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A Note from the Mayor.....

As we near the end of winter and early spring rains begin to uncover the need for clean up, it's a good time for us to take a look at what is most peoples most valuable investment – their home. The City does many things to protect the value of homes through proactive police protection, street renovations, and fire emergency response. The Fire Department receives the highest Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rating possible for a city our size, which tells insurance companies this is a good risk - thereby lowering your homeowner's insurance rates. Even though our Public Works department sweeps the streets more often than most cities and maintains and upgrades our water and sewer lines all those efforts stop on your curb.

That's where we as homeowners come in. And to keep our property investment sound and growing it is important that we maintain that investment. The spring-time will uncover leaky roofs, our heating bill will indicate a need for a new furnace, and insulation and or window replacement and our yards will show us an accumulation of winter debris previously hidden. So it is an excellent time to review and plan our maintenance, repairing and maybe even some renovation/remodeling.

St. Anthony does not have a Housing Maintenance Code and we have relied on the residents' own initiative to keep up with their properties. However we realize that sometimes that can be a daunting and overwhelming task so we have partnered with the Housing Resource Center to advise homeowners on housing issues. Over 300 home owners have participated in this program and some are even eligible for up to a 10% rebate of their project if they meet the qualifications (income of less than \$88,500). In addition they will provide information on a variety of topics: maintenance, safety, home improvement financing, first time homebuyer classes, mortgage foreclosure prevention programs, energy assistance programs as well as construction management consultations.

I would encourage anyone who has a question about any home repairs to contact the Housing Resource Center. Informational brochures can be found at City Hall, by watching for information on CTV15, www.housingresourcecenter.org, www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us or by calling 612-378-7985 Northeast Housing Resource Center.

Lastly I would like to thank the community for their cooperation in assisting us in working towards our completion of the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) program without your continued cooperation and patience the city would not be able to comply with State and Federal regulations. On behalf of the staff and city council – I thank you!

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.

50 years of public safety expo *City of St. Anthony and Kiwanis presents*

“50 Years of Public Safety” Expo

*Come join in the
celebration for*

“50 Years of Public Safety”

*Come experience and explore
public safety first hand*

Saturday, April 28, 2007

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Community Center

*Representatives will be
present from the following
agencies:*

- * *St. Anthony Police
Department - Est. 1957*
- * *St. Anthony Fire
Department - Est. 1956*
- * *St. Anthony Public
Works Department -
Est. 1955*
- * *Kiwanis - Est. 1960*
- * *Hennepin County
Medical Center
Ambulance*
- * *Center Point Energy*
- * *Minnesota State
Patrol Helicopter*
- * *Hennepin County
Water Patrol*
- * *Hennepin County
Health Department*
- * *Middle Mississippi
Watershed District*
- * *Rice Creek
Watershed District*
- * *National Weather
Bureau*
- * *Ramsey County
Command Vehicle*

Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 5, 2007

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Anthony's Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Garage, located at 3801 Chandler Drive. St. Anthony residents who have items that they no longer use, need or want can take advantage of this annual event to dispose of them. As in past Clean-Up Days, tires, auto batteries, appliances, miscellaneous junk, and scrap metal will be accepted. Please try to remove all wood, plastic, etc. from the scrap metal if possible.

No recyclable items will be accepted on Clean-Up Day (newspaper, glass, cans, plastic, cardboard, magazines, and catalogues). Household hazardous waste is not accepted at Clean-Up Day. Residents can take it to the Hennepin County Recycling Center and Transfer Station, located at 8100 Jefferson Highway in Brooklyn Park.

The Salvation Army will be accepting clothing, furniture, and other household items that are in good condition.

Freeway towing will provide free junk car disposal. Please call them at 651-633-5525 to register your vehicle to be picked up. Car owners must provide Freeway Towing with the title of the vehicle or bill of sale.

