

Village NOTES

Spring 2018

“A Village in the City”

Our mission is to be a progressive and welcoming Village that is walkable, sustainable and safe.

Note from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

IN THIS EDITION:

- 2018 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
- COMPREHENSIVE DRAFT PLAN
- OPEN HOUSE
- COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL
- SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

As I reflect back over the years, I have written about our city's annual goal/strategic planning sessions about this time each of the last 10 years. Since the spring newsletter of 2010 we have placed our “pyramid” in the newsletter for all to see. After each session we approve the plan in a publicly announced council meeting thereby fulfilling our self-imposed standard of transparency and communicating with the residents and businesses in St Anthony. Again, as in the past you will see our pyramid enclosed as accepted and approved by the City Council at the March 13th City Council meeting.

The purpose of goal setting is to bring ALL the issues that we have been brought to the attention of staff and city council throughout the year. This occurs during one on one conversations, emails, letters, council meetings, Night to Unite and other resident interactions. In addition, we invite subject area experts to share with us industry standards, emerging trends and possible legislative changes/challenges. The venue allows all officials to evaluate, modify, study and prioritize items that have been brought forward. All of this is invaluable towards moving the city forward and not playing from behind but in a position of strength. Of course, occasionally there are issues that were unforeseeable, as 2 years ago when I devoted this newsletter to the 1,4 Dioxane plume that was moving towards our water supply. We needed to work fast, efficient and solve a serious problem. We did that, however without the trust and confidence of council and residents, the staff would have not been that agile and nimble in our success. An example of foreseeable issues was that of organized trash collection – that took a number of years educating, refining and cooperation from all parties; residents, haulers and government. Again, this would not have occurred without a reflective and thoughtful goal setting environment.

When one reviews our past and present goal setting objectives it becomes clear that many of these can be accomplished in one or two years. Many are multi-year endeavors that require garnering the resources, demonstrating a need and then finding the will to move forward. Always easier said than done. Moreover, goal setting establishes a sense of ownership from the participants that manifests itself in the grants received over the years. Since 1998 the City of St Anthony has received over \$31 million dollars in grants. In 20 years that averages \$1,500,000 a year. Just let that be absorbed into your awareness – it mitigates our taxes substantially! And this is done by our staff, people who have other responsibilities, not being grant writers – this is what that *sense of ownership* derives when we do goal setting and strategic planning.

Our city has been told we are very unusual in our effective approach and it has been occurring for over 30 years successfully - long before any of us were on the scene. It works and we will continue to ensure it works for the residents of St Anthony. Thank you for your support, it is needed in our shared efforts.

My best regards,



Jerry Faust

GOAL SETTING. BOTH THE END AND THE BEGINNING

by Mark Casey, City Manager

I“If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.” Benjamin Franklin

On January 11 & 12, we conducted our annual strategic planning session also called goal setting. The resulting strategic plan, including supplemental documents are available on the city's website.

The 31 attendees included:

