

Village NOTES

"A village in the city"

A Note from the Mayor.....

Dear Residents,

The City of St. Anthony has always adhered to its values and vision to guide the city in its efforts. In keeping with that philosophy the city council, staff and special staff conducted a retreat/goal setting in January 2009 with the results presented in February at a city council meeting. As I had indicated last year that our primary goals would possibly remain constant for a time and that was reaffirmed by the assemblage. The goals are as follows:

*Environmental Stewardship and Rehabilitation
Improve and Maintain Infrastructure
Technology Advances
Improve and Maintain Housing
Senior Transitions*

Our special emphasis this year will be on reconstruction of Chandler Drive and a portion of Foss Road, the rehabilitation of Emerald Park and explore Fiber to the Premise (FTTP).

Some may question the need or desire to continue projects during this seemingly uncertain time. I would offer that this is the time to continue with one's values and vision. There is never an optimum time for all, but we must continue with the investment in our community. The Chandler Drive project is needed due to many expensive and disruptive water main breaks in the past couple of years. Emerald Park has been in the planning for at least 3 years and with no acceptable park in this area, it is time and the right thing to do.

Financially, both of these projects are a win for the city in terms of value for the dollar – many bids cause for a lower cost and greater enhancement for the project. As to Fiber to the Premises, we will search for an option that will be both effective in terms of future proofing and with a pay as you go feature, i.e. no levy dollars. We feel that these issues are in keeping with St. Anthony's values and vision.

I would like to talk about a recent example of Value and Vision – the fire at Autumn Woods Apartments. The Fire and Police departments were able to not only suppress a potentially catastrophic event but did so without any loss of life or limb. An outstanding performance by all! The mutual aid contracts with surrounding communities paid off handsomely on that Friday morning, that vision and long ago foresight to establish those relationships deserve our gratitude. In addition the management from Autumn Woods has been wholly immersed in the St. Anthony community through her active participation in the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis's and Community Services to name just a few. Once the news about the fire was known local businesses sent supplies for the residents, offers of housing came from other landlords and even individual residents e-mailed city hall with offers to open their homes. The president of Lang/Nelson Company that owns Autumn Woods was awed and astounded at the outpouring of support by St. Anthony – that is the St. Anthony Spirit!!

The employees of St. Anthony work hard and smart in good times as well as tough times and they too carry those values and vision. We all should be so grateful to know that your whole community cares. That is your team; our 3 legged stool the residents, staff and city council dedicated to being a progressive, safe and secure city.

When we abide by our values our visions are fulfilled!

My best regards,
Jerry Faust



spring 2009

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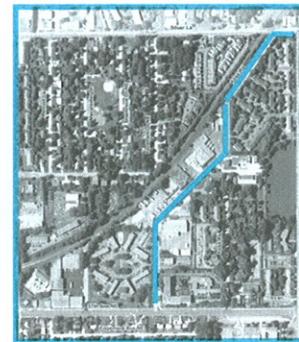
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Our mission is to be a progressive and livable community, a walkable village, which is safe and secure.

City Engineer Update

Street Reconstruction Project

The 2009 Street Reconstruction Project includes Chandler Drive and Foss Road. The project consists of road reconstruction, utility improvements, street lighting and sidewalks. Bids were received and the contract was awarded to Northwest Asphalt of Shakopee. The project documents are currently being executed with an anticipated start date of mid-late April.



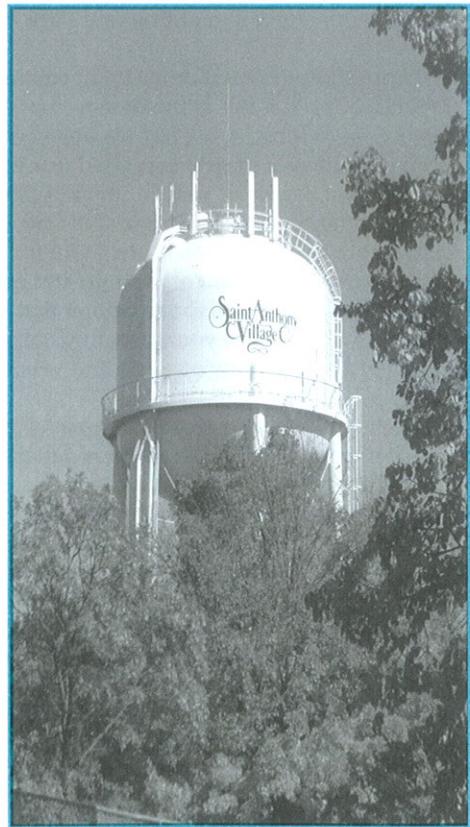
Arbors Alley Roadway and Utility Improvement Project