Appliances will also be accepted, but for a fee. Appliances accepted include air conditioners, stoves, washers, dryers, residential furnaces, refrigerators, dishwashers, freezers, water heaters, microwave ovens, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers, and dehumidifiers. In addition, televisions, audio equipment, and VCR's will be accepted. The City reserves the right to refuse any item. Contact City Hall with questions at 782-3301.

clean-up day

Acceptable Items and Fees

Auto Batteries	\$1 each
Household and button batteries.....	No Charge
Passenger Car.....	\$5 per tire
Light truck	\$5 per tire
Semi-truck	\$10 per tire
Larger tires	\$20 or higher per tire
Any size tire with a rim.....	add \$1 per tire

Appliances/Electronics.....\$15 each
(+\$10 surcharge on air conditioners, refrigerators, and freezers due to different switches & freon) Appliances accepted include televisions, stoves, washers, dryers, residential furnaces, refrigerators, dishwashers, freezers water heaters, microwave ovens, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, VCR's, computers and printers.

Scrap Metal.....\$5 per load
Types accepted include steel, sheet metal, aluminum, copper, and brass. Please remove rubber, plastic, wood and other non-metal material from the metal, as much as practical.

Miscellaneous Junk.....Volume-based fee

Tree and Brush Waste.....Volume-base fee

Household items, clothing, furniture.....No Charge
Salvation Army will be accepting items in good condition. Furniture must be complete with no rips or tears. Clothing should be in boxes or bags. Household items should be in working condition; breakable items should be wrapped in paper.

Fees for Solid Waste Disposal

Minimum Charge per carload.....	\$25
Station Wagon/Mini vans.....	\$25
Pickup/Full sized vans (1/2 full).....	\$30
Pickup/Full sized vans (full).....	\$50
Small Pickups (1/2 full).....	\$25
Small Pickups (full).....	\$45
Trailers (per cubic yard).....	\$15

Miscellaneous Junk & Scrap Metal

Car trunk (minimum charge - smaller items).....	\$10 - \$15
Car trunk (full).....	\$20
Station Wagon/Mini vans (1/2 full)	\$30
Pickup/Full sized vans (1/2 full).....	\$30
Pickup/Full sized vans (full).....	\$50
Small Pickups (1/2 full).....	\$25
Small Pickups (full).....	\$45
Propane tanks (under 20 lbs.).....	\$15
Propane tanks (over 20 lbs.).....	\$25

Pet Ordinances

It's getting to be spring again and soon, more people will be out with their dogs. The City has ordinances in place that govern how dogs are to be kept in the Village. Section 515.01 of the City Ordinance requires that all dogs over the age of six (6) months of age that are kept, harbored or maintained in the City to be licensed and registered. The license is valid for two (2) years and must be renewed by March 1 of the year it expires. At the time of licensure, the dog(s) must be immunized for rabies. Proof of immunization for rabies by a licensed veterinarian is required at the time the dog is being licensed.

Section 515.05 Special Multiple Dog License. The City requires that anyone in the Village that has three (3) dogs over the age of six (6) months must obtain a multiple dog license for their premise. There are conditions for obtaining this license that need to be met before a multiple dog license will be issued.

Section 1205.03 Running At Large. No owner or keeper of any domesticated animal may permit the animal to be at large and must at all times keep the animal under physical restraint. This includes dogs, cats, (yes, even cats) and any other domesticated animal. Any animal that is found loose and not confined to the property of the owner or keeper is deemed "at large" and will be picked up by the Police Department. And, none of our parks or open spaces are off-leash areas, so please keep your animal leashed and under your control at all times.

Section 1205.04 Droppings. When you are out and about with your animal, please remember to bring along whatever you need to clean up after your pet. It is your responsibility, even if the animal isn't yours, and you're doing the owner a favor by walking it, to clean up after the animal and dispose of the droppings in a sanitary manner.