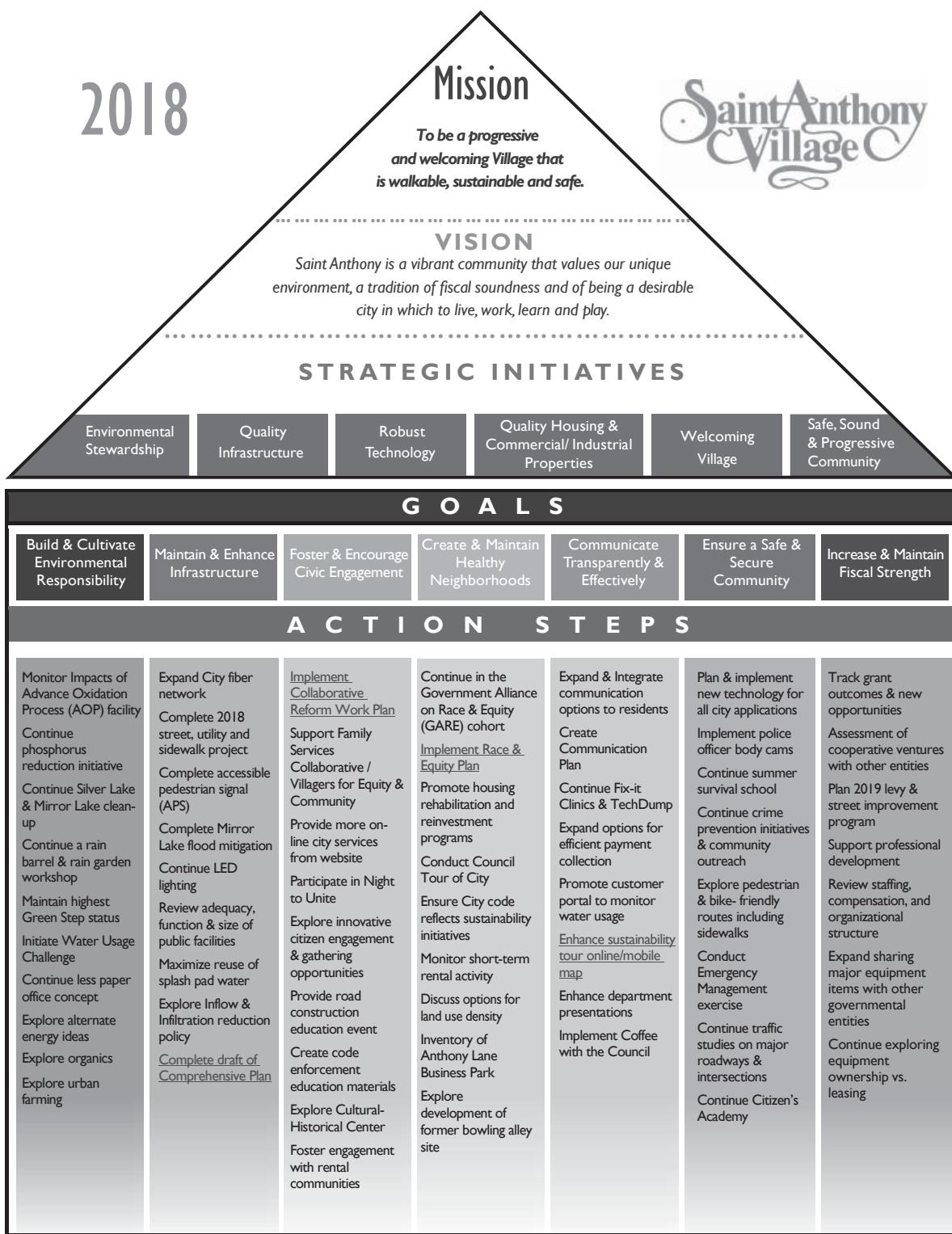
- Mayor
- City Engineer – WSB & Associates
- Council • Assistant City Engineer - WSB & Associates
- City Manager
- Planner - WSB & Associates
- Finance Director
- Financial – Ehlers
- Fire Chief
- Attorney - Dorsey & Whitney
- Liquor Operations Manager
- Planning Commission Chair
- Police Chief
- Accountant
- Assistant Fire Chief
- League of MN Cities Assistant HR Director
- Public Works Director
- Police Captain
- League of MN Cities Intergovernmental Relations
- League of MN Cities Insurance Trust Claims Adjustor
- City Clerk
- Metro Cities Executive Director
- City Administrator - City of Tonka Bay
- Public Works Superintendent
- Facilitator - Big River Group
- Assistant to the City Manager
- Met Council Housing Policy Analyst
- Assistant Liquor Operations Manager

The process for goal setting actually begins well before the session in January. Throughout the year elected officials and appointed staff gather community input from residents via council meetings, Night to Unite, VillageFest, Fire Dept. Open House/Village Big Rigs, other informal personal interactions, phone calls, letters and emails. Department heads also solicit input from other staff. When we gather on that day, our consultants bring a perspective from their industry and their work in other communities. Commission chairs represent their fellow commission members and public, and our guests offer state and regional perspectives.

This collective input creates the synergy through which we establish our mission, vision, strategic initiatives, goals and action steps based on best practices, demographic trends, innovation, and legislative changes. The results of this year's session are represented in the Pyramid on page 3. And as we follow through with the implementation of the action steps as guided by our mission, vision, strategic initiatives and goals, we are already gathering data for next year. Annual goal setting is an invaluable process that keeps us continually moving toward becoming the best community we can be.



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 2018. 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.savmn.com



I-30-2018

Comprehensive Plan Draft

OPEN HOUSE

Learn about the city's community engagement process, what we heard from the community, and draft policies and action items located in the comprehensive plan.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.