The design of the Arbors Alley Roadway and Utility Improvement Project is underway. Surveyors will be collecting data the week of March 8th, 2009. We anticipate requesting approval of plans and specifications at the March 24, 2009 and setting the bid opening date for April 21, 2009. Following the bid opening the assessments will be calculated and presented to the City Council for consideration at the April 28, 2009 council meeting, at which time we will request the public hearing be set for May 26th, 2009.

Water Tower Park Watermain Replacement Project

Plans and specifications for the Water Tower Park Watermain Replacement Project have been completed. This project will be bid together with the Arbors Alley project in an attempt to receive a more favorable bid for each project. To avoid conflicts with the school, construction will not be allowed to begin before June 15th with the completion date set for August 15, 2009.



St. Anthony Village Water Reuse Facility

The construction of the underground tank and installation of utilities was completed last fall. The construction of the retaining wall and remaining restoration work is expected to begin late April/early May. We anticipate work to be complete by the end of June 2009.

City Hall Parking Lot Restoration

The City Hall parking lot will receive a bituminous mill and overlay upon completion of the Water Reuse Facility, Water Tower Park Watermain, and St. Anthony High School improvement projects. We anticipate the parking lot mill and overlay to take place by late August 2009.

Silver Lake Road Reconstruction

Construction on Silver Lake Road will commence this spring. The majority of the work remaining is restoration work. After all restoration has been completed, the road will receive a final lift of asphalt followed by final striping. Hennepin County has set the completion date for June 20, 2009.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 2, 2009

9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

St. Anthony residents who would like to dispose of junk cars, auto batteries, tires, old appliances, recyclables, and good condition clothing and household goods will be able to do so on May 2nd, the City's Clean-Up Day! Tree and brush waste will also be accepted for a fee based on weight.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ~ NOT ACCEPTED AT ST. ANTHONY LOCATION

Household hazardous waste includes all paints, stains, varnish, solvents (used to clean paint, stain, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, etc).. If you have a question about the product you have, please call the following telephone numbers. Staff at either of these offices can help with disposal of dangerous or hazardous household chemicals.

Hennepin County residents: Call 612-348-3777

Ramsey County residents: Call 651-633-3279

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ~ ONLY THE FOLLOWING ARE ACCEPTED AT ST. ANTHONY LOCATION:

Document Shredding Available for Residents only.

Fluorescent Light bulbs FREE OF CHARGE

JUNK CARS

Junk cars will be accepted by Freeway Towing. To have your vehicle picked up, call 651-633-5525. Car owners must provide Freeway Towing with the title of the vehicle or a bill of sale.

MISCELLANEOUS JUNK, TREE & BRUSH WASTE & CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (Volume-based fee. See the chart below)

FEES FOR SOLID WASTE AND MISCELLANEOUS JUNK DISPOSAL

• Minimum Charge per Carload	\$25	• Pick-Up/Full-Sized Van (1/2 Full)	\$30
• Car Trunk	\$10 - \$20	• Pick-Up/Full-Sized Van (full)	\$50
• Station Wagon/Mini Van	\$25 - \$30	• Small Pick-Up (1/2 full)	\$25
• Propane Tanks	\$10 - \$15-\$25	• Small Pick-Up (full)	\$45

TIRES

Passenger car tire \$5.00 per tire; with rim \$6.00

Semi-truck tire \$10.00 per tire; with rim \$11.00

Light truck tire \$5.00 per tire; with rim \$6.00

Other larger tires \$20.00 per tire; with rim \$21.00

Rims \$1.00 per rim

AUTO BATTERIES - \$1.00

HOUSEHOLD AND BUTTON BATTERIES - No Charge.

APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS - \$15.00 (plus \$10 surcharge on air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers due to different type switches and Freon). Electronics and 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, monitors, and printers.

SCRAP METAL - \$5.00 per load; Types of metal accepted include: steel, sheet metal, aluminum, copper, brass. Please remove rubber, plastic, wood, and other non-metal material from the metal, as much as possible.

