

Village

"A village in the city"

NOTES

Note from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

There is a philosophical debate going in the country on requirements versus resources. That is - what should drive the planning process. We should forgo the hot button issues of the day i.e. health care, financial regulations, overseas involvement and focus on the philosophical issue I stated above – do we plan, organize, staff, tax and manage to the requirement or the resource?

When one looks to requirements you turn over all the possibilities looking for all potential opportunities. I would argue that when one looks at resources first, it causes you to leap to conclusions that may be short sighted and not well thought out as to their long range repercussions. Infrastructure replacement is an easy example for deferment; at its best it would be more expensive later and more difficult, but at its worst it could be catastrophic in it's consequences to the populace. If your house requires a roof – you fix it even if you go into debt because if you don't, you jeopardize the entire structure, which no one agrees is a wise decision.

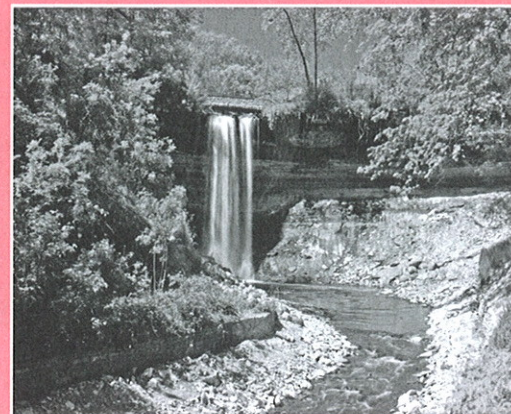
To that end the city conducts an annual retreat/goal setting session and we involve all department heads, council and special staff. Our objective there is to identify our requirements first without consideration or undue regard to available resources – that comes later in the prioritization process. If we don't look at where we've been, where we are now, how will we ever know where we are going! That is the precise reason for our retreat. We need to be true to ourselves and our MISSION: to be a progressive and livable community, a "walkable" Village which is safe and secure."

Let me share with you and also direct you to the item (see page 2) that is emblematic of our work. We start with the mission, then the vision, followed by the strategic directions (6), resulting in the long range goals (7) and ultimately the multiple action items. Certainly not all of these action items will be implemented and/or may be overcome by events. But nonetheless we have identified them and now comes the resourcing and realization of what we can do and what we cannot do. But without this in depth review of the City's requirements/wants/desires we would never accomplish anything. It would truly be easier to just coast and not take the in depth look at the present and plan for the future. Maybe all levels of government might benefit from this approach - certainly St. Anthony has!

The one Strategic Direction we changed this year is Generational Transitions we had called it Senior Transitions prior but that seemed too limiting and narrow in scope. There is no magic age that we make transitions therefore we should think holistically and not be so confining. We also added the Strategic Direction of Strong, Sound Progressive Community this is a design that evokes fiscal planning, community connectivity to each other, and a healthy citizenry to mention a few.

I would encourage you to look at the enclosed goal document and think of ways that we can assist each other in these efforts. You can also view the report in its entirety on the website. We look for feedback and positive ways to continue moving the city forward and keeping it a jewel in the region.

My best regards,
Jerry Faust



spring 2010

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progressive and livable
community, a walkable
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MISSION

*to be a progressive and livable community, a
"walkable" Village which is safe and secure.*

VISION

"Saint Anthony is a vibrant community that values our unique environment, our fiscal soundness and a tradition of being a desirable city in which to live, work, learn and play."

