

# Village NOTES

“A Village in the City”

Spring 2016

## *Notes from the Mayor*

## IN THIS EDITION:

Dear Residents,

Last spring, the State of Minnesota began testing water supply wells throughout the state for 1,4-Dioxane (dioxane). The State determined and set the safe level for dioxane in drinking water at 1.0 part per billion (ppb). Their testing showed the dioxane in Saint Anthony's wells was below the new threshold; however, some wells in New Brighton, drawing from the same aquifer as Saint Anthony exceeds it. Subsequently, New Brighton ceased drawing water from that aquifer. We can debate the standards, but that does nothing to dispel any concerns of or potential impact to our users. Although our levels remain OK, intuitively and scientifically it stands to reason dioxane may migrate toward our city wells.

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To address the potential for dioxane in the wells to exceed the State threshold, the city immediately commenced extensive engineering research on options to address the contamination. After extensive iterations of options being studied and evaluated, along with engineers' numerous site visits, the City Engineer has identified a treatment plan. The optimum solution involves the application of ultraviolet light and chemical treatment that eliminates the dioxane. There are numerous successful examples around the country, including one in Tucson, Arizona, showing this application effectively eliminates anywhere from 60 ppb to 295 ppb of dioxane to below detection limits. We have high confidence this system will be equally effective for Saint Anthony. Unfortunately, these are not plug and play systems. They have to be built to the existing requirements of the user. That means time, in terms of construction, prior to our system becoming operational.

In early winter we began work on the design standards to implement this solution. In the meantime, we are prepared to initiate temporary steps should we exceed the 1 ppb standard. Construction should begin as soon as practical; furthermore we will not be hampered by the choice between initial expense and public safety. What that means is we potentially could see higher water rates and water restrictions. Concurrently with these actions, discussions are ongoing with Army officials as the contamination is in a groundwater plume related to activities occurring at Twin Cities Army Ammunitions Plant (TCAAP) from World War II through the Viet Nam War. The U.S. Army is working with the city to design and finance the upgrades to the water treatment plant. We are attempting to fix the problem here and not pass it on. We believe the Army holds that same philosophy as a general principle.

However; we cannot wait for the plume to get here or for all the details with the Army to be worked out. We need to be proactive and take steps to protect our water supply. Time and waiting is not in our best interests as a community. Hence our need to initiate an explicit action plans with urgency of execution.

In our Strategic Plan one of our goals is to Communicate Transparently & Effectively. As such we are providing this information to inform you, allay any concerns you may have and let you know we are managing the issue with the best science and data available. We are not going to allow hysteria to overcome the discussion of science in providing safe water to our residents. It should be noted we do maintain a dioxane level below the state standards through monthly testing.

Be assured, the City Council, City Staff and City Engineers are totally committed to providing you with safe water. This won't be quick or easy but I can promise you everyone is working on this as diligently as possible! As details, developments and more progress become available it will be posted on our website.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

My best regard,  
Jerry Faust

## WATER RESTRICTIONS

by Mark Casey, City Manager

As described in the Mayor's note, the City of Saint Anthony Village is committed to providing safe and reliable drinking water, and we are acting with an abundance of caution in our response to the discovery of the chemical dioxane in our wells.

We are pursuing a long term solution with the design and construction of upgrades to our water treatment facility. We are also implementing short term water conservation measures designed to limit the amount of water we draw from the aquifer.

This summer, we will not open the splash pads located in both Central and Emerald parks and we will implement an odd/even lawn watering ban. We understand that both policies present inconveniences but when water quality is concerned, we must act with caution.

We are aware of the popularity of the splash pads particularly for families with young children. Splash pads are responsible for approximately 10 percent of all water consumption in the city and, as such, we are able to realize significant water conservation by not running them this year.

The watering restrictions allow people with addresses that end in an even number to water their lawns on even numbered dates, with odd numbered addresses watering on odd numbered dates. For the entire city, there will be no watering between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. - the hottest part of the day when evaporation makes irrigation less efficient. A temporary watering permit may be obtained for 30 days to allow for daily watering of new sod, grass seeding and landscaping. People can also water gardens, flower beds and wash vehicles at any time with a handheld hose. Children's water toys are exempt when the users are present.

These measures go into effect on April 1, 2016, and will be in place until further notice. We appreciate your cooperation and will continue to update our website as additional information becomes available.

### 2016 ORGANIZED COLLECTION RATES

#### Hennepin County

Small Cart	\$12.61
Recycling	\$3.70
Hennepin Co. Surcharge (9%)	\$1.13
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.23</u>
Monthly Total - Small Cart	\$18.67

Medium Cart	\$14.56
Recycling	\$3.70
Hennepin Co. Surcharge (9%)	\$1.31
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.42</u>
Monthly Total - Medium Cart	\$20.99

Large Cart	\$16.87
Recycling	\$3.70
Hennepin Co. Surcharge (9%)	\$1.52
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.64</u>
Monthly Total - Large Cart	\$23.73

