

# Village NOTES

“A Village in the City”

Winter 2020

## *Note from the Mayor*

Dear Residents,

As I sit down to write my final “Note from The Mayor”, I am struck by the number of times (60) I have had the opportunity to provide the residents and businesses of St. Anthony an update about our city.

It is a new year and a new beginning. On January 6, 2020 we will have a new Mayor and Council. Mayor Stille and I would possibly not have gotten to know each other if it were not for our service on the city council. Mayor Stille is an outstanding choice as our new Mayor and as such we should provide him the support he deserves in his new position. His values are beyond reproach and his overarching concern is that of the well-being and long term good of the city. Randy brings no desire for personal gain or aggrandizement because he cares about the greater good and future of the city versus an individual only perspective. We will be well served and led by Mayor Stille. Congratulations to Councilmember Randle’s and Councilmember Walker’s election to the council, I am confident that you will do well also.

I have had the distinct pleasure to be your mayor for the past 15 years, many things have occurred but without the support of the residents, city staff and city council members we could not have accomplished the myriad of activities that I have previously written about over the years.

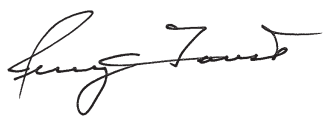
But I must dwell on the city staff because without their best physical and intellectual efforts we would not be where we are today. My challenge was not to inhibit or hinder that service in any way, shape or form. City Manager Mark Casey has assembled an accomplished and professional group of Department Heads, without a doubt these are some of the most sought after and admired individuals throughout their profession. And when you inspire this commitment at the top, that philosophy permeates the entire staff. It manifests itself when you are warmly greeted at city hall, as the roads are made passable from snow, police interactions both on a formal but more importantly an informal basis, fire fighters treating you in your time of need - with respect and dignity and the liquor store’s willingness to assist you in your selections but ensuring that the control and sale of alcohol supports our mission as a city and as adults. I want to publicly thank each and every one of you! We as residents can always expect that sensitivity from the city staff in our time of need – that you can bank on.

As I have said before when I move among other city leaders throughout the state. I hear the accolades of our city and the immense respect of our peers. No greater honor can be given than that. I have had the opportunity to hear these comments first hand and express my pride and gratitude on your behalf.

I have been fortunate to be your mayor and council member and it has been a pleasure to serve you.

Thank you!!

So long, until we meet again!



Jerry Faust

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# CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

## Change and Opportunities

by Mark Casey, City Manager

*“Change is the only constant in life” – Heraclitus*

**T**he coming year will bring significant changes to the leadership of the City of St. Anthony. Even though the anticipation of change can sometimes bring about feelings of anxiety, change can also be seen as a time for growth. It allows for the opportunity to build upon the accomplishments of the past with fresh perspective.

The City of St. Anthony owes a debt of gratitude to both Mayor Jerry Faust for the past 22 years of dedicated public service as mayor and as councilmember, and to Councilmember Hal Gray with a total of 17 years of service on council. Their combined years of experience and knowledge of addressing important issues and governmental process has been a true benefit to the City.

Additionally, we would like to thank Planning Commission Chair Dominic Papatola and Parks and Environmental Chair Erin Jordahl Redlin for their service.

As these people depart from their roles, we also welcome those who will now serve. Councilmember Bernard Walker joins newly elected Mayor Randy Stille, councilmembers Jan Jenson and Thomas Randle, and a soon-to-be-appointed new councilmember who will fill the remaining term that was vacated by Councilmember Stille. Marcey Westrick will serve as the new chair of the Planning Commission and Therese Bellinger as Chair as the new chair of the Parks and Environmental Commission.

While the names and faces of those serving will change, the commitment to the community remains steadfast. The City will continue to serve its mission to be a progressive and welcoming village that is walkable, sustainable, and safe.

### Blood Drive set for Feb. 6

The City of St. Anthony is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Council Chambers, located at 3301 Silver Lake Rd.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: savmn to schedule an appointment.



**American  
Red Cross**



### COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL

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

Saturday, Jan 18, 2020  
9 a.m.  
Council Chambers  
3301 Silver Lake Road



## Election Recap and what you need to know for 2020

by Nicole Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator

**D**uring our 2019 Municipal and School District election, 44% of registered voters in St. Anthony voted. The results were so close that only five votes separated second (Bernard Walker) and third (Hal Gray) place! Per state statute, if the difference between votes cast is less than one-quarter of one percent of the total votes for office, a publicly funded recount may be requested.