Environmental Stewardship	Improve & Maintain Infrastructure	Technology Advances	Maintain and Improve Housing	Generational Transitions	Strong, Sound Progressive Community	
Build and Cultivate Environmental Responsibility	Maintain and Enhance Infrastructure	Foster and Encourage Civic Engagement	Create & Maintain Healthy Neighborhoods	Communicate Effectively	Maintain a Safe & Secure Community	Increase & Maintain Fiscal Strength
<p>*Continue to Discuss Single Hauler</p> <p>*Implement phosphorus reduction BMP with Grant</p> <p>*Explore Garbage Man Franchising (Roseville)</p> <p>*Re-energize interest in SL Clean-up</p> <p>*Review effectiveness of Tiered water rates on conservation</p> <p>*Plan & Encourage safe use of golf carts and bicycles</p> <p>*Implement public gardens</p> <p>*Explore and Establish public gardens policy</p> <p>*“Build a rain barrel” and “Rainwater Gardens” Workshop</p>	<p>*Meet with Ramsey Co. about joining connected communities fiber group</p> <p>*Annual review of utility rates to keep fund stable</p> <p>*Create safe crossing over RR Tracks</p> <p>*Demonstration project to install Fiber Network</p> <p>*Complete 2010 street, utility and Sidewalk project</p> <p>* Feasibility Study to Underground Utilities</p> <p>* Adjust light timing at crosswalks</p> <p>*Complete Silver Lane Sidewalks</p>	<p>*Improve Webpage</p> <p>*Veterans Memorial</p> <p>*Meet with Community Services (Learn issues, see how the City can help.</p> <p>*Explore Farmer’s Mkt. in Village & Neighborhoods (walkable)</p> <p>*Brainstorm meeting with Vital Aging</p> <p>*Promote Volunteer Opportunities</p>	<p>*Sustainable House remodel project</p> <p>* Market Program for Development</p> <p>*Identify new areas for renewal opportunities</p> <p>*Develop Housing Rehab and Reinvestment programs</p>	<p>*Use Home Health Services Expand use of social media (twitter etc.)</p> <p>*Install new “SAV” signs on Secondary City Accesses</p> <p>*Advertise Volunteer Opts in Village Notes & Other Media</p> <p>*1 hour workshop on sidewalks & snowplowing</p> <p>*MPCA report link to City Website</p> <p>*Tell story in newsletter on what you get for taxes</p> <p>*Story on tax saving measures enacted by City</p> <p>*Educate Public on Relationship of Property value/ taxes</p>	<p>*Plan and Implement new technology for squad cars and fire trucks</p> <p>*Host Severe Weather Class</p> <p>*H1N1 Clinic at City Hall</p> <p>*Continue NIMS training for Council/staff</p> <p>*Meet with Henn County & Update mass dispensing plan</p> <p>*Monitor Fed Agencies for Updates</p> <p>*Expand/Promo NIXLE</p> <p>*Fed grants to replace retiring Fire Fighters</p> <p>*Secure \$ for Siren System Replacement</p> <p>* New Fire Truck</p> <p>* Security Systems for City Hall</p>	<p>*Reserves plan for ‘replacement of capital equipment</p> <p>*Capital Equip Fix Fiscal gap</p> <p>*Internal Grant Audit</p> <p>*Street Light Utility Fee</p> <p>*Consider 20 year Amortization</p> <p>*Evaluate charging fees on Exempt property</p> <p>*New Grants</p> <p>*Discussion of fiscal gap</p> <p>*Review CIP with Council</p> <p>*Cooperative purchasing with other government</p> <p>*Services to Roseville</p> <p>* Early 2011 Labor Contracts</p> <p>*Plan for Fannie Mae Payoff /Pratt</p> <p>*Wellness program</p> <p>*Plan 2011 Levy /Street Program</p>

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 1, 2010

9 A.M. to Noon

St. Anthony residents who would like to dispose of junk cars, auto batteries, tires, old appliances, recyclable and good condition clothing and household goods will be able to do so on May 1st, the City's **Clean-Up Day** at the Public Works facility, 3801 Chandler Drive. Tree and brush waste will also be accepted for a fee based on weight.

The following items will be accepted at Clean-Up Day!

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 Tank.....	range from \$10 to \$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.

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

Document Shredding Available for Residents only. Fluorescent Light bulbs **FREE OF 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* ~ We 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 23. Pick-up will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 28; Thursday, April 29; and Friday, April 30.

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.**

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.

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.

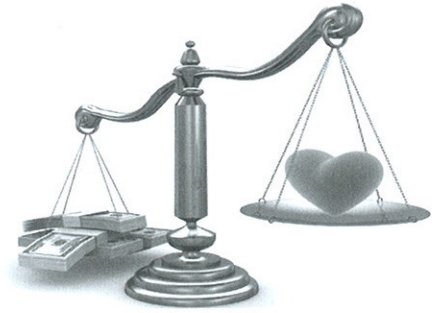
Hennepin County residents: Call 612-348-3777

Ramsey County residents: Call 651-633-3279

Fiscal Challenges and Financial Strategies

by Finance Director Roger Larson

The balancing of the State Budget has been a hot topic of discussion at the State Legislature. In June of 2009, Governor Tim Pawlenty unallotted or reduced Local Government Aid (LGA) and Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC) to Cities throughout the State of Minnesota.