Silver Lake Road Reconstruction

Task Force Meets to review Final Plans

On Wednesday, February 28, 2007, the Silver Lake Road Task Force met to discuss several items in relation to the reconstruction of Silver Lake Road from St. Anthony Boulevard to 37th Avenue NE. Also in attendance were representatives from Hennepin County, the City of St. Anthony Village, and the project design engineering team. The main discussion points included: determining the color and style of retaining walls; the type and style of safety railing; and the location and types of trees, shrubbery, and street lighting. The Task Force also discussed the potential impacts that could be anticipated once construction begins in the Spring of 2008, and the possibility that utility work by Reliant Energy, Xcel and Qwest could begin this year in preparation for next year's road reconstruction project.

A Public Open House will be held on April 26, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at St. Anthony Village City Hall, 3301 Silver Lake Road. Representatives from the City, County, and associated engineering and design firms will be available to answer any questions with regards to the project design and construction. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

2007 Goals

The Goals for 2007 are as follows:

- 1) Reconstruction of Silver Lake Road
- 2) Develop Feasible Broadband Plan
- 3) Review City Ordinances and RFP for Recodification.
- 4) Identify Environmental Priorities for City.
- 5) Key Financial Strategies

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April

- 10.....City Council Meeting
- 17.....Planning Commission Meeting
- 19.....Historical Society Meeting
- 20.....Water Bills Mailed
- 24.....City Council Meeting
- 26.....Silver Lake Road Open House
- 28.....Public Safety Expo

May

- 5.....Clean Up Day
- 8.....City Council Meeting
- 15.....Planning Commission Meeting
- 17.....Historical Society Meeting
- 20.....Water Bills Due
- 22.....City Council Meeting
- 28....City Offices Closed Memorial Day
- 29.....Joint Meeting with School Board

June

- 11.....Parks Commission Meeting
- 12.....City Council Meeting
- 19.....Planning Commission
- 21.....Historical Society Meeting
- 26.....City Council Meeting

July

- 4.....Office Closed Independence Day
- 10.....City Council Meeting



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City Offices

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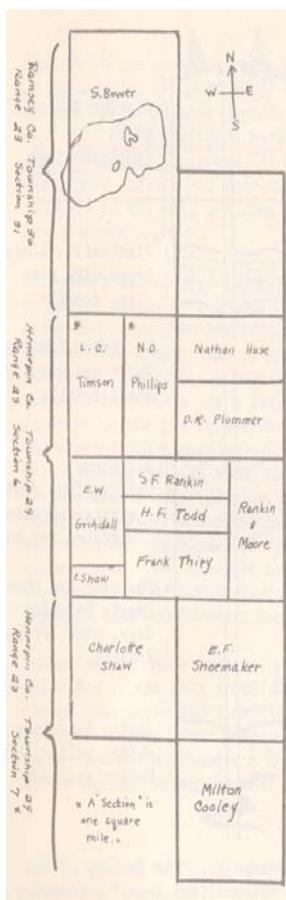
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The Cemetery

Did you know that that open area on Stinson just south of St. Mary's Cemetery is one of the oldest cemetaries in Hennepin County. In 1850, Lewis and Elizabeth Stone and their seven children left their native state of Maine and ventured to the new territory of Minnesota. They homesteaded a farm in what is now the City of St. Anthony and Northeast Minneapolis. Shortly after they settled, Mrs. Stone died and was buried on the farm. On July 14, 1853, Mr. Stone set aside one acre of land around his wife's grave. In the indenture, he stated that the land "be used exclusively for the uses of the Public as a Common and free Burying Ground forev er and never to be used for any other purpose whatever."



Over the years, many were buried there including Samuel Wilson, who was a soldier in the Civil War. His tombstone can still be read. Other stones are so eroded that the inscriptions cannot be made out. Although many residents refer to it as "Potters' Field", it has no known name. * There are some very old oak trees on the lot. Perhaps they were there when Elizabeth Stone was buried. Brighton Avenue Northeast, probably the old cemetery road, goes right to it on Stinson Boulevard. Besides being a very special place in St. Anthony, it is the oldest existing cemetery in Hennepin County.