Since St. Anthony contracts with Ramsey County for elections administration, our recount was completed by Ramsey County Elections staff on Nov. 15, 2019. During the recount, all the ballots cast were manually separated by precinct and counted by hand. The results of the recount confirmed a four vote difference separating second (Bernard Walker) and

third (Hal Gray) place.

It is hard to believe we are entering another election cycle!

Updated election information will be provided during 2020 on our elections webpage at [savmn.com/elections](http://savmn.com/elections).



## 2019 Water Conservation Poster Contest winners named

**T**his fall, the Parks and Environmental Commission had the pleasure of sponsoring the third-annual Water Conservation Poster Contest.

In October, third- and fourth- grade students from St. Charles Borromeo School and Wilshire Park Elementary School attended presentations on how to save water at home. Students shared their ideas about water conservation by creating bright, colorful posters.

*(Pictured above: Mayor Faust, Sena Abdissa, Sasha Waldusky, Elise Oksnevad, Neva Fankhanel, Lucy Jones, Addie Johnson, and Public Works Director Jay Hartman.)*



The creators of the top four posters were recognized at an award ceremony during a city council meeting in November. The winners of this year's poster contest:

- Sena Abdissa, first place.
- Sasha Waldusky and Elise Oksnevad, second place.
- Neva Fankhanel and Lucy Jones, third place.
- Addie Johnson, fourth place.

Thank you to the students who created posters, and the teachers and judges who helped make this year a success.

## Equity Plan priorities

by Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager

**T**he city began its participation in Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) in 2017, and continues to carry out the city's Race & Equity Plan's focus to:

- Create a shared understanding of racial equity
- Build capacity and skills to advance racial equity
- Help fulfill the city's mission to be a welcoming village for everyone

The City and its Racial Equity Team continue to work on these objectives through collaborations with other cities, GARE, and the League of Minnesota Cities. These collaborations have provided opportunities to examine internal practices and implement staff trainings that have focused on bias awareness, civility, and cultural competency.

The team will continue to assist with City efforts, such as Students in Government, the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District and the Hennepin County Library with their equity work, and any future efforts to help fulfill the City's mission.



### St. Anthony's Racial Equity Team:

- Charlie Yunker, assistant to the city manager
- Sandy Simon, office support specialist
- Jeremy Gumke, public works superintendent
- Dan Diegnau, police lieutenant
- Mattie Jaros, lieutenant firefighter
- Holly Quarry, liquor operations clerk

Our Racial Equity Plan and other information on the GARE cohort is available on the City's website at [savmn.com/GARE](http://savmn.com/GARE).

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## Census Day is April 1, 2020

**E**very ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau works to count every person in the United States, including everyone living in Minnesota.



The resulting count will guide the distribution of billions of dollars to Minnesota's communities, determine political representation for the next decade, and provide data that shapes how Minnesota's policymakers and business leaders decide to invest public and private resources.

The City of St. Anthony has a resident committee called the Complete Count Committee (CCC) made

up of volunteers that help build awareness and maximize participation in the 2020 Census. This committee will use their social networks to help spread the word and encourage the community to participate in the Census. You can help too by spreading the word!

Learn more about the CCC and the 2020 Census at [savmn.com/Census](http://savmn.com/Census).



## Students in Government

by Janet Kimmel, Communications Coordinator

On Nov. 20, a total of 55 St. Anthony Village High School (SAVHS) seniors enrolled in AP Government and Government and Politics courses participated in Students in Government, an event held at St. Anthony City Hall. They learned about local government, and went on informational tours with the Fire and Police departments, Municipal Liquor stores, and Public Works. The group met with City administration to prepare for a mock council meeting. Mayor Jerry Faust and Councilmember Thomas Randle took time to meet with students and provided an in-depth question and answer session. *View highlights at [bit.ly/34bwCNk](http://bit.ly/34bwCNk).*

Bonnie Brever, community engagement coordinator with the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District (SANB), has helped manage this event since the 2017-18 school year. “It’s a great opportunity for students to learn hands-on how they can change things and be involved their local government,” said Brever.

During the 2018-19 school year, the mock city council meeting was added to help students understand what City Council members experience during the bi-monthly meetings. “They really get a feel for it,” said Brever.

Students are randomly selected to participate as Mayor and Council members, and as City managers who bring forward proposals to Councilmembers. Students are selected to play the role of community members to provide comment on the proposals.