The reductions of these two different aids had different impacts on Cities. St. Anthony has not received LGA since 2002 but, in mid-year the City did lose its remaining MVHC.

The City Council had the option of increasing the local levy to recover the lost revenue. Instead, Council directed Staff to bring forward suggested cuts in their Operating and Capital Equipment budgets. To balance the City-wide budget, the City Council reviewed the proposed cuts and dispersed them equally between all Departments. Council adopted an amended budget which reduced General Fund line items by \$52,700 and either eliminated or deferred future Capital Equipment purchases totaling \$82,300.

Moving forward with the 2010 budget, Council decided the 2010 levy would be the same as the 2009 levy or a 0% increase.

What will a flat tax levy mean to you as a property tax payer?

Just because there was no increase in the tax levy, it does not mean that your property taxes will remain the same. Shifts in values of homes and businesses may move the tax burden around and change the amount of taxes a parcel is assessed.

If my property value decreased does it automatically mean my taxes go down?

NO

Calculating taxes requires an understanding of the property tax formula. The formula is comprised of three components; 1) the assessed value of the property; 2) the class rate and; 3) the tax rate of the City. Of the three components the City has control of one – the tax rate.

For example, if your property value decreased by 10% it does not mean your taxes will decrease by 10%. Shifts in property values or changes in class rates could change the amount of property taxes even with the 0% increase in the levy.

As the economy slowly recovers:

St. Anthony will continue to confront challenges in attempting to create a balance between fiscal challenges and financing strategies. Staff will continue to secure grants, engage other agencies, look for alternative revenue sources and collaborate with our neighboring communities to provide City Services at the most affordable cost.



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St. Anthony High School.....706-1100
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VILLAGEFEST ~ WE NEED YOU!!!!!!

What do you have planned for the summer? Want to do something out of the ordinary? Want to try your hand at a new adventure? Just want to do SOMETHING!!!! Well, how about **VillageFest**? The VillageFest Committee is looking for volunteers to help with many aspects of this dynamic event. The event dates are **August 6 - 8, 2010** at the St. Anthony Shopping Center.

The Parade kicks off the event Friday night and a fabulous pancake breakfast provided by the Kiwanis of St. Anthony ends the event on Sunday morning. The best thing of all....NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!!! We only ask that you have energy, enthusiasm, the ability to have fun and a desire to laugh. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

We need help with the following events - available positions are:

Banners - Coordinator(s)
Battle of the Bands - Coordinator and assistants
BINGO - Chair and assistants
Electrical Partner - Must have Electrical Knowledge
Food Vendors - Coordinator
Parade on August 6, 2010, with Ambassador reception to follow~
we feed you. (various positions available)
Parking Lot Coordinator - St. Anthony Shopping Center
Publicity Coordinator
Silent Auction - Chair and assistants
Solicitation - Chair and assistants
Teen Town - Chair and assistants
Tent/Chairs - Coordinator(s)

Please call Kathy Mayfield 612-522-4894 or 612-250-5217 (Parade Coordinator), Julianne Hunter 612-781-7186 (For all other positions). So if you have a few minutes, a few hours or a the whole weekend.....c'mon down we'll be happy to find you a task that will suit your special talents.

Come and party in the Village!

Battle of the Bands

Hey all you rockers out there, time to come out of the garage and show your stuff. VillageFest is having a battle of the bands competition on **Saturday August 7, 2010**. We are looking for bands of all types to join in this fun event. If you are interested or know of someone who is, give a shout and come on out and strut your stuff. If you need additional information please call Julianne Hunter @ 612-781-7186 please leave a message. We are excited about this new event....we know we have unlimited talent in our village and we think it's time to showcase it. Join us and we'll let you entertain us!

ELECTIONS 2010

The 2010 Election Season will begin earlier than normal due to new legislation that was passed in March. This new law changes the date of the State Primary from the second Tuesday in September to the second Tuesday in August. The 2010 **State Primary** will be **August 10**.

