

Village NOTES

"A village in the city"

Note from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

One of our previous considerations was a "brand" for the city. After we talked about it, we recognized that we were not going to expend any resources to "create" a brand, but it would have to develop on its own based upon the city's best efforts. To that end I begin thinking more deeply on the concept of branding which leads us to labeling. And the more I thought about it the less enamored I became with the concept.

Culture talks a lot about brand names and labels. Somehow they evoke a certain statement about something, some place or someone. These approaches have been widely used by businesses, geographical locations, organizations and political parties. Fortunately, for most cities in Minnesota we can evade the political branding of local elected officials and this has seemed to serve the public well over the years. As we would all agree that the police, fire, snow plowing, or water services must treat everyone equally and without predisposition.

Subsequently when we hear someone is labeled this or that, do we quickly use that mental checklist to evaluate whether or not we want to listen to them or not? When we label something such as; right or left it limits our ability to partake in meaningful conversations. It has the effect of polarizing us with preconceived ideas and inhibits meaningful movement. We could possibly be amazed that even those individuals with differing opinions from ours may in fact have a good idea or ideas. When we constrain ourselves to rote responses, we place ourselves in a rut and the longer it continues the deeper we dig and we never see beyond the edge of the ditch our mind has dug for us.

It is time for all of us to listen and hear the other point of view and conduct ourselves accordingly with a civil discussion that culminates in the best outcomes for our communities. If we continue to stifle ourselves in our same old view of the world we will not grow in our pursuit for improvement and we may just end up as obstructive individuals. I don't think any of us strive for that epithet.

Thus let us persuade ourselves to open mindedness and discussion of issues that advance society rather than those that re-enforce our old convictions. Words are powerful: enemy, war, opponent vs. colleague, point of view, difference of opinion etc. We should not call our political opposite our enemy because they are not our enemy! They have a difference of opinion than we may have but that does not make them wrong or less honorable. We need to use our words carefully and prudently lest they wreak a detrimental effect.

Therefore labels and branding could possibly have a very negative effect on our thinking and emotional reactions. Subsequently, we should endeavor to attempt understanding and clarity. We could then adapt this as a force multiplier and apply it to the difficulties that this state and country face in the present and future.

So let St. Anthony's accomplishments, be our brand and stand as an image of our city.

My best regards,
Jerry Faust



spring 2011

INSIDE

2011 Goals Pyramid and Article	2
Clean-Up Day	4
Public Safety	5
Seasonal Spotlights	6
Information	8
Chamber Chatter	12

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

2011 Goals Pyramid

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."

Strategic Initiatives

Environmental Stewardship	Quality Infrastructure	Technological Proficiency	Quality Housing, Commercial & Industrial Businesses	Generational Diversity	Sound, Safe, Progressive Community
---------------------------	------------------------	---------------------------	---	------------------------	------------------------------------

Goals

Build & Cultivate Environmental Responsibility	Maintain & Enhance Infrastructure	Foster & Encourage Civic Engagement	Create & Maintain Healthy Neighborhoods	Communicate Effectively	Maintain a Safe & Secure Community	Increase & Maintain Fiscal Strength
--	-----------------------------------	-------------------------------------	---	-------------------------	------------------------------------	-------------------------------------

Action Steps

Single hauler discussion continued	Explore joint fiber partnership	Enhance web page	Sustainable house remodel project	Use home health services	Plan and implement new technology for all city equipment	Reserve plan for replacement of capital equipment
Implement phosphorus reduction with grant	Annual review of utility rates to keep fund stable	Veterans Memorial	Identify new areas for renewal opportunities	Monitor use of social media (twitter etc.)	Continue National Incident Management System training for Council/staff	Continue grant tracking
Re-energize interest in Silver Lake clean-up	Create safe crossing over railroad tracks	Meet with Community Services -- learn issues, see how the City can help	Foster housing rehabilitation and reinvestment programs	Install new "SAV" signs on secondary City accesses	Meet with Hennepin County & update mass dispensing plan	Street light utility fee
Review effectiveness of tiered water rates on conservation	Complete 2011 street, utility and sidewalk project	Tenant Use Liability Insurance Program (TULIP)	Conduct an open house for City businesses	Advertise volunteer opportunities in Village Notes & other media	Promote & expand community notification programs (Nixle)	Update and review the financial plan
Plan & encourage safe use of golf carts and bicycles	Feasibility study to underground utilities	Farmer's market in Village & neighborhoods (walkable)	Phase III Silver Lake Village	Conduct workshop on sidewalks & snowplowing	Identification badges/ City hall security	Develop transition plan for Finance Director's retirement
Explore public gardens	Explore accessible pedestrian signal (APS) funding	Explore "McKnight Human Services Award" program			Replacement of siren system	Evaluate charging fees on exempt property
"Build a Rain Barrel" and "Rainwater Gardens" Workshop	Complete 39 th Avenue sidewalks	Promote volunteer opportunities			Crime prevention awareness	Review fee for service charges
Become a "GreenStep City"	Sign "retro-reflectivity plan				City Council security review	Cooperative ventures with other governments and entities
Turf maintenance workshop	City facilities open house for residents					Plan 2012 Levy and street improvement program
						Savings account for facility and capital improvements