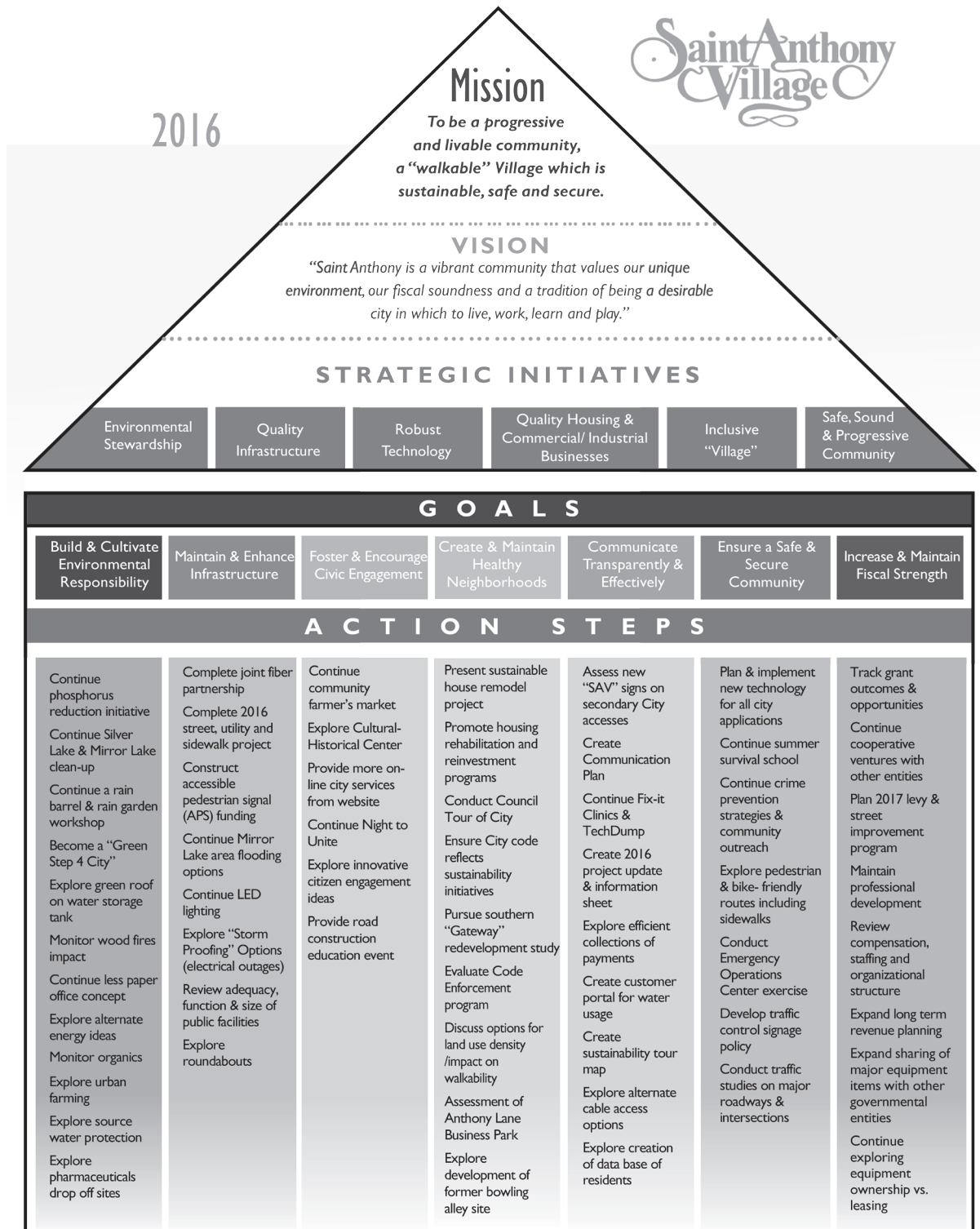
#### Ramsey County

Small Cart	\$12.61
Recycling	\$3.70
Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%)	\$3.53
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.23</u>
Monthly Total - Small Cart	\$21.07

Medium Cart	\$14.56
Recycling	\$3.70
Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%)	\$4.08
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.42</u>
Monthly Total - Medium Cart	\$23.75

Large Cart	\$16.87
Recycling	\$3.70
Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%)	\$4.72
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.64</u>
Monthly Total - Large Cart	\$26.93

On January 14-15, 2016 the Mayor, Council, City Manager, department heads, consultants, Planning and Parks Commission Chairs, and special guests attended the annual Strategic Planning Goal Setting. The group joined together to collaboratively create goals for the City of St. Anthony in 2016. Below is the Pyramid outlining the City's goals and objectives. The complete Strategic Planning Report is available on the city's website at [www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us)



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- **DOCUMENT SHREDDING** – no charge for City residents.
- **FLUORESCENT BULBS** - no charge for City residents.
- **CARDBOARD** - no charge for City residents.
- **CLOTHING** - The Goodwill will be accepting clothing in good condition. Clothing should be in boxes or bags.

► **FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** -

Furniture and miscellaneous household items in good condition will be accepted by Bridging. Household items should be in working condition; breakable items should be wrapped in paper. Donation receipts will be available. Items that are worn, stained, torn, broken, or missing pieces will be considered solid waste and charged a volume-based fee.

- **APPLIANCES** - \$15.00 (air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, water softeners - \$25.00)

Appliances accepted include: stoves, washers, dryers, residential furnaces, dishwashers, water heaters, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers and dehumidifiers.

