

# Village NOTES

“A Village in the City”

Spring 2020

## A new decade brings exciting opportunities for our community

by Mayor Randy Stille

As your Mayor, I look forward to leading with a new perspective, working with City staff and a new council as an effective and cohesive team. I want to continue to hear from you— what is on your mind and what is important to you— as we strive to do what is best for our community.

As a welcoming Village, our mission guides our vision of being a thriving city in which we live, work, learn, and play. Our strong community foundation is supported through volunteerism with local organizations, such as Villagefest, Sister City Association, Friends of the Library, Historical Society, Citizens for Sustainability, Chamber of Commerce, and Kiwanis. Please consider giving your time and volunteering with one of our local organizations. Your involvement is essential to maintaining a genuine sense of community, and creating new opportunities for years to come.

I also encourage you to attend Coffee with the Council events held at 9 a.m., each month, every third Saturday. City Council makes it a priority to go directly to residents— meeting at various venues, such as Autumn Woods, Cub Foods, the Emerald Park pavilion, along with City Hall. All are welcome!

Residents have an open invitation to meet with me for an informal chat 30-min prior to regularly scheduled meetings (meetings take place at 7 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month, at City Hall).



In addition, I want to encourage an interfaith dialogue within the community. I plan to invite leaders from all St. Anthony faith-based organizations to get together. This is an opportunity for each organization to share their vision with one another and City leadership. Most importantly, we will have the ability to get to know everyone on a personal level as we strive to be an all-encompassing, flourishing community.

It is truly an honor and privilege to begin my four-year term as Mayor of this great City. We have much to be proud of and appreciate. Let's continue to work together with mutual respect to help deepen relationships and improve our community for everyone's benefit.

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# CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

## Goal Setting: A Time for Culture Building

by Mark Casey, City Manager

On Jan.16-17, we conducted our annual strategic planning session, called Goal Setting. A total of 31 people attended: Mayor and Council, City administration, department heads and assistants; and invited guests from the Parks and Environmental and Planning commissions, League of MN Cities, Metro Cities Government Relations, Dorsey & Whitney, and the City of Bloomington communications department. The session was facilitated by Big River Group.

The finalized plan and supplemental documents are available on the city's website at [savmn.com](http://savmn.com).

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, Tour of the City, informal personal interactions, phone calls, letters/emails. Department heads also solicit input from staff and their respective professional associations.

When we come together for Goal Setting, our consultants bring perspective from their industry and their work in other communities. Commission chairs represent their fellow commission members and the 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, which are based on best practices, demographic trends, innovation, and legislative changes. The outcome of this year's session is represented in the Pyramid on page 3.

As we follow through with implementing these action steps, we are already gathering data for next year. This year, invited guests from the City of Bloomington presented information to the group on how using positive stories can help engage with the community, enhance our image and motivate staff. They provided their own examples of internal/external communications, and initiatives that assist with finding stories to share.

The City's long-standing annual Goal Setting exercise is an important culture-building opportunity for the team. This session is a rare time where elected officials, City staff (including assistants), consultant staff, and commission chairs can dedicate time toward building relationships in the quest for establishing a shared vision for St. Anthony and help define organizational clarity. This varied set of experiences, expertise and viewpoints provides the group with both internal and external perspectives on ideas and issues, and allows for exchanging information and ideas in a venue designed and intended for building a team around a shared long-term vision.



2020

## Mission

*To be a progressive  
and welcoming Village that  
is walkable, sustainable and safe.*



## VISION

*Saint Anthony is an innovative and vibrant community that values our  
unique environment, providing a full range of quality services, and is  
a thriving city in which all people can live, work, learn and play.*

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Environmental  
Stewardship

Quality  
Infrastructure

Robust  
Technology

Quality Housing &  
Commercial/ Industrial  
Properties

Welcoming  
Village

Safe, Sound  
& Progressive  
Community

## GOALS

Build & Cultivate  
Environmental  
Responsibility

Maintain & Enhance  
Infrastructure

Foster & Encourage  
Civic Engagement

Create & Maintain  
Healthy  
Neighborhoods

Communicate  
Transparently &  
Effectively

Ensure a Safe &  
Secure  
Community

Increase & Maintain  
Fiscal Strength

## ACTION STEPS

Continue phosphorus reduction initiative  
Continue Silver Lake clean-up (delist)  
Continue a rain barrel & rain garden workshop  
Maintain highest GreenStep Cities status  
Promote Water Conservation  
Continue solar garden participation & explore expansion  
Explore additional alternate energy ideas/vehicles  
Explore expansion of organics  
Continue less paper office concept  
Continue Fix-it Clinics & TechDump  
Maintain Tree City certification  
Renew organized collection contract