St. Anthony City Hall/Community Center
3301 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony, MN 55418

Draft available on the city's website at: www.savmn.com



2018 ORGANIZED COLLECTION RATES

Hennepin County

Small Cart	\$13.10
Recycling	\$3.85
Hennepin Co. Surcharge (9%)	\$1.18
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.28</u>
Monthly Total - Small Cart	\$19.41
Medium Cart	\$15.12
Recycling	\$3.85
Hennepin Co. Surcharge (9%)	\$1.36
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.47</u>
Monthly Total - Medium Cart	\$21.80
Large Cart	\$17.51
Recycling	\$3.85
Hennepin Co. Surcharge (9%)	\$1.58
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.71</u>
Monthly Total - Large Cart	\$24.65

SPRING CLEANING TIPS

by Mattie Jaros, Firefighter

As spring arrives, so does the urge to get outside and clean around the house. Here are a few easy things you can do to keep your home safe:

- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms – spring is a great time to test and replace batteries if needed.
- Recycle – magazines, newspapers, mail, boxes, etc... can easily pile up overtime. This can become a fire hazard when left unmanaged. Take this time to discard any unwanted paper items to reduce risk factors.
- Appliance Filters – check and replace all well used filters around your house. This includes but not subject to stove hood filters, furnace filter etc. Grease buildup above the oven range needs to be cleaned regularly for safe cooking.
- Windows - check the operation of all the windows in you home, insuring they are in working condition if needed for an emergency exit.
- Electrical Cords - Toss or replace any electrical cords and adaptors that appear damaged.
- Outdoor Appliances - clean your outside grill and ensure that all parts are attached and in working condition.

Many of the items listed above are easy fixes, but if you are unsure of how to properly clean and care for the appliance or item, reach out to the manufacture and ask for recommendation.

Ramsey County

Small Cart	\$13.10
Recycling	\$3.85
Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%)	\$3.67
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.28</u>
Monthly Total - Small Cart	\$21.90
Medium Cart	\$15.12
Recycling	\$3.85
Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%)	\$4.23
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.47</u>
Monthly Total - Medium Cart	\$24.67
Large Cart	\$17.51
Recycling	\$3.85
Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%)	\$4.90
Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%)	<u>\$1.71</u>
Monthly Total - Large Cart	\$27.97

TEXT-TO-911: CALL IF YOU CAN, TEXT IF YOU CAN'T

by Sgt. Mike Huddle

Remember that old rotary dial telephone your grandma had way back when? Or dial up internet? Well, now it's 2018. We've figured out ultra-HD television, high speed internet, Wi-fi networking, and invented something called "Bitcoin" (whatever that is). You'd think we'd be able to text 911 by now, right? POW!! Here it is! Text-to-911 capability is now available all over the state of Minnesota. Dispatch centers around the state have the ability to receive text messages from cell phones requesting emergency services. This service was deployed in December of 2017.



Text-to-911 service can be a first contact option for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech impairments. It is also a discreet way to report domestic violence, home invasions, suicidal individuals, or situations where someone must stay quiet to remain safe.

While this offers another option to reach emergency services, **text-to-911 should only be used when a person can't safely make a voice call.** CALL if you can, text if you CAN'T.

The MN Department of Public Safety and Emergency Communication Networks explain how to text 911:

- Enter "911" in the "To" field.
- Text your exact location and the type of emergency.
- Send the message.
- Promptly answer questions and follow instructions from the dispatcher.

Always use simple words. Avoid using emoji's, pictures, or abbreviations/slang (BRB, BTW, IDK...). Remember, do not text and drive!

Keep these things in mind about using text to contact 911:

- If you text 911, the dispatcher will ask if they can call you. Dispatchers prefer voice calls because they can get cues from background noise and voice inflections.
- Location is not as accurate with text as with voice calls. Be certain to give an exact address. Landlines are still the best call options to provide location information.
- A text or data plan is required for using Text-to-911 service.
- Texts to 911 will bounce back if you are roaming.
- There is a 160 character limit. Messages may be received out of order. It is possible that the message may not be received at all.
- There is no language translation service for text messages to 911.
- If you accidentally send a text to 911, send another text, or call 911 to let the dispatcher know there is no emergency.