City Manager Mark Casey assisted in leading the meeting, while Administrative Services Coordinator Nicole Miller helped prepare students on Robert’s Rules of Order and meeting protocol.

Department heads taught students how to bring forward benefits of each proposal. The proposal that receives council approval wins a traveling trophy. The Fire Department has retained this trophy over the last three sessions. Students earn certificates for their participation in the day’s activities.



Travis MacLeod, who teaches the AP Government class, works with Brever to prepare his students for the event.

“The Students in Government activity meets a Civic Engagement requirement for the AP Government and Politics class. We prepare through class discussions, election analysis (especially with the recount this year), and by watching a City Council meeting. It is a great connection point for students to get a first-hand look at local government and to get a feel for the realities of serving a city,” explained MacLeod.

Government and Politics teacher, Eric Trygstad, has a similar method of preparing his students for this local-government experience.

This event initially began with a group of eight students participating in Dare 2B Real, a SAVHS program. It has now become a part of the curriculum in both the AP and Government and Politics courses.

“I learned a lot about local government in action. My favorite part was getting to hear from Mayor Faust and Councilman Randle” said Celeste Andreasen, a student in MacLeod’s AP class.

Vincent Favorite, on behalf of the participating seniors, attended the Nov. 25 Regular City Council meeting, and provided a recap, feedback, and appreciation to the Council and City staff. Another Students in Government session is planned for this April.

# SUSTAINABILITY

## Four steps to starting your own food scraps recycling collection program

**M**ore than 30% of what goes into the trash is food scraps and organic waste.

Recycling food waste at the City's food scraps (organics recycling) collection site (residential use only, no businesses) converts food scraps and other organic waste to compost, placing nutrients back into the soil.

The site is located at 3301 Silver Lake Rd. NE, and is open for use to all St. Anthony residents.

For more information, visit [RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps](http://RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps) or call 651-633-EASY (3279).

- 1** Pick up a free starter kit at a Ramsey County Yard Waste Site or Ramsey County Library. The kit includes a small kitchen caddy, compostable bags and tips for success.
- 2** Fill up compostable bags with food waste from the accepted items list posted at [RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps](http://RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps). Drop off food scraps at City site for free disposal.
- 3** Get more bags from the yard waste site monitor.
- 4** Pick up more compostable bags at City Hall.

## Food Scraps Collection ONLY

### Accepted:



Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps](http://RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps) for a full list.

### NOT Accepted:



Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps](http://RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps) for a full list.

For a detailed list: **[RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com)**

## Interactive puzzle map provides details on sustainability programs, projects

Over the past few years, the City of St. Anthony has continued to strategically focus on various ways to practice and implement sustainable living. A community effort has been pivotal in helping with workshops, festivals, and programs to make St. Anthony a more sustainable place to live.

A great way to learn more about the ways St. Anthony practices sustainability can be found via the City's online interactive puzzle map. Each piece describes programs and projects that help create a big picture view of how sustainability is cultivated through collaboration.

For example, from organized collection, LED lighting, pollinator pathways, to creating safe routes to school, each puzzle piece lends its own part toward the overall value of sustainability for the St. Anthony community.

Maps are located throughout the City, and a self-guided interactive version is available on the St. Anthony website at [savmn.com/Sustainability](http://savmn.com/Sustainability).



### Christmas tree disposal

During the first two weeks of the year, haulers will pick up Christmas trees at no charge. This applies to single family houses that are covered under the organized collection contract. For questions, please contact City Hall at 612-782-3301.

### Recycle unwanted holiday lights

The City is accepting unwanted holiday lights through the end of January. Lights can be deposited in a container that is located at the Community Center outside of the entrance to City Hall. The lights will be brought to Tech Dump, a 501(c)(3) electronic waste recycler with a mission to protect the environment, to provide safe and secure electronics recycling, and to create stable jobs for people with barriers to employment. Questions: City Hall at 612-782-3301.