CLOTHING & FURNITURE - The Ultimate in Recycling

The Salvation Army will be accepting clothing in clean, good condition. Clothing should be in boxes or bags. Donation receipts will be available.

Kiwanis will also be accepting household goods and furniture donations at curbside for BRIDGING, a non-profit organization that benefits those in desperate need including victims of family violence, disasters and the homeless to rebuild their lives with dignity and stability. The St. Anthony Kiwanis, for a \$15 donation, will pick-up household and furniture donations for Bridging at curbside by appointment only. For additional information or an appointment for pick-up, please call Jay at 612-782-3314 by Friday April 24. Pick-up will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 29; Thursday, April 30; and Friday, May 1.

Curbside Pick-Up is available only to those who have donations for Bridging or who are not able to take their items to the Clean-Up event at Public Works. Any items picked up at curbside will be assessed a volume-based fee depending on the items collected. See above for clean-up fees. Call Jay at 612-782-3314 during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for more information regarding fees for curbside pick-up or to set up an appointment.

City Staff will be available at the Clean-Up Day event to answer questions and hand out information on recycling. Call City Hall at 612-782-3301 if you have any questions prior to the event. The City reserves the right to refuse any item.

PET ORDINANCES

It's spring again and 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 91.01 of the City Ordinance requires that all dogs over six (6) months of age that are kept, harbored or maintained within 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 91.05 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 91.37 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. An animal is deemed "at large" whenever it is off the property of the owner or keeper and not 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 91.38 Droppings. It is the responsibility of the owner, keeper or the person in control of an animal to clean up any droppings of the animal and to dispose of the droppings in a sanitary manner. 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.

HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

In early March the Hennepin County Assessor's office sent a notice of the market value for the 2009 Assessment and Taxes Payable in 2010. 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.

Hennepin County will be holding an open book meeting on April 13, 2009 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.

CURRENT CITY GOALS

The Current City Goals are:

Environmental Stewardship & Rehabilitation

Improve and Maintain Infrastructure

Technology Advances

Improve and Maintain Housing

Senior Transition

ADOPT - A - BENCH PROGRAM

The City of St. Anthony is sponsoring an [Adopt - A - Bench Program](#).

Residents of St. Anthony can have a bench placed in front of their house. The design and materials of the benches that the City

has selected are of durable recycled materials. There is no cost to the homeowner for the bench or for the installation. City staff will work with the homeowner in determining the placement and installation of all benches. There are examples of the benches displayed in the Great Hall at City Hall. If you want more information regarding the Adopt - A - Bench program you can download a brochure from our website at www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us or contact City Hall at 612-782-3301.





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Utility Billing Questions..... 782-3318

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District #282

District Office.....	612-706-1000
Wilshire Elementary.....	706-1200
St. Anthony Middle School	706-1030
St. Anthony High School.....	706-1100
Web site.....	www.stanthony.k12.mn.us

CITY RECEIVES AWARD

The City of St. Anthony received an Honor Award for Project of the Year from the City Engineers Association of Minnesota.



L to R: Todd Hubmer, WSB & Associates, Jay Hartman, Public Works Director and Mike Mornson, City Manager

The St. Anthony Water Reuse Facility collects stormwater runoff from Hennepin County Road 136, City Hall, local streets, and backwash water from the City's water treatment

plant in a half million-gallon reservoir located underground. Water stored in the reservoir is recycled to irrigate a 20-acre site that includes a municipal park and St. Anthony's City Hall campus. This innovative project provides a multitude of environmental benefits that substantially protect and improve water resources of the region. Extensive collaboration with Hennepin County, Rice Creek Watershed District, and Mississippi Watershed Management Organization has allowed the \$1.5 Million dollar project to be implemented in a fiscally responsible manner.

The project captures and reuses two primary sources of water that were previously discharged to surface waters. The first source is stormwater runoff from 13.5 acres of County Road, city streets, and the City Hall site. This runoff contains several pollutants commonly found in urban runoff such as phosphorus and total suspended solids.

The second source of reused water is filter backwash water, which is a waste byproduct of the City's water treatment process. The City's potable water treatment process has a filter system that removes excess iron and manganese found in the groundwater. These filters are backwashed with approximately 75,000 gallons of potable water once per week to remove material that has accumulated in the filters.