We hope you will never need to call or use 911. But, if you do, keep text to 911 in mind for situations where speaking or making a voice call might be unsafe. While there are limits, this option can make 911 more accessible to many people, and make contacting 911 safer in many dangerous and unpredictable situations.

GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE AND EQUITY (GARE)

by Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager

The city is continuing with the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) program in 2018, and assembled an Implementation Cohort team that will meet throughout the year with other Implementation teams while carrying out the city's Race & Equity Plan. On January 10th, 2018 the GARE Implementation Cohort met in Eagan with other Implementation teams for the first session of the year. The cohort has 9 jurisdictions participating, which are: the Hennepin Court 4th Circuit Judicial Courts, Hennepin County Library, League of Minnesota Cities, Mankato, Metropolitan Council, Minneapolis, Northfield, St. Anthony Village, and the St. Paul Visitors bureau. The teams shared their respective Race & Equity Plans and discussed the challenges foreseen in the process and briefly reviewed the information presented in the Introductory Cohort.

The focus of the Implementation Cohort is to collaborate with other cities also in the implementation phase to share experiences and exchange ideas. The St. Anthony team is looking forward to working with the variety of jurisdictions in the cohort and expect to gain a range of insights.

Our Racial Equity Plan and other information on the GARE cohort is available on the City's website.

St. Anthony's 2018 Racial Equity Cohort:

Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager
Sandy Simon, Office Support Specialist
Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Superintendent
Dan Diegnau, Police Lieutenant
Mattie Jaros, Firefighter
Chris Morke, Liquor Operations Clerk
Breanne Rothstein, City Planner, WSB

RECYCLE YOUR YARD WASTE

Did you know? Leaves, grass clippings, trees and other types of yard waste are banned from the trash. Composting is the best option! The plant material breaks down into a rich soil amendment.

Residents may bring plant waste to any one of the County's seven yard waste sites. A photo ID is required. All sites accept leaves, grass clippings, garden plants, and other non-woody plants. Some also accept trees and shrubs (no stumps).

The closest yard waste site to you is Arden Hills, which is located at 3530 Hudson Avenue. This site DOES accept trees and shrubs.

Hours from April through November
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 11 am to 7 pm
Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday: 11 am to 5 pm

Hours from December through March
Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday: 11 am to 5 pm

For more information and other locations, go to RamseyRecycles.com/yardwaste or call 651.633.EASY (3279), answered 24/7.



UPDATES FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Saint Anthony's annual fire hydrant flushing will take place the week of May 21-25 during regular business hours. Following hydrant flushing on your street, run water through your washing machine tub or an outside spigot to prevent discolored water from entering your home's water line. For more information on hydrant flushing, check our website under the Public Works Department: Water and Sewer.

STREET SWEEPING

City-wide street sweeping began this spring. Primary roadways and secondary roadways, which contribute stormwater to the local watershed, are completed first. The City sweeps periodically throughout the year in a continuing effort to care for our rivers, lakes, and streams.

WATER & SEWER EMERGENCIES

If you have a water or sewer emergency, contact city offices immediately at 612-782-3301 during normal business hours.

For after hours service, contact the Fire Department at 612-782-3400. City crews will be dispatched to evaluate the situation and assist the property owner.

Remember, the property owner is responsible for maintaining water or sanitary sewer service from their building up to and including the connection to the main water or sewer lines.

Reminder

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

WAYS TO CONNECT AND ENGAGE

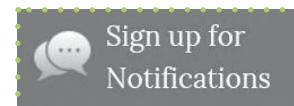
by Nicole Miller, City Clerk

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he City of St. Anthony has multiple ways for residents, business owners, partners and visitors to receive information and engage with the City. We continue to evaluate and expand with new ways to communicate, while continuing to use prior communication best practices.

In 2017 we launched our new website, which has built in functionality to improve the way people receive information. Below we have highlighted some of the new ways to connect and engage!

SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS!



Visit www.savmn.com and select Sign up for Notifications located in the center of the homepage. You can choose to receive notifications by email, text or both!

Notify Me-Sign up to receive updates on specific subjects.

Alert Center-Sign up to receive updates on snow plowing and public safety alerts.

Governement Jobs-Sign up to receive notifications when a new job has been added or modified.

News Flash-Sign up to receive notifications of added/modified news flash items. We typically use the news flash for highlighting certain events, initiatives and important messages.

