

# Village NOTES

*"A village in the city"*

## A Note from the Mayor.....

Dear Residents:

It is nice to see that spring will finally grace us with its presence. But what that means is the continued work on Silver Lake Road will begin in earnest. This will be a disruption for the entire city but by the end of the project we will be grateful for a new city image. I thank you for your patience.

In January the council, city manager, department heads, chairs of the Planning and Park commissions along with the city engineer and financial consultant conducted a 2 day retreat/ goal setting meeting. Those goals have already been presented on the March 25th 2008 Council meeting; however I would like to share with you the thought process and results.

In the past, we have identified annual goals even though some of those have taken more than 2 years to accomplish. This year we established ongoing goals for the city that are for multiple years and more universal in nature which encompass many secondary and tertiary actions by the city. We feel this will give an enhanced long term direction and focus for the future of our city.

Let me share with you the general goal areas for the city:

**Environmental Stewardship** – what we are looking at here are the areas of energy reduction in our operations, City wide best management practices (BMP), storm water management, street benches, reuse of backwash water, sidewalks, review of trash collection, public transportation, rainwater garden and other cost effective opportunities as they arise.

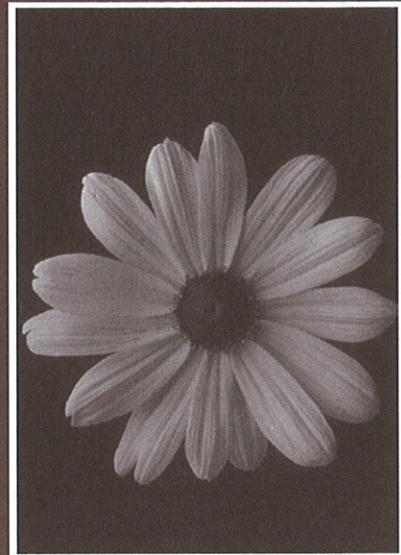
**Improve and Maintain Infrastructure** – that most visibly is our roads, sewer and water facilities, inflow and infiltration along with buildings, sidewalks, equipment and trained personnel. All of this occurs through the use of a long term capital improvement plan.

**Technology Advances** – fiber to the home provides a future sustainability in telecommunications that is not only entertainment but an educational and economic necessity for a competitive community. This enhances city services to citizens needs and streamlines the time and cost to deliver required services such as public works activities.

**Maintain/Improve Housing Stock** – the development of fire and housing maintenance codes maintain the value, safety and livability of St Anthony. In addition, review where the private sector can redevelop areas based upon the needs and scope of the city's comprehensive planning process.

**Senior Transitions** – this is a new area for us that we want to explore where the city can partner with other organizations, governmental and non-governmental, to facilitate the continued involvement of our seniors through their volunteerism and lasting community connection. The Vital Aging Council has a City Council liaison representative assigned to it and we look forward to the exchange of ideas.

My best regards,  
Jerry Faust



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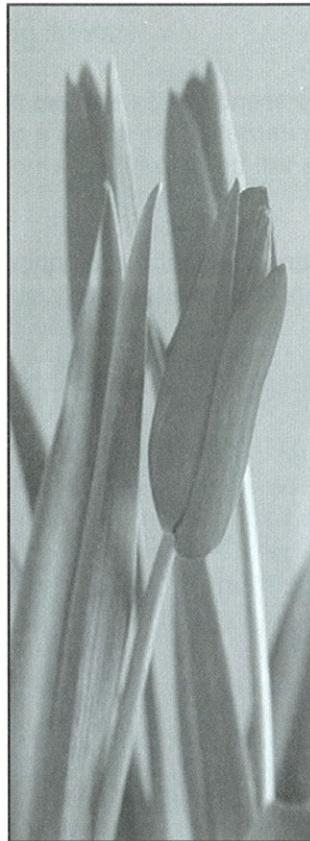
*Our mission is to be a progressive and livable community, a walkable village, which is safe and secure.*

## 2008 Goals

The Goals for 2008 are as follows:

- 1) Environmental Stewardship & Rehabilitation
- 2) Improve and Maintain Infrastructure
- 3) Technology Advances
- 4) Improve and Maintain Housing
- 5) Senior Transition