Prior to the project, the pollutants and runoff volumes from these two sources of water were discharged to Mirror Lake and the Mississippi River, which contributed to water quality concerns within the receiving waters. This project captures the water in an underground reservoir and pumps the water to an irrigation system that serves a 20-acre area, including several ball fields in the City's Central Park. As a result of this project, the amount of pollutants and excess water volumes that discharge to the downstream receiving waters are substantially decreased. Reusing this water will also reduce the need to use groundwater resources and potable water for irrigation and will reduce the City's irrigation costs for Central Park and the City Hall campus.

city business

Senior Citizen Event

BIG BAND CONCERT

The St. Anthony-New Brighton Senior Citizen Advisory Council
Proudly Presents

THE MOONLIGHT SERENADERS

Join us for a wonderful trip down memory lane.

The Moonlight Serenaders will, once again, perform many of your favorite big band tunes to listen and sing along with.

Door Prizes Galore!

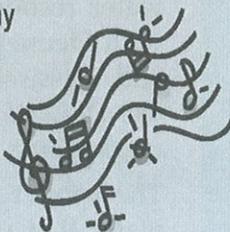


Tuesday, April 7, 2009

1:30-3:00 p.m.

(No seating before 1:00 pm)

St. Anthony High School Auditorium
3303 33rd Ave. N.E., St. Anthony



Tickets: \$5.00 March 2-April 6

\$6.00 Day of Show

Tickets are available at
Community Services Office
3301 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony

Telephone: 612-706-1166

or from members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Council.

Tickets may be purchased the day of the show
at 1:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Sorry no refunds.

STREET SWEEPING

2009 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 22 - 23

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; and
- (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.

APPLICATION FORM

2009 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 11-13. 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 2009 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 11 - 13. 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.

-Volunteer Activities for Senior Citizens

Part of the Vital Aging Council's (VAC) mission is to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for senior citizens. The VAC is working with community organizations to identify such opportunities. Listed below are three worthy community projects that could use volunteer help from St. Anthony Village senior citizens.

1. St. Anthony's Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Garage, located at 3801 Chandler Drive. Volunteers are needed to assist residents in unloading the material they bring to the site. Those interested should "show-up" at 9:00am on May 2...no registration required.
2. The Vital Aging Council is again working with Police Chief John Ohl to provide volunteers for two projects. One project is to contact businesses in St. Anthony Village for current contact information. If, for example, a break-in occurs at a business at night when the business is closed, police officials need to know who to contact from that business. Having current contact information facilitates this process.
3. Another project with the Police Department is the establishment of a "leaflet distribution" group. Although seldom used, this group would be responsible for distributing informational leaflets to homes/businesses in the event something suspicious happens in an area of St. Anthony Village. For example, if a home burglary occurs, the police department may want to notify 15-20 homes in the immediate area of the burglary to let people know about the event and if any action is required of them.

For items 2 and 3, a volunteer orientation meeting will be scheduled at the end of the April 20th monthly meeting of Vital Aging Council. The program for the April meeting will address "Physical Fitness" opportunities for senior citizens. After the program, details of the volunteer activities will be shared with those who wish to volunteer for the activities described above. Please come: Those who participated in previous volunteer activities found them to be fun and rewarding.

The meeting will be held at the St. Anthony Village Community Center (in the City Council Chambers) beginning at 1:45pm.

Senior Citizen Health & Safety Resource Expo

Friday, May 15
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Community Center
3301 Silver Lake Rd. St. Anthony

Over 40 booths of experts to provide free information on issues that you may want to learn about.

Invite your friends and family members to join you.

Free Refreshments
Give-Aways
Door Prizes

Sponsored by

St. Anthony Kiwanis

Autumn Woods Apartments

St. Anthony-New Brighton Community Services

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April

- 10.....City Offices Closed Good Friday
- 13.....Hennepin County Open Book Mtg
- 14.....City Council Meeting
- 15.....History Society Meeting
- 20.....Vital Aging Meeting
- 21.....Planning Commission Meeting
- 28.....City Council Meeting

May

- 2.....Clean Up Day
- 12.....City Council Meeting
- 18.....Vital Aging Meeting
- 19.....Planning Commission Meeting
- 20.....History Society Meeting
- 25.....City Offices Closed Memorial Day
- 26.....City Council Meeting

