

# Village NOTES

**“A Village in the City”**

Summer 2020

## **Stronger Together**

by Mayor Randy Stille

We have experienced unimaginable changes and difficulties since my first message in the Winter 2020 newsletter. Through all of this uncertainty and troubling times, I have to say that I am extremely proud of our community. I have witnessed first-hand neighbors stepping up to help out in all capacities.

I want to honor the creative ways and outside-of-the-box thinking that we have learned from each other and fellow cities to continue providing the highest services possible for our community.

For example, City Council has been able to hold both its regularly scheduled meetings and workshops via Zoom. Regularly scheduled meetings involve a webinar format that is managed from Council chambers by City Manager Mark Casey, Assistant to the City Manager Charlie Yunker, and myself. Councilmembers join the meetings from home, and community members have various ways to safely participate. We want our community members to feel involved, so I urge you to be a part of the meetings to stay informed and provide feedback to help us understand and improve.

One of the topics of discussion at Council meetings is a goal that has been on the radar for a number of years, the redevelopment of the former Walmart site. I am aware that the community has had many questions regarding this site over a number of years. This is understandable, and we want to provide you with as much information as possible as it became

available. As you know, the building was demolished and recycled back in March by Doran Companies. They intend to break ground on the first phase of a 496-unit market rate apartment project this summer. The timeline should provide occupancy of the first units in the latter half of 2021. We look forward to welcoming new residents into our Village and the added vitality they bring to our community. Let's collectively continue to support businesses that call St. Anthony their home by offering our patronage.

Beyond the former Walmart site, there are other development opportunities in various stages of planning at this time. Check out the City's website under "Projects" for current status updates of significant senior housing projects.

Yet, it's not just developers who want to invest in St. Anthony. It is also evident (based on the green bags scattered throughout town) that many residents are undertaking home improvement projects, as pride of ownership continues.

We will continue to rely on the City's strategic plan that was developed pre-COVID-19 as our guide, recognizing that St. Anthony is nimble and has the ability to pivot, when necessary. And, let's remain committed to finding ways to take care of each other and establish connection. It's incredible what a community can do— together. Thank you, Villagers.

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# CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

## Essential Employees

by Mark Casey, City Manager

Early on during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, government operations across the state and the nation began to determine their essential staff. For the City of St. Anthony Village, we concluded that all of our staff are essential employees. Every department and staff member serve a major purpose to ensure that the City continues to function properly for the community.

- Police and fire department front-line staff who are operating critical services 24-hours a day in collaboration with their support staff.
- Public works staff who ensure our vital infrastructure is maintained and operational.
- Liquor store staff who personally engage with numerous customers on a daily basis.
- Finance staff who address necessary business activities.
- Administration staff who support the entire operation.

Overall, we have and will continue to maintain staffing throughout this pandemic. As our work continues, with some modified operations like staff working



remotely, our commitment to provide excellent service to all of our residents remains at the center of what we do, everyday.

I feel heartened and proud that each day I am able to witness firsthand every staff member's tireless dedication to our City. We are in this together, and we greatly appreciate your support and patience as we navigate these challenging times.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR WASTE HAULERS:**

Since COVID-19, there has been an increase in residential waste volume.

Place all materials inside carts to ensure households receive pick-up on their scheduled day.

Should you need an additional or larger cart please reach out directly to your hauler.

## City Renews Membership With National GARE Association

by Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager

The Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) is a national organization network made up of government employees working together to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. Membership benefits include:

- Access to GARE Monthly membership meetings, bi-monthly member webinars, tools and resources.
- Access to Subject Area Working Groups.
- Access to the GARE Portal for documents library, member forum, and discussion groups.

Annual membership continues the City's participation in a peer-to-peer network of cities across the country to share challenges, ideas and strategies. St. Anthony also continues to collaborate with teams across Minnesota who have also participated in the League of Minnesota Cities GARE cohorts.

## Elections 2020

by Nicole Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator

The City of St. Anthony is working closely with Hennepin and Ramsey counties to remain prepared for the 2020 elections during COVID-19.