**Are you interested in becoming an election judge? If so, contact the City Clerk at 612-782-3313 for an application.**



## SILVER LAKE ROAD

Spring is finally here and that means the reconstruction of Silver Lake Road will be approaching soon. The City of St. Anthony along with Hennepin County held an Open House on March 31, 2008. There were representatives from the City, County and the Construction Team available to answer questions regarding the project. A presentation was given at 7 pm explaining the proposed improvements, the anticipated construction staging and schedule and how information would be communicated to the residents during the construction period. For the most current information check out our website at [www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us)



## ST. ANTHONY DIRECTORY

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St. Anthony High School.....	706-1100
Web site.....	<a href="http://www.stanthony.k12.mn.us">www.stanthony.k12.mn.us</a>

# SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 3, 2008

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Anthony's Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 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.

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS AND FEES

Auto Batteries .....	\$1 each
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 (cost depends on size of TV), stoves, washers, dryers, residential furnaces, refrigerators, dishwashers, freezers water heaters, microwave ovens, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, VCR's, computers, monitors (cost depends on size), 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
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Tree and Brush Waste.....	Volume-base fee
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Propane Tanks.....	\$10 each
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Document Shredding Available - Residential Only

clean-up day

## 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 six (6) months of age that are kept, harbored or maintained in the City are 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 other 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. Also, 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.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### April

- 8.....City Council Meeting
- 14.....Hennepin County Open Book Mtg
- 15.....Planning Commission Meeting
- 16.....Historical Society Meeting
- 20.....Water Bills Mailed
- 22.....City Council Meeting
- 29.....Joint Meeting with School Board

### May

- 3.....Clean Up Day
- 13.....City Council Meeting
- 20.....Planning Commission Meeting  
Water Bills Due
- 21.....Historical Society Meeting
- 26.....City Offices Closed Memorial Day
- 27.....City Council Meeting

### June

- 9.....Parks Commission Meeting
- 10.....City Council Meeting
- 17.....Planning Commission
- 18.....Historical Society Meeting
- 27.....City Council Meeting

### July

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

## HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

In early March the assessor's office sent a notice of the market value for the 2008 Assessment and Taxes Payable in 2009. If you feel that your market value is incorrect please contact the assessor's office. Many property owners' concerns can be explained or resolved simply by making a phone call to the assessor's office.

The county will be holding an open book meeting on April 14, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 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 meeting will provide a forum for property owners to meet with Hennepin County assessment staff on an informal basis to review information about their property and to ask questions about their assessment.

Any further questions please call Jessica at 612-348-3046.

## ST. ANTHONY TOWNSHIP SHARES THE SESQUICENTENNIAL WITH THE STATE

In looking through some of the minutes of meetings for St. Anthony, it was discovered that the Township of St. Anthony held its first meeting on May 11, 1858, which is also the same date that the Minnesota Territory became a state. The minutes of this first meeting reports the results of the Township's first election. Even then, the Clerk, Thomas Newell, reported that after the ballots were counted, he found an extra voted ballot remaining in the box. In checking the Poll Book, he states that all the other voted ballots were accounted for and the extra ballot was "drawn from the Box as the law dictates". Apparently, hanging chads are not strictly a 21st Century issue.

The minutes go on to report that the election "Moderator" D.A. Seacombe resigned the office of moderator once the votes were counted and canvassed. "D.S.B. Johnston was duly elected (as moderator) and . . . proclamation made of the results according to law." The minutes then go on to report that the town meeting was adjourned. It appears that the Township minutes were used to record the actions taken at annual town meetings as well as those meetings that called for elections and the Poll List for those elections.

Listed as part of the record are the names of the 740 eligible voters that participated in the Township's first election in 1858. These eligible voters were men as women did not have the right to vote at this time. The offices up for election included Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Assessor, Collector (tax), Overseer of the Poor, Constable, Justice of the Peace, and Overseer of Roads. Elected were: J.B. Gilbert, Town Supervisor; Dan M. Demmon, Town Clerk; James A. Lennon; Joseph W. Ellis, Collector; James Holmes, Overseer of the Poor; Albert Galvin, Constable; S. Armstrong, Justice of the Peace; Moses Whittier, Overseer of Roads.