Calendar-Sign up to receive notifications of added/modified meetings and community events.

Ask the City-Use this form to ask City staff questions.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL

Join members of the City Council and the community for informal discussions about the Village.

Saturday, April 21, 2018
9:00 AM
Council Chambers
3301 Silver Lake Road

FAMILY SERVICES COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

by Wendy Webster, St. Anthony-New Brighton School District Director of Community Services and Communications



In January 2018, the St. Anthony-Family Services Collaborative approved funding to continue a partnership with Racial Equity Minnesota and St. Anthony Villagers for Equity and Community (SAVEC) to support their goal to mobilize the St. Anthony community to work together to build community, cohesion and a shared vision for equity and growth.

Beginning in March 2017, Racial Equity Minnesota hosted 15 community meetings with youth and adults to understand how race impacts our residents and our community. Through this process, St. Anthony Villagers for Equity and Community (SAVEC) was formed and developed Aspiration Statements focused on: Education, Governance, Community Engagement and Awareness, and Religious Equity and Liberty. In July 2017, SAVEC and Racial Equity Minnesota hosted a gathering with over 100 community members to provide education and awareness on how structural racism impacts our community and gather input on the four focus areas.

WHO IS TECH DUMP?



Tech Dump is a 501c3 social enterprise electronic waste recycler with missions to protect the environment, to provide safe and secure electronics recycling, and to create stable jobs for people with barriers to employment. Through recycling and refurbishing electronics, Tech Dump's employees gain practical skills and graduate to livable wage employment. Tech Dump accepts electronics for recycling at their 3 locations, with one in the St Paul- Midway neighborhood. More info on what they accept at TechDump.org or call 763-432-3117.

In December, 2017, SAVEC established an Executive Board, with members leading four subcommittees: Nimo Hashi (education), Hawo Kamal (Religious Equity), Sirri Nomo (Governance), Ben Phillip (Community Engagement and Awareness), and Bharat Thyagarajan (Governance). SAVEC is exploring becoming a non-profit organization and applied for a Bush Foundation Grant to fund continuing programming and work with Racial Equity Minnesota.

St. Anthony Villagers for Equity and Community is committed to building a grassroots process that respects all voices, is inclusive of all community members, focused on community decision making, and holds itself accountable to measurable outcomes. To learn more about this impactful community-wide work, contact Wendy Webster at 612-706-1170 or email wwebster@stanthony.k12.mn.us.

- 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)

**CLEAN
UP DAY**
Saturday May 5, 2018
9:00 am to Noon
Public Works Garage
3801 Chandler Drive
Cash or Check

ST. ANTHONY RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 19th, Council Chambers

Sign in 6:30 pm

Presentation at 7:00 pm

Interested in watering your lawn and garden with reclaimed rainwater from your roof?



Go to www.savmn.com and sign up to buy a rain barrel through the city's annual program. Barrels are limited so sign up early.

Barrels are repurposed from oak wine barrels and sold to residents at a reduced price (only \$50 per barrel). Participants in this program must attend an information session at city hall 7pm on April 19th, but all are welcome to attend to learn more about rainwater harvesting, stormwater and what you can do to protect your local environment.

ST. ANTHONY RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

ARE YOU ABLE TO ATTEND THE RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP ON APRIL 19TH AT 7PM? YES/NO

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PURCHASE A RAIN BARREL FOR \$50? YES/NO

BRANCH CHIPPING

Saint Anthony will be doing curbside branch chipping for residents May 21-24. If you wish to have your branches chipped, either complete the form below and return it to city hall or go to....

www.savmn.com

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.

Date: _____

Signature

WATER RESTRICTIONS

- No Watering between 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Odd numbered addresses may water on odd dates
- Even numbered addresses may water on even dates
- Exemptions may be granted for recently established lawns
- Water restrictions shall apply each year between April 1st and November 1st

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

by Dominic Papatola, Planning Commission Chair

At its February 26 meeting, the St. Anthony Planning Commission officially welcomed its two newest members. Bibi Neumann and Meridith Socha were appointed by the City Council at the beginning of the year. At their first formal meeting, both brought keen insight and valuable perspective to the commission's discussion of the Southern Gateway Development Project.

