

Village NOTES

“A Village in the City”

Winter 2015

Notes from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

It has been three years since we have added the word Sustainability to our mission statement. I cannot emphasize enough the power that one word has evoked in our conduct of city business.

When I speak with other city officials I always tell them of the accepting aspects of our residents in terms of embracing and implementing an idea and putting meat on the bone of this initiative. So what has occurred?

My first example would be that of the CFS (Citizens for Sustainability) in St. Anthony this is a quintessential grass roots effort that was spawned by concerned citizens that educate, advocate and motivate to create real world solutions for the average person to implement.

Organized Collection is a stellar illustration and a template of how we can be environmentally responsible, save money through garbage collection, decrease road wear, provide cleaner air, less noise, safer streets and not affect entrepreneurship. What a win for all! This is a model for any city to follow. Additionally, I would encourage all households to try using a small trash bucket and see if you can't recycle more and reduce your amount of throwaways. A smaller container is not only easier to move about but it is also cheaper.

Our third Sustainability Festival was conducted in November 2014 at Silverwood Park with the cities of Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, St. Anthony, CFS, U of M students, MWMO, RCWD and state agencies participating. I envision this to be the tipping point, as this was our largest attendance and I expect this to be an annual event and grow exponentially.

We have installed our Local Area Network (LAN) for the city's internal communications system thereby ensuring future resilience, capacity and cost control. Additionally St. Anthony has joined the Suburban Rate Authority (SRA) to monitor and intercede on behalf of cities' concerns as it pertains to the major utility service companies.

In health and safety we have enacted ordinances that control the use of e-cigarettes, equating it to that of tobacco products. By consolidating our records and placing them on Laserfiche we were able to free up space for our police department to have adequate area for locker rooms and a waiting location when officers must appear in court after their shift. Safe Routes to Schools brings us back to the option of children being able to walk safely to school. Through a collaboration of the federal and state governments, parents, school administrators and city staff we will be able to allow for the opportunity of our children to practice a healthier life style choice by walking to school.

Water enhancement projects this year include: Silver Lake carp removal, a Central Park biofiltration storm water treatment system and the Salo pond water treatment system.

And one last reminder is that you can recycle those old tangled Christmas light decorations in the Great Hall at the community center.

We cannot do any of this without the continued support and progressive spirit of you – the Villagers of St. Anthony – for that we are truly grateful. I look forward to another year of continued success with our partnership.

My best regards,
Jerry Faust

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ORGANIZED COLLECTION = CONSUMER PROTECTION

by Mark Casey, City Manager

In September, the City Council approved a five year contract for organized solid waste and recycling collection that will begin on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Initiating a plan for organized collection has been a long standing objective of the City Council and one of the city's goals for building and cultivating environmental responsibility. The three collectors (Walter's, Republic and Waste Management) will be assigned designated areas for collection proportionate to their current market share. Billing and customer service will remain the responsibility of the collectors. The city will ensure all provisions of the agreement are enforced. (Please see page 9 of VillageNotes for more information on organized collection.)

Along with lessening physical and environmental impacts such as road degradation and wear, organized collection also provides consumer protection for the residents of the City of St. Anthony. It is well-established and well-documented that rates charged for the collection of solid waste and related services in an "open hauling system," can vary from customer to customer. In organized collection, licensed collectors do not have the ability to raise rates over time and impose additional fees and surcharges beyond the negotiated base price for services. This includes a ban on add-on fees such as fuel surcharges, environmental fees and administrative fees. In addition, pricing will be both competitive and equitable.

We appreciate your patience during this time of transition.



GENERAL ELECTION RECAP

by Barb Suci, City Clerk

The City of St. Anthony Village held the State General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 and had a great turn out. The total number of voters was 4,125 or 68.33% of voters. This was well above the State of Minnesota's average of 51.3%.

This total number of voters of 4,125 is broken down between 3,530 in person on Election Day and 595 residents that took advantage of the no excuse absentee voting. The 595 absentee voters equates to a 9.9% absentee voter turn out. For a city our size, that is a large amount of absentee voters.

The 2015 Election season holds a Municipal Election on November 3, 2015. On the ballot will be the City of St. Anthony's Mayor and two Councilmembers, as well as three seats on the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District #282 School Board.

