

Village NOTES

"A village in the city"

winter 2014



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

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Note from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

At this time of year, businesses usually conduct an in depth inventory of their stock and trade. As an example, our liquor store does a complete review including a physical count reaching into every corner, niche and product line. As in business, we as individuals all need to do periodic checks throughout the year; but at least once a year with a rigorous and thorough soul searching of our personal asset inventory.

It is easy to lay the shortcomings of one's efforts at the feet of other people, circumstances or events. And, in some cases, that may be appropriate. However, we do control a good portion of our fate. It is not how something affects you, but how you react to that stimuli. So what we are talking about here is one's attitudinal reactions toward any set of circumstances. It's all in how we look at something and how we respond to it. We can choose to take a hands on role and be proactive in the outcome or allow passivity to shape our view.

It is relevant then that occasionally we quietly and substantively look at ourselves and seek enlightenment for self improvement. Am I giving my best efforts in all of my endeavors and interactions – or am I leaving it to chance without my imprint on it?

The corollary to that context is we are subsequently looking at our legacy. When I was younger, I thought that only wealthy, educated or notable people left a legacy but, as I have aged, I realize we all leave a legacy. It will occur either by design or happenstance but nonetheless we all leave one. And that legacy is more important than wealth, edifices, or progeny.

What is really important in life are our relationships and once those are established all other things flourish – social well being, esteem and security. At the final bell, most people do not say "I should have worked more." No, they regret not working on their relationships more.

So how do we want to be remembered: caring, giving, understanding, thoughtful, honest, forthright, loyal, or any other multitude of attributes? It is our choice because we will leave an image of who we are to all who know us and that is what should be of importance to us.

None of this has to be difficult with some grand planning document. It just has to be purposeful, consistent and without reservation. In doing our inventory, do it methodically and when shaping our legacy, do it wisely. Let us do our inventories with care and our legacies will follow without fear of disrepute.

That will be the endowment to ourselves and our successors and continue St. Anthony on its pursuit of sustainable excellence.

My best regards,
Jerry Faust

FRUITS OF OUR LABOR by Mark Casey, City Manager

In Peter Diamandis' book, *Abundance: The Future is Better than You Think*, he writes, "Imagine a giant orange tree packed with fruit. If I pluck all the oranges from the lower branches, I am effectively out of accessible fruit. From my limited perspective, oranges are now scarce. But once someone invents a piece of technology called a ladder, I've suddenly got a new reach. Problem solved. Technology is a resource-liberating mechanism. It can make the once scarce the now abundant."

In the past, many of our city departments made significant advances with technology. In 2014, the City of St. Anthony Village will focus on getting smarter with technology. I believe this will translate to greater efficiencies and effectiveness as we accomplish our tasks. We will continue to invest resources in software and hardware, and will implement the training necessary to ensure that said resources can be leveraged to their fullest capacity. As we work to better integrate effective technology into city services, rest assured that we will never ignore the need for and value of personal interaction. Rather, our charge will be to analyze current practices and identify areas where technology can be better utilized to improve process and/or product.

It is no secret that resources are and will continue to be scarce, but also it is true that resources may be simply inaccessible. Our goal will be to search out the "ladder" and maximize its capabilities so that the fruits of our labor continue to make St. Anthony Village a great place to live, work, learn and play.

2013 ELECTION RESULTS

On November 5, 2013, the City and School District held their Municipal General Election. The results of the election were:

City Council

Randy Stille	494
Jan Jensen	484

School Board

Laura Oksnevad	679
Barry Kinsey	623
Leah Slye	621

Also for the November 5th Election, voters participated in the Electronic Roster Pilot Study. This pilot study was passed during the 2013 Legislative session. City Staff appreciates the cooperation and patience of the voters during the pilot process. The election judges and city staff learned quite a bit from this Pilot Study and we provided our experience to the State Elections Task Force. All information provided by the participants in the pilot study will be considered in the final report to the 2014 Legislature.