The Fruits of Goal Setting

by City Manager Mike Mornson

You will find a Goal Pyramid in this newsletter which identifies the City of St.

Anthony's goals for the coming year or in some cases, multiple years. The City of St. Anthony has been conducting goal setting sessions for the last 20 years. As you drive through the City, you can see in plain sight the result of some of these goal setting retreats. These actual results include Silver Lake Village Redevelopment and Central Park reconstruction. Other items are not as visible to the public such as replacing out dated utilities under the streets to purchasing updated technology for the City departments. In all cases, the City Council discusses, debates and decides on what can and should be done at these goal setting retreats. Not all items get completed; some may even get deleted because of budget issues or events that occur throughout the year.

The following is a brief explanation of what the goal pyramid means to the City of St. Anthony.

Mission:

To be a progressive and livable community, a "walkable Village which is safe and secure." A mission statement is often used to describe an organization's reason for existence. In the past year, we have added sidewalks and street lighting on Silver Lane. We also added cameras to our police vehicles.

Vision:

St. 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. The vision is a statement about the direction of the organization. The vision is meant to motivate and challenge us to consider the direction of the where we want our City to go.

Strategic Initiatives:

City Council has identified the following six as strategic initiatives. Each strategy is equally important and essential to our long-term success. St. Anthony's Strategic Initiatives are:

- * Environmental Stewardship
- * Quality Infrastructure
- * Technological Proficiency
- * Quality Housing and Commercial/Industrial Businesses
- * Generational Diversity
- * Sound, Safe and Progressive Community

Goals:

February 22, 2011, the City Council adopted the following seven goals:

- * Build and Cultivate Environmental Responsibility
- * Maintain and Enhance Infrastructure
- * Foster and Encourage Civic Engagement
- * Create and Maintain Healthy Neighborhoods
- * Communicate Effectively
- * Maintain a Safe & Secure Community
- * Increase & Maintain Fiscal Strength

The Council routinely tracks these goals and remains up to speed on their progress throughout the year. Many goals do not fit neatly into a perfect twelve-month cycle and are carried forward for as long as it takes to complete them. Silver Lake Village and the City's Flood Mitigation plan took several years to complete. Goal Setting is a powerful process for thinking about the ideal future and for motivating the organization to turn the vision and mission of the future into the reality of today.

Action Steps:

Action steps are the all-important tasks; the day to day activities that implement the goals, such as attending meetings, preparing reports, responding to emails, opening mail, developing contracts, making and returning phone calls, making presentations to the public, engaging in debates and disagreements, writing newsletter articles and so on. Action steps may slow us down at times, but they are critical to staying true to our main goals and mission.

The "fruits of our labor" at Goal Setting Retreats keeps our mission, vision, strategic initiatives, goals and action steps in place and ready to assist us in building and shaping our future.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 7, 2011

9 am 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 7th, 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

Passenger car tire	\$ 5.00 per tire; with rim \$6.00
Light truck tire	\$ 5.00 per tire; with rim \$6.00
Semi-truck tire	\$10.00 per tire; with rim \$11.00
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.*

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

Document Shredding Available for Residents only. Fluorescent Light bulbs **FREE OF CHARGE**

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.

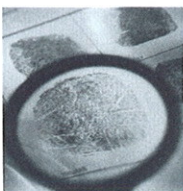
City Staff will be available at the Clean-Up Day event to answer questions and hand out information on recycling. Call City Hall at 612-782-3301 if you have any questions **prior** to the event. **The City reserves the right to refuse any item.**

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



20 Steps to Protect your Identity

Public Safety

Identity theft. We've all heard of it, but do we really understand how serious and prevalent it actually is? Believe it or not, identity theft is the fastest-growing crime in the US, according to the National Crime Prevention Council. As a matter of fact, almost \$50 billion dollars was stolen via identity theft in 2006 alone. It's not just money that is lost when identity theft is perpetrated, however, it's time as well. The mean resolution time is at an all time high. It takes approximately 40 hours per victim to resolve the crime itself, but over 600 hours getting his or her finances straight, according the Identity Theft Resource Center.