We are always looking for residents to participate in the Election process by serving as an Election Judge or on the Absentee Ballot Board. If you are interested, please contact the City Clerk at 612-782-3313.

2015 STREET AND UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION

by Todd Hubmer, City Engineer

The 2015 Street and Utility Reconstruction will include 36th Avenue NE from Silver Lake Road to Highcrest Road, and Chelmsford Road from 36th Avenue to 37th Avenue NE. The project will include the replacement of the sanitary sewer, new water mains, and the complete reconstruction of these streets.



This year's project will also include the maintenance of St. Anthony Boulevard east of the Northeast Diagonal Trail and south to the City boundary near 35W. The existing pavement on St. Anthony Boulevard will be removed and a new asphalt surface placed on the roadway.

2014 A YEAR IN REVIEW

by Mark Casey, City Manager

Throughout the year, the City Council approved numerous action items and was honored by several special guests who provided vast information and demonstrated St. Anthony's strong ties with inter-governmental cooperation and collaborations.

Below is a sampling of action items in 2014:

- Sworn in re-elected Councilmembers Jenson and Stille
- Approved Organized Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection
- Amending Tobacco Code to prohibit electronic cigarettes in public indoor spaces
- Approved electronic signage
- Awarded \$770,000 in funds for pedestrian safety improvements for sidewalks, intersection and signal improvements
- Assisted Rice Watershed District in securing 3,000,000 for water quality improvements in St. Anthony and New Brighton
- Adoption of Planning Commission and Parks Commission Work Plans
- Approved 2014 Street & Utility Reconstruction Project (Edgemere, Wendhurst, Penrod and Chelmsford)
- Adoption of the 2014 Strategic Plan (Pyramid)
- Approved LED Pedestrian Crossing at Kenzie Terrace (installation in 2015)
- Approved a Municipal Fiber Optic Local Area Network (connect City buildings, water tower, lift stations and wells)
- Approved a Five year Contract Agreement for Police Services with the Cities of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale
- Adopted Safe Routes to Schools Plan
- Adopted Ordinance amending Drug Paraphernalia Code
- Adopted 2015 Proposed and Final Tax Levy and General Operating Budget
- Amended Shared Services Agreement with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) for additional professional services
- Granted consent for the transfer from Comcast to Greatland Connections, Inc.
- Extended Cable Franchise Agreement for two years
- Appointed Planning and Parks Commission new members along with chairs and vice-chairs
- Set fees for 2015

In 2014, the following guests presented:

- Senator John Marty
- Senator Barb Goodwin
- Matt Bostrom, Ramsey County Sheriff
- Jim Grube, Hennepin County Engineer
- Lt. Colonel Eric DiNatale, 55th Civil Division
- Steven Baker, Ramsey County Assessor's Office
- Carissa Schively Slotterback, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
- David Griggs, GreaterMSP
- Rick Plessner, Inland Real Estate (owners of Silver Lake Village)
- Lisa Austin, MNDOT on Safe Routes To School
- Jerry Hromarka, Northeast Youth & Family Services (NYFS) Director
- Suzanne Snyder, Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC)/Aging in Place

In addition, within our community the following also presented:

- Barry Tedlund, President of St. Anthony Historical Society
- Wendy Webster, Chamber Board member announcement of the Chamber's Village of the Year (Julianne Hunter) and Business of the Year (Architect Mechanical, Inc.)
- Jan Fillmore, Salo Park Concert Series
- Julianne Hunter, VillageFest Chair on this year's schedule
- Jan Fillmore, Chamber Boardmember St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce on the Touch-A-Truck Event
- Bob Laney, Superintendent and Wendy Webster, Community Services and Communications on school district operations
- Proclamations for Kiwanis Peanut Day September 26, 2014.

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

- "2013 Spirit of St. Anthony" Awarded to Phuonngmai Dang
- Annual Reports from Administration, Finance, Fire, Liquor, Police and Public Works Departments
- St. Anthony Police Reserve's Program Overview
- Severe Weather Preparation
- University of Minnesota Sustainability students and intern
- Proclamation for Night to Unite on August 5, 2014
- Fire Prevention & Open House
- Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners
- Designated a HeartSafe Community

Every year Administration, Finance, Fire, Liquor, Police and Public Works Departments each present a comprehensive annual report and it is available on the City's website. The above "Year in Review" is just a small snapshot of activity in 2014. We encourage you to look on the City's website in the first quarter of 2015 for the 2014 Annual Reports.