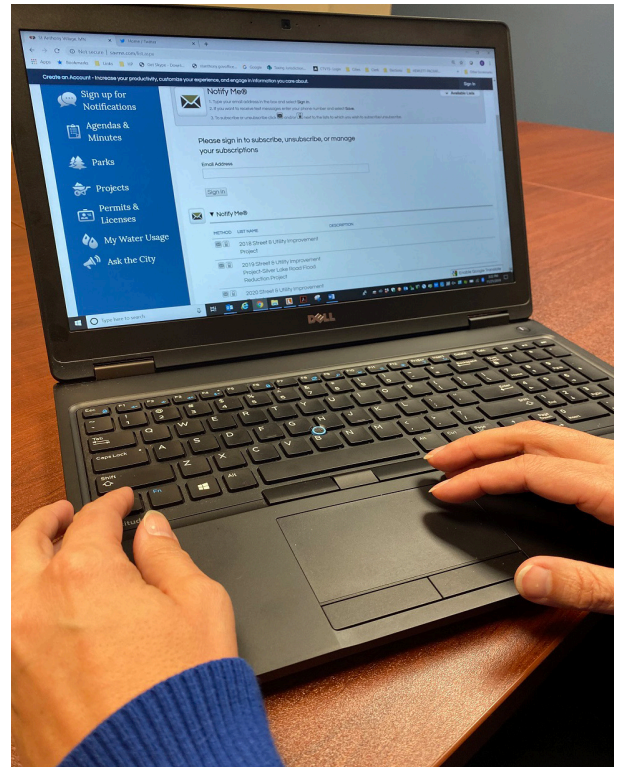


# STAY INFORMED

## Sign up for push notifications

**V**isit the City's website at [savmn.com](http://savmn.com) and select "sign up for notifications" located at the center of the homepage. Choose to receive email and/or text notifications:

- **Notify Me:** Updates on specific subjects.
- **Alert Center:** Snow plowing, public safety alerts.
- **News Flash:** Highlight of events, initiatives and important messages.
- **Calendar:** City Council meeting notifications, posted meeting packets, and community events.
- **Ask the City:** Online form where community members can ask questions for City staff.



## Water or sewer emergencies



### Know who and when to call for water and sewer emergencies

**I**f you are experiencing a water or sewer emergency, make sure to **contact City of St. Anthony offices immediately at 612-782-3301** (during normal business hours).

**For after hours service,** contact the Fire Department at 612-782-3400 or call 911.

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



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Update from Police Chief Mangseth

**T**his year, a primary strategic plan goal of the Police Department was to review and update the department's policy manual in order to ensure that policies reflect the Vision and Mission of the City of St. Anthony and its police department, along with adhering to principles that are consistent with Procedural Justice, Fair and Impartial Policing standards.

During our extensive work with the Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance (CIRTA) in 2018, we requested and received training with policy review and development, directly focusing on policies that were originally outlined as priorities in the Community Identified Work Plan:

- Traffic and pedestrian safety
- Use of force
- De-escalation tactics
- Emergency response and pursuit driving
- Fair and impartial policing
- Procedural justice
- Responding to people with a mental illness, or suffering from mental and emotional distress

This has been a significant project that began in January, and is now coming to its completion after a thorough review by Lexipol, a public safety policy and training resource for law enforcement, fire and rescue, and corrections. This review process ensured that the department's overall policy development is grounded in federal, state, and local laws, and includes pertinent case law.

In addition to the work done with Lexipol, we consulted with both the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board, and the League



of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, focusing on industry best practices.

We are currently engaged in pursuing completion of one of the final objectives related to the goal of updating the policy manual, which includes issuing the policies, training staff, and ensuring compliance.

Our main goal is to serve and protect, through improving the overall quality of life by preserving the peace and safety of our entire community. We remain mindful that policing involves this partnership with all of our community members.

City staff will work cooperatively to ensure the police department is actively and continuously working towards the goals and objectives outlined in our strategic plan. This plan will continue to aid in focusing our resources, making data-driven decisions, and evaluating how we receive and channel feedback from all stakeholders. Furthermore, we will continue to identify and prioritize issues that may arise within the department and the community to develop solutions.

## Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Initiative

by Jonathan Schlingman, Police Officer

The City of St. Anthony's Police Department's (PD) 2019 strategic plan includes a traffic and pedestrian safety initiative, with a focus on driver education. This initiative has provided an opportunity to partner with two community-based programs, Diversion Solutions, a Driver Diversion Program (DDP) and LIGHTS ON, a program of Microgrants. The department's goal is to educate and provide resources to drivers that may be experiencing financial hardship or would be if a citation were to be issued for a traffic offense.



### DIVERSION SOLUTIONS

Partnering with DDP allows the PD to provide assistance and resources for drivers with a suspended or revoked license. Eligible participants that are accepted into the program can get their driver's license reinstated while making pre-determined payments toward their outstanding citation amounts.



According to DDP, 67% of participants are able to break the cycle of repeating as an offender after completing the program.