This crime seems very far away and anonymous, but, although the majority of identity theft perpetrators are strangers, over 30% are acquainted with the victim. Here are the numbers; 13% of perpetrators are employees of victims, 11% are the victim's relatives, 10% are friends or roommates, 5% are co-workers, 4% are former spouses or significant others, and 2% are caregivers of the elderly or disabled. These figures really bring home the seriousness and inevitability of this insidious crime.

The statistics tell the story, and the story is a frightening one – but what can you do to protect yourself from this growing crime? The following are 20 of the best methods to combat identity theft:

1. Get a shredder: There are many models and types available at great values. They should be used to destroy all-important papers, but most particularly, pre-approved credit applications received in the mail. Credit card receipts should also be shredded every month.
2. Watch for "Dumpster Divers": Shredding can also help in this area, but always be careful to think about what you're discarding, and how it might be used to steal your identity.
3. Avoid "Shoulder Surfers": Be wary of anyone getting too close at the ATM machine or when using phone cards. They could take your pin number and access your accounts.
4. Don't Have Checks Delivered to Your Home: Always have checks sent directly to your bank and pick them up from there.
5. Don't Send Checks from Home: Send them through the post office, or drop them in a US mailbox for maximum security.
6. Cancel Unused Credit Cards: Destroy and discard any credit cards you haven't used in 6 months or more.
7. Don't "Pass" on Passwords: Add passwords to all accounts and never use your mother's maiden name. Make up a new word to use that doesn't relate to you personally in any way.
8. A P.O. is the Way to Go: A post office box or locked mailbox is the most secure way to receive sensitive mail.
9. Do Business With Companies that Shred Too: Make sure all the doctors' offices, financial institution and other vendors that you do business with also destroy your confidential information.
10. Only Carry What You Need: Don't keep extra credit cards or social security numbers in your wallet. Memorize what you need to know and keep actual cards or documents to a minimum.
11. Don't Give Out Personal Information Over the Phone: When someone you don't know calls you, never give out any personal information.
12. Keep Your Social Security Number Under Wraps: Don't include your social security number on checks or credit card receipts. It's not necessary and it can be a very risky practice.
13. Don't Give Up Your "Digits": Putting your telephone number on your checks is never a good idea and can be used to gather your personal information.
14. A Picture's Worth A Thousand Dollars, (or more): Try to order credit cards and business cards with your own picture on them for extra security.
15. Don't Put Your Credit Card Number Online: Unless you are making transactions on a secure, encrypted site, don't put your credit card number online.
16. Leave Your Address At Home: Any time you make a credit card purchase, do not put your address, phone number or driver's license number on your statement.
17. Monitor Your Monthly Statements: Carefully review your monthly bank and credit card statements for any transactions you don't recognize.
18. Review Your Credit Report: Order this information at least twice a year from the credit bureau and look for anything that seems incorrect or fraudulent.
19. Fix it Fast: Immediately correct any mistakes on your credit report via written response, with a request for return receipt.
20. Get on the Do Not Call List: Make sure your name is taken off any promotional lists and call the 3 credit reporting agency phone numbers to opt out of pre-approved credit card offers.

CALL 9-1-1

If you see any suspicious activity happening.

POLICE

612-782-3350 (during business hours)

POLICE AFTER HOURS

763-525-6220

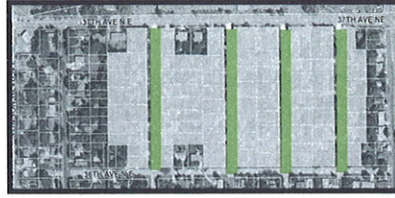
FIRE

612-782-3400 non-emergency

Seasonal Spotlights 2011 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of St. Anthony Village is conducting a street and utility improvement project. The project will take place on the following streets:

- * Belden Drive from 37th Ave to 36th Ave
- * Coolidge Street from 37th Ave to 36th Ave
- * Harding Street from 37th Ave to 36th Ave
- * Edward Street from 37th Ave to 36th Ave



The project will have reconstruction of approximately 3,000 feet of 30-foot urban section street complete with bituminous paving and concrete curb and gutter. In addition, there will be replacement of approximately 3,000 feet of watermain and approximately 3,000 feet of sanitary sewer main. New storm mains and storm sewer catch basins will also be done.

The project will be completed, including the first lift of bituminous and all restoration items, in 2011. The final lift of bituminous is proposed to be installed in June 2012. For additional information or questions, please contact our Public Works Director, Jay Hartman at 612-782-3314.