*Correction: St. Anthony Township Cemetery

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 Yesterday and Today
 Recipes and history of St. Anthony Village
 by Cadette Girl Scout Troop 1586; 1976

Water Meter Replacement and Sump Pump Inspections Update

As of March 10, 2007 approximately 878 or 37% of the water meters in the City of St. Anthony have been replaced. We are continuing to send out appointment cards and are hoping to make contact with everyone by the first part of April.

The Inflow and Infiltration Inspections are proceeding in conjunction with water meter replacements. If your home has been found to have a foundation drain that is connected directly to the Sanitary Sewer it will need to be disconnected. This will require the installation of a sump and pump to direct this water outside. This work will need to be completed by June 1, 2007 to avoid penalties. Jay Hartman, Director of Public Works, will verify that all non-compliant foundation drains have been corrected. You will be notified by mail if your home has been found to be non-compliant.

ARE WE READY?

by Officer Mike Huddle, St. Anthony Police Department

In our post 9/11 world we are concerned with incidents such as terrorism more than we ever have been before. Though terrorist events have occurred inside the United States before 09/11/01, the threat of larger scale, more coordinated attacks using more readily available weapons of mass destruction seems closer than before 9/11/01. Many people wonder what the next potential threat or attack might be. Some might wonder who is prepared to handle an incident if it happens. Who will confront the imminent threat, or worse, the release of a chemical, biological, radiological weapon, suicide bomber, or terrorist cell here in our own backyard? Where are those people? Is anyone ready to confront these possibilities?

The St. Anthony Police Department is ready and has been a part a Hennepin County Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Tactical Team since it was first created three years ago. The team falls under the authority of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and is made up of tactical officers from agencies around Hennepin County. Assignment to this team is an additional duty beyond that of the usual patrol duties with the St. Anthony Police Department.

This team is unique, not only because of its specialized mission, but because it is multi-jurisdictional. Having tactical officers from different agencies make up the team gives it the benefit of having that larger web of connections and resources that each agency and team member brings with them. It also benefits each member's community by forming closer ties to other agencies and developing greater available resources. This team is specifically trained and equipped to provide a tactical law enforcement response to a terrorist weapon of mass destruction event or other crime where a hazardous materials threat is present. This means that the team is trained to operate and be successful in pre-emptying a terrorist attack, or function in a hazardous environment to end a terrorist attack. To this end, officers have undergone extensive training and have been equipped with specialized gear. Some of this equipment includes self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), gas masks, chemical protective clothing, radiation meters, chemical detection and identification equipment, specialized cameras for searching, and a remote control robot. The equipment and training received has been funded by homeland security and domestic preparedness grants. Members have been trained as hazardous materials technicians, undergone basic and advanced certifications in WMD tactical operations, and have received training from the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, and the National Guard 55th Civil Support Team. The team plans to continue and strengthen its training and working relationships with these agencies as well as work and train in the future with the Minneapolis Bomb Squad and the U.S. Air Marshals. Any type of terrorist related incident will certainly require support from a wide range of agencies and services, and the working relationships built with this team will result in the most effective response.

police and fire

9-1-1

police and fire emergency

612-782-3350

police non-emergency

763-525-6220

police after hours
non-emergency

612-782-3400

fire non-emergency

A team such as this provides law enforcement a tremendous capability protect our communities from acts of terrorism involving a weapon of mass destruction. This resource could not exist without the steadfast support of local police departments and the Sheriff's Office. Law enforcement leaders like the Sheriff and Chief Ohl have met this challenging responsibility head on and raised the level of service we provide to our communities. We are becoming better prepared right now. Those who would respond to the unthinkable are right here, and already know who they are.

The Citizen's Academy led by the St. Anthony Police Department for Spring 2007 is currently full. We are however, accepting application in case vacancies become available.



Carbon Monoxide Detector Law

by Mark Sitarz

What is colorless, odorless, and tasteless yet it can kill you within minutes of entering your body? We know it as Carbon Monoxide (CO) but it is also called "The Silent Killer".