Absentee Voting will begin June 25, 2010. If you plan on being away from the precinct on August 10, you will need to absentee vote. You can either download an application off our website and mail it to City hall or stop into Cityhall and complete an application.

If you are new the St. Anthony area and need to register to vote, you can do so by downloading a Voter Registration Application from our website at www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us or stop at Cityhall and pick up an application. After you complete the application mail it back to the city offices.

Watch for more information in the VillageNotes summer edition regarding elections.

2010 Elections Calendar

PRIMARY

June 25 ~ Absentee Voting Begins

August 10~ State Primary Election Polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

GENERAL

September 17~ Absentee Voting Begins

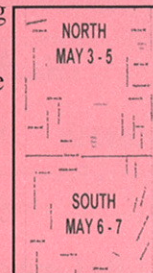
November 2 ~ State General Election Polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The St. Anthony Public Works department will be flushing fire hydrants the week of May 3 - 7 during normal business hours.

Using 37th Avenue as the dividing line, see the map for scheduled dates.

Why do we flush hydrants:



- 1) To make sure the hydrants are in good working condition.
- 2) To flush out sediment and rust deposits that accumulate in the water system.
- 3) To evaluate water pressures throughout the city.

Your cooperation and patience during this process is greatly appreciated.

2010 Street Sweeping

2010 street sweeping program will begin in 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.

Spring Branch Chipping

The Public Works Department will be doing curbside branch chipping for residents May 17 - 19. If you wish to have your 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". Tree stumps are not accepted and don't bundle branches with wire.

For more information call
612-782-3301

APPLICATION FORM

2010 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 17 - 19. 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 2010 water/sewer bill. A minimum of \$15.00 will be charged. Branches must be at the curb.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

REPORT STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

If you notice a street light out within the City, you can call Xcel Energy at (800) 960-6235 to report it or you can download a form at:

www1.xcelenergy.com/odl/outagereport/

Residents can print this form and fax it to Xcel Energy. Having residents report non-functioning street lights helps St. Anthony stay out of the dark!

CENSUS 2010

Remember to complete and mail in your Census Information

April

- 2 Holiday - Good Friday
- 13 City Council Meeting
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting
- 26 Hennepin Cty Open Book Mtg
- 27 City Council Meeting

May

- 1 Clean Up Day
- 11 City Council Meeting
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- 25 City Council Meeting
- 31 Holiday- Memorial Day

June

- 8 City Council Meeting
- 14 Park Commission Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 22 City Council Meeting
- 25 Absentee Voting Begins

July

- 5 Holiday - Independence Day

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.

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)

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

RECREATIONAL FIRES by Mark Sitarz

March 1st was the expiration date for all current recreational fire permits. As was the case last year, residents are required to have a current fire permit on-hand if you would like to have outdoor recreational fires at your residence.



The permit process will be same for those that participated in it last year. The program requires 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 fire line at 782-3434 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. All of this information is stated on your permit.

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 foot 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. 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.

Keep in mind that offensive smoke is one of the reasons that permits can be suspended or revoked. Burning of brush and construction materials are the two main offenders of this type of smoke and neither is allowed.

The new permits are free and applications are available at the Fire Department, City Hall or on the City's website

www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

for download. Complete the application and 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.

SAFETY TIPS FOR USING INTERNET

CLASSIFIEDS by Officer Jeff Spiess



More and more people are finding that the internet can yield good deals on merchandise. Unfortunately, the internet has also been used as a tool by criminals to prey on others. These predators use classified ads to lure their victims to locations where they can be robbed of their merchandise and/or money. They are also using the classified ads as a means of perpetuating a scam to take your money or identity. The following are some safety tips to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim.

Preventing Scams and Fraud

- Deal locally; Avoid long distance or overseas transactions.
- Never wire funds via a money transfer service. Anyone who asks you to do this is a scammer.
- Do not accept personal checks.
- Beware of counterfeit cashier's checks. Banks will cash them, but you will be held responsible when the fraud is discovered weeks later.
- Never send money to a P.O. Box address.
- Never give out financial information (i.e., your account numbers, social security number, etc).
- Be aware that counterfeit and stolen items are often sold on the internet.