Manage 5G expansion  
Complete 2020 street, utility and sidewalk project  
Continue accessible pedestrian signals (APS)  
Explore traffic safety re-alignments, i.e. "road diets"  
Continue LED lighting upgrades city-wide  
Review adequacy, function & size of public facilities  
Explore turf improvements with School District  
Expand Mill and overlay program  
Explore sanitary sewer Inflow & Infiltration reduction policy  
Monitor Mpls Park Board Grand Rounds planning  
Explore reuse of sump pump water  
[Adopt 2040 Comprehensive Plan](#)

[Implement Police Department Strategic Plan](#)  
Continue support of Family Services Collaborative initiatives  
Provide more on-line city services from website  
Participate in Night to Unite  
Expand innovative citizen engagement & gathering opportunities  
Review Citizen's Academy model for enhancement opportunities  
Continue youth engagement activities  
Build upon existing engagement with community organizations  
Assist with Saint Anthony Village 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020

Continue in the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) cohort  
[Implement Race & Equity Plan](#)  
Continue to conduct Council Tour of City  
Ensure city code reflects sustainability initiatives  
Conduct local Business Retention & Expansion program  
Explore redevelopment of city-owned property  
Enhance Mental Health Awareness & Initiatives for staff  
Explore administrative citations for code enforcement  
Prepare emergency response plan  
Explore viability of a community healthy lifestyle initiatives

Expand & integrate communication options to residents  
Build comprehensive communication plan to tell our story  
Install informative signage at sustainability project locations in the city  
[Enhance sustainability tour interactive map](#)  
Continue Coffee with the Council  
Enhance use of imagery & videos in city communications  
Explore options for Mass Emergency Communications  
Foster engagement and relationships with rental communities  
"neighborhoods"  
Implement enhancements to city newsletter

Plan & implement new technology for all city applications  
Conduct operational audit of police officer body cams  
Continue summer survival school  
Continue crime prevention initiatives & community outreach  
Explore pedestrian & bike-friendly routes including sidewalks  
Continue traffic studies on major roadways & intersections  
Participate in public safety joint mental health initiatives  
Patient follow-up after critical incidents  
Implement property identification technology

Track grant outcomes & locate new opportunities  
Maintain cooperative ventures with other entities  
Plan 2021 levy & street improvement program  
Support professional development  
Review staffing, compensation, and organizational structure  
Expand sharing major equipment items with other governmental entities  
Continue exploring equipment ownership vs. leasing  
Compile existing tools into long-term financial plan (Budget, Peak to Plateau, CIP, etc)

Underline indicates link to referenced plan on the city's website



## Race and Equity Plan

by Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager

Our team is working diligently on maintaining our ongoing action steps from the City's Race and Equity Plan. We continue to provide annual training for our staff, analyze code enforcement data, and ensure that job requirements are appropriate when open positions are being filled.

The objective is to create a larger capacity of understanding and education around the need for racial equity. We are continually developing skills that will enhance each staff member's role in best serving the residents of St. Anthony.

In addition, the City remains a member of the national Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) program and continues its collaboration with teams from cities around Minnesota that are facilitated by the League of Minnesota Cities.



LOCAL AND REGIONAL  
GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON  
**RACE & EQUITY**

### 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 2020: Be sure you are counted

Last year, Minnesota received more than \$16 billion dollars from the Federal government. These funds are generally based on need and on population collected via Census data.

You can choose to answer the Census online, by phone or in person. Your participation assures that you are counted.

An invitation to respond to the Census online with instructions was sent out by regular mail in mid-March. Be sure to include the "identifier code number" that appears on your invitation. If you prefer, you can request a paper copy. A Census person will only visit you if you do not respond online, by phone or by mail.

Don't have a computer? Stop by the public library to complete your Census online. Trained staff will be available if you happen to require assistance.

**Important:** Census data is safe and protected for 72 years. Your citizenship status will not be asked, and your social security number is not required to complete the Census.

be a  
census hero

Fill out your census form today at  
[my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or 844-330-2020

SERGIO | father, documentarian, Rapu Mui (Census Bureau) designs: census.gov

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**Census  
2020**

**we count  
minnesota**  
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## Presidential Primary Recap

by Nicole Miller Administrative Services Coordinator

We have now completed the 5th Presidential Primary (PNP) election in Minnesota! The previous primary elections were held in 1916, 1952, 1956, and 1992.