The St. Anthony Historical Society has submitted this information to the Minnesota History Center as the City of St. Anthony Village was once a part of the Township of St. Anthony, which rivaled both the Townships of Minneapolis and St. Paul in size and importance. The first residents of St. Anthony Township were farmers, working hard to clear the land and produce foodstuffs that were sold locally and regionally. Over time, St. Anthony Township, which once used the Mississippi River as a border, has had portions annexed to Minneapolis and St. Paul resulting in a much smaller community that ultimately became incorporated as a city in 1945.



pictured: St. Anthony Falls

## SPRING GREETINGS FROM THE ST. ANTHONY CHAMBER!

The St. Anthony Chamber Board Members are in the process of putting together and working on the many Spring and Summer Events and look to you for your support and participation.

Our Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 17 at Jax Cafe, starting at 5:30pm. The new Villager of the Year and Business of the Year will be announced and honored at our annual meeting. These two awards are given to a local individual and business that have been nominated and judged on their contributions, involvement & participation in improving the quality of life in St. Anthony Village.

Dr. Mike Petersen has been working with the St. Anthony High School Officials in the planning of a Senior Career Day, which will be held on May 27. More information and details will be announced as the plans are finalized. Also in May is when I will have the great honor of presenting two \$1000 Scholarships to two St. Anthony High School Seniors! Even though Silver Lake Road will be under construction, plans are being made to continue with VillageFest and the Annual Chamber Golf Tournament at a new location. Tom Harkins has agreed to chair the Golf Tournament & Pig Roast Event again this year and will be recruiting members to help him to offer an even bigger and better tournament!

My two-year term as President of the St. Anthony Chamber will be ending at the end of April, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have supported and helped me these past two years! I would also like to thank all the individuals and organizations that help in making this such a great community to work and live in!!!! As a Chamber Board Member and a resident of the community I look forward to working with you on supporting our wonderful city!

If you are interested in joining the St. Anthony Chamber, you may call George Wagner, our Executive Director at 612-788-1360 or myself at 612-781-8301 and you can check out our chamber web site at [www.saintanthony-chamber.org](http://www.saintanthony-chamber.org). The St. Anthony Chamber meets at noon on the third Tuesday of the month at Chandler Place.

Have a Wonderful Summer!  
Rose Fitzjerrells, President  
St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce

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# St. Anthony Village Wine & Spirits

## 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

### ST. ANTHONY LIQUOR OPERATION PROFITS HAVE SUPPORTED COMMUNITY SINCE 1948

The mission statement for St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits reads, "Control the sale of alcohol beverages while simultaneously generating revenue". That mission continues to be accomplished. The year 2008 marks the 60 year anniversary of St. Anthony's Municipal Liquor Operation.

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### WHY A MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE?



On February 10, 1948, St. Anthony City Council passed an ordinance to form a municipal liquor operation. Sixty years later, the profits from the liquor operations provide a much needed revenue

source for our community. The November 27, 1947, edition of the Minneapolis Star newspaper reported that nine metro-area communities were operating municipal liquor stores with glowing results. Profits from these stores paid for fire trucks, the development of city parks and public works equipment. The Village of Excelsior reported that "one-third of the cost of operating the Village is paid with profits from the municipal off-sale liquor store." Two months later, the Village of St. Anthony passed a ordinance to open their own municipal liquor store.

### NOT JUST ANOTHER LIQUOR STORE

The moment you set foot into St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits you immediately notice that we are not your "run of the mill" liquor store. We pride ourselves on providing superior customer service and a large selection of spirits, beer, and wine. Our staff is friendly, professional and knowledgeable about our



products. As a city department, we maintain our service orientation and one way to demonstrate that service commitment is providing carry-out service for our customers. Our stores are bright, clean, organized and offer convenient parking. We stock over 1000 labels of spirits and over 1000 labels of beers, with emphasis on specialty beers from around the world. Our wine selection is the largest in the area with over 2400 different labels of wine from many countries. We continue to have over 90% of our customer's rate us as excellent or good. The survey, which can be found on our website allows customers to give ratings in services such as pricing, product selection, store appearance, and customer service.