When meeting a person to exchange merchandise/money, follow these safety tips.

Robbery Prevention

- You choose the location for the meeting and avoid areas that are unfamiliar.
- Ensure that the location is very public in nature with heavy pedestrian traffic.
- Do not go alone.
- Once at the location, survey the area and trust your instincts. If something doesn't look or feel right, it may not be. Leave the area.
- Once at the location, don't agree to go to another location. It could be a set up.
- Remember, if a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.

CALL 9-1-1

If you see any suspicious activity happening.

POLICE

612-782-3350

(during business hours)

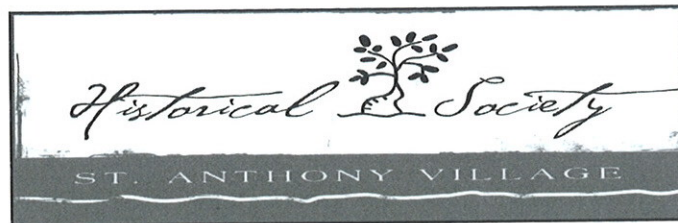
POLICE AFTER HOURS

763-525-6220

FIRE

612-782-3400

non-emergency



The above 1931 photo was recently given to the St. Anthony Historical Society. It is Miss Julia Brandt's 3rd and 4th grade classes. Can you identify any of them? Three of the students are identified. Numbers have been added so if you know the identity of any of the other students, please email Kim Moore-Sykes at kmoore-sykes@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us. Please include the number of the person and their name. The St. Anthony Historical Society thanks you for helping in this project.

St. Anthony Village will celebrate its 65th anniversary in 2010. To mark this occasion and to record information about our village's people, places and events, the St. Anthony Village Historical Society is publishing a history of the village. Gail Olson, local historian and reporter for the Northeaster, will write the history and Thomas Heller, President of Soulo Communications and St. Anthony resident, will publish the book. The SAV Historical Society envisions a well-written history with a hard cover, color and many photographs. We hope to prepare a book that would make a memorable addition to your own library as well as great presentation gift. We anticipate the selling price to be about \$25.

At this time, we are asking for your assistance in two ways:

- making donations for this venture now or pledges for next year with a goal of \$8,000
- placing advance orders for the book

We have already received donations to begin the writing -- but need more to complete the project. With writing already started, we anticipate that the book will be out by fall 2010. To meet this schedule, we need donations completed and advanced orders received by May 2010 when the book publishing and printing starts.

Will you join us in this project?

While all donations are most appreciated, gifts in these major categories will be acknowledged in the book:

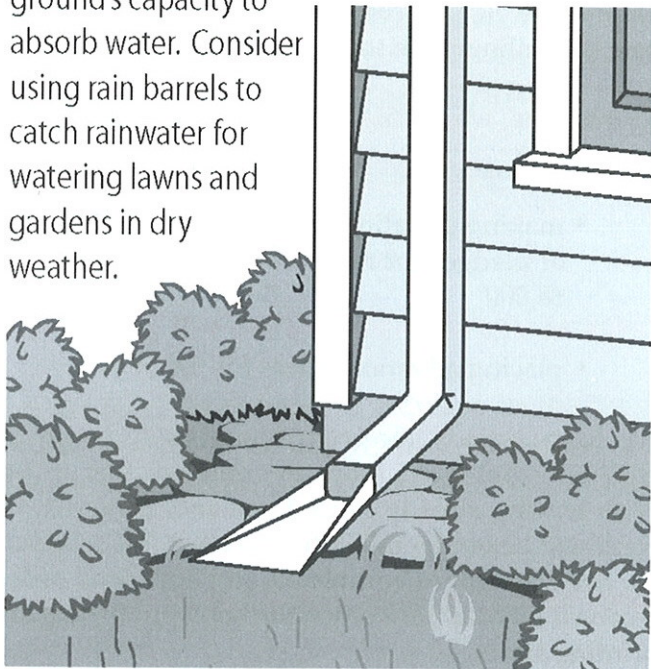
- Friends: \$200
- Founders: \$500
- Guarantors: \$1,000 or more

If you have any photos of St. Anthony Village's past and written recollections of memorable people and events, please call me, Barry Tedlund, at 651-472-4968. If you have questions or concerns about the St. Anthony Village history publication, please contact Kim Moore-Sykes at 612-782-3312 with those questions.