In addition, the PD's collaboration with LIGHTS ON enables police officers to provide repair vouchers instead of citations for defective vehicle lights, such as a headlight, brake light, or defective turn signal. The driver can then take the voucher to any participating auto repair shop for a free bulb replacement.

LIGHTS ON and DDP not only benefit drivers, they are also a valuable asset for the PD. With the goal of safety and prevention, officers can make a connection with drivers through awareness and education, with an added bonus of putting a smile on the driver's face by handing out vouchers and resources.

For more information about LIGHTS ON, visit [lightsonus.org](http://lightsonus.org). To learn more about DDP, visit [diversionsolutions.net](http://diversionsolutions.net), or call 651-385-4341.



The St. Anthony Police Department focusing on pedestrian safety through community outreach and education.



## Freezing out winter fires

by Mattie Jaros, Firefighter

**A**ccording to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), half of home heating fires occur in the months of December, January, and February. Heating equipment, such as space heaters, fireplaces, and oven/stove-top ranges are typically more in use and needed during the winter months.

### Three key important reminders to keep you and your family safe

1. **Stay “three feet from the heat.”** Allow for a 3-foot distance around anything that produces heat, which includes stovetops, fireplaces, and any other heat sources. Keep a watchful eye on small children and materials that could catch fire. Allowing this distance can help prevent fires from starting due to the contact or radiant heat caused by heat producing appliances.
2. **Use candles with caution.** From 2012-2016, U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated 8,200 home structure fires that were started by candles per year (NFPA 2019). Blow out all the candles when you leave a room or head to bed. Light candles carefully and verify that they are placed on a sturdy surface, away from children and pets. An alternative and safer option is to use flameless candles, which can look realistic and come in scented versions.
3. **Have your furnace inspected by a professional.** Check the area around the furnace to make sure it is clear of any flammable materials, such as paper, cardboard, or other items. Check and replace your furnace filter regularly. In addition, install Carbon Monoxide detectors and verify they are operational.

These are just a few highlights and tips to remember to help freeze out winter fires. If you have questions, contact the fire department and follow us on Facebook to stay current on various safety topics and upcoming fire department events.





# CITY PROJECT UPDATES

## 2020 Street and Utility Improvement Project

The project consists of street reconstruction along the following roadways: (see images 1, 2)

- 32nd Ave. NE from Rankin Rd to Croft Dr.
- Croft Dr. from 32nd Ave NE to 31st Ave NE.
- Silver Lake Terrace from Silver Ln to the north terminate end.

Proposed utility improvements include water main replacement (including individual services to the right-of-way), sanitary sewer rehabilitation, and new storm sewer and catch basin installation to improve area drainage.

In addition, a proposed improvement in 2021 is the bituminous mill and overlay along Silver Ln from Stinson Blvd., to Silver Lake Rd. (see image below) The project is currently out for bid with the project anticipated to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in March of 2020.



Street reconstruction image 1



Street reconstruction image 2



Proposed bituminous mill and overlay



## Silver Lake Road resurfacing

**R**amsey County has completed the resurfacing of Silver Lake Road.

This area stretched from 37th Ave. N, through the City of New Brighton, to Interstate 694.

Improvements of this project included:

- Milling the top layer of the existing bituminous surface
- Installation of a new, smooth pavement surface.