During the 2020 PNP, we experienced a slightly lower voter turnout with 39% of the registered voters in St. Anthony voting. This was also our first election at our new Ramsey County precinct at The Landings 2551 38th Ave. Thank you for your patience as we get settled in to our new location.

Updated election information will be provided on the City website at [savmn.com/Elections](http://savmn.com/Elections).



## Planning Commission Updates

by Marcey Westrick, Planning Commission Chair

We are an advisory board to the City Council, assisting with guiding redevelopment by reviewing land use and zoning requests through established codes and ordinances. 2019 agenda items included: Land use and development, such as the Walmart Redevelopment site; City ordinance modifications, such as adding definitions and requirements for walkways, patios, sidewalks; and Variance requests made by both residents and businesses.

Our 2020 work plan was presented and approved by the City Council in February. We will continue to implement the City's Comprehensive Plan policy and land use objectives while actively monitoring emerging planning issues. At the Feb. 18 meeting, we officially welcomed two new members. Corey Erickson and Paul Morita were appointed by the City Council each serving a three-year term. The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m., on the third Tuesday of each month. Your input and participation are encouraged as we welcome you to attend one of our meetings.

## COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL

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

Third Saturday of the month at 9 AM

- April 18, 2020 - Council Chambers  
3301 Silver Lake Road
- May 16, 2020 - Cub Foods  
3930 Silver Lake Road
- June 20, 2020 - Autumn Woods  
2600 Kenzie Terrace



# SUSTAINABILITY

## Food scraps collection (organic recycling)

The City's food scraps collection (organic recycling) drop-off site is located on the south end of the Community Center parking lot (between the Police Department and the tennis courts). This site is open 24/7 and compostable bags are located in a dispenser at the site. Free starter kits are also available at City Hall. Pick up yours today!

The City of St. Anthony's website provides helpful information for residents, such as a complete list of food scraps collection (organics recycling) accepted items, and informative how-to videos. Visit [savmn.com/422/Food-Scraps-Collection-organics-recycling](http://savmn.com/422/Food-Scraps-Collection-organics-recycling) to learn more.



Each year, Waste Management conducts two audits on our food scraps collection (organics recycling) site. For 2019, our site has seen an increase in traffic. Due to this trend, we expect usage to continue to rise in 2020.

Thank you for helping keep St. Anthony on the right track!

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

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 helps 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).





## Water restrictions:

- No Watering between 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 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 apply each year between April 1 through Nov. 1.

## Water Conservation and the Wyland Mayor's Water Challenge

All of us have an important role in helping conserve water, one of our most precious resources. There are many ways to use water more mindfully, resulting in significant energy and water savings.

An average person uses 40-80 gallons of water a day, so any effort can have significant impacts. Replacing older-model showerheads with low-flow showerheads can result in water savings of 20-60%. Newer dishwashers are more efficient and effective, and front-loading washing machines, by design, use less water than top-loading washing machines.

From April 1-30, Mayor Stille and your St. Anthony neighbors invite you to join the effort to reduce our City's water consumption. Help St. Anthony win the title of "Most Water-Wise" city in the nation by pledging to save water at home. If our City wins, participants can earn prizes, such as home utilities paid for a year, a \$500 shopping spree at a home-improvement store, and eco-friendly cleaning kits.

Make your pledge at [mywaterpledge.com](http://mywaterpledge.com). Search for "St. Anthony (MN)" and follow the instructions. Students and teachers can also participate using the website's Classroom Edition. City water customers can track water usage via the "My Water Usage" tool on the City's website: [bit.ly/37IVxbX](https://bit.ly/37IVxbX).

 WYLAND NATIONAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE  
FOR WATER CONSERVATION

# SAVE WATER AND WIN!

**APRIL 1-30**

TAKE THE PLEDGE NOW  
[WWW.MYWATERPLEDGE.COM](http://WWW.MYWATERPLEDGE.COM)

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# STAY INFORMED

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



If 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.