Additionally, we also rely upon recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). For more information, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html)

To minimize direct contact with others, the CDC encourages everyone to vote by mail. All Minnesota voters are eligible to vote by mail. Registered voters do not need to provide a reason to vote by mail and can request a ballot now for both the state primary and general elections.

Visit [sos.state.mn.us](https://sos.state.mn.us) to request an absentee ballot.

Voters who wish to cast a ballot on Election Day are encouraged to follow CDC recommendations, such as maintaining six-feet of distance from other voters.

Updated election information will be provided on the City's elections webpage at [savmn.com/elections](https://savmn.com/elections).



### 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, 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](https://savmn.com/GARE).



### Upcoming important dates

Statewide Primary, Aug. 11, 2020:

- Voting absentee begins June 26, 2020.
- Voters may also vote early in-person at City Hall during regular business hours beginning Aug. 4, 2020.

Presidential Election, Nov. 3, 2020:

- Voting absentee begins Sept. 18, 2020



# COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL

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

July 18, 2020-9:00 AM  
Join via Zoom meeting  
(link on website calendar)

August 26, 2020-7:00 PM  
Join via Zoom meeting  
(link on website calendar)

September 19, 2020-9:00 AM  
Council Chambers  
3301 Silver Lake Rd.



## Parks And Environmental Commission Updates

by Therese Bellinger, Chair

As Commissioners, we have several duties. One of those is to seek new areas for additional parks, natural areas, walking paths, bikeways, and green space corridors. To be successful at this, we rely heavily on your feedback and appreciate Villager ideas. In the past six months, our parks have been used more than ever before by foot and bike traffic. I would invite you to provide your ideas and share how you might help us fulfill this duty.



We need your ideas and feedback!

Another duty we have is to help with generating community involvement in the development of our parks--to include environmental initiatives and their elements. In the last year we have added "Environmental" to our name. We now are the "Parks and Environmental Commission". With this new title, it enables us to focus not only on the services we provide through our parks, but it also allows a sustainable element that is important for our future. Some of the things that have already occurred is our new compost site at City Hall. The most recent is our native garden at Silverwood Park. These happened because you got involved. You presented the idea. YOU helped us find the way. This volunteering and community involvement is essential for our parks system to be all that they can be. So I challenge you. Don't be afraid. Reach out. Talk to us. Your feedback matters.

Our meetings occur every quarter starting in March. Please join us. Input can be directed to Jay Hartman, Public Works Director at [jay.hartman@savmn.com](mailto:jay.hartman@savmn.com).



# SUSTAINABILITY

## Four Years Going Strong: St. Anthony Recognized As Step 5 GreenStep City

Our City has once again been recognized as maintaining the highest level of the GreenStep Cities Program. GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. It is a public/private partnership administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.



Minnesota  
**GreenStep Cities**

For four years, St. Anthony has maintained the topmost Step 5 status. In 2017, during the first year Step 5 became available, St. Anthony was named one out of approximately 10 cities throughout the entire state of Minnesota to reach this highest level of achievement. Step 5 requires cities to complete metrics for the current conditions in the following topics: City Buildings and Lighting; Transportation Modes and Miles; Pervious Land, Parks and Trees; Stormwater; Renewable Energy; Infrastructure for Walking and Biking; Car, Transit and Bike Options; Drinking Water; Waste Water; Climate. For more information, visit [savmn.com/235/GreenStep-Cities](http://savmn.com/235/GreenStep-Cities).

### Food Scraps Collection (organics 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.

### Get Started With



## Clean-up Day Set For Saturday, Sept. 12

Looking to get rid of unwanted household items?  
Sign up for clean-up day!

The City of St. Anthony is hosting a clean-up day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday Sept. 12, at the Public Works Garage, 3801 Chandler Drive.