WINTER WARNINGS

by St. Anthony Police Department, Officer Jerónimo Yáñez

Oh the joys of winter! As Minnesotans, we are challenged to take on the responsibilities that winter blows our way. From traveling to shopping, we can't forget to do the "small things" that keep us safe. It seems like since the beginning of "Minnesota time", we have been living from forecast to forecast to see if we need to move our cars off the street to avoid that 2 inch snowfall ticket, or we need a discomfoting sliding on black-ice, push your steering wheel through the dashboard, pucker-your-face kind of reminder to help us be more cautious as we drive on the ice rinks we call roads, during these frigid winter months.

Whatever snowbank gets in your way, the St. Anthony Police Department wants to help you and your family be as safe as possible during these cold winter months. Here are some tricks and tips to help keep you all warm inside this winter:

Do NOT leave your car unattended when you are warming it up!

Instead, get a remote car starter. If that is not an option, dress accordingly and stay with your vehicle as it warms up. Car thieves are always looking for that person who leaves their car alone because they do not want to wait in the cold. Even locking your car, with the keys in the ignition to let it warm up is a bad idea. If your car is a target, it will just end up as a stolen car with a broken window.

Attention to Snowbirds and WATCH for Snowbirds!

Are you going down south or vacationing somewhere warm this winter? For the migrating crowd, let someone that you trust know that you will be leaving and have them watch over your house. Ask them if they would be willing to shovel your sidewalks and entry ways too. This helps the caretaker see if there has been anybody walking up to your house if fresh snow falls and makes it look like the house is occupied. If you want, let our Police Department know the dates you will be gone and a house check form can be completed. Our Police Officers and Reserve Officers can check up on houses to make sure your house looks fine from the outside, while you are gone. 'Tis the season for two (2) inch SNOWFALL TICKETS! To avoid getting a ticket after a two (2) inch snowfall, watch the weather and play it safe! Check the St. Anthony City Website for the winter snowfall city ordinance for specific details (St. Anthony City Ordinance 72.36).

Holiday Shoppers and Winter Drivers use extra caution!

For the holiday shoppers, watch out for the grinchies that want to take your presents. Do not leave valuables or personal belongings in tempting locations. Also, keep track of your card and bank statements. Report any fraudulent transactions to your bank immediately and to the proper authorities where the transaction took place. As for winter driving, limit it during heavy or wet snowfalls. Decrease your speed when approaching an intersection because that is where black ice forms. Instead of that new 75" LED TV for a present, why not ask for some new tires if they are looking like NASCAR racing slicks? For your own safety, and the safety of others, make sure your vehicle is checked out to make sure it is winter ready.

**CALL 9-1-1...If you
see any suspicious
activity happening.**

**police
(612) 782-3350**

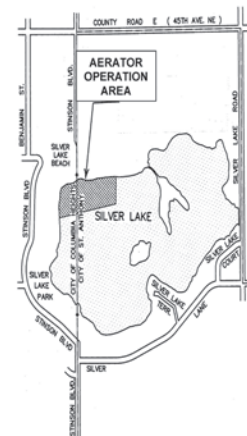
**police after hours
(763) 525-6220**

OPEN WATER 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 5, 2015**.

Weather conditions may cause the area 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.



JANUARY

- 1 - HOLIDAY - New Year's Day
- 13 - City Council meeting
- 15-16 Goal Setting Retreat
- 19 - HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Day
- 26 - Planning Commission meeting
- 27 - City Council meeting

FEBRUARY

- 10 - City Council meeting
- 16 - HOLIDAY - President's Day
- 23 - Planning Commission meeting
- 24 - City Council meeting

MARCH

- 9 - Parks Commission meeting
- 10 - City Council meeting
- 23 - Planning Commission meeting
- 24 - City Council meeting

ST. ANTHONY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COLD WEATHER SAFETY

by Mattie Jaros, St. Anthony Fire Department

During the current cold Minnesota months, there can be many dangers associated with the dropping temperatures. We, at the St. Anthony Village Fire Department, want to make sure you are prepared for some of Mother Nature's hazards during the next few months. It is important to prepare for winter weather storms before they hit. This starts with having a plan with your family. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency. Communication is a key component during a winter storm. Keep in contact with your friends and family so that they are aware of your whereabouts and safety.