Acute CO poisoning contributes to more than 2000 deaths annually in the United States. Statistics from Hennepin County Medical Center show that in 2005 and 2006 more than 178 hyperbaric oxygen treatments for CO poisoning were performed here in Minneapolis.

CO turns into a deadly gas that accumulates in the blood when it is inhaled. A toxic compound forms in your body, which can cause headaches, fatigue, nausea, and confusion. CO poisoning in the later stages can cause vomiting, loss of consciousness, brain damage and eventually death.

CO is a by-product of combustion of fossil fuels. From automobiles to fossil fuel burning household appliances, they produce CO. Unless vented properly dangerous levels of the gas can build up inside your house. Warming your vehicle up even with the garage door open is not considered properly vented. However, in 2006 the Minnesota State Legislature passed a new carbon monoxide law requiring CO alarms in all single-family and multi-family dwelling units.

Starting January 1, 2007, all newly constructed single-family homes and multi-family dwelling units for which building permits were issued on or after January 1, 2007 shall be provided with CO alarms. August 1, 2008 all existing single-family homes shall be equipped with approved CO alarms. August 1, 2009 all multi-family dwelling units shall be provided with approved CO alarms. There are various alarms that you can purchase and we currently see a lot of them installed in homes. One type of alarm that is especially helpful to us as firefighters is a CO alarm dedicated only to CO detection and has a digital readout. This readout will display not only the current CO level but it will also show us what the peak reading in the house was. Also, please keep your instruction manuals handy as there are different detectors and we may have to refer to the manual if we are not familiar with your brand.

In the fall of 2003 I was the recipient of a CO detector doing what it is supposed to do. Saving the life of a loved one. My wife (who was my girlfriend at the time) came home from work and heard an alarm. It turned out that the furnace flue, which ventilates up through the chimney had collapsed in on itself. What makes this worse was that it could go undetected as the flue is enclosed by concrete block all the way to the roof. Without that alarm from the detector and the common sense that went with calling 911, my life would be completely different as I now know it. But the system worked and it worked perfectly and that is goal of this new law, to save a savable life.

If you have questions about this new law or about CO detectors in general feel free to contact the Fire Department at (612) 782-3400. We have informational sheets and brochures available for residents. You can also go the State Fire Marshal's Office website at www.fire.state.mn.us for any additional information about this new law.

Hennepin County Assessor's Office

In early March of this year the assessor's office sent a notice of the market value for the 2007 assessment and taxes payable in 2008. If you feel that your market value is incorrect please contact your assessor's office. Many property owners' concerns can be explained or resolved simply by making a phone call to the assessor's office.

The city had an open book meeting on April 3rd. Open book meetings are an alternative to the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. During "open book" meetings, the valuation and classification issues are handled by the assessor's staff on a one-on-one basis with the property owner.

The open book meetings provide a forum for property owners to meet with assessment staff on an informal basis to review information about their property and to ask questions about the assessment.

Any further questions please call 612-596-1640.

Curbside Branch Chipping, May 14 - 16

APPLICATION FORM

2007 CITY OF ST. ANTHONY BRANCH CHIPPING PROGRAM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I hereby request that branches be chipped by the city of St. Anthony Public Works Department at the above address between May 14-16. I understand that I will be charged \$15 for each 10 minutes of chipping and that I will be billed on my July 2007 water/sewer bill. A minimum of \$15.00 will be charged. Branches must be at the curb.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

The Public Works Department will be doing curbside branch chipping for residents May 14 - 16. If you wish to have branches chipped, complete the form on the left and return it to city hall. Branches must be left at the curb. Maximum branch diameter is 8". No tree stumps and do not bundle branches with wire. For more inform

Street Sweeping

2007 Street Sweeping program will begin early April. Primary and secondary roadways, which contribute stormwater to local watersheds, will be completed first. The schedule for sweeping is about one week. Secondary roadways will then be swept throughout the month of April.