We have implemented changes this year, such as social distancing to keep everyone safe. Please review the following information if you are interested in participating at this year's clean-up event:

1. Sign up for a time slot to drop off items at [savmn.com](http://savmn.com) or call 612-782-3301.
2. Arrive on-time to your requested appointment.
3. Please stay in your vehicle.
4. Staff will give you a price for your items, and unload them from your vehicle for you.
5. You will be billed on your third-quarter water bill or receive a separate invoice.

For a list of items accepted and prices, visit [savmn.com/cleanupday](http://savmn.com/cleanupday).



## Cardboard Recycling Event: Saturday, July 18

Free for St. Anthony Residents— come and recycle your unwanted cardboard from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, July 18. The event will take place at the Public Works garage, located at 3801 Chandler Dr.



## 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.

# 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.

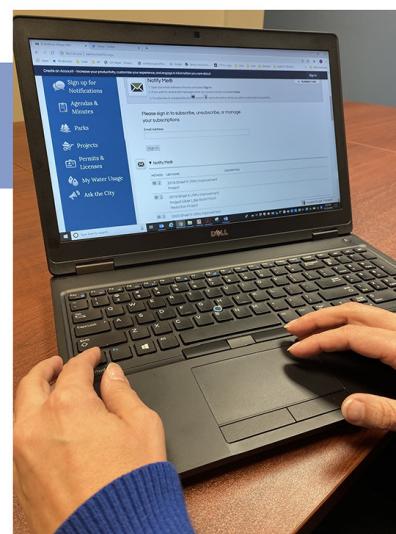
City crews will be dispatched to evaluate the situation and assist the property owner.

**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.

# savmn.com

### Sign up for push notifications:

- Updates on specific subjects.
- Public safety alerts.
- News Flash important messages.
- Calendar notifications.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Update From Police Chief Mangseth

As a public safety agency, the St. Anthony Police Department (PD) continues to work closely with other city service providers and our community to provide a safe place to live, work and play.

As communities across the nation and the world continue efforts in addressing the coronavirus (COVID-19), our PD has been adjusting practices and procedures to ensure the safety of our staff and members of the public in accordance with recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Center for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization.

### Modified policing services during COVID-19

Officers will continue to respond to all calls for service. However, as we monitor this situation and take note of ever-changing recommendations from health experts, we may be required to continue adjusting in-person services.

Residents may continue to encounter situations where low-priority calls are handled over the telephone or through a self-reporting form. Please know these are temporary measures as we work with healthcare partners, local first responders and emergency management partners, as we serve our communities. I encourage folks to contact the PD with any questions or concerns regarding current police operations.

The following PD services have been temporarily suspended during COVID-19:

- Citizen fingerprinting.
- Citizen use of the PD facility for groups/meetings.
- Citizen ride-along events.
- Public tours of the PD facility.
- Group events at the police department (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)

We remain committed to working cooperatively and innovatively to address the challenges encountered by this viral illness and we ask our residents to engage in community hygiene practices as noted in guidelines

set forth by the CDC and MDH.  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts.html)



Efforts made by our police officers and City staff to monitor compliance related to social distancing, among other orders issued through the Office of the Governor, have focused primarily on education. I remain encouraged by the support received from our residents during this time to continue with Gov. Walz direction and recommendations.

### Staying connected and sharing good news

Our Community Engagement Officers along with our entire staff have put a considerable amount of time and consideration into content for our social media platforms in an effort to stay connected and provide up-to-date information to those in our service area. As a result, our online impact and following has increased.

Recently, Lt. Diegnau responded to a call where he and the St. Anthony Village Fire Department (FD) personnel rescued several baby ducks from a storm drain. Lt. Diegnau became aware that a citizen had taken photos of the activity and asked for copies. Those photos were then sent to Officer Rushton who posted them on Facebook. KARE-11 saw the post and highlighted it during their evening newscast. This small yet thoughtful act reflected well on every member of our PD and FD that responded to that call for service. Check out the highlighted bio's on pages 10 and 16.