One of the primary concerns is winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communication services to your home, sometimes for days at a time. One thing that is a good idea to have on hand at home is a weather radio. A weather radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the National Weather Service for all weather related emergencies. Some cell phone providers even allow you to sign up in advance to receive notifications from local emergency services.

During storms and extreme cold, it is important that you stay indoors as much as possible. If you do have to venture out, make sure you are wearing proper warm clothes and that you are walking carefully on snowy and icy walkways. It is also important to be mindful of your health and the health of others:

- *Signs of Frostbite:* Occurs when the skin and body tissue just beneath it freezes. You can experience loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, face, and the tip of the nose. **Seek medical help immediately!**

- *Signs of Hypothermia:* Dangerously low body temperature. Uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. **Seek medical help immediately!**

Cold weather can put an extra strain on the heart. If you have heart disease or high blood pressure, follow your Doctor's direction about shoveling snow or performing other work in the cold. If you have to do outdoor chores, don't forget to dress warmly and work slowly. Remember, your body is already working hard just to stay warm, so don't overdo it. Do not ignore shivering. It's an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent shivering is a signal to return to the indoors.

Also, please keep in mind the elderly in our community. Check on your neighbors and assist them as they need. As always if you or someone you know has any questions, please feel free to contact us at the Fire Department, our direct line is 612-782-3400. But remember, if it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

PROTECT YOUR WATER SERVICE FROM FREEZING

by St. Anthony Utilities Department

Due to the extreme frost conditions the metro area experienced last winter, there were many property owners in the area that experienced issues with frozen water line services. The City of St. Anthony wants to remind residents of this problem and provide advice on how to keep pipes from freezing. Thawing frozen service lines and plumbing can be costly to property owners.

Homes that use water less frequently are more susceptible to this problem. Empty and single-occupant homes are most at risk for frozen services. To avoid having a frozen service, residents can let cold water run from one faucet throughout the day and night. The amount of running water should be a little more than a trickle (the thickness of a pencil). The City of St. Anthony cannot credit you for the water that you run, but the associated utility charges could be less than the cost to repair or thaw your water service line.

You can measure the temperature of your water after running a faucet briefly until the water is cold. If you find it to be 35 degrees or colder, you should run water continuously to avoid a frozen water service.

What to do if your pipes are frozen:

Contact City Hall at 612-782-3301. during normal business hours. After normal business hours contact the Fire Department at 612-782-3400.

Please note that the Minnesota Department of Health recommends that the thawing of service lines be done by a bonded plumbing contractor, certified pipe layer, or certified water operator. Minnesota Rules 4715 and 4720 prohibit connections between public water supplies and potential water contaminants, such as antifreeze.



OUTDOOR RINKS

by Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Superintendent

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 Dr.

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	10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 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.

PLANNING AND PARKS COMMISSION

The City of St. Anthony wishes to thank Planning Commissioner Pat Niccum who has served on the Planning Commission since October 2009. We appreciate all of your contributions to the City of St. Anthony. We would also like to welcome newly appointed Planning Commissioners Jim Gondorchin and Robert Foster. Your willingness to serve the community is greatly appreciated.

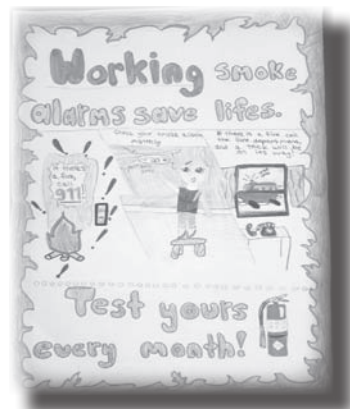
For the Parks Commission, the City would like to extend its gratitude to Elissa Schloesser who has served on Parks Commission since 2009 and this past year she served as the Chair. Your efforts during your time of service are greatly appreciated. For 2015, the City of St. Anthony welcomes Roy Quady to the Parks Commission. He will be a great addition to the Parks Commission and we appreciate your willingness to serve the City of St. Anthony.