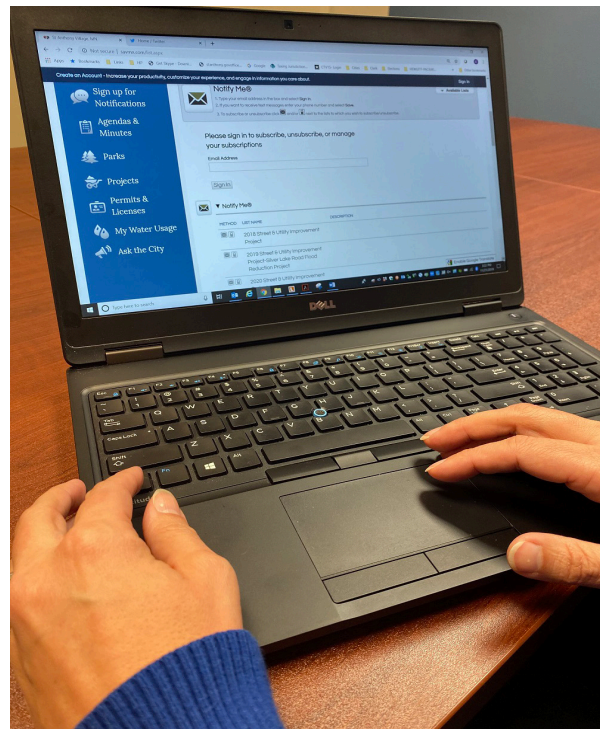
City crews will be dispatched to evaluate the situation and assist the property owner.

**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.

## Sign up for push notifications

Visit 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:** 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.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Update from Police Chief Mangseth

Through our partnership with the Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance, officer wellness was identified as one of the primary goals of the department's strategic plan. The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services' Law Enforcement Best Practices guide, and the President's Task Force report on 21st Century Policing, also include officer wellness and safety as major pillars. For 2020, we are working on enhancing the employee wellness program as follows:

- Resource guide for employees and families.
- Educate officer's about available resources.
- Develop an early intervention system.
- Enhance chaplain program.
- Obtain employee input.

### Wellness Program

Officers need to remain fit for duty and able to perform their job. The wellness program enhances the department's and our community's expectation that our police officers are both physically and mentally fit, providing extraordinary protection and superior service. They are required to be free from any physical, emotional or mental condition that might adversely affect their duties. They must pass a state written licensing exam, extensive background investigation, physical exam, fitness exam, and psychological exam administered by a licensed Psychologist.

We have also established a local clergy member that provides confidential part-time chaplaincy services to personnel (separate from the Chaplain Program that utilizes resources from Ramsey and Hennepin Counties for the community). The internal chaplain pays informal visits and attends Roll Calls to be available for our staff on an ongoing basis.

### Check Up for the Neck Up

This confidential in-house and mandatory program provides employees access to qualified mental health professional contracted by our agency. Employees will receive educational support, resources and individualized counseling, as needed.

The consultant will be asked to provide support and services to personnel following a critical incident. The check-up is designed to be a simple meeting for staff to become acquainted with a potential resource should they encounter a need or crisis. Individuals may elect to engage in conversation or receive a counseling referral, or talk about topics on a more superficial level. This is a natural progression from the community case worker program implemented in 2019 that connects community members with mental health and other services.

### Mental health training, professional development

We are implementing Use of Force and mental health training programs that utilize principles contained in the Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (I.C.A.T.) program. I.C.A.T. offers annual and mandatory training by certified staff that provide first-responding officers with tools, skills, and options to increase the likelihood of a successful and safe diffusion during a wide-range of critical incidents. The training ensures our police officers receive the mandated 16 hours of continuing education credits on an every three-year licensing cycle, as required by Minn. Stat. 626.8469:

- Crisis intervention.
- Mental health crises.
- Conflict management and mediation.
- Recognizing, valuing community diversity and cultural differences.
- Recognizing potential implicit bias.

Officers will earn 28-30 hours of continuing education (over three-years), nearly doubling what is required by MN Peace Officer Standards and Training.

We will continue to provide the best care and resources for our most important department asset - our personnel. Action steps are being taken to further our goals of increasing community partnerships and inclusion, enhancing professional development, strengthening employee wellness, and accountability.