2014 PRECINCT CAUCUSES

Precinct caucuses are meetings organized by Minnesota's political parties and will be held on Tuesday, February 4th. This is the first step for the party to select candidates and choose the party's goals and values.

Who can attend a caucus?

Precinct caucuses are open to the public.

Do all political parties hold caucuses?

Minnesota's major political parties hold caucuses at least every statewide election year.

To see if your political party is holding a caucus, here are the telephone numbers to their headquarters.

DFL - 651-293-1200
Independence - 651-998-9156
Republican - 651-222-0022
GrassRoots - 651-280-7922
Libertarian - 763-528-5163

For more information regarding caucuses, check out our website at www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us keyword ELECTIONS

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January

1 - HOLIDAY - New Year's Day
11 - CFS Meeting
14 - City Council mtg
20 - HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Day
23-24 Annual Goal Setting
27 - Planning Commission mtg
28 - City Council mtg

February

4 - Caucuses
11 - City Council mtg
17 - HOLIDAY- President's Day
24 - Planning Commission mtg
25 - City Council mtg

March

10 - Parks Commission mtg
11 - City Council mtg
24 - Planning Commission mtg
25 - City Council mtg

2013 A YEAR IN REVIEW:

Throughout the year, Council was honored by several special guests who provided vast information and demonstrated St. Anthony's strong ties with inter-governmental cooperation and collaborations. In 2013, the following guests presented:

- Jerry Hromtka, Director of Northwest Youth & Family Services
- Rob Smolund of Open to Business
- Andrew Caddock, Planner for Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
- Alissa Boroff of Aging in Place
- Jon Sitzmann, of CenterPoint Energy Community Partnership Grants
- Matt Bostrom, Sheriff of Ramsey County
- Eric Waage, Director of Hennepin County Emergency Management
- Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner of Ramsey County
- Dan Freeman, Commissioner of Three Rivers Park District 3
- Patricia Nauman, Executive Director of Metro Cities
- Linda Higgins, Commissioner of Hennepin County



In addition, within our community the following also presented:

- Bob Laney, Superintendent and Wendy Webster, Community Services Director, of St. Anthony-New Brighton School District #282 on their survey results
- Julianne Hunter, Chair of Villagefest on this year's schedule
- Jan Fillmore, St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce announced the "Villager of the Year" and the "Business of the Year"
- Wendy Webster of Chamber of Commerce presented on the "Touch a Truck" Fall Event
- Proclamation of Kiwanis Peanut Day
- Wendy Webster, Community Services Director, of St. Anthony-New Brighton School District #282 with an update

Though no official action was taken, staff presented on the following:

- Summer Survival School
- Night to Unite
- GreenCorp updates
- University of Minnesota Sustainability Students
- Citizen's Academy Graduating Class
- Swearing in of Police Officer Joseph Kauser
- Fire Prevention Week Presentation
- 2013 Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners
- Operational Research Assistance (OPERA) Program Recap
- Recognition of retiring Fire Chief Malenick, new Fire Chief Sitarz and new Firefighter Benik

2013 was an active year, below are a few of the highlighted actions:

- Adoption of Strategic Plan (Pyramid)
- Amended City Code to update fences, solar in light-industrial and recreation/open spaces, accessory buildings and driveways
- Petitioned Rice Creek Watershed District for Waters Management Project to Address Storm Water Management and Flooding
- Approved the Ridgeway Parkway Conveyance Quit Claim Deed for a trail
- Imposing a moratorium on the creation, establishment or operation of businesses that sell Electronic Cigarettes and sampling
- Adopting a Flood and Drainage Assistance Policy
- Approved installation of a telecommunications facility on the City's water tower
- Set fees for 2014
- Approved preliminary and final budget and levy

As you can see, 2013 was a very productive year and we look forward to another productive year in 2014!