### HOW ARE ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE WINE & SPIRITS PROFITS USED?

The residents of St. Anthony continue to reap the benefits from their liquor stores. Since 2004, over \$550,000 in Liquor Store profits have been transferred to the City's general fund to assist in reducing the property tax levy. Since 2000, the liquor operations have provided over \$695,000 to the City for a variety of special projects and Capital Equipment purchases. Our profits have been used for the City's Skateboard Park, Central Park project, and various improvements to City Hall. Each city department, as well as our residents, benefit from the profits of St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits. Public Works Department has purchased equipment such as snow plows, tanker trucks, pick-up trucks, a 1-ton utility truck and large lawn mowers to maintain the city's parks. The



Fire Department has used liquor profits for self-contained breathing apparatus, turn-out gear for firefighters and refurbishing and rebuilding fire trucks. Without liquor store profits, these costs would increase the taxes of St. Anthony's residents.

## ADVOCATING RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION

While profits from St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits allow the City to reinvest in the community, controlling the sale of our products remains the top priority. Our mission statement is clear and prioritized properly. Controlling the sale of alcohol beverages will always remain the most important reason for the City to be in the retail off-sale liquor business. Alcohol is not a commodity; it is a controlled substance. Our stores are in a position of responsibility and we do not take that responsibility lightly. The employees at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits receive on-going training and are certified to identify minors and intoxicated persons. They will deny the sale of alcohol to anyone who is determined to be intoxicated or under age. The Liquor Operations is a city department like Police, Fire and Public Works departments. We work closely with the St. Anthony Police to assist us with training and enforcement of liquor-related laws and regulations.



### WHAT DOES THE FUTURE BRING?

While the past 60 years have seen many changes to the City and the liquor operations, the future is sure to bring more challenges and some uncertainty. Over the past several years, legislation has been introduced to allow the sale of alcohol in grocery stores. There has also been a bill introduced to eliminate municipal liquor operations. While this type of legislation has not experienced any momentum, we must continue to monitor this threat to the control of the sale of alcohol in our community. Legislation allowing the sale of alcohol in convenience and grocery stores would also reduce the profitability of St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits. This legislation could potentially reduce city services and projects that are funded by revenue from your community liquor store. There is no doubt that in a community the size of St. Anthony Village, reduction of liquor profits could increase taxes in order to provide the level of service that our residents expect.



### THANKS FOR 60 GREAT YEARS!

To honor the past 60 years, the Liquor Operations Department is planning several events during 2008 to commemorate its past. We are excited to celebrate 60 years of business with our customers in 2008! We look forward to 60 more years! After all, we could not have done it without YOU!

Thank you for your business and we look forward to serving you in the future!



**MARKETPLACE**  
2700 HIGHWAY 88  
← 612-782-3451



**SILVER LAKE VILLAGE**  
2602-39TH AVENUE  
612-782-3452 →

## CURBSIDE BRANCH CHIPPING, MAY 12 - 14

### APPLICATION FORM

#### 2008 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 12-14. I understand that I will be charged \$15 and applicable sales tax for each 10 minutes of chipping and that I will be billed on my July 2008 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 12 - 14. 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 information call 612-782-3301.

### STREET SWEEPING

2008 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 April 16 - 17

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>	<u>Pavilion/Commons</u>
Resident	\$35 per day	Resident \$155 per day	Resident \$175 per day
Nonresident	\$135 per day	Nonresident \$255 per day	Nonresident \$360 per day

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

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

## FORECLOSURES: VACANT HOMES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

News of home foreclosures, in Minnesota and across the country, has permeated from media outlets with increasing frequency. Unless directly affected, most people pay little attention to such news. If, however, you become aware of a foreclosed property in your neighborhood, it is important to know several things.

Once a property is designated a foreclosure, the typical redemption period is six months. During this period, the property is essentially "on hold" until the owner does or does not redeem it. Once the outcome is known, either the owner or the newly controlling mortgage company (or other party) can move forward. Please note individual circumstances may vary.