- **BATTERIES** - Household batteries: A's, C, D and 9 volt sizes are free.

Auto- \$1.00 Commercial- \$10.00 Lithium, NiCad, Li-Ion, NiMH, etc.-\$2.00 Truck- \$7.50 Laptop-\$2.00

- **ELECTRONICS** - TechDump a non-profit organization will be accepting electronics. \$15.00 Electronics that will be accepted includes computers, televisions, audio equipment, VCR's, DVD's, microwave ovens.

- **Household Hazardous Waste** – Not Accepted

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

- **LAWN & GARDEN** (all gas/oil needs to be removed)

\$10.00-chain saws, pressure washers, lawn mowers (push), roto-tillers, weed whips, snow blowers, and leaf blowers

\$25.00-lawn mowers, (riders)

► **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

\$2.00-smoke detectors \$5.00-power tools \$10.00-air compressors, grills & generators \$10.00-Small propane tank \$25.00-large propane tank

- **MISCELLANEOUS JUNK & CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS** - Volume based fee.

Trunk Load - \$10 to \$20 Charge per carload - \$25 - \$50 (depending on the size of the vehicle)

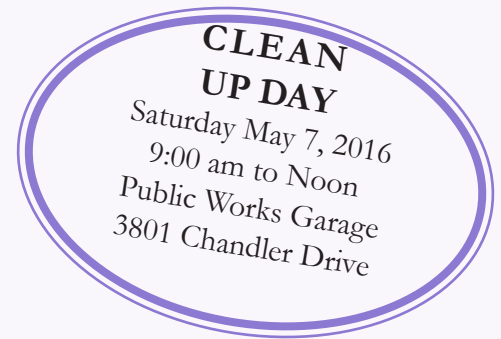
- **SCRAP METAL** - \$5.00 per load

- **TIRES** – (priced per tire)

Passenger car tire/Lt. Truck-\$5.00 per tire Semi-truck tires-\$10.00 per tire Other larger tires-\$20.00 per tire

Tires with rims additional \$1.00 per tire

- **TREE & BRUSH WASTE** - Volume based fee trunk load - \$10 to \$20 & Charge per carload - \$25 - \$50 (depending on the size of the vehicle)



## HELP! DON'T FLUSH

by Jeremy Gumke, 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 businesses sewer line, particularly in older pipes that may already contain grease, roots or other obstructions, resulting in a sewer backup into your home or business. These repairs can often be expensive and often not covered by insurance.

As to the effect to 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 all of us from possibly a nasty cleanup and expense.



## PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

by Officer Mike Huddle

Well, tax season is winding down now and hopefully you're ending up with a nice refund. What no one wants is to end up as a victim of identity theft, which can happen any time of year. There are things we can all do to protect ourselves from falling victim to identity theft. Protecting your personal information (name, date of birth, and social security number) is vitally important. Tax identity theft occurs when a thief uses your social security number to get a tax refund. Try to file your taxes early, before any scammer can. Do not fall victim to callers claiming to be from the IRS or saying that you'll be arrested unless you pay taxes or a debt, even if they have all, or part, of your social security number. Other forms of identity theft include opening an account or applying for credit in your name. If you suspect your information has been lost or compromised, consider setting up a fraud alert. To place a fraud alert, which requires potential creditors to verify your identity before opening accounts, contact one of the three credit companies (Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion). The alert is free, and is in place for 90 days.

If you find you've become a victim of identity theft, there are important steps you should take right away:

- Contact the fraud department with the companies where you know fraud occurred and request that they freeze or close your accounts.
- Change password and login information for all of your accounts and place a fraud alert on your credit and obtain a credit report.
- Report identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and complete an identity theft affidavit. This can be done by going to the FTC website ([www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)) or calling 1-877-438-4338.
- Next, file a police report with your local Police Department. Provide a copy of your identity theft affidavit to the Police Department to include in the report. Keep copies of the affidavit and Police reports, as this will become your Identity Theft Report. You will need to do this to be entitled to certain rights and protections to help you recover as a victim from identity theft.

Everyone is entitled to one free credit report every year from each of the three credit reporting companies.

If you are an identity theft victim, you may be entitled to additional reports. You obtain a report by going to [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com) or calling 1-877-322-8228. Check for any charges or accounts you don't recognize.

Report any inaccurate or fraudulent information or accounts that appear by writing to the credit reporting companies.

## SPRING FIRE REMINDER

by Mattie Jaros, Firefighter

When warmer weather comes around, it's time to break out the shorts and dust off the grill. A lot of people will enjoy barbecuing a nice lunch or dinner during the summer months. Although grilling is a long-time honored tradition, according to NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) it's also a major cause of home fires. An average of 8,800 home fires are caused by grills yearly. To keep you and your loved one's safe while barbecuing, please read the tips listed below.

- **OUTDOOR USE ONLY** - Propane and charcoal grills can only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed space, they pose both a fire hazard and a risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases.
- **POSITIONING** - Always position grill away from siding, eaves and deck railings.
- **SUPERVISION** - Always supervise a grill when in use.
- **SAFETY ZONES** - Keep children and pets far away from grills. Declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- **CHARCOAL GRILLS** - use charcoal starter fluids designed for charcoal grills and do not add starter fluid after coals have been lit.
- **GAS GRILLS** - Be sure to check hoses for gas leaks and verify the hose connection is tight. Never use starter fluids on a gas grill.