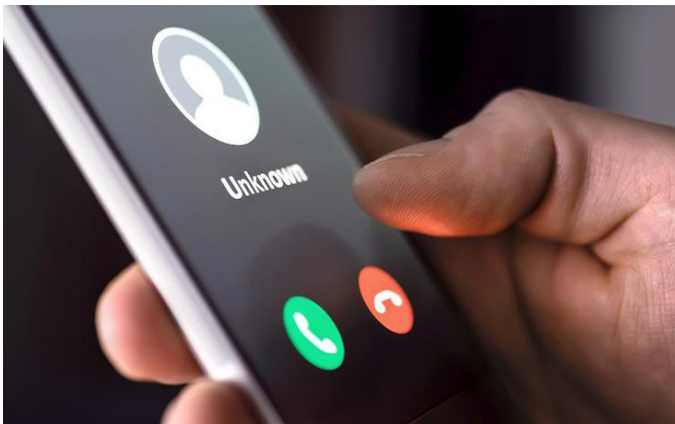
## That really wasn't the IRS

by Mike Huddle, Sergeant

You might have recently received a voicemail from the “IRS” stating that there is an issue with your tax return, that you owe money to the IRS, and that a warrant for your arrest will be issued if you do not call the provided phone number and immediately settle the amount owed by making a payment arrangement.

You may have also received a voicemail or call from the “Social Security Administration.” Whatever agency is calling, it's always a similar message— a computerized voice claims to be an “officer” from the agency that they represent and tells you to call back with specific instructions.

We too have received these types of phone calls. Fortunately, many people realize that these are fake calls/scam attempts. Yet, these messages and calls can be intimidating. If scammers never had successful attempts, they wouldn't continue to call.



### If you receive a phone call as described above:

- The IRS does not call taxpayers and threaten lawsuits, arrest, or jail time.
- The IRS will not ask for personal information over the phone.
- If you do happen to speak with someone over the phone, do not allow yourself to feel pressured to give out any information or make any payment arrangements.

- To be safe, always find a trusted phone number for the agency that they are claiming to represent. Call the official phone number if you are suspicious of the message you received.
- Report IRS impersonation phone calls at [tigta.gov](https://tigta.gov), via the IRS impersonation scam reporting link located at the upper-right corner of the site.

### If you receive a suspicious text, social media message or email:

- The IRS also does not send unsolicited email requesting that you update your account, provide sensitive personal or financial information online, or inform you of a refund.
  - Report IRS scam emails to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov)
- The IRS does not initiate contact through text message or via social media.

In addition, **beware of phishing attempts** via email/text that appear to be from financial institutions you might be familiar with and normally trust:

- Go directly to the organization's website to double check for legitimate information.
- Do not click on links from suspicious, unexpected or unknown emails.
- Do not download attachments if you don't know who sent it to you, or aren't sure of what it is.
- Install a pop-up blocker on your web browser to help prevent future scam attempts.

If you are a victim of tax-related identity theft, visit [irs.gov/identitytheft](https://irs.gov/identitytheft) for information on next steps.

### Recommended common practice to stay informed:

The IRS suggests checking your Social Security Administration records on an annual basis by signing up for My Social Security at [ssa.gov](https://ssa.gov). The IRS also encourages as common practice to check your credit report annually and regularly review bank and credit card statements.



## Recreation fires

by Mattie Jaros, Fire Lieutenant

Did you know that in order to have a recreation fire in the City of St. Anthony you need to obtain a valid permit? This ensures that everyone is aware of the general rules to have a safe and responsible fire.

Before having a recreational fire, a resident must check to verify that conditions are favorable. This can be done by calling the hotline at 612-782-3434. The permit is free and can be obtained by stopping by the fire station or going online to complete an application. A fire permit is active for five years if you are the homeowner and for one year if you are a renter.



### The following are just some of the rules for recreation fires:

- Must be limited to 3 feet in diameter and 2-foot-high flame.
- Only burn unpainted wood or charcoal. No leaves, construction debris, or garbage (see full prohibited list available online for additional materials).
- Smoke must not extend beyond the property line.
- A garden hose or adequate fire extinguisher must be onsite.
- No burning when the Air Quality Index is greater than 50.
- No burning when the wind speed is greater than 20 miles per hour.
- Under extremely dry conditions the MN State DNR can impose a “burning ban” which means recreation fires are not allowed in certain areas due to the higher fire risk.

A complete list of rules is available online at [savmn.com](http://savmn.com).

## Housing Code:

### Garbage and recycling: § 150.126

-Containers are not allowed in the front yard setback without approved screening or fencing.

### Vehicles: § 152.179

-Unlicensed (expired tabs) or inoperable vehicles need to be stored in a garage or other building.