Cleaning Up Stormwater Runoff

What is stormwater runoff? It is the rain and melting snow that flows off streets, rooftops, lawns, and farmland. The flowing water carries salt, sand, soil, pesticides, fertilizers, leaves and grass clippings, oil, litter, and many other pollutants into nearby waterways. Since these pollutants are washed off a wide area and cannot be traced to a single source, they are called **nonpoint source or runoff pollutants**.

Storm Sewers – Rivers Beneath Our Feet

In developed areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement which do not allow water to soak into the ground. Instead, storm sewers are used to carry the large amounts of runoff from these roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. Storm sewers are simply pipes laid underground, often below streets. Inlets or drains located along curbs and in parking areas collect the runoff, which then flows to nearby streams or lakes. A common misconception is that water running off streets goes into a sewage treatment plant. It does not. In fact, stormwater usually receives no treatment. Water that runs off lawns, streets, and parking lots flows directly into lakes and streams.

For more information, please visit the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website at pca.state.mn.us. This modified article is courtesy of the University of Wisconsin Extension Services.

Stormwater is Not Clean Water

Stormwater runoff carries pollutants that seriously harm our waters:



Sediment. Soil particles washed off construction sites or farm fields into a lake or stream make the water cloudy or turbid. When sediment settles out of the water, it gradually fills in the stream or lake bed.

Phosphorus. This nutrient, often attached to soil particles, fuels the growth of algae and aquatic weeds. These plants are important in providing habitat for fish and wildlife. However, rapid and excessive growth of algae and aquatic plants can degrade water quality and interfere with swimming, boating and fishing.



Micro-organisms. Bacteria, viruses and other disease causing organisms make waterways unsafe for swimming, wading and other types of recreation. Some of these organisms, notably *Cryptosporidium*, are difficult to remove through water treatment and may endanger people who depend on drinking water supplies drawn from lakes or streams.

Toxic chemicals. Motor oil, lead from gas and auto exhaust, zinc from roof drains and tires, and pesticides in stormwater runoff may kill aquatic organisms or impair their health, growth or ability to reproduce.



FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The St. Anthony Public Works department will be flushing fire hydrants the week of May 16 - 19 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.

2011 STREET SWEEPING

2011 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 16 - 18. 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

2011 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 16 - 18. 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 2011 water/sewer bill. A minimum of \$15.00 will be charged. Branches must be at the curb.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Mark Your Calendars!!!

2011 Villagefest is scheduled for August 5, 6 and 7th. Watch the summer edition of the VillageNotes for more information!

Friends of St. Anthony Library

The Friends of St. Anthony Library support the library by sharing a passion for books, learning, used book sales, other fundraisers and sponsoring programs for all ages. Please contact the Friends to become a member or for more information at saintanthony@supporthclib.org or call 952.847.6075.

Upcoming Events:

April 12th 6:30 pm Author Talk with Gail Olson, writer of the soon-to-be released St. Anthony history.

May 14th 9 am to 1pm Book Sale

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 12 City Council Meeting
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 22 Holiday - Good Friday
- 25 Hennepin Cty Open Book Mtg
- 26 City Council Meeting

May

- 7 Clean-Up Day
- 10 City Council Meeting
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 City Council Meeting
- 30 Holiday- Memorial Day

June

- 4 Coffee with Mayor/Council
- 4 Facilities Open House
- 13 Park Commission Meeting
- 14 City Council Meeting
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 28 City Council Meeting

July

- 4 Holiday - Independence Day

WE NEED YOUR HELP

by Chuck Autio, St. Anthony
Public Works Superintendent

The Public Works Department is asking for your help. In recent years we've seen the introduction of more disposable wipe products for a diverse range of household uses. Quite a few of these products are labeled disposable and some flushable. The truth is that these products may cause a huge inconvenience to homeowners, businesses and to our City's sewer system by creating a clog or blockage.

Unlike toilet paper; these wipes will not break down once they're flushed. They can then cause blockages in your home or business sewer line, particularly in older pipes that may already contain roots or other obstructions, resulting in a sewer backup into your home or business. These repairs can often be expensive and often are not covered by insurance.

As to the effect on our public sewer system, these products will collect together and cause clogs in our collector lines or often get tangled in the sanitary sewer lift pumps. When the pump stations get clogged they stop working which can cause a much larger backup and have an effect on many homes and or businesses. The pumps then require cleaning and repair or possible replacement in order to get the sewage moving again.