KEEPING OUR WATER CLEAN:

Should Roof Water Flow onto Pavement or Grass?

Your house roof, like pavement, sheds water. If downspouts from roof gutters empty onto grassy areas, the water will have a chance to soak into the ground. Aim downspouts away from foundations and paved surfaces. For roofs without gutters, plant grass, spread mulch, or use gravel under the drip line to prevent soil erosion and increase the ground's capacity to absorb water. Consider using rain barrels to catch rainwater for watering lawns and gardens in dry weather.



Healthy Lawns, Healthy Waters

by Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

It's nearly time to put away the snow shovels and take your lawn mowers out of storage. It may not be obvious, but lawn care practices can affect our rivers and lakes. Whenever it rains, fertilizer, pesticides and grass clippings that are left on sidewalks and driveways are washed into streets, down stormdrains and into local waters. While fertilizers help keep grass green and growing, they also "fertilize" our water resources — making them green with algae.

As you prepare for spring lawn care, here are three ways to nurture your lawn and our lakes and rivers:

- * Cut your grass to 3" (or higher). Most turf is healthiest when kept at a height of 3". Mowing high helps the grass grow healthier, longer roots so it resists disease and requires less fertilizer and water.
- * Leave grass clippings on your lawn. Grass clippings contain nitrogen, an important nutrient for plants. Leaving clippings on your lawn adds nitrogen back to the soil. The mowed clippings are equal to about one fertilizer application per year, reducing your fertilizer costs. Grass clippings should always be swept off of hard surfaces to prevent them from washing down stormdrains to the Mississippi River and local lakes.
- * Know what your soil needs. The best time to fertilize is in the fall. To prepare, do a soil test to determine what nutrients your lawn really needs. Because of the effects on water quality, the use of phosphorus fertilizer on residential lawns is banned in Minnesota unless a soil test shows a need or a new lawn is being established. To learn how to get your soil tested, visit <http://soiltest.cfans.umn.edu>.

If you hire a lawn service, choose a contractor who is state-certified in Summer Turf Care Best Practices. If your favorite lawn service is not certified, suggest it! A link to a list of certified contractors and upcoming workshops may be found at www.mwmo.org/certifiedcontractors.html.

RAMSEY COUNTY COMPOST INFORMATION

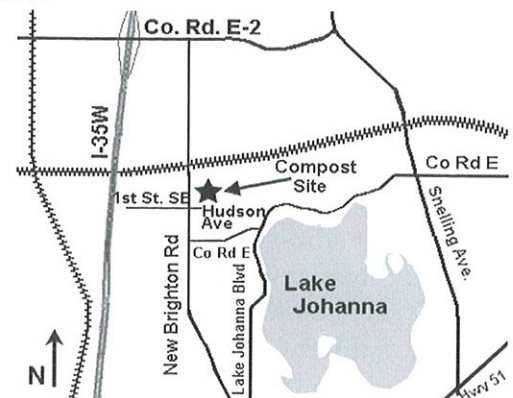
The Ramsey County composts open April 1st and continue to be open until November 30th. The Arden Hills site is located on Hudson Avenue east of New Brighton Road. The hours of operation are as follows:

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.



HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

In early March the Hennepin County Assessor's office sent a notice of the market value for the 2010 Assessment and Taxes Payable in 2011. 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 26, 2010** 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.

The St. Anthony Village Fire Department

offers **free blood pressure checks**

everyday of the week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please call before coming over to assure

there is staffing at the station. Also,

remember when you have an emergency,

dial 9 -1 -1.