Fire Hydrant flushing will occur during the night between 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to residents. Flushing of the city hydrants is done for the following three reasons:

- (1) to make sure that hydrants are in good working condition;
- (2) to flush out sediment and rust deposits that accumulate in the water systems; and
- (3) to evaluate water pressures through out the City.

Your cooperation and patience is appreciated during this process.



Central Park Pavilion Rental Information

Central Park Pavilion is available for rent. There are several options for renting this gathering area.

<u>Pavilion</u>	<u>Commons</u>
Resident \$35 per day	Resident \$155 per day
Nonresident \$135 per day	Nonresident \$255 per day

<u>Pavilion/Commons</u>
Resident \$175 per day
Nonresident \$360 per day

<u>Soccer/Baseball/Softball Fields (Tournament)</u>	
Resident \$100 per field up to 4 hours	Resident \$75 per field up to 4 hours
\$25 each additional hour	\$18.75 each additional hour
Nonresident \$200 per field up to 4 hours	Nonresident: \$135 per field up to 4 hours
\$50 each additional hour	\$33.75 per each additional hour

<u>Soccer/Baseball/Softball Fields (Non-Tournament)</u>	
Resident \$100 per field up to 4 hours	Resident \$75 per field up to 4 hours
\$25 each additional hour	\$18.75 each additional hour
Nonresident \$200 per field up to 4 hours	Nonresident: \$135 per field up to 4 hours
\$50 each additional hour	\$33.75 per each additional hour

***Field Lights - \$30 for all classes*

If you are interested in renting a facility at Central Park or for more information, contact Community Services at 612-706-1166.

Thank you!

The final fund-raising total from the 2006 Relay For Life of St. Anthony was \$37,000! Congratulations! You are a "Village of Hope".

Since the Amazing 1st year Luminaria Ceremony in 2004 that inspired and kicked-off the American Cancer Society Relay in St. Anthony..... your support, efforts, and generosity has cumulatively raised over \$85,000 for the ACS and the fight against cancer!



On behalf of the ACS and St. Anthony RFL planning committee - A heartfelt thank you again to the City of St. Anthony, our awesome Teams, volunteers, participants, donors and sponsors - with special note of thanks to our Top Sponsors: Applebee's, Culvers, Wal-Mart, Walters Recycling & Refuse, Tracy Printing, Washburn- McReavy, & Carl Pohlad/ MN Twins. Thanks to you, we are making great progress towards a cure...Your efforts are directly helping save lives – through research, education, and early detection.

Because of you... 2007 ACS New Report Shows Steepest Drop ever in Cancer Deaths!

Over 500 Minnesota patients were provided transportation to their treatments through the "Road to Recovery" program:

- * 381 Patients stayed at the Hope Lodge in Rochester free of charge while receiving treatment at the Mayo Clinic
- * A new Hope Lodge opens at U of M
- * 886 Minnesota cancer patients received basic medical equipment for at-home care.
- * 8,000 Minnesotans called an ACS Navigator for support during their cancer journey
- * Over 15,000 cancer survivors were honored at Minnesota Relay For Life events!

Save the Date: **Saturday, August 4th - 2007** ACS Relay For Life – VillageFest Weekend!

Volunteers Needed!

E-mail Todd to become involved and to receive our on-line "Relay News" - featuring survivor stories and event information. Todd Peterson - Todd.Peterson@cancer.org – 651-255-8159

*Last Tuesday's of each month – 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Community Center. Stop in to get information, learn about Volunteer opportunities and/or pick up Team packets.

Todd Peterson
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Mendota Heights, MN 55120-1158
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Todd.Peterson@cancer.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

VILLAGEFEST AUGUST 3 and 4, 2007 at Central Park

Spring Greetings from the Chamber

The St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce Board Members are in the process of putting together and working on the many spring and summer events and programs and look to you for your support and participation.