We need your help in preventing sewer backups. Please don't flush anything down the toilet that isn't toilet paper or human waste. This will prevent the possibility of a nasty cleanup and expense for all of us.

Here are some examples of products that you should not flush down the toilet: diapers, disinfecting wipes or baby wipes, moist towelettes, Swiffer wipes and paper towels.



Seasonal Spotlights

HOUSING ORDINANCES

DID YOU KNOW.....The storage of refuse and recyclable collection items may not be kept in the front yard. Once the trash has been picked up 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. Trash and recycle containers are allowed in the side yard setback. (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.....Travel trailers, campers, and other recreational vehicles may not be parked in any zoning district for use as a dwelling or for sleeping or housekeeping purposes. (Ord. 152.179 subd. 10)

DID YOU KNOW.....Before lighting 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

City Information

On February 8, 2011, the City Council passed a Resolution to begin the process of becoming a GreenStep City. One may wonder what GreenStep Cities are. Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability goals through implementation of 28 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more specific actions from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focusing on cost savings, energy use reduction, and encouraging innovation.

What are the benefits of implementing the GreenStep best practices?

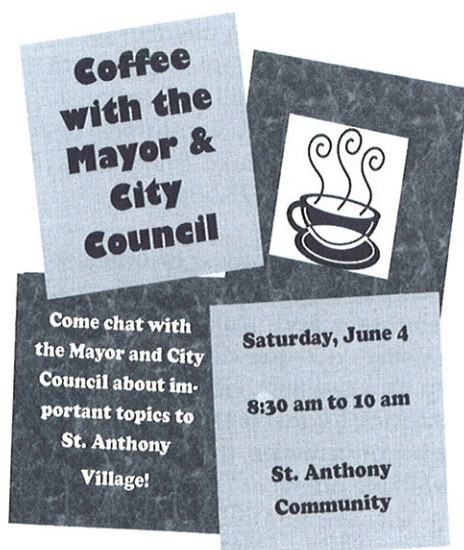
The answers to this question are different for every city. For St. Anthony Village, the reasons are as follows:

- * a continuous improvement pathway for St. Anthony Village to "go green," to become more sustainable and resilient.
- * saves city staff time in researching cost-effective actions for cutting energy use, decreasing the city's carbon footprint and accomplishing other sustainability goals that exceed regulatory requirements.
- * deliver a stream of multiple environmental, social and financial benefits.

What sort of recognition and benefits are there for a GreenStep City?

- * Recognition from the League of Minnesota Cities.
- * A sponsorship program envisioned to raise cash awards for cities, to recognize many dimensions of city accomplishments, such as: completing the most actions; completing the "hardest" actions; completing the new actions during one year.
- * Our accomplishments will be visible on the GreenStep website, the most comprehensive web site in Minnesota devoted to city innovation and accomplishments.

Watch for more information on the City's website or in the upcoming newsletters. If you have any questions regarding the GreenStep City program or want more information you can go the website at <http://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us> or contact Jay Hartman, Public Works Director at 612-782-3314.



On Saturday, June 4 the City will be hosting a "Coffee with the Mayor and City Council" from 8:30 am to 10 am in the St. Anthony Council Chambers. Come and discuss important topics about St. Anthony Village.



DIRECTORY

Mayor

Jerry Faust 789-7684
jerry.faust@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

City Council

Hal Gray 789-1944
hal.gray@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Jan Jensen 789-6470
jan.jensen@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Jim Roth 788-4242
jim.roth@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Randy Stille 788-3235
randy.stille@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

City Offices

3301 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony, MN 55418

General Information.....782-3301
Fax.....782-3302
E-Mail.....city@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Web site.....www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

City Staff

Building Inspections.....763-784-0826
City Manager Mike Mornson.....782-3311
mike.mornson@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Asst. City Manager Kim Moore-Sykes.....782-3312
kim.moore-sykes@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
City Clerk Barb Suci.....782-3313
barb.suci@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Finance Director Roger Larson.....782-3316
roger.larson@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Fire Chief John Malenick.....782-3401
john.malenick@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Liquor Operations Mgr. Mike Larson.....782-3455
mike.larson@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Police Chief John Ohl.....782-3356
john.ohl@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
Public Works Director Jay Hartman.....782-3314
jay.hartman@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us
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

Home Improvement Programs and Services for St. Anthony Homeowners

Spring is coming. Time for fix up and repair. The City of St. Anthony offers residents some great values to assist with home improvements - not just in the spring - but year around.

To administer the programs and services described below, the City has contracted the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC) to act as its agent. GMHC's Housing Resource Center (HRC) has trained professionals to serve you.