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Sustainability Festival! Thank you to all who came out to our sustainability festival this November. We had a great turnout and enjoyed a successful event! Ellen Anderson discussed her hope for the future and university students provided us with some great innovative ideas on how to live more sustainably. Already, Saint Anthony is taking big steps to be more sustainable and has two innovative projects underway that will benefit water quality!

The first is a project that has been underway for quite some time. In the south end of town, you have probably seen a large project going into the ground; well that is our newest storm water separator! A separator such as this captures runoff from rain events or snow melt, cleans the water and refills our aquifers. Without this separator thousands of gallons of dirty water per year would flow into the Mississippi River and our lake's water tables would lower.

Our second exciting project that will break ground this year is a brand new biological swale, or Rain Garden, in Central Park! This rain garden will be located in the north-west corner of the park. Different than a water retention pond, rain gardens do not host standing water and completely absorbs runoff within 24 hours. Rain gardens increase aesthetics while performing a very important ecological function. Not only do these gardens recharge groundwater supplies, but they also naturally filter runoff, protect from flooding and attract native birds!

That's not all folks! Keep your eyes open for upcoming sustainability workshops on: rain barrels, rain gardens and even invasive species!

TOP 10 GREEN TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR

(taken from the Ramsey County Recycling Coordinator Update, October 2013 edition)

1. **Take Reusable Shopping Bags.** More than 1 million plastic bags end up in the trash every minute! Shopping with your own bag is one of the easiest ways to reduce your carbon footprint.
2. **Buy Second-hand.** From furniture to clothing to baby gear, consignment shops have sprung up everywhere. Frequent local second-hand stores and reuse perfectly good stuff. You save a ton of cash while being friendly to the environment.
3. **Cut back on Paper Towels.** By a few cotton dish towels and fabric napkins then drop them in the wash when their soiled. It's just as easy to use cloth alternatives, and you only need to buy them once - plus you can help eliminate the 3,000 tons of paper towels that end up in landfills.
4. **Take You Own Cup to the Coffee Shop.** Fact: 58 billion paper cups are thrown away every year and 20 million trees are cut down in the process. Bonus: Many coffee shops offer a discount for using your own cup.
5. **Eat and Shop Local.** You help your local economy, food is fresher and fewer chemicals are needed to prolong its life. Studies show food can travel 1,500 miles before it reaches your plate, thus creating pollution.
6. **Never Buy Bottled Water Again.** Trade your plastic-bottled water habit for simple tap water. You could save as much as \$1,400 a year and know what's in tap water.
7. **Replace Incandescent Bulbs.** LED bulbs last five times longer and are better for the environment than CFL's, because they don't contain mercury. When an old light bulb burns out invest in an LED.
8. **Help Guest Recycle.** When you throw a party, have a designed place for guests to recycle.
9. **Dust off your Bike.** Ride your bike for short trips to cut your carbon footprint significantly. This also saves money on gasoline and is a great source of exercise.
10. **Go Outside.** Turn off your television, computer and phone. Have fun and keep fit by appreciating all that Mother Nature has to offer: parks, trails, gardens, fresh air, etc.

For other Green Tips check out www.ramseyatoz.com or call 651-633-EASY (3279) or for Hennepin County check out www.hennepinatoz.org



Did you know...

St. Anthony residents can recycle old and unwanted holiday lights at City Hall. There is a container located in the foyer. This service is provided free of charge to all St. Anthony residents.

PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PLAN AND UPDATES TO THE CITY CODE

BY KELSEY JOHNSON, CITY PLANNER

The St. Anthony Village Planning Commission established a Work Plan at the beginning of 2013. The Work Plan is a schedule of objectives which provides an efficient method of prioritizing projects and achieving the land use goals set forth throughout the year. The Work Plan was approved by the City Council and, throughout 2013, the City Council, Planning Commission and City staff worked on updating sections of the City Code. Specific ordinances updated included solar energy systems within industrially zoned properties, provisions for fences, standards for accessory buildings and driveways. The 2014 Work Plan will be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and City Council in January. If you are interested in finding out more about the changes to the Zoning Ordinance or details of the 2014 Work Plan, please send any comments or questions to planner@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

WINTER TIPS

1) Remove window air conditioner and make sure your window/storm windows are closed and in the locked position.