### We value our communities

Thank you for your continued support and patience. Please be assured that this modified level of service will not become the new normal for our agency. We will return to the high-level of personal customer service that we strive to provide as soon as possible.

## 'Behind The Badge': Get To Know Your Police Officers

by Kiel Rushton, Police Officer

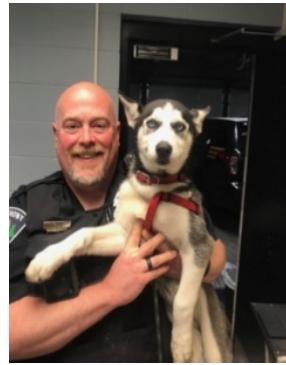
Our community engagement team recently highlighted our officers as a part of Police Week 2020, giving our social media followers a look "behind the badge". Included here are the highlights from our posts!



This is Tim! Tim is our detective, and has been with SAPD since 1988. When Tim isn't shuffling around the office jingling spare change in his pockets, or scribbling thru a Sudoku puzzle, he enjoys being up north at a cabin near his hometown of Eveleth. Hockey and Golf are two passions Tim enjoys, and

attended the very first Minnesota Wild Game ever, and the Ryder Cup. He's a much better fan than practitioner of either, but we don't hold that against him... (good thing he kept his day job though).

Tim is married, with two adult children, and a puppy named Tucker. Rumor has it, Tim was one of the co-founders of the "Dad Joke", and once got lost in his own house.



Mark brought his bright personality and witty demeanor to us in 1994. He grew up in Illinois.... and Connecticut.... and Minnesota (we think that's it.... for now at least). Mark is a Minnesota Record Holder for

flathead catfish (catch and release). He also has a three-legged dog. His other dog has all four, but he loves them both just the same. In fact, he loves all dogs. And some cats... we're not sure about birds, but it's safe to say he loves animals.

Mark is a huge Minnesota Wild fan, and one of the smartest people we know! He's a husband and father, and his infectious laugh can be heard in the PD often (sometimes from the parking lot).



This is Dan, he's our Lieutenant. Yes, that's right, "Lieutenant Dan." Dan has been a regular around here for three decades, and is the proudest Father, Grandfather, and Husband around. (Seriously, he talks about his family all the time...)

Lieutenant Dan naturally loves fishing, and has the pictures to back up the tall tales. When he's not up at the Cabin (he talks about that a lot too), he's spoiling his family with food that even Gordon Ramsay would approve. Dan's Fishing skills are only rivaled by his culinary skill set.



Tressa was born in Iowa, and has been serving since 1999. When her father passed away when she was 17, she got to work right away, putting herself through school. She started in a local county jail, and eventually became a Special Deputy with the United States Marshal Service. Having also worked loss prevention as a manager and at the Federal Reserve Bank, she came to SAPD in 1997 as a volunteer Reserve Officer, and was Sworn in as a Police Officer in 1999. A lover of dogs; she co-founded a non-profit organization that has a reach of over 20,000, and has rescued nearly 700 German Shepherd Dogs in less than 5 years!!

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## Grill Cooking Safety

by Mattie Jaros, Fire Lieutenant

Cooking food on the grill is one of the best ways to enjoy our warm summer weather. Whether you have a charcoal or gas grill, it's important to inspect it before each use.

Depending on the type of grill, make sure it's safe and in good working condition. For example, if you have a propane gas grill, check the gas tank hose for any potential leaks.



The following checklist includes additional things to consider when cooking with grills:

- When lighting a gas grill, make sure the lid is open before lighting.
- Never leave the grill unattended while in use.
- Keep your grill clean. Remove grease or fat build up from the grates and tray below.
- Make sure your grill is away from your home, deck railing, and anything overhead that might catch fire from the radiant heat.
- Children and pets should be kept back at least three feet from the grill.
- If using a charcoal grill, make sure that you let the coals completely cool down before disposing of them into a metal container.