June

- 8.....Parks Commission Meeting
- 9.....City Council Meeting
- 16.....Planning Commission
- 23.....City Council Meeting
- 30.....Joint Meeting with School Board

July

- 3.....Office Closed Independence Day

2008 ST. ANTHONY CRIME PREVENTION IN A NUTSHELL

The key to "Crime Prevention" is a joint effort between the police department and the community. Officers are active in answering radio calls for service, conducting investigations, conducting residential/business patrol, making traffic stops and identifying suspicious activity, all in an effort to deter and reduce crime. We very much appreciate and encourage citizens to call 911 when they feel any activity is suspicious.

In addition to our day to day crime prevention efforts, the St. Anthony Police Department has five officers that participate in additional crime prevention activities and take opportunities to further educate themselves in new crime prevention trends. The most notable new change is a philosophy to focus efforts on a more local level versus a national level. The new Minnesota program will be known as Minnesota's Night to Unite (Neighbors Joining Together) as opposed to the old format known as National Night Out. The first annual Minnesota Night to Unite will be held the first Tuesday in August 2009.

The Police Department was very active in community events throughout the 2008 year. The year began with our 2nd annual Cops vs. Kids Basketball game. Officers attended the Salo Park Ice Cream Social/Talent Show and were also active in the Safety Expo sponsored by Walmart. Four St. Anthony Officers participated in the Law Enforcement TORCH Run to benefit Special Olympics. The officers received the torch from another department, then ran a three mile leg and delivered the torch to yet another TORCH Run participating department. In December, officers joined children and families at Walmart for the "Shop with a Cop" program. Officers were paired with a child to shop for a gift to be donated to a needy child.

One of our premiere events for the past two years has been our annual Citizen's Academy. The Academy is open to those who work or live in St. Anthony, Lauderdale or Falcon Heights and is completed over an 8-week period. It gives us a chance to give members of the community an inside look at the operations of the police department and allow them the opportunity to learn and take on the roll of a police officer in a controlled setting. The feedback from the community participants and the officers involved has been very positive.

In addition to the above activities, officers have logged over 100 "stop and talk" patrol details over the past year. These details consist of getting to know business owners and residents better and alerting them to observed crime prevention issues. These face to face contacts, we believe, go a long way toward reducing crime and improving upon the quality of life in the city of St. Anthony.

While this is in no way an exhaustive report on all of the community related policing efforts put forth by the St. Anthony Police Department in 2008, this summary does give a glimpse at some of the activities by officers throughout the year. Crime Prevention is not an assignment given to a select group of officers, but a philosophy shared by the entire department and implemented every day by every officer, as we join with the community to prevent crime.

CALL 9 - 1 - 1

If you see any suspicious activity happening.

police and fire

612-782-3350

police department
(during business hours)

612-782-3400

fire non-emergency

763-525-6220

police after hours

RECREATIONAL FIRES



Starting March 1st of this year, the Fire Department implemented a new recreational fire permit program for the city. In the past, residents would have to contact the fire department and speak to a firefighter in order to get a verbal fire permit prior to any recreational fire. The program requires that residents who want to have recreational fires to fill out a permit form once a year. At that time, we will confirm the information on your form is correct and then verify that you understand the rules associated with recreational fires. You will also be given a permit to keep at your residence and present if requested by staff. Then prior to any recreational fire that you would like to have, you will be required to check current weather conditions via phone number or the Internet. The fire line voicemail will state either yes fires are allowed or no they are not due to current weather conditions or DNR restrictions. The Internet route will have you check two websites with up to the minute conditions. Depending which way you choose, it will be up to you, the resident, to verify that conditions are allowable for fires. Conditions that would prevent recreational fires are winds exceeding 19 mph, air quality index is 51 or higher, or the DNR has placed a ban on all fires due to dry conditions throughout the metro area.

The same rules are also still in place such as no burning of brush, trash or construction materials, having a hose or extinguisher on site, and limiting fire to 3 feet high flames. These are a few of the rules that you are required to follow. If either the Fire Department or Police Department is called to your house for a burning complaint, you will be asked to present your permit. Depending on the situation, it is possible that your permit would be suspended or cancelled completely. If you do not have a permit, you will be instructed to put the fire out and future fires will not be allowed on your property until a fire permit is obtained.