Grilling doesn't have to be dangerous. Using the proper measures will ensure you and your loved one's have a fun and safe meal.



## CHIEF TO RETIRE, SERGEANT TO ASSUME NEW ROLE

This past winter, Saint Anthony Police Chief John Ohl announced his upcoming retirement from the Saint Anthony Police Department. Chief Ohl was hired January 9th, 1984 by the Saint Anthony Police Department where he spent the first six years on the street in a radio squad. He then moved to investigations and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995. In 1999, he was again promoted, this time to Captain, and ultimately assumed the role of Chief of Police in 2005. At the time of his departure this coming summer, he will have served nearly 33 years in law enforcement.



“I will never forget the day that I was sworn in as a police officer. I was 22 years old and was so excited to be a cop. It was at a time when each agency would receive hundreds of applications for one position and I felt very lucky and fortunate that the City of St. Anthony was willing to consider me for the position” said Chief Ohl. When asked about SAPD working with the cities of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale, he added “The 20+ year affiliation really benefited all involved. It changed the face of the police department and allowed us to reach some milestones that would have been difficult without the relationship. Our department has been very proud to serve both communities.”

When asked about his upcoming retirement, Chief Ohl stated: “I think that I will miss the relationships I have built over my 33 year career. I have had the great fortune to work with exceptional police officers, great city managers/administrators, wonderful councils who have cared more about the well being of the cities they serve than themselves, and of course, the citizens I have worked with over the years.” He concluded by saying, “I will forever cherish my time as a police officer serving Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony.”

Moving forward in January of 2016, St. Anthony Village City Manager, Mark Casey, announced the promotion of Sergeant Jon Mangseth to Chief of Police effective September 1, 2016. Sgt. Mangseth has spent considerable time with SAPD serving in many capacities. He has spent the past 21 years working afternoons and overnight as a patrol officer and patrol sergeant. Additionally, he has served as SAPD’s lead defensive tactics instructor and has held positions on their multi-agency SWAT team. “For those in the community that do not know, I started my career in law enforcement with the SAPD in January of 1995. I was one of the original five officers hired when SAPD began serving the Falcon Heights community. When the crime prevention program began in Falcon Heights, I was one of the original community liaison officers. I am proud of the history I have with the Saint Anthony, Lauderdale, and Falcon Heights.” said Sgt. Mangseth.

Sgt. Mangseth went on to express his excitement for the new role as he said, “I look forward to the new challenges I will face as police chief. The new position allows me the opportunity to grow as a person. I will be trusted with caring for the police department, its personnel, and the communities that have been there for me my entire career.” Furthermore, when asked about working in our community, Sgt. Mangseth stated “Moving elsewhere has never occurred to me! Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, and St Anthony are small towns in the big city. I enjoy the atmosphere in these communities. I feel the police department has a strong connection to the communities we patrol and we are supported by our residents, businesses and city administrations.”

Congratulations to Chief Ohl and Sergeant Mangseth!



### **POLICE CHIEF & CAPTAIN RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday June 2, 2016

4:00 pm-6:00 pm

St. Anthony City Council Chambers



Important Announcement Regarding the City of St. Anthony's Water
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April 1, 2016

Dear Resident,

In February 2015, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) notified the City of New Brighton of the detection of the contaminant, 1,4-dioxane (dioxane), in some of their city's drinking water wells.

Because the City of Saint Anthony Village draws its water from the same aquifers as New Brighton, we began monthly testing of our three wells as soon as we were informed of the detections in New Brighton. This testing is in addition to the MDH's periodic testing of those wells and has shown dioxane below the state's recommended threshold.

The likely source of the dioxane is the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) in Arden Hills. TCAAP is the source of other contaminants found in New Brighton's and Saint Anthony Village's water supply, which have been successfully treated for 30 years.

Dioxane should not be confused with dioxin, a known environmental pollutant found in some foods. MDH determined and set the safe level of dioxane in drinking water at 1 part per billion (ppb). *The amounts of dioxane found in Saint Anthony's water are currently below the MDH's recommended limit for dioxane.*

We are committed to providing safe, reliable drinking water and we take any risk seriously. Our monthly testing shows the city has not delivered drinking water in excess of the MDH's advisory health limit. We are taking additional steps to ensure our drinking water remains safe.

We are in the process of upgrading the city's water treatment systems so the levels of dioxane will not exceed the concentrations that may present a health risk. The addition to the water treatment facility is designed to keep dioxane below the 1 ppb threshold recommended by MDH. The U.S. Army is working with the city to design and finance the upgrades to the water treatment plant.

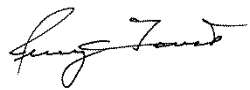
Until the upgrades to the treatment system are completed, we will implement water conservation policies to reduce the risk of dioxane reaching a level that may presents a health risk. For the coming months, the city will:

- Restrict lawn watering to an odd/even every other day schedule.
- Close the city's two splash pads to conserve fresh water.