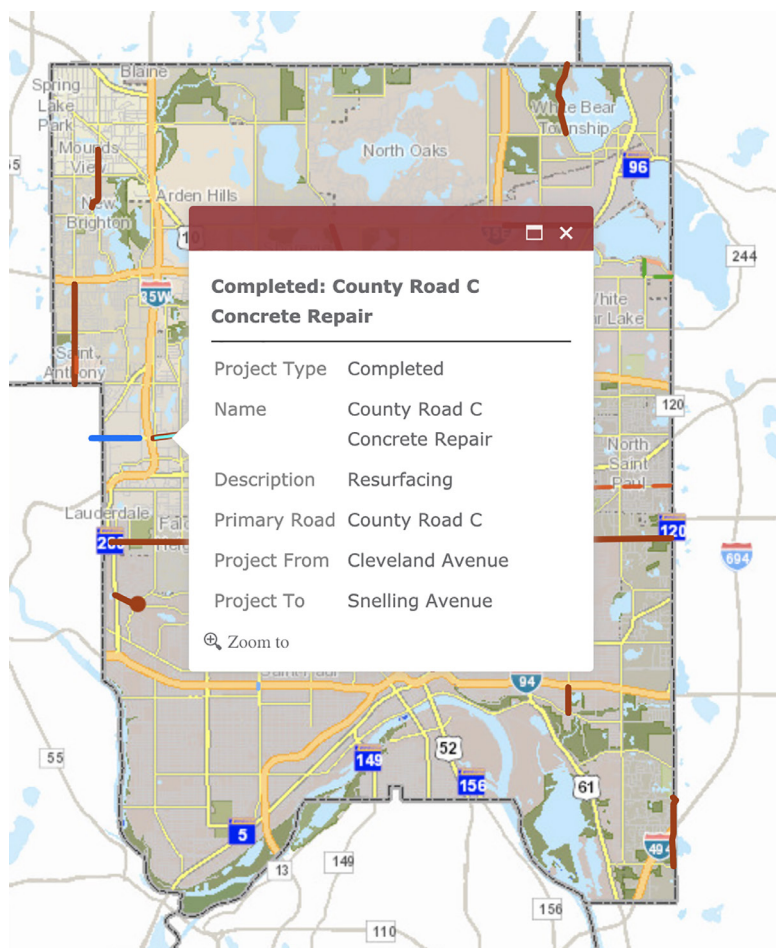
## County Road C reconstruction

**R**amsey and Hennepin counties are currently reconstructing County Road C (29th Avenue NE) from Highway 88 to Long Lake Road. Improvements along County Road C to be completed in 2019 include:

- Removal and replacement of the City's watermain and sanitary sewer system.
- Installation of storm sewer.
- New concrete road pavement.

Construction operations have been suspended for the winter; however, the contractor will return in the spring of 2020 to complete the installation of the center medians, 10-foot trail along the south side of the road, 6-foot sidewalk along the north side of the road, and remaining project cleanup and turf establishment.

For more information regarding the proposed improvements and schedule, visit the project website at [bit.ly/2CGj1Bv](https://bit.ly/2CGj1Bv).



# Importance of maintaining our streets and infrastructure

By Justin Messner, City Engineer



**T**he responsibility for constructing and maintaining city roads and infrastructure falls under the following jurisdictions:

**State:** interstates and trunk highways.

**County:** most minor arterials (expressways, four-lane roadways or two lane roadways designed to move traffic and generally have speed limits of 40-55 mph) and some collector roadways (roadways that generally link commercial/industrial areas or large concentration of residential areas to minor arterial roadways).

**City:** any public roadways that are not under the jurisdiction of the state or county.

**Private:** roads constructed and maintained by adjacent residents or businesses.

In general, the useful life of most city roadways is 30 years or more, and underground infrastructure (sanitary sewer, watermain, storm sewer) is 50 years or more. Most communities rely on Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs) to help them identify, prioritize and plan for their street and infrastructure management. City streets and roads are some of their most valuable and expensive assets.

Of all public infrastructure, streets tend to wear out first. Maintenance can extend their life and rehabilitation projects at the right time can avoid very expensive projects that require a total reconstruction

of the street. Asphalt roadways require surface repair such as pothole patching, crack filling, and surface mill and overlay.

Building or maintaining a roadway— especially in an urban environment such as St. Anthony Village— usually involves much more than just the road. Some of the elements that need to be planned for and designed include:

- Curb or no curb.
- Parking and lighting.
- Sidewalks and trails.
- Private utilities.
- Sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm sewer.
- Landscaping.
- Right-of-way management.

The City is responsible for the maintenance and operation of watermain, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer facilities within the right-of-way. Maintenance and operation of the facilities include:

- Regular system cleaning and inspection.
- Repair broken or leaking service lines, sewer mains and manholes to reduce inflow/infiltration of clean groundwater into the sanitary sewer system.
- Flushing of hydrants and operation of valves to ensure proper flow and fire protection.
- Water conservation efforts including repairing leaks, managing water pressure, water “re-use” opportunities, and establishing watering limits.
- Monitoring flooding/drainage issues and coordinating with local watershed districts and regulatory authorities to enhance water quality and address drainage.

Once the watermain, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer facilities have aged beyond their useful life (when routine maintenance is no longer cost effective), the City prioritizes improvement projects to address aging infrastructure and road conditions.



# CITY PLANNING

## City planning: how you can make an impact

By Stephen Gritman, City Planner

There are many opportunities for community members to monitor and affect the City's growth and development. City planning is just one of the ways in which citizen participation is key to growing and maintaining a successful community.