The new permits are free and applications are available at the Fire Department, City Hall or on the City website (www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us) for download. Once you fill it out you will need to stop by the fire station to obtain a permit number and a copy of the rules.

If you have any questions about the new program you can contact the Fire Department at (612) 782-3400.

CREATE A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

Compile these supplies so you have what you need in case of an emergency:

- * battery operated radio/weather radio
- * water and food (non-perishable)
- * Prescription and non-prescription drugs
- * Clothing and bedding
- * Tools and supplies (paper cups, utility knife, hammer, matches)
- * flashlight with extra batteries
- * First Aid Kit
- * Credit card and cash
- * Personal identification
- * Sanitation supplies (toilet paper, paper towels, chlorine bleach)

HOUSING CODE CORNER

DID YOU KNOW.....The storage of refuse and recyclable collection items may not be kept in the front yard. On trash pick-up day, please remember to remove your trash can and recycling bin from the curb and return it to the garage or some place out of site from the road.(Ord. 150.090)

DID YOU KNOW.....Parking in any residential district must be done on a surface paved with asphalt or bituminous material, concrete, cement, brick, or other paved surface. Please remember parking vehicles on the grass is not allowed in the City of St. Anthony.(Ord. 152.179 subd. 3)

DID YOU KNOW.....Any vehicle without a current state registration must be parked in a garage or other building. If a vehicle has expired tabs, either renew them or move the vehicle into the garage.(Ord. 152.179 subd. 4)

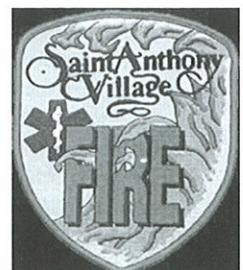
DID YOU KNOW.....Before residents can have a recreational fire you must first call the St. Anthony Fire Department. You will receive a copy of the rules and review them with a member of the Fire Department. The fire department may prohibit any or all recreational fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. Call 612-782-3400.

Please remember these ordinances have been put in place to keep St. Anthony clean, safe, and healthy. If you have a housing code question or would like to report a possible violation, please contact Rick Lundeen at 612-782-3438. For your convenience, the City Code is also available online at www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS ARE AVAILABLE

The St. Anthony Village Fire Department offers free blood pressure checks every day of the week from 8 a.m to 6 p.m. Please call before coming over to assure there is staffing at the station.

Please remember that when you have an emergency, dial 9-1-1.



CHAMBER NOTES

This evening, before writing this, I happened upon and got hooked on a tear-jerker that struck home because of the times we are seeing unfold around us. It was a true story of a man Will Smith portrayed, struggling to make it while jobless, homeless, working unpaid as an intern, and caring for his 5 year old son. I can only imagine what our economy and those around us we love will be enduring mid-April, one month later when you are reading this newsletter. This moment shifted my focus for this letter.

My father grew up during the Great Depression and pointed to it often with personal lessons and business lessons. I believe it made him quite a conservative person, but it also instilled in him a great drive. I do know we have survived tough times throughout the years and while tough times can bring desperate measures, good people, working together and helping one another are the simple foundational building blocks that can help us endure and make things come around. We have heard the phrase "It Takes a Village" used often in recent years. Interestingly enough, in St. Anthony, we are a Village. Following are my own suggestions on how we can each act our part of the Village.

As a good friend, go beyond empathy for those you know who have lost a job. Help them brainstorm on networking to find a new job, fine-tuning their resume', preparing for an interview or realizing the talents they have that may help them look into different fields of employment and broaden their horizon. Help them to think of and find networking channels to further their chances.

As a business patron, help those business people whose businesses you frequent with feedback or advice you have for them. Don't be afraid to make suggestions as to changes they need to make, should be making, or opportunities and threats that may have an affect on their business. This is the heart of what we should be providing for one another as a part of the Chamber business community and we rely on YOU to provide us with very valuable input and guidance. Don't feel you need to find a suggestion box, just ask for the Boss; we should be excited to hear from you.

As an individual, if you have been hit with hard times, keep active and keep your drive to get back on your feet. Reach out to your close friends and friends in the community. We should all be willing to help in whatever way we have been gifted to. Beyond job hunting, if you have time on your hands, get involved at church, school or with community organizations. We have plenty of opportunities right here in St. Anthony for involvement and, often times, "what goes around comes around". You will certainly find giving of your time rewarding and it may present some rewards as well through networking.