We understand both measures present inconveniences but, when water quality is concerned, we act with an abundance of caution.

For more information, please view information including an MDH fact sheet and Frequently Asked Questions document on the City of Saint Anthony's website at [www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us) or contact the City at 612-782-3301.

Sincerely,



Jerry Faust, Mayor



Bonnie Brever, Councilmember



Hal Gray, Councilmember



Jan Jenson, Councilmember



Randy Stille, Councilmember





## **City of St. Anthony Village Water FAQ**

In February 2015, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) notified the City of New Brighton that it had found a contaminant called 1,4-dioxane (dioxane) in some of their city's drinking water wells. Because the City of Saint Anthony Village draws its drinking water from the same aquifer as New Brighton, Saint Anthony began monthly testing of its three wells to supplement the MDH's periodic testing. Testing shows that dioxane is present in Saint Anthony's water in amounts below the MDH health advisory level for dioxane in drinking water.

The MDH determined and sets the safe level of dioxane in drinking water at 1 part per billion (ppb). The amounts of dioxane found in Saint Anthony's water are currently below the MDH's recommended limits for dioxane in drinking water.

### **Is my water safe to drink?**

Yes. All test results of water delivered to residents have shown dioxane levels below the MDH health advisory limit. The water is safe for all uses including drinking, bathing, washing clothing, and preparing infant formula.

### **Where does the City of Saint Anthony Village's water come from?**

The City of Saint Anthony Village pumps groundwater from three municipal wells. The City's water is drawn from the Prairie du Chien and Jordan Aquifers.

### **What is 1,4-dioxane?**

Dioxane is an industrial chemical used to stabilize chlorinated solvents, such as trichloroethane (TCA) and trichloroethylene (TCE). These are both solvents that were used during operations at the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) in Arden Hills. Dioxane can also be found in some consumer products, including shampoos. Dioxane should not be confused with dioxin, a known environmental pollutant found in some foods.

### **How was dioxane found in the City of Saint Anthony Village's water supply?**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) tested the City of Saint Anthony Village's water supply and detected trace amounts of dioxane. The current concentration of dioxane falls below the MDH advisory level of 1 part per billion (ppb). Since we were made aware of New Brighton's dioxane issue in February 2015, St. Anthony has conducted monthly testing.

### **What are the health guidelines surrounding dioxane?**

No regulatory limit on the amount of dioxane permitted in drinking water has been set under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. However, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has set an advisory limit of 1 part per billion (ppb).

### **What is the City of Saint Anthony Village doing to control dioxane levels below 1 part per billion (ppb)?**

With assistance from the Army, the City of Saint Anthony is moving forward in designing an addition to our water treatment facility to ensure the 1,4 dioxane stays below the 1 part per billion (ppb) threshold. The City is also communicating regularly with the MDH, and other surrounding municipalities that pump water from this aquifer.

### **Is this contamination caused by operations at the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP)?**

TCAAP is the likely source of the contamination.

**How long had dioxane been in the water?**

While it was first detected in 2015, dioxane has likely been in the water in trace amounts for years. Dioxane is an additive to solvents that were used at the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant when it was in operation.

**Why is dioxane only being discovered now?**

In recent years the scientific knowledge and understanding of dioxane has increased, and the methods available to test for contaminants like dioxane at extremely low concentrations also have improved. Also, the interest in dioxane levels has expanded as science has improved understanding of the health risks associated with dioxane.

**What is the health risk posed by dioxane?**

According to the fact sheet from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), exposure to dioxane over a person's lifetime could increase the risk of cancer. Please refer to the fact sheets prepared by MDH and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), links to which are on the City's web page at [www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us)

**How significant is the health risk posed by dioxane in Saint Anthony Village's water?**

The current concentration falls below the MDH advisory level for municipal water supplies.

The MDH has set its 1 ppb advisory level to provide for a risk of fewer than one possible additional case of cancer for every 100,000 people who consume the water over a lifetime. The MDH's analysis is based on an assumption that each person consumes two liters (a little more than a half-gallon) of water containing 1 ppb of dioxane each day for their lifetime (approximately 70 years).

**Is there a federal drinking water limit for dioxane?**

No. Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is responsible for setting enforceable limits on the amount of particular substances permitted in drinking water. The USEPA is currently gathering data to assess the prevalence of dioxane in water supplies nationally.

**Why doesn't the City's current water treatment process remove dioxane from the water?**

The City's current water treatment plant, which uses granular activated carbon (GAC), was designed to remove TCAAP contaminants that were known at the time it was built. It uses an extensive pore structure that captures typical TCAAP contaminants. However, as the scientific knowledge about dioxane has grown, it has been discovered that carbon does not capture it.

**What is the city doing to prevent dioxane from becoming a health hazard?**

The City is in the process of upgrading its water treatment systems so that the levels of dioxane will not reach a level that may present a health risk. An addition to the water treatment facility currently in design will ensure the dioxane stays below the 1 part per billion (ppb) threshold recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health.

Until the upgrades to the treatment system are completed, the City of Saint Anthony will implement water conservation measures to reduce the risk of dioxane reaching a level that presents a health risk. For the coming months, the city will:

- Restrict lawn watering to an odd/even every other day schedule.
- The city's two splash pads will be closed to conserve fresh water.