St. Anthony Rehab Incentive Program: Get a Rebate for Improving your home!

As an incentive for homeowners to maintain and improve their current housing, the City will give you a rebate for a percentage of the total cost of your home improvement.

Homeowners of single-family properties whose annual household income does not exceed \$96,600 are eligible. Based on a sliding scale you can receive a rebate of 10%, 12% or 15% of the cost of your home improvement.

It is easy to apply. **IMPORTANT:** To qualify for the rebate you must first complete the application process. Do not purchase any project materials or let your contractor begin any work until you have been approved for the rebate and have signed a Participation Agreement.

St. Anthony Home Improvement Loan Program: Low-interest fixed financing!

If you are looking for financing to pay for your home improvements, the City is offering loans for up to \$10,000 at 4% fixed interest. Owner-occupied single-family and duplex properties are eligible. Condominiums and townhouses are eligible for interior improvements only.

For more information call the Housing Resource Center - North at (612) 588 - 3033*.

Free Rehab Advisory Services: A construction professional is available to meet with you at no cost.

Through its contract with the city, a construction professional from the Housing Resource Center is available to consult with you at no cost if you have questions about your home improvement projects. You can request a home visit by calling the Housing Resource Center at (612) 588 - 3033.

GMHC's construction manager can: help you to identify and prioritize home improvement needs, develop a scope of work for bidding projects, help with identifying responsible contractors, review bids and proposals, and more.

*Please note this is a new number for the Housing Resource Center. The Northeast HRC has consolidated with the North HRC. The new office location is 2148 44th Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55412.

Help Keep our Water Clean: Do Your Spring Cleaning!

This spring, after you are done cheering about the giant snow piles melting, take a look at the street in front of where you live. Chances are you will see an accumulation of sand, leaves, twigs, and trash along the curb. These materials pollute our water when they wash down stormdrains and directly into local water bodies. Annual street sweeping removes sand and debris from streets and curbs; however, snowmelt and spring rains can wash these materials down the drain before street sweeping occurs. You can help keep our water clean this spring, and year round, by raking and sweeping up leaves, grass, sand, and trash from the street in front of your home and properly disposing of it. Leaves and grass can be composted. Sand and trash should be thrown away or recycled. This simple spring cleaning will help improve our water resources today and keep them clean for future generations.

Do you want to be part of a larger effort to keep our water clean? Organize a Community Clean-Up for Water Quality.

Work together with a community organization or neighbors to organize an event in the spring or fall to clean up our streets. For more information, visit: <http://freshwater.org/index.php/projects/community-cleanups-for-water-quality>.

Can you find the storm-drain in this picture?

Leaves, grass, and dirt that wash down stormdrains pollute our rivers and lakes. You can help keep our water clean by "adopting" a storm-drain and keeping it clear of debris year-round.



(Photo: J. Winkelman, MWMO)

Mini Grants Available for Water Quality Projects



The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) is accepting applications for Stewardship Fund Mini Grants up to \$2,000 each. The deadline for the Summer cycle is June 1, 2011, to fund projects that address the following goals:

- 1) To improve water quality or improve water and natural resource management.
- 2) To build community understanding, knowledge, and initiative related to water and natural resource issues and solutions.

Nonprofit organizations, officially recognized neighborhood groups, schools, local units of government, and business and professional associations are eligible to apply. Individuals, home owners associations and condominium associations, and private businesses may partner with eligible applicants in order to apply. Letters of Interest are due Monday, June 1, 2011, by 3 pm.

For full information about the application process and eligibility, visit the MWMO website at www.mwmo.org/stewardshipfund Questions? Contact Nancy Dilts, Grants Specialist, at ndilts@mwmo.org, or call (651) 287-0948, ext. 208.

Home Improvement Programs and Services for St. Anthony Homeowners

Spring is coming. Time for fix up and repair. The City of St. Anthony offers residents some great values to assist with home improvements - not just in the spring - but year around.

To administer the programs and services described below, the City has contracted the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC) to act as its agent. GMHC's Housing Resource Center (HRC) has trained professionals to serve you.

St. Anthony Rehab Incentive Program: Get a Rebate for Improving your home!

As an incentive for homeowners to maintain and improve their current housing, the City will give you a rebate for a percentage of the total cost of your home improvement.

Homeowners of single-family properties whose annual household income does not exceed \$96,600 are eligible. Based on a sliding scale you can receive a rebate of 10%, 12% or 15% of the cost of your home improvement.

It is easy to apply. **IMPORTANT:** To qualify for the rebate you must first complete the application process. Do not purchase any project materials or let your contractor begin any work until you have been approved for the rebate and have signed a Participation Agreement.