For me, the movie I watched tonight made me re-focus on something I learned about myself some years back and my own needs. Years ago I found my "One Thing" (coined from the movie "City Slickers"). That "One Thing" was My Family. The days ahead may be a good time to find simpler means to enjoy life for a while and time spent with family and friends may prove invaluable.

On Tuesday, April 21st, noon at Chandler Place, the St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our monthly luncheon with a speaker talking on the importance of advertising and preparing your business during a downturn for a position of strength and preparedness for a turnaround. If you know of fellow business friends who need an infusion of creative thinking, an expanded network of business friends, or an opportunity to collaborate with other local business people, bring them to our luncheon. Look to Meetings at www.saintanthonychamber.org and we'll look forward to seeing you.

Barry Tedlund
STA Chamber Board Member

RICE CREEK STREAM HEALTH EVALUATION RESULTS YIELD GOOD NEWS

While macroinvertebralific isn't a word, our 2008 Rice Creek SHEP results prove that it should be. SHEP, or Stream Health Evaluation Program, has been active in the Rice Creek Watershed District since 2006.

Our 2008 SHEP season results are in, and the program is showing great improvement in the health of Rice Creek Watershed streams. Better yet, SHEP is also showing that volunteer monitors can continue to produce high-quality stream health data over time.

SHEP's volunteer macroinvertebrate stream monitoring data shows that stream health is improving in Hardwood Creek, Clearwater Creek and the Rice Creek, the three major water systems in the Rice Creek Watershed. In addition, the results show that recent restoration activities in the Rice Creek are making a significant impact on stream health just a few years later.

The results also show that FMR's SHEP volunteers continue to exceed our performance expectations. SHEP volunteers were once again more than 96% accurate in their assessments. Congratulations to all our 2008 SHEP volunteer teams!

2008 SHEP Volunteers:

Hardwood Creek & Clearwater Creek team

Team leader: Gary Averbeck;
Team members: Jim Bukowski, Tere O'Connell, Wayne LeBlanc, Linda Grundter, Barb Hoernemann, Dana Raines, Don Vegoe, Sarah Sevcik.

Rice Creek monitoring team

Team leaders: Gwen & Frank Neumann;
Team members: Bob Bartlett, Glenn Fuchs, Julie Glanton, Ralph Butkowski, Barbara Bor, Susan Fuller, Julie Glanton, Debbie Hartman, Eileen Zierdt.

Locke Lake monitoring team

Team leader: Cathi Lyman-Onka
Team members: Wendy Barron, Bill Radmer, Marilyn Radmer, Analiese Miller, Ted McCaslin, Christy Dolph, Catherine Majkrzak, Elan Majkrzak, Susan Young, Nancy Wilberts.

For more info on SHEP, please visit <http://www.fmr.org/projects/shep>

FUTURE VITAL AGING COUNCIL MEETINGS

St. Anthony Village Senior Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings of the Vital Aging Council. Brief descriptions of the March, April and May meetings are provided below. Meetings are held at the Community Center the third Monday of the month. Meetings begin at 1:45 and usually end by 3:00pm. In addition to the programs described below, the Vital Aging Council organizes volunteer activities for senior citizens. Plans are underway, in conjunction with the Police Department, to develop some volunteer activities for late Spring, early Summer. Come to the meetings for more details about these opportunities, or watch for news reports. Starting in early March, information about Vital Aging Council meetings will be posted on cable channel 16 along with other St. Anthony Village announcements. **Watch for it!**

March 16. There was a program themed "Brain Fitness." This program taught about the latest research regarding how you could impact the health of your brain. Also how to make lifestyle choices that will help your brain. This session was presented by Mary Ann Schoenberger, Director of Volunteers of America-MN's Southwest Senior Center. Everyone enjoyed some fun brain games that put their brains to work

April 20. This meeting will address "Physical Fitness for Seniors." Susan Faus, Senior Program Director, Northwest Family YMCA, Shoreview, will describe programs available at the YMCA that are available and have been popular with senior citizens. Many senior citizens participate in YMCA programs at no charge depending on the health coverage they have.