Neumann and Socha, like all seven members of the Planning Commission, serve staggered three-year terms. The commission is a quasi-judicial body, which means it reviews land use and zoning requests in the context of the city's established codes and ordinances. Our recommendations are forwarded to the City Council, which has the final authority to act on requests.

The Planning Commission has also been active in helping to develop the city's Comprehensive Plan, a document outlining the city's long-term vision, goals and objectives.

We've been fortunate in the last year to have a great deal of input from residents on the Southern Gateway project and the Comprehensive Plan. It's gratifying to see members of the community engaged in a journey to keep St. Anthony a great place to live, work and learn. We're grateful for your participation, and we encourage you to continue bringing us your thoughts and concerns.

WAYS TO CONNECT WITH THE LIQUOR OPERATIONS

Our Municipal Liquor Stores contributing to the community since 1948!
by Kevin Morelli, Assistant Liquor Operations Manager



We are always looking for ways to connect with our Residents and Customers. At the end of 2017 the Liquor Operation website was incorporated into the City's website at www.savmn.com, located under the "Departments" tab. Available information includes monthly sale items, calendar of tasting events and the history of our operation, as well as contact information. You have the option to sign up for "push notifications" so you can be notified of tasting events, special product releases along with other information. We invite you to connect with us through Facebook where we post pictures, event schedule, special product release updates and deals. Residents and Customers can also contact us by messaging us through Facebook. In 2018, we will be looking at incorporating Twitter and Instagram into our means of communication to keep Residents and Customers engaged with our stores.



And finally, we think the best way to connect with us is to stop in and see us. We have a Spring Beer Sampling on Saturday, April 28th from 2-5pm, at the Marketplace location. We would love to see you!

CITY TAX RATES, MORE APPLES TO ORANGES

by Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director

Most are aware that the city's tax rate has been among the top rates for cities within both Counties in recent years. City tax rates are easy to compare on a standalone basis. However, that approach yields little information as to each City's conditions which determined their local rate. These conditions include, size and make-up of tax base, population and density, fully developed or growing community, level of city services and age of infrastructure. Any apples to apples analysis of City tax rates needs to consider these factors.

Within the City of Saint Anthony replacement of aging infrastructure was identified as a need in the mid-1990s. The City developed a long term street-reconstruction program which is currently approximately two thirds complete. The last several years, the reconstruction program has benefited from low interest rates and a competitive construction

environment. This commitment to investing in its infrastructure makes the debt portion of the City's tax rate a meaningful amount. Removing the debt portion from all city tax rates equates to the tax rate necessary to run city operations on a year to year basis. With that perspective, comparing all City operating tax rates, places the City of St. Anthony just inside the top third of 2018 proposed tax rates. As a side note, many cities across both counties effectively subsidize their operating tax rates by charging franchise fees (billed by the utility companies) or special fees such as snow removal. Using these sources, they remove significant costs from their operating levy. The City of Saint Anthony has declined the use of these fees as they are not tax deductible for residents. This apples to apples assessment of the City's operating tax rate is considered reasonable in light of the high level of city services provided.

ENGINEERING UPDATES

2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project

The 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project consists of complete street and utility reconstruction along the following roadways (illustrated below):

- Macalaster Drive from 37th Avenue NE north to the dead end
- Foss Road from 37th Avenue to Chandler Drive
- Highcrest Road from 37th Avenue north to the dead end



There are two additional aspects to the 2018 project. One includes the directionally boring of force-main and installation of a lift station in Central Park. The second includes the grading and construction of a swale for drainage towards the south end of Mirror Lake.

Bids were received on January 17, it is anticipated the Council awarded the contract at the March 27th Council Meeting. The project documents are currently being executed with an anticipated start date of late May or early June depending on weather.

Mirror Lake Dredging Project

This winter, the contractor completed the lake excavation, removed and replaced the outlet control structure, and rough graded the berm. Once the soils dry in the late spring/early summer, the contractor will complete final grading and restoration of the disturbed soils. The contractor will also perform maintenance, as needed, on the vegetation and trees planted in 2017.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the Mirror Lake Dredging Project, please contact Tony Miller at 612-554-6974.

2017 Street and Utility Improvement Project

The Contractor has substantially completed the street and utility improvements identified with this project, including bituminous base course paving, tree installation, and turf establishment. Prior to final wear course paving there will be an inspection off all pavements, trees, and turf establishment completed as a part of this project. There is a 2-year warranty with all restoration items as a part of this project.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the 2017 Street and Utility Improvement Project, please contact Justin Messner at 651-286-8465 or Ben Perkey at 651-286-8454.

