

Rice Creek Watershed and the Locke Lake Dam

The Locke Lake Dam on Rice Creek is just upstream of the confluence with the Mississippi River. There is limited information about the jumping and swimming abilities of the new Asian Carp. However, with what is currently known, the Locke Lake Dam may not act as a physical barrier under certain conditions since Silver Carp are known to jump as high as 10 feet. Retrofits to the Locke Lake Dam to block fish passage may be possible, but feasibility and cost are unknown. Retrofit options may include rotating drums, stand-pipe drawdown structures, electric barriers, and flow-velocity barriers. The Rice Creek Watershed District is investigating options and funding sources for carp barrier feasibility studies or implementation.

If you would like to know more about this topic and other topics related to water quality, go to www.ricecreek.org to sign up for the RCWD eNews on the right side of the homepage.



"Stories that Weren't in the Book" was the theme of a presentation given by Gail Olson, the author of the City of St. Anthony's history, *A Village in the City* at the November 16, 2011 Annual Meeting of the Saint Anthony Village Historical Society. Ms. Olson regaled us with many amusing stories that she heard while interviewing St. Anthony residents. Most of these stories that Ms. Olson told were insightful, amusing and thoroughly entertaining to those in attendance. And as with most speakers, she really appreciated the questions that were asked after her presentation was finished. As she answered questions from the audience, Ms. Olson was reminded of more stories and could have gone on entertaining everyone there.

As part of her presentation, Ms. Olson showed a collection of photos that also didn't make it into the book, but they were from a time when there were "more pigs in St. Anthony than people." On occasion, there were sounds of recognition from the audience when viewing photos of people or significant events or sights.

It was a very pleasant and amusing 45 minutes of more stories about St. Anthony. Ms. Olson did hint that there may be enough stories and photographs for a Volume 2.

For more information about the Saint Anthony Historical Society or to obtain a copy of *A Village in the City*, please call Kim Moore-Sykes, Assistant City Manager, 612-782-3312.

Why Rain Barrels?



- ~ Up to 40% of summer water use is irrigation. Reduce your household water needs by saving rain.
- ~ Recycling rain water reduces energy consumption by using less treated water.
- ~ Water your dry lawns and gardens during city-imposed watering bans.
- ~ Water your garden naturally with untreated, air-temperature, non-chlorinated water.

Do I NEED a Rain Barrel?

The simple answer is no, nobody with access to municipal water needs a rain barrel. Instead, it is one of many choices we can make to have a positive impact on an over-impacted environment. Choosing rain barrels is a great decision for conservation because it benefits you and the environment. While the positive impacts on your local lakes might be harder to see, you will be controlling the amount of polluted runoff from your own property. At the same time, you will gain a healthier, more natural garden without needlessly using municipal water.

Rain Barrels are NOT the only way You can Reuse Stormwater.

Rain barrel users hold back 8% of the stormwater falling on the roof or around 3% of the runoff from an entire residential lot. This helps to reduce flooding and pollution in the stormwater system. Now, look around to see where else you can reduce or prevent water from running off your property. For more ideas, see: <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs> and look at the section called 'Home and Garden Clean Water Practices. View this website as a starting point to learn more about rain gardens, planting with native vegetation and yard care that protects the environment.

Local Rain Barrel Resources and Helpful Web Links

- Barrel Depot ~ Small Minnesota company working for an eco-friendly environment. www.barreldepot.com ; 612-290-7427.
- Blue River Rain Barrels ~ Supplier of wood and plastic rain barrels. www.bluerivermn.com ; 651-238-5332.
- Gertens ~ Supplier of three different plastic barrels, 50 - 75 gallon barrels. www.gertens.com; 651-450-1501
- Mills Fleet Farm ~ Supplier of rain barrels. www.fleetfarm.com; 651-779-7725

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Mark your calendars!

The City of Roseville will be selling rain barrels and compost bins on May 5, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of these are \$55 and \$45 respectively. They will be sold on a first come, first served basis. For more information go to www.cityofroseville.com/rainbarrelsale

Chamber Chatter

The St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce extends our best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We are excited to announce our newest chamber members:

IHOP Restaurant – St Anthony (www.ihop.com)
St. Anthony Village Clinic (www.hcmc.org)
The Upward Ladder (upward@wwdb.org)

Please help us welcome these new members and give them your support.

On Thursday, October 27th, the chamber held a Happy Hour Networking & Adopt-A-Family Kick-Off event at The Village Pub. Each year the chamber and our members partner with other St. Anthony civic organizations to collect funds for the Adopt-A-Family program. The Adopt-A-Family program is designed to help St. Anthony families in need with holiday gifts and food purchases. The event was well attended and we were able to raise several hundred dollars for Adopt-A-Family.

We would like to thank all of those that made a contribution to the Adopt-A-Family Program, as well as the following businesses that provided door prizes:

Artists' Choice
Berger Transfer & Storage
Chiropractors of St. Anthony/Northeast
Culver's of St. Anthony
Full Circle Tax
Lillie Suburban Newspapers

The Chamber Happy Hour Networking event was so well received that we plan on holding another in February. Detailed information about the upcoming event will be announced soon, so plan on attending.

You do not need to be a chamber member to attend, in fact, this is a great venue for meeting chamber members and finding out what we're all about! Visit our website www.saintanthonychamber.org for details!

The Chamber Annual Holiday Social & Lighting Contest was held the evening of Thursday, December 15. We had a great turn out and a good time was had by all. We especially enjoyed the "*Tour of Lights*," which was spectacular. The winners of the Holiday Lighting Contest this year were Jean & Henry Czupryna and Michelle Carpenter. Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to all of those that entered!

With the arrival of yet another year, we are looking forward to our Annual Meeting where the Villager of the Year and Outstanding Business of the Year Awards are recognized. If you have a Villager or a local business in mind that you would like to nominate, please contact us at info@saintanthonychamber.org.

Don't forget that the Chamber of Commerce meets for lunch on the third Tuesday of every month. Our meetings include updates on chamber & city activities and an interesting presentation from a guest speaker. The meetings are held at various chamber member locations in the St. Anthony area. These lunch meetings are fun, informative and inexpensive (\$10 for lunch) and you do not have to be a chamber member to attend.

As always, the St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce reminds you to SHOP LOCAL – and support those that support your community!

Regards ~

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