If the property becomes a nuisance during the

instance- the mortgage company may enter the property to address the problem to mitigate its future financial loss. Also during this time, the owner may choose to rent out the property, a move that would require securing a rental license from the city. If a foreclosed property in your neighborhood appears to be occupied or is vacant and unsecured, please notify the St. Anthony Fire Department at 612-782-3401.

*What can you do?* Be a good observer. Keep an eye on the house like you would any other house in the neighborhood. If there appears to be someone in the house and no vehicle in the driveway, call 9-1-1. Is there someone in the house after dark? If something looks or sounds suspicious, it probably is. Dial 911 for the St. Anthony Police Department. Be sure to have the address of the house where the activity is

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## IF YOU SMOKE, PUT IT OUT. ALL THE WAY. EVERY TIME.

In 1969, a headline in the Minneapolis Tribune read: "Careless Smoking Leading Home-Fire Cause." In 2008, smoking is no longer the leading cause of home fires, but it still is the leading cause of fire-related deaths in the world. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the SBM Fire Department are working to help prevent home fire deaths and injuries caused by smoking materials. Through a national fire safety campaign, the USFA is urging smokers to **"Put it Out. All the Way. Every Time."**

Prevention begins with understanding that it can happen to you. Every year, men, women and children are killed in home fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials. These fires can affect not only the smoker, but others living in or next to the home at the time of the fire.

### Smoking and Home Fires Action Steps

- *If You Smoke, Smoke Outside* – Most home fires caused by smoking materials start inside the home. It's better to smoke outside.
- *Wherever You Smoke, Use Deep, Sturdy Ashtrays* – Use ashtrays with a wide, stable base. Ashtrays should be set on something sturdy and hard to ignite, like a table. If smoking outside, put cigarettes out in a can filled with sand or water.
- *Make Sure Cigarettes and Ashes are Out – Put it Out. All the Way. Every Time.*

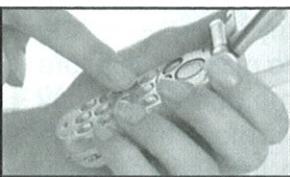
The cigarette needs to be completely stubbed out in the ashtray. Soak cigarette butts and ashes in water before throwing them away. Never toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in the trash.

- *Check for Butts* – Chairs and sofas catch on fire fast – do not set ashtrays on them. If people have been smoking in the home, check for cigarettes under cushions.
- *Smoke in a Home Where Oxygen is Used* – Never smoke using oxygen or in an area anywhere near an oxygen tank, even if it is turned off. Oxygen can be explosive and may burn hotter and faster.
- *If You Smoke, Fire-Safe Cigarettes are Better* – Fire-safe cigarettes are less likely to cause fires. These cigarettes have a banded paper that can slow the burn of a cigarette that is being used.
- *Be Alert* – To prevent a deadly fire, you must be alert. If you are sleepy, have been drinking or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy, put your cigarette out before climbing into bed. Smoking in bed is not a wise decision.



### General Fire Safety Facts

- Place properly installed and maintained smoke alarms in bedrooms, outside bedrooms and on every level of the home. Exchange them for new ones every 10 years.
- Change batteries when you change your clocks.
- Create an escape plan today. Plan two ways to escape from each room. Practice the escape plan with everyone in the home. Agree on one family meeting place, one where everyone can be seen.
- Consider installing residential fire sprinklers. Practice these tips to help prevent your dreams from going up in smoke.



## WHEN SHOULD I CALL 911? BY MARK MOSBY

One of the questions we receive routinely is, "When should I call 911?" Our agency prefers that you call 911 whenever you need police, fire or ambulance response. It does not necessarily have to be deemed an "emergency" situation. If the dispatch center is busy, you will be immediately asked if the nature of your call is an emergency. If it is not, the dispatcher or call-taker will put you on hold. We want you to call 911 to

report crimes in progress, crimes that have already been committed, suspicious activity and anything else you believe police should be made aware of. Recently, our department was able to arrest burglars in St. Anthony and Falcon Heights in the process of helping themselves to some of our residents' property. Without the 911 calls their neighbors made, we would have been taking a burglary report after the crime had been committed. We would much rather have you call 911 when you see something suspicious and have it turn out to be nothing than have you decide not to call. You are our eyes and ears out there. Remember, you can always remain anonymous when calling 911 if you choose to do so.