### Addresses: § 97.02

-Address numbers should contrast with their background and be no less than 4 inches tall. This is to help out responders in case of an emergency.



# CITY PROJECT UPDATES

## 2020 Street and Utility Improvement Project

The project consists of complete street and utility 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.

The bituminous mill and overlay of Silver Lane from Stinson Boulevard to Silver Lake Road is also identified to be included with the 2020 Street and Utility Improvement Project (illustrated below); however the mill and overlay of Silver Lane will be completed with the final layer of asphalt in 2021.

Bids were received Jan.22. It is anticipated the Council will award the contract in April. Project documents are currently being executed with an anticipated start date of late April/early May, weather dependent.



Street reconstruction image 1



Street reconstruction image 2



Proposed bituminous mill and overlay







# CITY PLANNING

## Parking

By Stephen Gritman, City Planner

*“Why do we drive on a parkway, and park on a driveway?” – George Carlin*

Parking is a seemingly mundane planning and zoning issue that gets raised in all sorts of situations. And it's changing. When St. Anthony was initially developed in the post World War II era, families were just beginning to make automobile ownership a thing – it paralleled the rise in single family home ownership.



Auto ownership went from a rare occurrence to families owning one car. Housing development followed suit by adding a new feature – the single car garage. Especially in northern climates like Minnesota, keeping a car under a roof was a great convenience. As auto ownership became commonplace, garage (and driveway) development increased in importance. Homes that were originally designed to hold one car (maybe two), are now unable to withstand the current trend of people and families owning multiple cars.

### So where do we park all these cars?

In 1950, there were 40 million cars in the US, and 43 million households – which equals out to less than one car per household. By 2017, US households had tripled to 126 million, while automobiles increased nearly 7 times to 272 million cars – or 2.1 cars per household. And yet, the average household size has decreased from 3.4 persons to 2.6 persons, during that same period.

### Zoning regulations help manage parking needs

Zoning regulations have been adopted to help manage parking on all types of land use. In addition, finding the right balance for parking in commercial and industrial areas tests land development and zoning requirements.

The City strives to ensure that there is adequate parking available at commercial and industrial sites without creating a vast sea of unused asphalt. The difficulty is when uses change, as they often do. For example, a new restaurant will generate more than twice the parking demand of a retail shop of the same square footage. Managing this aspect— and avoiding the spillover of parking onto city streets— is the main goal of the zoning rules that are in place.

Fortunately, there are available resources used to estimate parking needs, which are based on summaries of actual counts. The American Planning Association and the Institute of Transportation Engineers, provide a wealth of data about parking generation and need. The statistics, along with the actual usage in the City of St. Anthony is regularly monitored to ensure that we are finding that sweet spot— providing adequate, but not too much, parking for private automobiles.

And of course, things are always changing. With the rise of autonomous vehicle technology, the combination of ride- and car-sharing options, and delivery trends that impact retail brick-and-mortar sites, the future of parking (both near and long-term) will likely require a recalibration on all fronts.

# FINANCE

## Get to know your City's front counter staff

By Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director

**Sandy Simon** has worked for the City of St. Anthony since 1997. Prior to her work with St. Anthony, she worked for investment firms.

Even though her position primarily focuses on accounts payable, she also serves as a backup at the front counter and provides assistance during elections. Sandy offers support at Coffee with the Council events and during the City's annual cleanup day. "After 23 years at the City, I have come to build relationships with many residents, getting to know a little about them personally. I also really like our employees. We all have a great work ethic, team values, appreciation and respect for each other," said Sandy.



In her personal time, Sandy enjoys scrapbooking, card making and spending time with her family. She and her husband, Jeff enjoy time together in their classic car and any vacation that includes sand, sun and turquoise waters. She and her husband live in New Brighton and have one daughter, Nicole.

**Phuongmai Dang** has been with the City of St. Anthony since 2005. Prior to her job with St. Anthony, she held a similar position with the City of Crystal.

Her position focuses on processing license and permit requests, and receipting in cash collections. Callers to the City's main line are often greeted by Phuongmai. "St Anthony is like my family. We have a very nice group and we tend to help each other out," said Phuongmai.

In her free time, Phuongmai loves to travel all over the world by air, ship and car. She has taken four road trips across the U.S. and Canada. During her travels she likes to sample different cuisines from other countries and learn more about other cultures. Her most recent trip was to Dubai. Phuongmai resides in Spring Lake Park and takes care of her parents.