Perhaps the most visible opportunity is through participation on the Planning Commission. A group of seven volunteers meet monthly to review development proposals that help shape City land use policy through advice to the City Council. Typically, there are two or three seats open each year, with applications accepted in the fall. Although, you don't have to be a Commission member to keep tabs on land use proposals and decisions.

Planning Commission meetings are open to the public, and typically include an opportunity for community members to comment on planning issues, or on specific applications from required public hearings. Community members are welcome to attend, observe, and comment. Comments on public hearing items are also accepted in writing prior to the live-streamed meeting. Email or mail comments to the City at [city@savmn.com](mailto:city@savmn.com) to be included in the hearing record.

If you are unable to attend a meeting and are interested in the discussion, you can view a streamed version of the Planning Commission meeting at [ctvnorthsuburbs.org/your-city/st-anthony/](http://ctvnorthsuburbs.org/your-city/st-anthony/). CTV also provides links to City Council, Parks, and other meetings you may be interested in.

Monitor updates related to a specific issue by signing up for push-notifications via the City's website at [savmn.com/list.aspx](http://savmn.com/list.aspx). This site includes links to information about current development projects, as well as a variety of other City activities. Here, you can register by topic to get notification when an updated posting is added to the list.

Finally, if you prefer the old-school way of tracking Planning Commission matters, the City publishes public hearings in the StarTribune's legal notices section. Notices are available in the Classified section of the newspaper, both in print and online.

The City of St. Anthony enthusiastically encourages your involvement in helping define our future as a community. Search, read, watch, attend, and participate — your opinion matters!



# FINANCE

## Three cities, two counties and seven miles

By Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director

**W**orking collaboratively with neighboring cities and county staff is key to effectively managing road projects that can impact multiple jurisdictions, such as with the 2019 Silver Lake Road improvement plan.

The City consistently tracks county and watershed capital improvement schedules to look for potential alignment of future projects. This proactive approach to long-term financial planning, and observing capital needs gives the City time to collaborate on similar projects with neighboring counties, cities, and watershed districts. This partnership provides the required preparation — often times three to four years in advance — to develop a joint plan of action.



St. Anthony's plan to reduce Silver Lake Road area flooding, in conjunction with the Ramsey County's plan to mill and overlay, is a great example of an aligned project and partnership. The potential of this collaboration was recognized back in 2016, and the City worked to secure state, watershed and county funding to assist with financing. This helped align and coordinate project timelines.

The new and improved storm sewer infrastructure project was completed in late summer of 2019, well in advance of any potential heavy rainfall.

These partnerships yield cost-efficient projects, reduce traffic disturbances, and solve multiple issues at once.



# MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

## High-quality service, contributing since 1948

by Mike Larson, Municipal Liquor Store Operations Manager

**A**s a sustainable City, St. Anthony operates and maintains its own schools, along with its own police, fire, public works, and municipal liquor departments. These self-sustainable resources and high-quality services provide independence and creates a source of pride for the City and its community members.

This high-level of service instills a culture that represents the St. Anthony Village identity and brand. The City Council has a long-standing reputation for focusing on viable and sustainable routes while determining what is best for its residents and the future of The Village. Each and every department reflects this overall vision and planning process.

As a City department, St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits' mission focuses on community service through governing the sale of alcohol beverages while simultaneously generating revenue for the community. We are happy, grateful and proud to represent the City of St. Anthony by providing a welcoming, concierge-level service that reflects what this City and its residents deserve.

We continue to look forward to serving our customers and the City of St. Anthony. I can be reached at 612-782-3455 or [mike.larson@savmn.com](mailto:mike.larson@savmn.com) if you need anything, or have questions.

You can find us online at [savmn.com/St-Anthony-Village-Wine-Spirits](http://savmn.com/St-Anthony-Village-Wine-Spirits), and on Facebook at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!



Silver Lake Village store, 2602 39th Ave. NE



Marketplace store, 2700 Hwy 88

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Winter parking and snow plowing reminders

by Jay Hartman, Public Works Director

**D**uring winter, the first priority of the Public Works Department is to clear the snow and make St. Anthony's streets safe for traffic and emergency vehicles.