St. Anthony Home Improvement Loan Program: Low-interest fixed financing!

If you are looking for financing to pay for your home improvements, the City is offering loans for up to \$10,000 at 4% fixed interest. Owner-occupied single-family and duplex properties are eligible. Condominiums and townhouses are eligible for interior improvements only.

For more information call the Housing Resource Center - North at (612) 588 - 3033*.

Free Rehab Advisory Services: A construction professional is available to meet with you at no cost.

Through its contract with the city, a construction professional from the Housing Resource Center is available to consult with you at no cost if you have questions about your home improvement projects. You can request a home visit by calling the Housing Resource Center at (612) 588 - 3033.

GMHC's construction manager can: help you to identify and prioritize home improvement needs, develop a scope of work for bidding projects, help with identifying responsible contractors, review bids and proposals, and more.

*Please note this is a new number for the Housing Resource Center. The Northeast HRC has consolidated with the North HRC. The new office location is 2148 44th Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55412.

Help Keep our Water Clean: Do Your Spring Cleaning!

This spring, after you are done cheering about the giant snow piles melting, take a look at the street in front of where you live. Chances are you will see an accumulation of sand, leaves, twigs, and trash along the curb. These materials pollute our water when they wash down stormdrains and directly into local water bodies. Annual street sweeping removes sand and debris from streets and curbs; however, snowmelt and spring rains can wash these materials down the drain before street sweeping occurs. You can help keep our water clean this spring, and year round, by raking and sweeping up leaves, grass, sand, and trash from the street in front of your home and properly disposing of it. Leaves and grass can be composted. Sand and trash should be thrown away or recycled. This simple spring cleaning will help improve our water resources today and keep them clean for future generations.

Do you want to be part of a larger effort to keep our water clean? Organize a Community Clean-Up for Water Quality.

Work together with a community organization or neighbors to organize an event in the spring or fall to clean up our streets. For more information, visit: <http://freshwater.org/index.php/projects/community-cleanups-for-water-quality>.

Can you find the storm-drain in this picture?

Leaves, grass, and dirt that wash down stormdrains pollute our rivers and lakes. You can help keep our water clean by "adopting" a storm-drain and keeping it clear of debris year-round.



(Photo: J. Winkelman, MWMO)

Mini Grants Available for Water Quality Projects



The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) is accepting applications for Stewardship Fund Mini Grants up to \$2,000 each. The deadline for the Summer cycle is June 1, 2011, to fund projects that address the following goals:

- 1) To improve water quality or improve water and natural resource management.
- 2) To build community understanding, knowledge, and initiative related to water and natural resource issues and solutions.

Nonprofit organizations, officially recognized neighborhood groups, schools, local units of government, and business and professional associations are eligible to apply. Individuals, home owners associations and condominium associations, and private businesses may partner with eligible applicants in order to apply. Letters of Interest are due Monday, June 1, 2011, by 3 pm.

For full information about the application process and eligibility, visit the MWMO website at www.mwmo.org/stewardshipfund Questions? Contact Nancy Dilts, Grants Specialist, at ndilts@mwmo.org, or call (651) 287-0948, ext. 208.

Hennepin County Assessor's Office

In early March the Hennepin County Assessor's office sent a notice of the market value for the 2011 Assessment and Taxes Payable in 2012. 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 25, 2011** from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. 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.

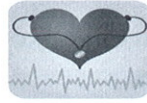
Any further questions please call Jessica at 612-348-3046.

Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation

~ Learn What It Can Do For You

Take advantage of this free seminar to learn what the City of St. Anthony is doing to keep our city a viable and attractive place to live. The city has contracted with the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC) to provide residents with the information needed to preserve and improve housing for individuals and families of all income levels. Learn about the low interest loans and rebates that may be available to you to improve your home. A construction manager is also available to come to your home at no charge and give you input about a project you may be planning. This free informational workshop is an opportunity to learn how you can improve your home to last a lifetime. NO products will be sold nor endorsed.

Thursday, May 5th 1:30-2:30 p.m. or Wednesday, May 18th 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Fee: Free** ~ please call 612-706-1166 to register. Community Center.



7 Heart Attack Symptoms Women Ignore Heart Attack Symptoms Aren't Unisex.

from the Editors of Prevention

Here's what women should watch out for. "What we think of as characteristic heart attack pain--like an elephant sitting on your chest--is much more likely to occur in men than in women," says Marianne Legato, MD, director of the Partnership for Gender-Specific Medicine at Columbia University. In fact, 43% of women having a coronary don't experience any chest discomfort at all.