Silver Lake Road LED Street Light Improvement Project

The City of St. Anthony Village is coordinating with the City of New Brighton to complete the installation of LED street lights from Silver Lane to County Road E.

2017 37th Avenue Sidewalk and Signal Project

The 2017 37th Avenue Sidewalk and Signal Project have been substantially completed. The remainder work includes removing and replacing crosswalk markings at the intersections affected by the project and completing any repairs. This work is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2018.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM APPROACH TRAINING

by Jon Mangseth Police Chief

During the week of February 12th, 2018, all the licensed St. Anthony Police Officers participated in Mental Health De-escalation Training. The training focused on responding to individuals in crisis utilizing the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Approach. The training was developed through the Mental Health Crisis Response Institute and is a program of the Barbara Schneider Foundation. The training consisted of eight hours of classroom and integrated scenario based training, utilizing trained method actors, to simulate real life calls for service. This block of training built upon CIT training, received by department personnel, in the Spring of 2017.

The Barbara Schneider Foundation (BSF) started in the year 2000 by community members partnering with Minneapolis PD in response to the tragic death of Barbara Schneider and two other community members that year. BSF believes in the "Core Elements of CIT" which describes the Crisis Intervention Team Model as a community wide ongoing collaboration among three community service providers; first responders, mental health and community advocacy, to work to improve the response to crisis and to prevent crisis situations.

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model is designed to influence positive outcomes based on the interactions between law enforcement personnel and individuals with mental illness. When individuals with mental illness are experiencing a psychiatric crisis or are acting out as a result of a mental illness, CIT works by diverting them to appropriate mental health services and supports rather than to the criminal justice system. CIT provides training to law enforcement personnel on preventing psychiatric crises and deescalating a crisis when it occurs, without the unnecessary use of physical force.

CIT programs are only effective when law enforcement personnel, the community mental health system, consumer advocates, family advocates, and other stakeholders collaborate to help ensure that when officers divert an individual, the treatment system is willing and able to provide appropriate services. Until recently, CIT training focused primarily on addressing the needs of adults, although trained officers have also long responded to calls involving youth in psychiatric crisis.

As a police department, we welcome this new level of training, which we know supports and corresponds with our values, mission and culture. We believe this training will greatly enhance our ability to respond to calls to assist people in crisis.

PARKS COMMISSION UPDATE

by Scott Bentz, Parks Commission Chair

Every year the Saint Anthony Parks Commission develops a workplan for that calendar year. This years plan was presented to and approved by the City Council in January.

Among potential projects in 2018, the Parks Commission prioritized them in the following order (recognizing that not all will be completed in 2018):

- Explore sustainability initiatives
- Explore pedestrian & bike friendly routes including sidewalks
- Explore and assess pocket parks for added amenities (ie. Benches)

- Joint Meeting with Planning Commission
- Explore water conservation initiatives working with Rice Creek and MWMO watersheds, and partner with schools for water conservation poster contest
- Explore Future upgrades to the current skate park to include total rehabilitation
- Promote Arbor Day and Tree City in 2018 activities

If you have any comments or would like to be involved in any of these projects, please contact one of the Parks Commissioners or Jay Hartman, Public Works Director jay.hartman@savmn.com



To learn about The City of St. Anthony's Sustainability Initiatives, view The Self Guided Sustainable Tour Map on the website located under Departments>Sustainability.

Departments	How Do I...
Sustainability	St. Anthony Village
Clean-Up Day	Wine & Spirits
Citizens for Sustainability	History
Garbage & Recycling	Monthly Specials &
GreenStep Cities	Coupons
In the Home	Awards
Pollinators	Employment Opportunities
Regional Indicators	Product Request
Initiative	Meet the Staff
Silver Lake Carp Removal	Party Planning
Stormwater	E-mail Club
Sustainability Fair	
Scholarships	
Tour Map	
St. Anthony Rainfall Totals	

St. Anthony Sustainability Projects

The City of Saint Anthony Village and its citizens have focused more intently on sustainable living in recent years.