2) Open your window treatments during the day to allow sunlight into the house. Keep your wood windows in good shape by wiping off any condensation that may have formed overnight on the glass and wood frames.

3) Avoid piling snow up next to the house and/or the garage. When the snow melts it could seep into the basement or rot the wood framing in the walls.

4) Make sure you have an operable smoke detector on each level of your home and in each sleeping room of your home. You should also have an operable carbon monoxide detector within ten feet of each sleeping room.

5) DO NOT idle your car in an attached garage even with the garage door open. Deadly carbon monoxide can enter your home.

6) If you have problems with ice dams, consider using a roof rake to remove excess snow.

7) Change your furnace filter monthly and, if your furnace is more than five years old, consider having a safety check along with a clean and tune-up by a certified technician.

ARE YOU THINKING OF STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS?



Open to Business can help. They provide one-on-one business counseling to current and prospective entrepreneurs. Their staff can link entrepreneurs with additional resources to help them succeed.

You can check out their website at www.opentobusinessmn.org or for more information or to get started, call (612) 789-7337 ext. 260 or email at info@opentobusinessmn.org

SILVER LAKE CARP REMOVAL

This summer, the City of St. Anthony and its partners New Brighton, Columbia Heights, Rice Creek Watershed District, and Three Rivers Park District captured, radio tagged and tracked the movements of seven carp in Silver Lake. Seventy more carp were captured and their fins were clipped to assist in determining how many carp are in Silver Lake.

This winter, the radio tagged carp will continue to be tracked until they gather together under the ice. Once they have grouped together, commercial fisherman will attempt to net the carp and remove them from the lake. The number of carp retrieved with clipped fins will be counted to assist lake managers to determine how many carp remain in the lake and to measure the effectiveness of the harvest.



Carp are being removed to restore the ecology of the lake and to improve water quality. Currently, carp are consuming most of the plants in the lake and continually stirring up bottom sediments reducing the clarity of the water. Removing the carp should encourage plant growth and improve water clarity. Carp removal is one tool being used to achieve the State Mandated Water Quality goals for Silver Lake.

You can find more information on Silver Lake Carp Removal and see the location of the carp in Silver Lake, on the City's website under the tab "Sustainability" and then select "Silver Lake Carp."

INTRODUCING FIRE CHIEF SITARZ



The St. Anthony Fire Department's new Chief is Mark Sitarz. He began his new journey on December 1st. Mark started with the fire department in 1998 as a part time firefighter and was promoted to full time in 2001. Congratulations Mark on your new promotion.



WATER & SEWER EMERGENCIES

If you have a water or sewer emergency, contact city offices immediately at 612-782-3301 during normal business hours. For after hours service, contact the Fire Department at 612-782-3400. City crews will be dispatched to evaluate 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 St. Anthony 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 personnel to fire hydrant locations. Precious time is lost 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. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



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 6, 2014. 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.

OUTDOOR RINKS

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

Central Park

Silver Lake Road

Emerald Park

3925 Macalaster Drive

Silver Point Park

3010 - 29th Avenue



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

Hours of Operation are:

Monday - Friday	4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

During school holidays, the rinks will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. except on Sundays. Get out and enjoy the winter with some outside skating.

FIRE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

At the November 24 City Council meeting, the City Council recognized the Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners:

1st Place: Ella Bergquist



2nd Place: Aila Cerimovic



3rd Place: Lola Vanner



4th Place: Peri Orstadius



ST. ANTHONY SNOW REMOVAL AND PARKING REGULATIONS

During the winter, the number one priority of the Public Works department is to clear the snow and make St. Anthony's streets safe for traffic and emergency vehicles. Here are a few reminders to assist residents in achieving this goal:

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 snow fall or until the snow removal has been completed from curb to curb.