FIRE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

by St. Anthony Fire Department

At the November 10th City Council meeting, the City Council recognized the Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners. They are as follows:

First Place:
NATALIE MANTRAS



Second Place:
AMELIA EVANS



Third Place:
ANIELA CRESCINI



Fourth Place:
JAKE KRIEGER



Great works of art and congratulations to all the winners!

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 hydrants 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.



DID YOU KNOW!

All of Hennepin County residents can use the recycling and compost facilities in Ramsey County? In fact, during the months of September and October, over 900 St. Anthony residents visited the Arden Hills site.

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 hour 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.



ST. ANTHONY SNOW REMOVAL AND PARKING REGULATIONS

by Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Superintendent

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, after a two (2) inch continuous snowfall 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.

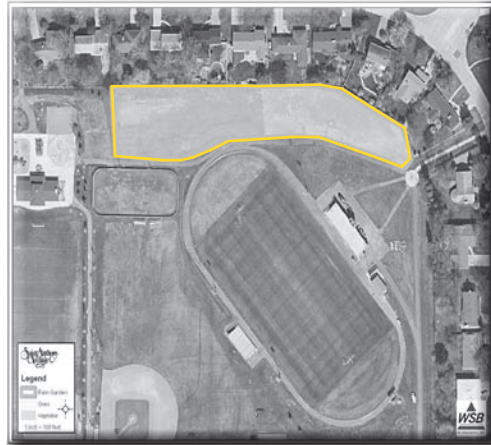
With your cooperation, snow removal can be more efficient and roads cleared in very little time. If you have any questions regarding our snow plowing procedures, contact Jay Hartman, Public Works Director at 612-782-3314 or by email jay.hartman@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us. We appreciate your cooperation during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



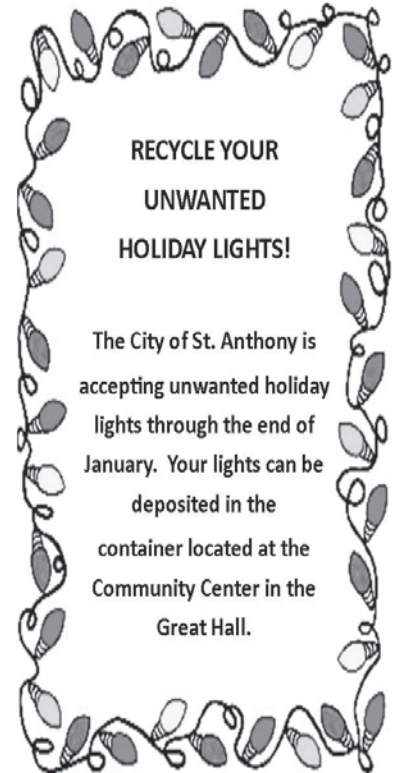
VILLAGE IMPROVES QUALITY OF STORMWATER RUNOFF

by Todd Hubmer, City Engineer

In 2014, the City of St. Anthony Village undertook two large stormwater quality improvement projects. The first project is the Salo Ponds Improvement which removes soluble phosphorus, a nutrient necessary for algae growth, from stormwater prior to its discharge to Silver Lake. This project received significant funding assistance from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Rice Creek Watershed District.



In addition, the City recently completed a bio-filtration swale on the north end of Central Park to remove pollutants from stormwater discharged from our City to the downstream receiving waters in New Brighton at Pike Lake and Long Lake. This project received funding assistance from the Rice Creek Watershed District. Both projects meet the permit requirements of the Rice Creek Watershed District for the City's Street Reconstruction Program.



THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

by Kelsey Johnson, City Planner

A good planning process requires public engagement in order to develop community wide goals and to provide feedback on some specific types of projects before they are developed. One of the more traditional ways this is done is through the open public hearing. While most City actions do not legally require a public hearing, they are specifically required for many of the more common community planning and land use decisions. A formal public hearing is required by state law prior to the adoption of a City Comprehensive Plan (or amendment to), adoption or modification to Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map, and prior to the issuance of a conditional use permit or variance.