Put simply, sustainability is the ability to be sustained or upheld. Ecological sustainability comprises of a diverse and productive ecosystem designed for long-term success. Similarly, the diverse skills and interests of the community ensure the enjoyment of our natural resources now and in the future. A community effort has been pivotal in helping the City hold workshops, festivals, and programs to make Saint Anthony a more sustainable place to live.

[Click here to go to the City's Sustainability Website.](#)

[Scroll down to see projects.](#)

MAYOR'S WATER CHALLENGE

April 1-30, 2018, Join Mayor Faust in reducing St. Anthony's water consumption and energy usage- and help St. Anthony win the title of the "Most Water Wise" in the nation.

You not only help our planet but if your city wins you are entered to win great prizes.
mywaterpledge.com



save water and win!

Take the Wyland
Mayor's Challenge
for Water Conservation

april 1 - 30

WATER REDUCTION RESULTS FOR SPLASH PADS

by Jay Hartman, Public Works Director and
Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director

The Public Works department took advantage of the 2016 closure of the Splash Pads to explore ways to reduce water used by these facilities. Through conversations with the manufacturers and some ingenuity on the part of the Public Works staff, a retro-fitting plan was developed for each site. In addition, the hours of operation were reduced to exclude operating when attendance was historically sparse. Both of these measures were in place for the full 2017 splash pad season. Upon season's end, the water usage for 2017 was compared to water usage for 2015. The results were an overall reduction of 7,306,670 gallons! Which equated to a 58% reduction at Central Park and 25% reduction at Emerald Park.

The next step in the water reduction efforts will be the reuse of Central Park water discharge. Reuse of discharge water is feasible given the facility's proximity to the stormwater reuse tank located west of the tennis courts. In 2018, construction will take place to pipe the discharge water to the stormwater facility. The stormwater facility currently provides irrigation water for Central Park athletic fields. When there is a lack of rainfall, potable water is used to augment the irrigation of the fields and park space. The availability of splash pad discharge water should replace the need to use potable water for irrigation. Essentially, it will be a dual use of the same water which will be returned to aquifer vs sent down the stormwater system. City staff is eager to get this new measure in place. We are hopeful that next year at this time we will be reporting even further savings.

ST ANTHONY VILLAGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
25TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC – AUGUST 3, 2018
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https://www.minneapolisparks.org/golf/courses/gross_national_golf_club/



EARTH DAY CLEAN UP!

Get to know your neighbors & help beautify Salo Park & Trillium Park
 Help keep our storm drains clean of debris and trash

When: Saturday, April 21, 2018 @ 9:30AM-12:30PM

Neighborhood clean-up kits also available

*See Citizens for Sustainability Facebook page (@SAVsustainability) for details! Please bring gloves if you have them. This is a family friendly event! We hope to see you there!

2018 SALO PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES SCHEDULE

- June 21: 7 Cats Swing (Jazz & Swing)
- June 28: The Backyard Band (Hits of yesterday & today)
- July 5: Cornbread Harris & Friends (Blues & Jazz)
- July 12: Jazz on the Prairie Big Band (40s Swing)
- July 19: The Fabulous Fairlanes (50s-60s)
- July 26: Ecuador Manta (South American, Latin & Caribbean Rhythms)
- August 2: Brio Brass (Ballads, Pop, Show Tunes, Funky Rock & Jazz)
- August 9: Everett Smithson Band (Zydeco, Tex-mex, Blues, & Funky Roots)

The hour long Thursday evening concerts begin at 7 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, 3301 Silver Lake Road.

If you or your business is interested in becoming a sponsor, or if you would like to join our committee, please contact Linda Foster at lindafoster0113@gmail.com or 612-788-7044.

For more information, visit our website at www.saloparkconcertseries.com



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ST. ANTHONY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 10 - City Council meeting
- 16 - Open Book meeting 5:00 PM
- 19 - Rain Barrel Seminar 6:30 PM
- 24 - City Council meeting
- 30 - Planning Commission meeting

MAY

- 5 - Clean Up Day 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- 8 - City Council meeting
- 21 - Planning Commission meeting
- 22 - City Council meeting
- 28 - HOLIDAY - Memorial Day
- 29 - Joint Meeting School Board

JUNE

- 11 - Parks Commission meeting
- 12 - City Council meeting
- 25 - Planning Commission meeting
- 26 - City Council meeting

To request special accommodations or alternative formats for city meetings, please contact the City Clerk at 612-782-3313 or email city@savmn.com

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