Women wait longer to go to the ER than men do (their top reason for hesitating: They don't want to bother anyone). But that can be fatal: Your odds of surviving improve by 23% if you get treatment within 3 hours and 50% within 1 hour.

Don't be a cardiac cautionary tale. If you have any of these warning signs, act fast. As Dr. Legato says: "It's better to be embarrassed than dead."

* **Fatigue**

In the weeks before an attack, 71% of women have flulike symptoms. Days before, you may feel too tired to lift your laptop.

* **Non-chest Pain**

Rather than an explosion in your chest, you may feel less-severe pain in your upper back, shoulders, neck, or jaw.

* **Sweating**

You may find yourself suddenly drenched in perspiration for no apparent reason, and your face may be pale or ashen.

* **Nausea or Dizziness**

During an attack, women often vomit or feel like they're going to pass out.

* **Breathlessness**

Almost 58% of women report panting or inability to carry on a conversation.

* **Sleeplessness**

In the month before a coronary, nearly half of women have trouble sleeping.

* **Anxiety**

"Many women experience a sense of impending doom or fear before a heart attack," says Dr. Legato. "That's your body telling you to pay attention. Trust those instincts."

----- Keeping The Cabin In The Family

Who will pay the taxes? What if one family member uses it more? How can I ensure my children receive equal inheritance? What effect will estate taxes have?

Do these questions sound familiar?

You're not alone. This free, one-hour workshop will raise the right questions and help you think through the process stress-free.

This workshop will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and is intended only to educate you about financial decisions. NO products will be offered for sale.

We encourage you to bring guests. Complimentary refreshments will be served following the workshop.

Thursday, April 21 Fee: Free -

1:30-2:30 p.m. Call 612-706-1166 to register Community Center

Chamber Chatter

The St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce would like to bring to your attention our annual Villager of the Year and Outstanding Business of the Year Awards.

The Villager of the Year award was established in 1991 to honor and recognize a resident of St. Anthony Village who has made outstanding contributions to improve the quality of life in the community. Any adult resident of St. Anthony Village who has given active service to the community, whether in a job-related, civic, or volunteer activity(ies) is eligible for nomination for Villager of the Year. The 2010 Villager of the Year award was presented to Ted Holsten.

The Outstanding Business of the Year award was established in 1993 to recognize an outstanding business located in or serving the community of St. Anthony Village. The company must be located in St. Anthony Village, have an office in St. Anthony Village, or be a member of the St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce. However, it is not a prerequisite that the company be a Chamber of Commerce member. The 2010 Outstanding Business of the Year award was presented to The Village Pub.

Nominations may be initiated by any individual, group, or organization to recognize the distinguished service of the individual or business. All nominations were due to the St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce by April 1, 2011. The awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Meeting on April 21, 2011 at Jax Café in Minneapolis. If you are interested in attending the Annual Meeting please contact the Chamber at info@saintanthonychamber.org. Winners for Villager of the Year and Outstanding Business of the Year will be posted on our website at www.saintanthonychamber.org.

We would also like to remind you that the Chamber of Commerce meets for lunch on the third Tuesday of every month. Our meetings include updates on Chamber & city activities and a guest speaker. Some of our recent guest speakers include Kelly Jahner-Byrnes, author of *Volunteer for Life - Achieving Your Personal and Professional Goals*, and *One Great Idea Can Revolutionize Your Business*; Jay Hibbard from Center Point Energy discussing how to reduce home & business energy costs; Tom Moffatt- Supervisor of Silverwood Park; and Mayor Jerry Faust providing an update on city matters.

For further information on Chamber luncheons and other Chamber activities, contact Kelly Salseg at info@saintanthonychamber.org and become a frequent visitor of our web site at www.saintanthonychamber.org, which is updated monthly. As always, the St Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce reminds you to SHOP LOCAL – and support the businesses that support our community!

Regards ~
Kelly Salseg
St Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director



Village Notes, is the official city newsletter for St. Anthony residents and businesses and is published quarterly. It is made possible in part by the State of Minnesota and the Ramsey County SCORE funds. It is printed on recycled paper with soy-based ink.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: KIM MOORE-SYKES
LAYOUT DESIGN: BARB SUCIU

3301 Silver Lake Road
St. Anthony, MN 55418-1699
612-782-3301 612-782-3302 (fax)

Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS
May 16 - Sept. 16
M - TH 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. to noon

www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

PRSR.T. STD.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Minneapolis, MN
Permit No. 2704

***** E C R W S **

Residential and Business
Postal Customer