**Devin Willi** is a native of Chippewa Falls, Wis. He is the newest member of the accounting team. Devin has worked in city government since 1983, serving three Wisconsin cities.

His position focuses on payroll and utility billing, in addition he assists with elections, preparing for the annual audit and front counter questions. "Getting to know the community provides insight into what programs and services are most wanted and needed. This provides City staff with an understanding of how to best serve its citizens, and how to make St. Anthony a great place to live and work," said Devin.

In his free time, Devin sings with The River City Chorale and the RCC Ensemble Singers in Hudson and serves as treasurer on the organization's Board of Directors. He enjoys working on his own family tree and genealogy research projects for family members and friends. Devin and his wife, Paula, live in Hudson. They have three adult children.

# 2020 ORGANIZED COLLECTION RATES

## Hennepin County:

Small Cart.....\$14.18  
 Recycling.....\$4.17  
 Hennepin Co. Surcharge (15.5%).....\$1.28  
 Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%).....\$1.38  
*Monthly total, Small Cart \$21.01*

Medium Cart.....\$16.37  
 Recycling.....\$4.17  
 Hennepin Co. Surcharge (15.5%).....\$1.47  
 Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%).....\$1.60  
*Monthly total, Medium Cart \$23.61*

Large Cart.....\$18.96  
 Recycling.....\$4.17  
 Hennepin Co. Surcharge (15.5%).....\$1.71  
 Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%).....\$1.85  
*Monthly total, Large Cart \$26.69*

## Ramsey County:

Small Cart.....\$14.18  
 Recycling.....\$4.17  
 Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%).....\$3.97  
 Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%).....\$1.38  
*Monthly total, Small Cart \$23.70*

Medium Cart.....\$16.37  
 Recycling.....\$4.17  
 Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%).....\$4.58  
 Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%).....\$1.60  
*Monthly total, Medium Cart \$26.72*

Large Cart.....\$18.96  
 Recycling.....\$4.17  
 Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%).....\$5.31  
 Solid Waste Management Tax (9.75%).....\$1.85  
*Monthly total, Large Cart \$30.29*





# MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

## High-quality service, contributing since 1948

by Mike Larson, Municipal Liquor Store Operations Manager



Silver Lake Village store, 2602 39th Ave. NE



Marketplace store, 2700 Hwy 88

At St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits, 100% of our profit enriches our community!

Our upcoming events, monthly sale items, product samples calendar, and additional useful information can be found at [samvn.com/St-Anthony-Village-Wine-Spirits](http://samvn.com/St-Anthony-Village-Wine-Spirits).

Make sure to sign up for automatic “push notifications” so you can begin to receive email and text alerts regarding announcements, events and sale items from St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits.

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram. We use these social media platforms to announce new product releases and special sale pricing and deals. You can always stop in and see us in person too!

Please contact Mike Larson at [mike.larson@samvn.com](mailto:mike.larson@samvn.com) or 612-782-3455 if we can assist with anything that would provide a better shopping experience for you and your fellow residents. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Rain Barrel Workshop set for April 23 at City Hall

by Jay Hartman, Public Works Director

Using reclaimed rainwater captured from a rain barrel to water your lawn and garden is a great way to practice sustainability and protect your local environment. The City provides an opportunity each year for residents to participate in a rain barrel program.

Barrels are repurposed from oak wine barrels and then sold to residents at a reduced price of \$100 dollars. Participants must attend an informational workshop session set for 6 p.m., Thursday, April 23, at City Hall, but all are welcome to attend to learn more.

Go to [savmn.com/Rain-Barrel-Workshop-Signup](http://savmn.com/Rain-Barrel-Workshop-Signup) to complete an online form if you are interested in participating. Make sure to sign up early since barrels are limited (total of 25 available to purchase).



### Steps to purchasing a rain barrel:

1. Complete the online form at [savmn.com/Rain-Barrel-Workshop-Signup](http://savmn.com/Rain-Barrel-Workshop-Signup).
2. You will receive a confirmation if your application is approved.
3. Must attend the one-night workshop, otherwise you forfeit the barrel.
4. Purchase of the barrel takes place after completion of the workshop.
5. Barrels are delivered to your home.

### Important reminders:

- Must be a City of St. Anthony Village resident.
- Only new participants accepted (cannot be a former owner of a barrel).
- First come, first serve.
- Only one rain barrel per household.