The City understands that sometimes the schedule for snow removal doesn't correlate with residents' snow shoveling schedules. The snow plow drivers do their best to avoid pushing windrows of snow back onto freshly shoveled driveways or sidewalks.

Remember, it is dangerous for children to dig tunnels in the windrows of snow created by the snow plows. Tunnels can cave in, smothering the child. Plow drivers can't see children playing in or around the windrows and they can be covered or trapped in the snow.

Other ways to assist with snow removal operations include:

- Don't place refuse or recycling containers in the street; and
- Don't plow, blow or shovel snow into the street; and
- When shoveling, pile snow downstream of the plowing operations to minimize snow left in your driveway; and
- Stay back when driving behind plow trucks.

With your cooperation, snow removal can be more efficient and roads cleared in very little time. If you have any questions regarding our snow plowing procedures, contact Jay Hartman, Public Works Director at 612-782-3314 or by email jay.hartman@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us. We appreciate your cooperation during snow plowing events.

SILVER LAKE STORMWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

The City will be constructing an underground system to treat stormwater runoff next to Salo Ponds starting in March of 2014. The treatment system will be used to assist the City with reducing the amount of phosphorus in the water which discharges from the ponds to Silver Lake. This project is necessary because Silver Lake is currently listed as impaired for nutrients and algae by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Due to this impairment, the City of St. Anthony is to reduce phosphorus runoff into Silver Lake by 31.5 lbs per year.



Salo Ponds are located in Silver Lake Village, an area that has undergone recent redevelopment. The system will draw water from Salo Ponds, inject a chemical that will bind to phosphorus in the stormwater, and then allow the phosphorus to settle out in a settling tank. The treated water will then be discharged back into the ponds.

This system is anticipated to increase the phosphorus removal efficiency of the existing Salo Park stormwater ponds from 54% to approximately 90%. This may remove nearly 26 lbs. of phosphorus per year that would have been sent downstream to Silver Lake. With this one project the City will be able to achieve 85% of its phosphorus load reduction requirement.

Grant funding was received for half of the \$432,000 project cost through the Public Facilities Authority administered by the MPCA. Rice Creek Watershed District contributed an additional \$50,000 to



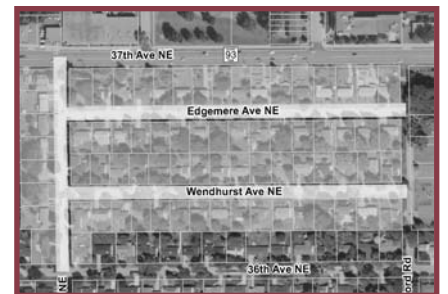
the project and the remainder will be paid by the City of St. Anthony.

Construction of the treatment system is scheduled to be completed by June of 2014 and the system will begin operation in the Summer/Fall of 2014.

2014 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The 2014 Street Improvement Project includes:

- Penrod Lane;
(37th Ave. to 36th Ave.)
- Edgemere Avenue;
(Penrod Ln to Chelmsford Rd)
- Wendhurst Ave
(Penrod Ln to Chelmsford Rd)



For more information regarding the 2014 Street Project, check out our website under Hot Topics.

Can a cell phone prevent a crime or present a target for a potential thief?

Cell phones can be a powerful tool in crime prevention. When concealed on your body, your phone may provide the help you need if you are confronted, feel threatened or are in need of police assistance. There are many examples of crime victims calling 911 for help when confronted by a potential attacker. However, due to their growing popularity, cell phones are fast becoming a favorite target of thieves. To reduce your chances of becoming the victim of a cell phone theft, the St. Anthony Police Department offers the following safety tips:



- Always be aware of your surroundings. Thieves may be watching you. Be aware that you may be a potential victim of a crime. Stay alert and attuned to people and circumstances around you.
- Avoid using cell phones, iPods, or MP3 players while walking. Suspects target cell phones and other items in plain view.
- Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you are going, even if you don't.
- Avoid becoming distracted by your cell phone conversation or texting when walking on the street.
- Use your cell phone security lock.
- Keep your cell phone out of sight. Don't hang it from your purse or jacket.
- Switch the ringer off to avoid attracting the attention of thieves.
- Never loan your cell phone to a stranger. In case of an emergency, offer to make the call for them.
- Consider using hands-free technology.
- Activate the GPS tracking device on your cell phone and other electronic devices. If your device is not equipped with GPS tracking, after-market applications are available.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- If someone seems to be following you, turn in an opposite direction or cross the street. If he/she persists, move quickly to the nearest open business or group of people and ask for help.

**If you see any suspicious activity
happening...CALL 911**

Police: 612-782-3350
during business hours

Police 763-525-6220
after hours

If your phone is stolen, report the loss immediately to your cell phone service provider and the police (911). For more information on what you can do to safeguard your property, contact a Crime Prevention Officer at the St. Anthony Police Department (612-782-3350).



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL - ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE, MINNESOTA



St. Anthony Village in cooperation with St. Anthony-New Brighton School District has begun a Safe Routes to School Planning process for Wilshire Elementary. SRTS programs improve safety, reduce traffic, and improve air quality near schools. Rooted in the five E's of Evaluation, Engineering, Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement, Safe Routes to School offers a well-rounded approach to improving the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bike to school. St. Anthony is receiving technical assistance from a consultant team through a MnDOT Safe Routes to School Planning grant. The assistance provided will help a local SRTS team (including City, District, and school staff as well as parents and students) to develop a Safe Routes to School plan that will identify projects and programs to enhance the safety of our streets for children and families that want to walk and bike to school. The planning process will extend through the 2013-2014 school year.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Safe Routes to School effort, please send any comments or questions to city@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE WINE AND SPIRITS: A COMMUNITY BRAND

by Ryan Toppin, St. Anthony Village Wine & Spirits Sales Associates and Mike Larson, St. Anthony Village Wine & Spirits Operations Manager.

When you are out shopping for your entertainment needs, take a moment and consider your local municipal liquor store.

You'll hear the **"Shop Local"** refrain all over these days, and for good reason. Local businesses help keep money and jobs in our community and provide the sales tax base that makes local government work, and in no place is that more apparent than the municipal liquor store.

While any business will contribute to the community through people it employs and the tax revenue it generates, profits from St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits (SAVWS) are used directly by the city government to help reduce the property tax levy that is its main source of income.

That reduction came to just over one million dollars between 1999 and 2007. It helped to fund the Skateboard Park that was built in 1999 and the installation of fiber optics into City Hall during 2005. Did you take time to enjoy our city's parks this summer? Thank the great employees of the Department of Public Works for keeping the grass short to play on and funds from the municipal liquor store for buying the mowers. And when the snow is falling, municipal liquor profits paid for the wing truck the city added to its snowplowing fleet a few years ago.

SAVWS is also proud to carry locally made beer, wine, and spirits with special sections dedicated to brands produced here in Minnesota. We're as excited as you are about the products being made here and do our best to support them, carrying over 200 items from Lake Superior Brewing in the north to Old Valde Brewing in the south.

Since 1948 the goal of SAVWS has been to *"Control the sale of alcohol beverages while simultaneously generating revenue,"* a mission statement that is very intentional in its order. Foremost in the mission of the municipal liquor store is to act as the front line in the control of intoxicating spirits. Managers and employees work closely with the St. Anthony Police Department in ongoing training to help identify and deny alcohol to persons who are underage or already intoxicated.

SAVWS celebrated 60 years of operation in 2008 and this year will have spent 10 years in its current locations. It is a great responsibility and honor to serve our customers and the city of St. Anthony Village and we hope to continue for many more years. While our commitment to customer service continues unabated, with a 95 percent positive rating on our website survey, our profits continue to grow, reaching over \$500,000 in 2012 following steady growth in the last decade.