**Who is responsible for paying for the upgrades to the water treatment plant?**

The U.S. Army is working with the city on design and financing the upgrades to the water treatment plant. The City of Saint Anthony has an existing agreement with the Army to respond to water issues related to TCAAP.

## ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE WINE AND SPIRITS

### OUR MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORES CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1948

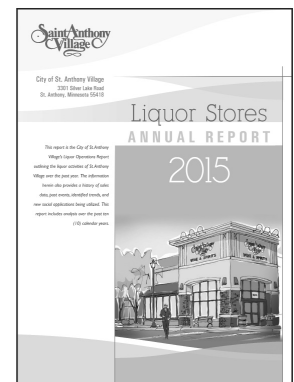
by Mike Larson, Operations Manager

Every year the City Manager and department heads of the City present our Annual Reports to the City Council at a council meeting. We also prepare our reports in written form. These can be viewed on the city's website after they have been presented to the council. While preparing the liquor operations report for 2015, I noticed a few positive trends even though we continue to deal with challenges.

Sales for our stores decreased \$836,000 during 2014 when compared to 2013. Sales during 2015 decreased \$181,500 when compared to 2014. The decrease in sales for a second year in a row does not make for a glowing report but the fact that the decrease has been dramatically reduced does. We experienced increased sales the last six months of 2015. We consider this a positive trend in our current market!

Our staff is also working very hard to maximize our profits within our current capacity of sales. This is being accomplished by careful review of expenses and continuing to provide competitive pricing and excellent customer service. I believe we will continue to see more positive trends in our sales and profits. We are committed to attracting customers by providing a unique retail environment that is based on excellent customer service, product selection, competitive pricing, while providing safe, bright and clean stores that drive long term customer loyalty!

Please review our Annual Report on the city's website when given the opportunity. I hope you find the trends as positive as we do. We look forward to serving our customers and St. Anthony Village where 100% of our profit enriches the community! Please contact me if we can assist you with anything that would provide a better shopping experience for you and your fellow residents. I can be contacted by phone at (612) 782-3455, or feel free to email me at [mike.larson@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](mailto:mike.larson@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us). Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you!



## PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

by Jim Gondorchin, Planning Commission Chair

The Planning Commission is a seven-person body meeting the fourth Monday evening of each month at 7PM in the City Council Chambers. Typical agenda items include: land use and development, city ordinance modifications and variance requests made by both residents and businesses.

By 2015 end, the Planning Commission met six times addressing regular agenda items resulting in six variances and five conditional use permits. In addition, there were three work sessions dedicated to the review and final recommendation to the City Council regarding the new Solar Ordinance.

For 2016, center stage is the Comprehensive Plan as it impacts housing, transportation, parks, water resource policy and land use in general. The plan is forward looking and multiple events are planned to ensure community engagement.

The 2016 edition of the Planning Commission is comprised of four returning commissioners and three new appointees who, in addition to Comprehensive Plan participation, are tasked to ensure the 2016 "Work Plan" is also properly addressed. Comprising the "Work Plan" is the review/recommendation of "typical" agenda items noted earlier as well as enabling and encouraging Planning Commission members to attend city sponsored planning/zoning classes.

As always, community input and participation is encouraged.

## PARKS COMMISSION UPDATE

by Scott Bentz, Parks Commission Chair

The St. Anthony Parks Commission is a five member advisory commission appointed by the city council. In January, our work plan for 2016 was presented to and approved by the city council.

Among potential projects in 2016 are the following (recognizing that not all will be completed in 2016):

- Become a Tree City USA
- Assist Comprehensive Plan Update of the Parks and Trails Chapter
- Explore pedestrian & bike friendly routes including sidewalks
- Explore sustainability initiatives

Feel free to attend one of our meetings or contact a Parks Commission member if you have any ideas for improving or updating our city parks.

## 2016 STREET AND UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

by Todd Hubmer, City Engineer

This year's street and utility reconstruction project will consist of the following:

Street & Utility Reconstruction-

Stinson Boulevard from 37th Avenue NE to Silver Lane NE

Trail and Sidewalk Improvements-

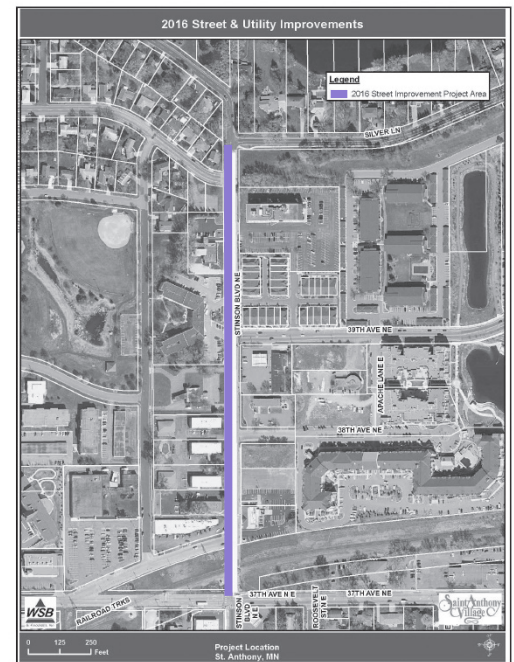
- 8' bituminous trail along west side of Stinson Boulevard between 37th Place N and 40th Avenue NE (This is a Columbia Heights improvement)
- Salo Park sidewalk repair and replacement

Decorative Lighting-

Stinson Boulevard NE between 37th Avenue NE and Silver Lane NE

Bids were received and the contract was awarded to R.L. Larson

Excavating, Inc. of St. Cloud, MN. The project documents are currently being executed with an anticipated start date of late April or early May depending on weather. Additional information on the project and schedule is available on the City's website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Justin Messner, the Project Manager, at (651)286-8465.