Our annual meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 18 at the Radisson Hotel Roseville, starting at 5:30 p.m. This is when the winners will be announced for "Villager of the Year" and "Business of the Year". The chamber will also be sponsoring the Job Shadow Program with the St. Anthony High School, which will be held late April or early May. Our 5th Annual Summer Beautification Contest will start the end of May and judging will be done mid-July, more information will be forthcoming via the newspapers later this spring. Our Annual Golf Tournament and Pig Roast will again take place in August. The St. Anthony Chamber Scholarship Award Winners will be announced in the next city newsletter publication.

The Chamber is always looking for new members and new ideas, so if you would like to attend one of our meetings or would like more information, you may call either me at 612-781-8301 or George Wagner, our Executive Director at 612-788-1360. Our monthly luncheon meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at Chandler Place in St. Anthony. There will be no monthly meeting in April due to our annual meeting.

Our board wishes you all the best and we hope to see you at one of our meetings or events.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!
Rose Fitzjerrells, President
St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Vital Aging Council News by Gordon J. Amundson

St. Anthony Village resident, Bill Sauer, presented a program on adventure travel at the January Vital Aging Council meeting. More than 40 seniors braved the cold afternoon to attend the program at the St. Anthony Village Community Center.

In May of 2006, Bill experienced a tough but very successful dogsledding trip across Spitzbergen Island in the Svalbards, an island chain located 700 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Bill's slide show presentation included some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. The trip was organized by noted explorer Paul Schurke. Many obstacles, including sled rollovers, horrendous winds, and blizzards, were endured during the trip. Among the participants was an adventuresome 85 year old woman.

After the presentation, a social period was held with additional questions for Bill, some wonderful cookies and bars donated by seniors, and some lively conversation. Thanks to Sally Cain and her staff at Community Services for their assistance in making the program a success.

Other VAC News

The March 19 meeting will feature Kay Anderson, Executive Director, North East Senior Citizen Resource Center, Inc (NESCRC). Kay will share information about the goals and work of NESCRC and its relationship to the VAC.

Future VAC monthly meetings will be held as follows:

April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16
All at the Community Center at 1:45 p.m. Mark your calendar!

FAQ about Single Sort Recycling in St. Anthony

On September 26, 2006, the St. Anthony City Council voted unanimously to amend Chapter 5 of the City Code to allow the residential garbage haulers to introduce single-sort recycling to their customers in the City as pilot program, lasting until December 31, 2007. The City Council also as part of this introduction program has required that the residential garbage haulers offer three different sizes of containers to their customers – small, medium and large – so that switching to the pilot program is convenient for the residents.

Single-sort recycling is an emerging recycling strategy being introduced by garbage haulers throughout the metro-area. The idea behind single-sort recycling is that all recyclable materials are placed in one container rather than several containers. Previously, residents were given blue recycling bins, each to contain only one type of recyclable material item, i.e. glass in one container, plastic bottles in another container and tin cans in yet another container. By utilizing a single-sort recycling strategy, all these recyclable items can be placed in the same container and the garbage hauler will then pick them up curbside every other week. As with the traditional recycling program, all recyclable containers and paper must be clean. You will still be required to rinse cans and bottles as part of the single-sort recycling program. Any containers that have garbage or unclean recyclables will be deemed contaminated and rejected as recyclable by your hauler. You will be charged for an additional container of garbage and will need to clean the recyclable container before the hauler will accept it to contain recyclable items.

The main point of this recycling strategy is to increase the reclamation of recyclable materials from the waste stream and by changing the recycling process to a single-sort collection makes it easier to recycle. The three haulers working in St. Anthony have reported that their records indicate a substantial increase in the amounts of recyclables that they are collecting since the initiation of this single-sort strategy. Other metro-area cities have also reported a substantial increase in the amounts being reclaimed from the waste stream for recycling.

Other benefits that single-sort recycling collection have provided include reduced wear and tear on city streets; reduction in noise and pollutants from the garbage trucks; and the recycling containers are easier to take to the curb.

For more information on the City's single-sort recycling pilot program, please refer to the following documents on the City's web site: www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

City Ordinance, Chapter 5, Section 555

July 25, 2006 City Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2006 City Council Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2006 City Council Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2006 City Council Meeting Minutes

Since the City Council adopted an ordinance to allow recycling to be picked no less than once every other week, residents have called City Hall with many questions. The following are those questions that have been asked the most often.