### A few reminders to assist residents in achieving this goal:

- Residents are not allowed to park on any street for a period of 48 hours, beginning immediately after two (2) inches or more of continuous snow fall, or until the snow removal has been completed from curb to curb.
- The City understands that sometimes the schedule for snow removal doesn't correlate with residents' snow shoveling schedules. Snow plow drivers do their best to avoid pushing snow banks onto freshly shoveled driveways or sidewalks.
- Remember, it is dangerous for children to dig tunnels in the snow banks created by the plows. Tunnels can cave in, which can result in smothering. Plow drivers can't see children playing in or around the windrows and they can become covered or trapped in the snow.

### Additional ways to assist with snow removal operations:

- Don't place refuse or recycling containers in the street.
- Don't plow, blow or shovel snow into the street.
- When shoveling, pile snow downstream of the plowing operations to minimize snow left in your driveway.
- Stay back when driving behind plow trucks.

With your cooperation, snow removal can be more efficient and roads cleared in very little time. **Make sure to sign up for snow plow alerts at [savmn.com](http://savmn.com).** If you have any questions regarding City snow plowing procedures, contact Public Works Director Jay Hartman at [jay.hartman@savmn.com](mailto:jay.hartman@savmn.com) or 612-782-3314.

## Outdoor ice rinks open for the season

by Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Superintendent

Looking for a fun and free recreational activity for you and your family to enjoy this winter? Get outside and go ice skating! Hockey and pleasure rinks are available at all locations. There are warming houses and facilities are routinely supervised. \*During school holidays, the rinks will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., except on Sundays.

### St. Anthony offers outdoor skating at three locations:

- Central Park, located on Silver Lake Rd.
- Emerald Park, located at 3925 Macalaster Dr.
- Silver Point Park, located at 3010 - 29th Ave.

### \*Rink hours of operation:

- 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
- 10 .m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday
- 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Sunday



# COMMUNITY

## Chamber of Commerce updates

The St Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce (SA Chamber) has a mission of strengthening the community through business growth, development and promotion. Over the past year, the SA Chamber has continued to grow and welcome new members.

In addition, our many activities over the year included our Annual Meeting where the honors for Villager of the Year and Outstanding Business of the Year were presented; Annual Golf Tournament; Candidate Debate; numerous Coffee with the Chamber/City Officials, Lunch and Learns, and Speed Business Networking events and more.

Please contact Kelly Salseg, Chamber Executive Director, at [executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org](mailto:executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org) with any questions.



## Help commemorate St Anthony's 75th anniversary

A lot has happened in this little Village over the past 75 years. On Nov. 20, we will celebrate our 75th Anniversary as an incorporated City. A brief history is available on the City's website at [savmn.com/Historical-Society](http://savmn.com/Historical-Society). In recognition and to commemorate our 75th anniversary, we are producing a magazine-style publication which will contain pictures from our City throughout the years. **What we need from you:**

- Images from the 1940's and our current decade (2010's).
- Images from the 1940's of land, and of buildings that are no longer around
- Please send your images to Barry Tedlund at [b.tedlund@gmail.com](mailto:b.tedlund@gmail.com) or by mail to the St. Anthony Village Historical Society, 3301 Silver Lake Rd., 55418.



## Citizens for Sustainability 2019 highlights

We've made great progress this year in helping reduce our environmental footprint through the support of great community partners. Thank you to commissioners, City Council, and city staff for your leadership in sustainability this year. **Successful collaborations made in 2019:**

- Parks & Environmental Commission and Public Works department.
- New name and environmental focus for the Parks Commission.
- New organics (food scraps) drop-off site.
- Pollinator protection resolution.
- Pollinator garden and flowering lawn in Silver

- Point Park.
- 60 new trees planted in Trillium Park.



In addition, there has been tremendous support in implementing change from community members and local organizations: Kiwanis, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Voyagers, Ecology Club, the Green Team, school administrators, teachers, and Friends of the Parks. Thank you for helping make change happen here in St. Anthony!





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- Jan. 1: Holiday, New Years Day
- Jan. 14: City Council meeting
- Jan. 18: Coffee with the Council
- Jan. 20: Holiday, Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 21: Planning Commission meeting
- Jan. 28: City Council meeting

### FEBRUARY

- Feb. 11: City Council meeting
- Feb. 15: Coffee with the Council
- Feb. 17: Holiday, President's Day
- Feb. 18: Planning Commission meeting
- Feb. 25: City Council meeting

### MARCH

- March 2: Parks Commission meeting
- March 10: City Council meeting
- March 17: Planning Commission meeting
- March 21: Coffee with the Council
- March 24: City Council meeting
- March 31: Joint meeting School Board

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