## 2015 Street Reconstruction Project

Work is anticipated to resume on the last year's street and utility reconstruction project in late April or early May or as the weather permits. The contractor's first task will be to remove and replace any settled or cracked concrete curb and driveway panels. Following concrete replacement, the contractor will re-grade and/or re-seed any yard settlements or areas where turf has not established. The final layer of asphalt pavement will be placed following the turf repairs.

## Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP)

This project includes pedestrian safety upgrades to eight intersections and new sidewalks on the south side of 37th Avenue from Stinson Boulevard to Highcrest Road; and on the east side of Stinson Boulevard from 37th Avenue to Silver Lane.

The City is finishing up Final Design and Right of Way acquisition with the railroad. MnDOT has completed its plan review and comments from project partners (Hennepin and Ramsey Counties) are being incorporated into the final construction plans. The City is completing the funding formulas with our project partners at Federal Highway, MnDOT, Hennepin County and Ramsey County. The City anticipates bidding of this project this spring with construction starting in mid to late summer. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the 2016 construction season.

## ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE LAUNCHES ITS 2040 UPDATE TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

by Breanne Rothstein, City Planner

The next two years is an exciting time in the world of city planning. Minnesota State Statute requires that every city in the Twin Cities/7 County Metropolitan Area review and update their Comprehensive Plan every ten years (due end of 2018), and this includes St. Anthony.

**What is a Comprehensive Plan?** A comprehensive plan is a set of goals and policies set forth by the city that guide residential, commercial, and industrial growth, and outlines supporting infrastructure to accommodate that growth in a balanced and well timed manner. A comprehensive plan serves as a community's vision and the foundation upon which land use and growth decisions can be made legally and based upon sound planning practices.

**Why now?** Minnesota law requires that all cities update their comprehensive plan every ten years. St. Anthony's last update was 2008.

**How can I get involved?** A key part of comprehensive planning is seeking input on the future of the city from residents, business owners, and property owners. We would love your input! Here's how you can get involved:

1. Sign up to participate online at [www.mysidewalk.com/stanthonycompplan](http://www.mysidewalk.com/stanthonycompplan)
2. Follow project updates and steering committee happenings at: [www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us) and click on "Comprehensive Plan"
3. Attend our Community Visioning Event on April 11th at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Here are some topics you can ponder, and help us answer:

- What type of housing should we be planning for in the next 25 years?
- What type of households do you think will want to live here in the next 25 years?
- How much business should we encourage to develop in St. Anthony?
- What do you love about your community?
- What do you wish you could change?
- What are we getting right?
- What should we start doing?

## POLICE CAPTAIN TO RETIRE AFTER 30 YEARS

Captain Dominic Cotroneo is retiring June 3, 2016 after 30 years of service with the St. Anthony Police Department. Captain Cotroneo started his police career in September 1986, but also served as a Reserve Police Officer from 1982 until the time of his hire date in 1986 as a police officer. Captain Cotroneo was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995, and subsequently promoted to Captain in 2005. Captain Cotroneo was St. Anthony's first DARE Officer. Captain Cotroneo lists his time with the schools as the highlight of his career. Captain Cotroneo states that he will miss the connections and relationships with his law enforcement peers and the citizens of the communities he served.

Join us on Thursday June 2, 2016 4:00 pm - 6:00pm in the St. Anthony City Council Chambers for a cake and coffee reception recognizing Captain Cotroneo and Chief Ohl for their service to St. Anthony.





## BRANCH CHIPPING

Saint Anthony will be doing curbside branch chipping for residents May 16- 18. If you wish to have your branches chipped, either complete the form below and return it to city hall or go to....

[www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us)

and complete the branch chipping form online. 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.

### SAINT ANTHONY BRANCH CHIPPING PROGRAM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request that branches be chipped by the City of Saint Anthony at the above address in May. I understand that I will be charged \$15 plus applicable sales tax for each 10 minutes of chipping and that will be billed on my July water/sewer bill. Branches must be at the curb.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature* Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## POLLINATOR PATHWAY

City staff and community members have been working for years to improve pollinator habitat as part of multiple initiatives to protect natural resources and food production. 1/3 of the food we consume relies on natural pollination.

But loss of habitat and wide-spread use of chemical pesticides have been harming pollinators at alarming rates. To continue our progress, the Hennepin County Natural Resource Program has awarded the city a \$5,000 grant to enhance what we now know as the Saint Anthony Pollinator Pathway. If interested in receiving funding, planning, or planting assistance to add native habitat to your home, please call or email 612-782-3340

[kristin.seaman@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](mailto:kristin.seaman@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us).