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Q. What is Single Sort Recycling, exactly? I've heard and read about it but I'm not sure I know what it is?

A. Single sort recycling is a way of recycling that combines several recyclable materials together in one container. Many of these materials, such as paper, glass, cans, etc. can be thrown in one container. The hauler takes it away to a sorting facility where the various materials get separated. Ask your hauler about the kinds of recycling materials they allow to be thrown in the container. Remember that you still must rinse out the containers. Any residual food matter will contaminate the recyclables that you have in your container and will cause the hauler to reject it.

Q. If my hauler only picks up my recycling every other week, how do I get rid of the smell?

A. If you rinse your containers properly, then you should not have a problem with odor. Your recycling should be taken care of like you did when you prepared them to be put in the blue bin. No garbage is allowed in the recycling containers. That's why the containers are different colors so you can tell the difference.

Q. What if I don't want such a large container as my hauler wants to give me?

A. As part of the recycling ordinance that the City Council approved, the garbage haulers that you contract with to pickup your garbage are also required to provide you with a recycling container. These containers come in three sizes, roughly small, medium and large and according the new ordinance, you are to be allowed to choose a container that suits your needs.

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Ramsey County Compost Information

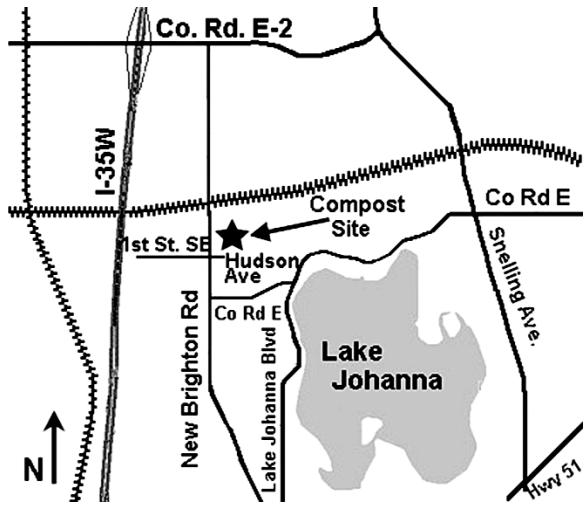
The Ramsey County composts open April 1st and continue to be open until November 30th. The Arden Hills site is located on Hudson Avenue east of New Brighton Road. The hours of operation are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Arden Hills site accepts the following items:

- * leaves
- * brush
- * grass clippings
- * other soft bodied plants
- * all parts of trees but no stumps

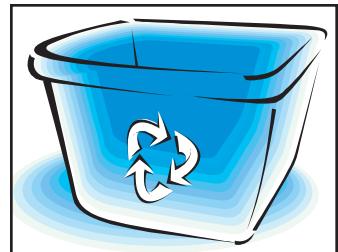
All residents are encouraged to utilized the Arden Hills site. When using the site be sure to bring your identification with you.



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Q. *Now that I have a new recycling container, what do I do with the old blue recycling bin that I have?*

A. Keep it. The new recycling ordinance is only temporary. The City Council had received mixed comments about single sort recycling, so they negotiated with the garbage haulers to establish a program that would offer the residents of St. Anthony single sort recycling service on a temporary basis. If at the end of the program, which is December 31, 2007, single sort recycling is an agreeable recycling method, then the Council will consider making it permanent. If the City Council decides to make single sort recycling permanent, you can keep the blue bin; if they decide to rescind the single sort recycling ordinance and program, then you will need to have the blue recycling bin.



Q. *If I have questions about single sort recycling, who do I call?*

A. If you have questions about the kinds of recycling you can put in the container or questions about the container, pickup dates and other questions of that nature, please call your hauler. If you have questions about the ordinance, please feel free to call City Hall at 612-782-3301.

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

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