It comes down to a simple decision of where you want your money to go. You buy a national brand from a chain and watch your money filter up the corporate structure and out of the State, or you shop local stores for local products and see the money improve your community. Municipal liquor stores invest one hundred percent of their profits into the community. Where do you think your money can do the most good? I believe it is in our own community!

HOUSING SERVICES AT NO CHARGE: Courtesy of the City

The **Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC)** is available year-round to work with St. Anthony residents on housing maintenance and home improvement projects. Through a contract with the city, one of our seasoned construction managers, Bob Schmotter, will consult with you at no charge. Bob has been working with St. Anthony residents since 2008. He is available to come to your home or to discuss your project by phone. Bob can provide expert input on your project, assist with developing a scope of work, put you in touch with reputable contractors and help you to review bids. He is also available to help you with do-it-yourself projects.

Don't forget too, the city offers generous financing programs through GMHC. Contact us to learn about low-interest loan programs and rebates that may be available to you to improve your home. To contact Bob or to learn more about home improvement financing, call GMHC's Housing Resource Center at 612 588-3033. St. Anthony remains an attractive and viable community in which to live because the city proudly invests in its well-being. Why not take advantage of these services.

Sitting by the fireplace in the winter is something we all enjoy, but only when it's confined to the fireplace. The U.S. Fire Administration reports that winter residential building fires result in approximately 945 deaths and 3,845 injuries each year, along with an estimated \$1.7 billion in property damage.

There's a lot you can do to keep your home fire-safe this holiday season and all winter long. Since most of it is simple common sense, you're probably going to want to skim over the rest of this but remember safety of a loved one is worth the time.

Extension cords: Don't use them if you can avoid it. If you need to use them then don't put them in front of fireplaces, heaters or cooking appliances, and don't drape them where they can fall down onto something hot. It seems simple enough but you would be surprised what people will do to have a well lit tree.

Candles: Candles have a dangerous open flame, so be careful where you set them. A candle on a window sill can set a curtain on fire if a breeze pushes the curtain over the flame. Always burn candles on a candle holder, not directly on a flammable surface. Jar candles are safer since the flame is contained, and the lid will completely snuff out the flame.



Holiday decorations: Water your Christmas tree regularly. It's no joke — those dry needles will go up with incredible speed and burn with fierce intensity. Pay close attention to where the tree and other decorations are placed so that they're not too close to sources of ignition, such as a fireplace or a heater.

Hot ashes: Fireplace ashes are hot long after the fire has gone out. If you're going to clean out your fireplace, don't put the ashes in a paper bag, cardboard box, or plastic garbage can. Put ashes only in a metal can with an airtight lid that's approved for that use.

Space heaters: Be very careful with the use and placement of space heaters. Never point a space heater directly at anything flammable, such as a pile of newspapers or clothing. Never use a space heater with a worn cord, a missing safety guard, or a model that lacks a safety shutoff that automatically shuts the unit off if it gets tipped over.

Combustible materials: Having a stack of newspaper near the fireplace for starting the fire is an accident waiting to happen. Store newspapers, kindling and firewood a safe distance away from the fireplace. The same goes for other combustibles, such as clothing, dog beds, etc. If you have wall heaters, never allow clothing, cardboard boxes, newspapers or other combustibles to build up in front of them.

We hope you have a safe and memorable holiday season surrounded by those you love. Just keep in mind that keeping those you love safe is really just a matter of common sense.



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2013 IS HISTORY: NOTES FROM THE SAV HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hello to winter and to 2014! The Holiday season we just passed through is all about gathering and sharing memories. That is what we are all about and I hope you were able to enjoy good family time together.

The year 2013 is now past and we have been working on transcribing two historical books we have in our possession. A Birth and Death record book for the St. Anthony area dating back to before the Civil War and a similar timeline recording of the cities meeting minutes. These items are up on the City website in a searchable document. It is fun to look back and see the issues at hand from years ago and learn a bit about how the City was involved as well as peruse and see some of the familiar names in the Birth and Death records.