2010 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of St. Anthony Village in cooperation with the Cities of New Brighton and Roseville is proposing the following improvements:

Silver Lane (Silver Lake Road to 16th Avenue SW)

Description: Street and Utility Reconstruction

Construction Dates: May 2010 - October 2010

Traffic Impacts: Detour/Open to local traffic only

Silver Lane (Stinson Boulevard to 16th Avenue SW)

Description: Sidewalk and Street Lighting Improvements

Construction Dates: May 2010 - October 2010

Traffic Impacts: Minimal

Highcrest Road & Old Highway 8 (37th Avenue NE to Highway 88)

Description: Resurfacing

Construction Dates: May 2010 - October 2010

Traffic Impacts: Lane closures

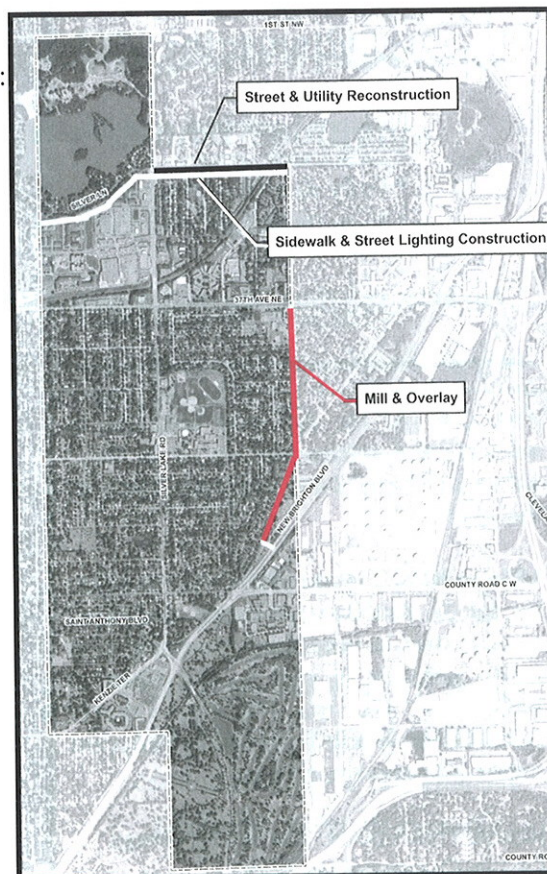
For more information please contact:

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Cell Phone Recycling

Although small, cell phones contain hazardous materials...they don't belong in the garbage, Cell phones can be refurbished, reused or recycled, which keeps them out of the incinerators, landfills and the environment. Recycling also conserves natural resources.

Did you know?

Cell phones are one of the fastest growing forms of electronic waste. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the average cell phone life span is about 18 months. They are discarded at an alarming rate of more than 125 million phones per year, resulting in more than 65,000 tons of waste.

- * Over 43% of American cell phone users replace their cell phone approximately every two years and roughly 20% replace their cell phone every year.
- * American use an average of six wireless products; and over 16% of consumers own and use ten or more wireless products.
- * Refurbishment and reuse of cell phones keeps them out of U.S. incinerators and landfill. Many of the refurbished cell phones are sold abroad. The disposal methods for cell phones sold abroad and eventually discarded were not investigated for this article.

Disposal Information

You can recycle rechargeable batteries, which are commonly found in cellular and cordless phones, cordless power tools, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras, and PDA's. Visit the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's Call2Recycle website or call 1-877-2RECYCLE for a list of drop-off sites.

Before donating or recycling your phone:

- * Remove personal data (such as phone numbers and emails)
- * Deactivate service
- * Fully discharge the battery
- * Turn the power off

For more recycling information go to www.rethinkrecycling.com

New Compostable Bags Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2010, residents in the Twin Cities area who bag their yard and organic waste will be required to put their waste out for pickup in compostable bags - either paper bags or compostable plastic bags. This will affect residents of St. Anthony Village.

Yard waste carts and paper bags have been around for years, and the technology of compostable plastic bags isn't new -- just this rule is (except for Dakota County, which has been requiring compostable bags for years). Using paper and compostable plastic bags rather than traditional black plastic bags will greatly reduce the amount of plastic being sent to local composting facilities. Because local composters will have less plastic to screen out of their finished compost, processing costs will be reduced and the quality of the finished compost will be enhanced.

Compostable plastic bags are distinct from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or a green-tinted translucent color. Most home improvement, grocery, and hardware stores now carry them. If you don't see them at your local store, ask an employee; many store owners are just learning of this requirement also and may appreciate the customer request.

Your yard waste pick-up service will no longer take the non-compostable plastic bags that you worked so hard to fill - and it's illegal to place yard waste in the trash. Please contact your waste pick-up provider if you have any questions.

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

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