## Upcoming important reminders, events

by Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Superintendent

- **Branch Chipping:** May 11-13. Public Works will be conducting curbside branch chipping for residents for \$15 dollars, plus applicable sales tax for each 10 minutes of chipping. The charges will be billed on your July 2020 water bill. Remember, branches must be at the curb. For more information, call 612-782-3301. Sign up online at: [savmn.com/FormCenter/Branch-Chipping-10/Branch-Chipping-Form](http://savmn.com/FormCenter/Branch-Chipping-10/Branch-Chipping-Form).
- **Spring Hydrant Flushing:** May 18-26 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, visit the City's website under the Public Works Department.
- **Street Sweeping:** City-wide street sweeping begins in the 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.
- **Clean-Up Day:** May 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Public Works Facility garage, located at 3801 Chandler Drive. Cash or Check accepted. For more information, visit [savmn.com/215/CleanUpDay](http://savmn.com/215/CleanUpDay).

# COMMUNITY

## Chamber of Commerce updates

Save the date for the 27th Annual Villagefest Golf Classic- open to chamber members and non-members.

- When: Friday, Aug. 7, 2020 / 8:00 a.m. shotgun start
- Where: Francis Gross National Golf Course, located at 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis.
- Cost: \$95 dollars per individual golfer

Contact [executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org](mailto:executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org) for more information.



## Help commemorate St. Anthony's 75th anniversary

We are still looking for help with gathering photos for a magazine to recognize St. Anthony's 75th Anniversary. We are also looking into producing a video documentary with CTV about the City's history. If you have significant stories and/or knowledgeable history that you are willing to share, please reach out to: Barry Tedlund at [b.tedlund@gmail.com](mailto:b.tedlund@gmail.com) or 651-472-4968, or-by mail: St. Anthony Village Historical Society, 3301 Silver Lake Rd., 55418.

## 2020 Salo Park Summer Concert Series

**When:** Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m.

**Where:** Salo Park Amphitheater, located on 39th Ave NE between Silver Lake Rd and Stinson Blvd, in the City of St. Anthony Village.

In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Rd. For more information, and a complete listing of concert events, visit [saloparkconcertseries.com](http://saloparkconcertseries.com)

## Friends of the St. Anthony Library: Spring Book Sale

**When:** From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, April 18

**Where:** St. Anthony Village Library, located within the St. Anthony Village Shopping Center, 2941 Pentagon Drive NE

The last hour of the book sale will feature a "bag sale." All unsold books will be donated, in partnership with Kiwanis, to Books for Africa. We are taking donations now for the book sale! Bring your books, CDs, and/or DVDs to the front desk at the library (no textbooks, please). Questions- please call 612-543-6075

## Kiwanis Club, supporting the community since 1962

We are known for generous contributions to local organizations/projects, to name a few: Northeast Food Shelf, St. Anthony Seniors, VillageFest, church youth groups, and scholarships for seniors graduating from St. Anthony Village High School (SAVHS). We now sponsor four youth clubs: Kiwanis K-Kids Club at Wilshire Park Elementary School; Kiwanis Builder's Club at the St. Anthony Middle School; Kiwanis Key Club at SAVHS; and Kiwanis Aktion Club for youth/adults with disabilities. We also support a Kiwanis worldwide project called Project Eliminate, in partnership with UNICEF that aims to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. Our mission: a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the one child and one community at a time. For more info, or if you are interested in joining please contact: Linda Foster at [lindafoster0113@gmail.com](mailto:lindafoster0113@gmail.com) or Rick Dunn at [rickdunn1950@aol.com](mailto:rickdunn1950@aol.com).





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- April 10: Holiday, Good Friday
- April 13: Open Book Meeting - Hennepin County Assessors Office
- April 14: City Council meeting
- April 18: Coffee with the Council
- April 21: Planning Commission meeting
- April 28: City Council meeting

### MAY

- May 2: Clean-Up Day
- May 12: City Council meeting
- May 16: Coffee with the Council
- May 19: Planning Commission meeting
- May 25: Holiday, Memorial Day
- May 26: City Council meeting

### JUNE

- June 8: Parks and Environmental Commission meeting
- June 9: City Council Meeting
- June 16: Planning Commission meeting
- June 20: Coffee with the Council
- June 23: City Council Meeting

To request special accommodations or alternative formats for City meetings, please contact the City Clerk:  
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## ST. ANTHONY DIRECTORY

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