Here is what to expect when you do call 911 as well as how to handle yourself during the call.

1. **Stay calm.** It's important to take a deep breath and not get excited. The dispatcher or call-taker knows that you might be rattled and will try to move things along quickly, but under control.
2. Start by telling the call-taker what kind of situation you have or are witnessing. If a law enforcement center has answered the call, they may need to transfer calls for fires and medical emergencies to the appropriate center. You will hear clicking - **do not hang up!**
3. Wait for the call-taker to ask questions, then answer clearly and calmly. Even though many 911 centers have enhanced capabilities - meaning they are able to see your location on the computer screen - they are still required to confirm the information. Bear with this line of questioning, you don't want the ambulance to respond to the wrong location.
4. If you are in danger of assault, the dispatcher or call-taker will still need you to answer quietly, mostly "yes" and "no" questions.
5. Let the call-taker guide the conversation. He or she is typing the information into a computer and may seem to be taking forever. There's a good chance, however, that emergency services are already being sent while you are still on the line.
6. In some cases, the call-taker will give you directions. Listen carefully, follow each step exactly, and ask for clarification if you don't understand.
7. Keep your eyes open. You may be asked to describe victims, suspects, vehicles (**And license plates!**), or other parts of the scene.
8. Do not hang up the call until directed to do so by the call-taker.

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-782-3400  
emergency

763-525-6220  
police after hours emergency

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If you see any suspicious  
happening.

9-1-1  
police and fire emergency

police and fire  
612-782-3350  
police non-emergency  
fire non-emergency

# YOUR Watershed Plan – Get Involved!

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) is “remodeling” itself. Every ten years, state law mandates that watershed management organizations update their watershed management plan (WMP) by revisiting their goals and priorities to address emerging issues and changing needs. In essence, the WMP is the MWMO’s map of action for the next ten years, 2010-2020.

The MWMO is committed to having the WMP Plan reflect the needs and expectations of our stakeholders the member organizations, the neighborhoods and the residents of the watershed. One of our challenges is finding out from individual residents what and where are issues of concern. Examples of issues we want to know more about include:

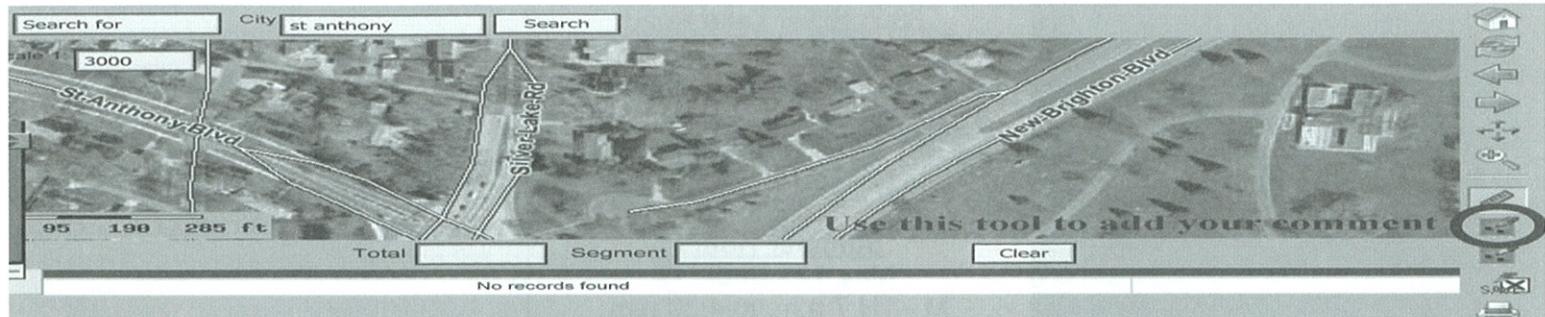
- \* Locations of areas that flood, including basements
- \* Where sump pumps operate most of the time
- \* Yards with drainage problems
- \* Locations of manhole covers that blow open during big storms
- \* Concerns and observations about water quality in the Mississippi River, fishing etc.
- \* Ideas for reducing pollution that drains off of the land into the streets down the stormdrains and into the Mississippi River

If you know about these or other issues related to water quality in our river or groundwater, your input is valuable. There are many ways you can be involved.