When a public hearing is required prior to an action or decision, a notification is part of the requirements. These typically include newspaper legal ads and/or written letters to property owners adjacent or nearby development related projects. For some, speaking in public may be a bit intimidating. In these instances, we encourage you to submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the meeting date, which will be accepted into the official record in the same manner as verbal comments.



The City of St. Anthony will continue its tradition of informal meetings for larger projects (i.e. street and utility construction/reconstruction projects, flooding related projects, or small area planning efforts). Informal meetings include public open houses, neighborhood meetings or similar casual opportunities for the public to learn about and provide feedback on a project or plan have become more common. It is imperative that interested individuals attend these, ask questions, and communicate concerns so that issues may be addressed at early stages of review. We encourage you to participate and give us your input!

If you have questions about the public engagement process or would like more information, please call the City Planner at 763-287-8521 or at planner@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ORGANIZED COLLECTION

by Barb Suci, City Clerk

Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services in St. Anthony Village will be starting April 1, 2015. Until then, we will provide all residents with a plethora of information to assist in making the transition as smooth as possible. Here is a brief timeline of when information will begin:

January -

Information in Utility Bill

February -

Information on website, Twitter, Channel 16 and Electronic Sign including Press Release, Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions.

March -

Tri-Fold Flyer being mailed to all residents with information regarding the change out process.

March 25th - refuse and recycling containers exchange

As April 1st gets closer, we will be providing as much information to the residents as possible. Please keep checking the website, Twitter and look for information in the mail. This marks a new milestone for the City of St. Anthony Village!

DID YOU KNOW

The St. Anthony City Council, Planning Commission and Parks Commission meetings are available via webstreaming. Go to www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us and click on the "Stay Connected" tab on top. The link is located under "Webstreaming". You can watch live as well as archived meetings. It's a great way to stay up to date with what's happening in the City.

NEED A TRUSTED ADVISOR?

A free Business Consultant?

Need Money to Start or

Expand your Business?

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 consultants work with you to develop a strong business plan, identify challenges and opportunities, and tailor solutions to your needs. In addition to direct consulting, Open to Business program staff can link entrepreneurs with additional resources to help them succeed, including training programs, community governmental services, and industry and business professionals.

They will work with you to determine all of your capital needs, help you identify and apply for financing that meet those needs.

For more information or to get started, call 612-789-7337 extension 260 or email info@opentobusinessmn.org

AGING IN PLACE

Make your home a home for a lifetime!

What's all the buzz about home modifications and aging in place design? What does it mean to you and the home you live in? Want to make some simple changes to update your home AND make it a home for a lifetime?

Contact Alissa Boroff, Access Solutions, at 612-238-5429 for assistance with your questions.

GREATER METROPOLITAN HOUSING CORPORATION (GMHC)

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 contractors, 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 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.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015!

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE WINE & SPIRITS

Our Municipal Liquor Stores contributing to the community since 1948
by Mike Larson, Operations Manager



Now that the year is over, the staff at your Municipal Liquor Stores will begin evaluating our successes and failures during 2014. Our goal is to improve our operation and determine what we can do to provide a better shopping experience for our customers.

Our evaluation process includes goal setting meetings much like the City Council, City Administration and Commission members attend in January of each year. These meetings provide "brainstorming sessions" with our stores' employees to develop a business plan to guide us into the future. Our mission to "control the sale of alcohol while simultaneously generating revenue" will not change, but our goals to continue the mission may be adjusted to maximize our efforts and produce the best results.

2014 brought many challenges to our operation. Expansion of a "Big Box" national liquor store chain into our market affected our sales and therefore our profits. Additionally, the closing of the Wal-Mart store at Silver Lake Village has impacted the sales at our store located in the shopping center. We expect challenges to continue in 2015 also. Legislation to allow wine sales in grocery stores and Sunday sales of alcohol will no doubt be debated at the Capitol again this year.

Off-sale liquor stores in the state of Minnesota have experienced, and will continue to experience major changes that will impact our business due to these challenges. The staff at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits is adapting to the "new normal" of our business by goal setting and planning, monitoring legislation, attending conferences and meetings with other Municipal liquor stores, and maintaining our vision to provide a unique retail environment that is based on excellent customer service, product selection, competitive pricing while providing safe, bright and clean stores that drive long term customer loyalty.