Our book, "A Village in the City", is down to its last few copies. They are still available at City Hall. This year, Gail D. Olson, our neighborhood author, has finished her latest piece for us titled "World War II Courage and Survival". We are using the same publisher, Soulo Communications, headed up by Tom Heller, a St. Anthony resident. We anticipate a similarly beautiful product as a soft-cover and it should be available the early part of the year for an easy \$17.95.

With Fond Memories,
Barry Tedlund, President

CITIZENS FOR SUSTAINABILITY WINTER EVENTS

website: stanthonyvillage.wordpress.com/

CFS FORUM: ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Sat., Jan. 11, 3-5 p.m. "SAVCC Council Chambers. SAV Sustainability Update" – Mark Casey, SAV City Manager. Refreshments and entertainment provided!

CFS FORUM: Growing Groceries Workshop I.

Sat., Feb. 8, 3-5 p.m., SAVCC Council Chambers. Featuring U of M Master Gardeners as instructors (Dawn Pape, coordinator). Open to CFS members and participants in the workshop series involving hands-on gardening in Nativity Lutheran Church's vegetable gardens. Registration: www.isd282.org/cs; 612-706-1166

CFS FORUM: Basics of Sustainability Workshop.

Sat., Mar. 8, 3-5 p.m. SAVCC Council Chambers. Presenter--Clifton Ware, CFS organizer

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WHAT IS THE SAV: HOME FOR A LIFETIME AGING IN PLACE PROJECT?

Through funding by a grant from the MN Department of Human Services: Access Solutions, GMHC (Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation) and the City of St. Anthony Village have partnered to provide information and outreach to consumers to provide resources and support to older adults to continue living independently by implementing simple, cost effective home modifications to lower the risk of falls and promote active living.

General Objectives include:

Enhance the quality of life for older adults living in their own homes in St. Anthony Village

- Provide home safety assessments and recommendations to 25 older adults in each city over the course of two years. Each grant participant will then receive project management assistance and up to \$500 to implement home modifications into their home.
- Provide information and resources to participants on additional services that promote aging in place.
- Provide assistance to participants for identifying and securing funding resources for implementing aging in place modifications.

Educate consumers and staff at each city and GMHC in universal design and aging in place

- Provide outreach at a variety of community settings.
- Provide educational materials to industry professionals.

The project is in process now and will be finishing up this spring. In addition to providing home safety assessments and implementing modifications in resident homes, Access Solutions has provided community education sessions for residents about promoting universal design and aging in place in their own home. The next session will be in February and all are welcome!

Access Solutions and the Housing Resource Center are also holding a seminar for professionals in the building and remodeling industry about Universal Design in the winter of 2014.



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OLD PRESCRIPTION DRUG – NEW PROBLEM



Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, especially among teens. Accidental poisonings are also on the rise and flushing old medications down the drain is an environmental hazard.

There is an answer....both Ramsey and Hennepin Counties operate Medicine Disposal Drop Boxes. This service is free! By disposing of medicines at a drop box this assures proper and safe disposal of unwanted medicines and also help prevent crime, drug abuse or accidental poisoning. In addition, it protects the environment by keeping potentially harmful medicines out of the drain or trash.

For a location near you, contact Hennepin County at 612.348.3777 or Ramsey County at 651.633.EASY(3279). In addition, medicines are accepted at most Health Partners pharmacies.

Accepted

Medicines from households are accepted in any form including prescription, over-the-counter and pet medicines. Examples include:

- Blister Packs
- Capsules and pills
- Creams and gels
- Inhalers
- IV bags
- Liquids
- Patches
- Powders
- Sprays
- Vials



NOT Accepted

- needles, sharps or syringes
- medicines from businesses, health care facilities, long term care facilities, pharmacies, doctors' offices or veterinary clinics.

For additional information regarding medicines. go to our website at www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us and look under **HOT TOPICS**.