For more information, check the city website under Sustainability.



For more information or to get started, call 612-789-7337 extension 260 or email [info@opentobusinessmn.org](mailto:info@opentobusinessmn.org)

## YARD WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

Ramsey County compost sites open April 1st and will remain open until November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Arden Hills site is located on Hudson Avenue east of New Brighton Road. The hours of operations are as follows:

M - W - F 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(sites will be closed Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day)

The Arden Hills site accepts the following items:

- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Garden Plants
- Non-Woody Plants
- Trees and Shrubs

ALL Saint Anthony residents are eligible to use the Arden Hills site. When visiting the site, be sure to bring identification with you. For more information regarding yard waste disposal, call 651-633-EASY (3279) or go online at [www.RamseyRecycles.com](http://www.RamseyRecycles.com)

## STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping began in mid March. Primary and secondary roadways, which contribute stormwater to local watershed will be completed first. The schedule for sweeping is about one week. Secondary roadways will then be swept throughout April.

## FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

Saint Anthony's annual fire hydrant flushing will take place the week of May 23-27 during regular business hours. For more information on hydrant flushing, check out our website under the Public Works Department.

## RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 19th 6-8pm  
City Hall

Beyond the Barrel is an educational event to help residents make environmentally-friendly decisions at home. Visit [www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us](http://www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us) for more information.

## SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS GREET COMPOSER

by Tina Karelson

Several board members of the St. Anthony Sister City Association had the opportunity to meet Olli Kortekangas at Orchestra Hall in early February, while he was in Minneapolis for the world premiere of his new choral work, "Migrations," a cantata for mezzo, male chorus and orchestra. To honor St. Anthony's longtime relationship with its Sister City, Salo, Finland, the Sister City Association has commissioned Kortekangas to write a composition called "The Lost Melody."

While the Sister City piece is not quite as large-scale an undertaking for Kortekangas as the Minnesota Orchestra commission, the cordial composer indicated that he is already thinking about the "The Lost Melody," which will premiere with the St. Anthony Civic Orchestra in fall 2017. Kortekangas will attend the premiere and rehearsals of "The Lost Melody."

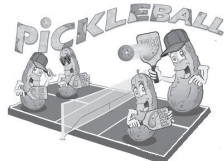
### 2016 SALO PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Salo Park Amphitheater located on 39th Ave N.E. between Silver Lake Road and Stinson Boulevard. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the St. Anthony Community Center.

June 23:	Ecuador Manta	June 30:	St. Anthony Civic Orchestra
July 7:	Jazz on the Prairie Big Band	July 14:	Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band
July 21:	Calhoun Isles Community Band	July 28:	7 Cats Swing
Aug 4:	Dennis Warner in Concert	Aug 11:	Everett Smithson Band

### PICKLEBALL

The Parks Department is proud to offer two new pickleball courts to its assortment of recreational opportunities in the City. The courts are located on the existing tennis court at the intersection of Silver Lake Road and Silver Lane. Please enjoy the courts, as well as the entire parks system, as we look forward to warmer weather ahead!



### ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR

If you are considering a home improvement project this year, come to this one-hour informational seminar to learn what GMHC can do for you. No products will be sold or endorsed.

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

6:30-7:30 pm

St. Anthony Community Center, Room CS9

Free: Call 612-706-1166 to register

### PET ORDINANCES

- Spring is here and pet owners will be outside with their pets. Here are a few ordinances to assist you in being responsible pet owners.
- Please keep all animals on a leash when you are out walking your dog or cat. When out walking your pet, please clean up any droppings and dispose of the droppings in a sanitary manner.
- For your convenience, Mutt Mitt pet waste stations have been placed in City Parks. For more information, check out our website under the Sustainability section.



#### Reminder

- Rental Licenses are due June 1st

#### Reminder

- I & I (Inflow/Infiltration) inspection is required by the City prior to the sale of a house.

### NEW RULES FOR SHREDDED PAPER

Did you used to put your shredded paper in your recycling bin? We recently learned that recycling facilities cannot handle small amounts of shredded paper in their sorting process, and therefore it does not get recycled. Your best option is to bring it to a retailer that accepts shredded paper. Go to RamseyRecycles.com (click on A to Z Recycling Guide) to find a location near you. Or call 651-633-EASY (3279) answered 24/7.



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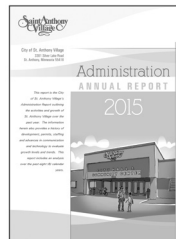


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## ST. ANTHONY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

- 12 - City Council meeting
- 14 - Open Book Meeting 5:00pm-6:30pm
- 25 - Planning Commission meeting
- 26 - City Council meeting

### MAY

- 7 - Clean Up Day
- 10 - City Council meeting
- 23 - Planning Commission meeting
- 24 - City Council meeting
- 30 - HOLIDAY - Memorial Day
- 31 - Joint Meeting with School Board

### JUNE

- 6 - Parks Commission meeting
- 14 - City Council meeting
- 27 - Planning Commission meeting
- 28 - City Council meeting

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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