We look forward to serving our customers and St. Anthony Village! The money you and your neighbors spend at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits stays in the community! Please contact me if we can assist you with anything that would provide a better shopping experience for you and your fellow residents. I can be contacted by phone at (612) 782-3455, or feel free to email me at mike.larson@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you!

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SUSTAINABILITY FAIR 2014 KUDOS

by the Sustainability Partnership Group

On behalf of the Cities of St. Anthony Village, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, University of Minnesota Sustainability Students, Three Rivers Park District, Institute on the Environment, and Citizens for Sustainability, we wish to thank all of the residents, business owners and community members that came out for the 3rd Annual Sustainability Fair which was held on Thursday, November 20th at Silverwood Park.

As one participant wrote: Sustainability means “Living in a way that let’s future generations live the same way without depleting our planet’s resources or harming other life”. If we all thought like this imagine how the world would change. Below are a few pictures from this year’s event.



SAVE THE SALO PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES!

by Jan and Jay Fillmore

The Salo Park Summer Concert Series has been a favorite summer evening event for residents of St. Anthony and nearby communities for the past several years. Concerts attendance during the 2014 season was approaching 300 each week.



In the past, the concert series committee has consisted of several residents who live at the condos adjacent to Salo Park, but in fact, the series belongs to the Village of St. Anthony. Jan Fillmore has been the coordinator for the past two years.

In order to continue these concerts in 2015 and beyond, a co-chair and additional committee members are needed. The co-chairs schedule the concerts and obtain sponsors during the winter months. Others on the committee assist during the summer months.

Please save the **Salo Park Summer Concert Series** by getting involved in this worthwhile community endeavor!

For more information, please contact Jan Fillmore, janfillmore@q.com or call 612-782-1675 asap.

RECYCLING NEWS

by Barb Suciu, City Clerk

Take your old paint to your nearest paint store!

The PaintCare Minnesota program officially begun November 1, 2014. In addition to the County’s household hazardous waste drop-off sites that take paint products, there are now over 100 retailers that are accepting leftover paint for recycling. To find your closest location, go to www.paintcare.org for a complete listing of businesses enrolled in this program. (Some restrictions apply, so residents and businesses are encouraged to call a site ahead of time to confirm what is accepted)

Ramsey County Yard Waste Sites

The Ramsey County yard waste sites (except Arden Hills) will be open Saturdays (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sundays (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) from December through March for yard waste and organics recycling. They will also take holiday trees, wreaths and garland (no lights, ribbon or wire.)

Commercial Recycling Mandate

During the 2013-2014 Legislative session, commercial buildings recycling mandates were established. Effective January 1, 2016, new mandates require most businesses to recycle materials such as, but not limited to, paper, glass, plastic, and metal. Watch for more information regarding recycling in upcoming newsletters.



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Reduction Tips

Reduce medicine and prescription drug waste whenever possible.

Use all antibiotics as prescribed by your doctor. Not using all doses of an antibiotic could lead to development of antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria.

For new medications, ask the doctor to prescribe only enough to see if the medication will work for you and in the lowest dose advisable. That way if the medication doesn't suit you, there is less to waste.

Buy only as much as you can reasonably use before the expiration date. Think twice before buying the bottle of 500 aspirin just because it's cheaper, unless you will use them all.

Recycling & Disposal Information

The information below is for residents of Hennepin and Ramsey Counties.

Hennepin County: Has a permanent year-round collection program for unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription medicines at the following locations:

Hennepin County District Court Brookdale

6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy, Brooklyn Center

Hours:

Sunday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Hennepin County Public Safety Facility

401 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis

Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

You are required to go through a metal detector at this location.

Hennepin County Sheriff's Patrol Headquarters

9401 83rd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ramsey County: Safely dispose of any unwanted or expired medicines for free at one of Ramsey County's two public drop boxes. Open year-round, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Closed Federal holidays.)

Ramsey County Law Enforcement

Center 425 Grove St., St. Paul

Sheriff's Patrol Station 1411 Paul

Kirkwood Dr., Arden Hills

NOTE: Empty medication bottles can be recycled. Use a marker to cover personal information on prescriptions or remove the label before recycling. The caps can stay on the bottle.