- \* Tell us where the water issues are in your neighborhood. Visit the MWMO website [www.mwmo.org](http://www.mwmo.org) and choose Watershed Management Plan, Issue Identification Tool. After agreeing to a disclaimer, a map tool will open with which you can zoom in on a specific location. Using the Comment Tool (a square icon with a pen), click on locations with particular problems and type in your comments.
- \* Share your comments by email or phone.
- \* Join a Stakeholder Advisory Committee to provide feedback and review during the next year and a half of this planning process.
- \* Become a MWMO Citizen Advisor. Citizen Advisors are also convened at the Board’s request to review and comment on specific activities such as new programs, project proposals and the annual budget.
- \* Get on our mailing list to hear about public meetings and or openhouses.

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*Caption: Use this mapping tool found on [www.mwmo.org](http://www.mwmo.org) to tell us about areas with water issues in your neighborhood.*



# recycling

## RAMSEY COUNTY COMPOST INFORMATION

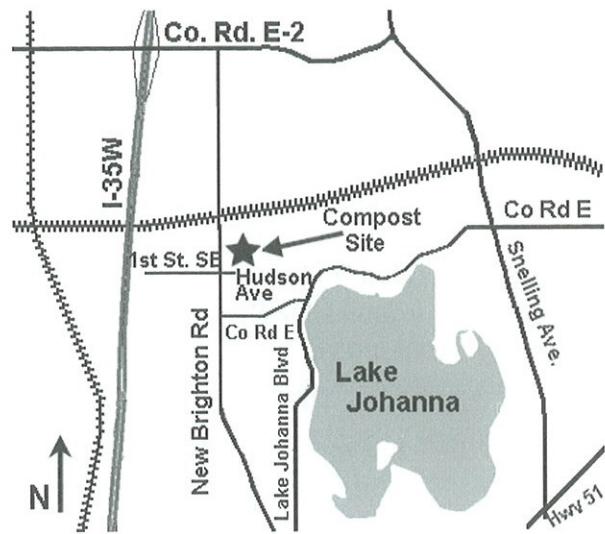
The Ramsey County composts open April 1st and continue to be open until November 30th. The Arden Hills site is located on Hudson Avenue east of New Brighton Road. The hours of operation are as follows:

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 utilize the Arden Hills site. When using the site be sure to bring identification with you.



## FREE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR GROUNDS

Waste Management, in association with Sony Electronics and Best Buy is sponsoring electronics recycling events around the Twin Cities Metro in honor of Earth Day 2008.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12, Minnesota residents can drop off used electronics at no charge. A list of acceptable and unacceptable materials is listed to the right.

The locations for drop off are MN State Fair Grounds, National Sports Center in Blaine, Canterbury Park in Shakopee and Grace Church in Eden Prairie.

Each resident who recycles old electronics at one of the events will receive a discount coupon to attend Earthfest, a Party for the Planet, held April 19 and 20 at the Minnesota Zoo.

For more information about the event, including maps to the sites can be found at [www.wmtwincities.com/electronic](http://www.wmtwincities.com/electronic)

### Acceptable Materials

- \*Televisions
- \*Computers/CPU's laptops
- \*Computer Monitors
- \*Computer Peripherals
- \*Fax Machines
- \*Photo Copiers
- \*VCR's
- \*DVD Players/Recorders
- \*Printers
- \*Keyboards
- \*Cell Phones & PDA's

### Unacceptable Materials

- \*ANY BUSINESS E-WASTE
- \*Microwave Ovens
- \*Thermometers
- \*Large Appliances
- \*Any Unit Containing Sludge or Liquids
- \*Fire and Smoke Alarms and Detectors
- \*Dehumidifiers
- \*Non-Decontaminated Medical Equipment

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

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