Randy Withus, General Manager, Fitness Crossroads, St. Anthony Village will describe programs popular with senior citizens at his facility. Fitness Crossroads programs, because in part of their convenience have proved to be popular with many area residents. Fitness Crossroads also has reimbursement partnerships with several health providers.

May 18. Andy Parrish, Associate State Director - Community Outreach AARP Minnesota, will speak at our monthly meeting. Mr. Parrish will outline AARP initiatives underway at both the State and Federal level and how they would impact the lives of senior citizens. If you have questions about AARP programs, this meeting would be a good place to get answers to those questions.

St. Anthony Village Historical Society:

At the Heart of a Great City

Did you know that St. Anthony Village was once part of one of the three original settlements that ultimately became the Twin Cities? That St. Anthony once had "river-front" property and was not always land-locked? That St. Anthony was once part of Wisconsin? That Amour Meats once had large farms in St. Anthony? That St. Anthony was once at the heart of a great city? That one of the largest companies in Minnesota was founded in a garage in a St. Anthony neighborhood? That war heroes grew up in the Village? That stage coaches stopped in St. Anthony? That St. Anthony became a township in 1858, on the same day that Minnesota became a state?

The St. Anthony Village Historical Society is moving ahead with plans to begin writing the St. Anthony story, to record these stories and histories that have given St. Anthony Village a special place in the history of Minnesota. Members of the Board have met with Gail Olson, reporter for the Northeaster, Tom Heller, a local publisher, and many others from around the area who have either written histories for their cities or who have personal stories that need to be written about their Village. These stories come from people who are from other places in the United States but whose family started a community in St. Anthony. These folks are generally looking for information about their families but end up providing more stories about St. Anthony that they've passed down from generation to generation.

These are the stories that the St. Anthony Village Historical Society are gathering to put in a history about our community. If you want to help with this great undertaking, please call Kim Moore-Sykes at 612-782-3312 or email at kmoore-sykes@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us.

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RAMSEY COUNTY COMPOST INFORMATION

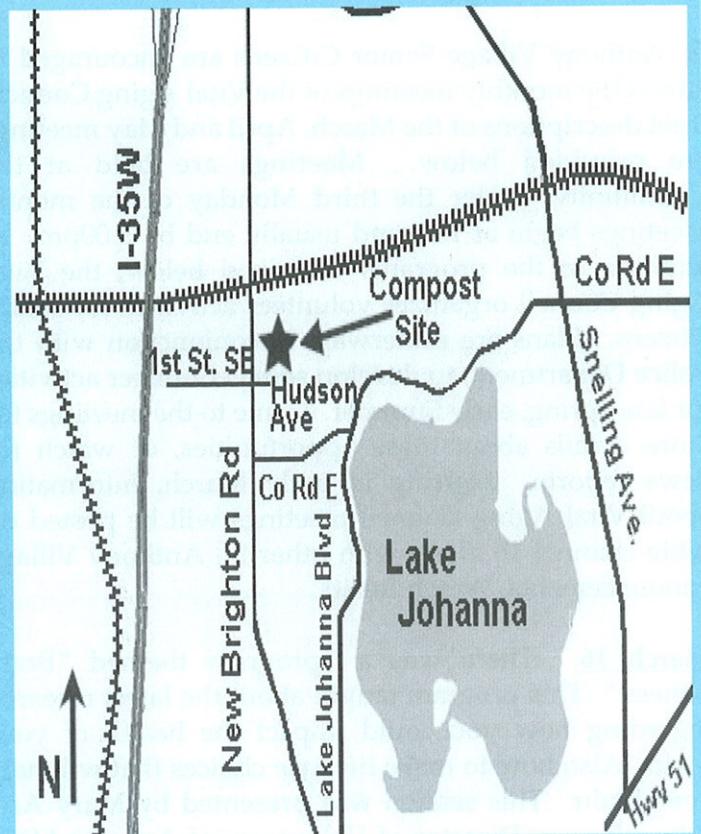
The Ramsey County composts open April 1st and continue to be open until November 30th. The Arden Hills site is located on Hudson Avenue east of New Brighton Road. The hours of operation are as follows:

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 St. Anthony residents are eligible to use the Arden Hills site. When using the site be sure to bring identification with you.



Are you interested in helping with Village Fest? If so,

contact Julianne Hunter at

612-781-7186 or by email at j.hunter@interiorarchitects.com

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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