## 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

## County Road C Reconstruction

Ramsey County and Hennepin County began the reconstruction of County Road C (29th Avenue NE) from Highway 88 to Long Lake Road in 2019. Completed improvements along County Road C (29th Avenue NE) within the City of St. Anthony Village (Highway 88 to the eastern City limits) include removal and replacement of the City's watermain and sanitary sewer system, installation of storm sewer, and roadway paving (concrete).

The contractor has begun construction operations for 2020 and will continue with installation of a 10-foot bituminous trail along the south side of the roadway, installation of a 6-foot concrete sidewalk along the north side of the roadway and center median restoration, along with remaining project cleanup. Traffic has been reduced to one east bound lane and one west bound lane (outer lanes).

For more information regarding the proposed improvements and schedule, visit the project website at: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2019-construction-maintenance/county-road-c-reconstruction>



## 2020 Street And Utility Improvement Project

The 2020 Street and Utility Improvement Project is underway. The first items will be setting up traffic control signs, tree removals, installing the temporary water system, pavement removal, and sanitary sewer and watermain replacement. The project is proposed to be completed in phases to allow access to properties as feasible: **Phase 1:** 32nd Avenue; **Phase 2:** Croft Drive; **Phase 3:** Silver Lake Terrace

The contractor anticipates mobilizing multiple construction crews to complete all phases simultaneously; however, the schedule for each phase may vary slightly from one another as construction progresses throughout the summer. Should you have any questions or concerns with construction, please call Jake Grainger at 612-364-5319. He is on site to represent the City during construction.

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; however the mill and overlay of Silver Lane will be completed with the final layer of asphalt in 2021.

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### Bringing Back The Bees

By Justin Messner, City Engineer

As people prepare their lawns for the summer months, reducing weeds and insects always seems to be a high priority. Reducing the number of bugs, moths and bees may seem like a good idea so people can spend more quality time outdoors. In reality, it's a major issue that affects everything from local habitat to U.S. agriculture and around the World. These insects are pollinators. As they travel from plant to plant they help pollinate flowers. These flowers can be native prairie or woodland plants, apples, raspberries, cucumbers, and even hay crops for the livestock industry. So even if thriving wildlife habitat doesn't peak your interest, being able to put food on the table should.



Between the loss of habitat, use of pesticides, insect disease, and crops designed to kill insects, pollinators are declining. While this may seem like a daunting national challenge to try and tackle, steps are being taken locally to bring the message to communities— all the way to individual yards.

At the local level, the State of Minnesota has provided the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) funding to develop the “Lawns to Legumes” program that focuses on planting residential lawns with native vegetation and pollinator-friendly plants. The goal of this pilot program is to offer cost-share, technical assistance, and planting guides to eligible Minnesota residents to install pollinator-friendly native plantings in their yard. By turning the urban lawn desert into small pockets of pollinator friendly gardens, there will be an overall positive impact for these important species.

For more information or if you are interested in creating your own pollinator garden, please visit the City's Pollinator's website at [savmn.com/208/Pollinators](http://savmn.com/208/Pollinators)

# CITY PLANNING

## Planning And Zoning: 2040 Comprehensive Plan Adopted

By Stephen Grittman, City Planner

After a two-year process of research, community engagement, and local work-sessions, and another year of coordination with Met Council staff and officials to finalize the document (not to mention a few months of COVID-19-related delays), the St. Anthony 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been approved and adopted. The Plan lays out the community's vision and development (or redevelopment) plan for the next 20 years, with a particular focus on the next five and 10 year periods for more specific implementation strategies.

After an introduction, the plan contains chapters on the following topics: Community Visions and Goals; Community Profile; Land Use; Housing; Transportation; Sanitary Sewer; Water Supply; Sustainability; and finally, Implementation. It is a lengthy and critical document that guides the community's development patterns to maintain the Village's tradition of and expectations for high levels of public services. The recommendations of Chapter 10, the Implementation Chapter is also woven into St. Anthony's annual goal-setting process, along with serving as a guide for much of the work program for the Planning Commission and other public bodies.

### Redevelopment of the former Walmart site

One of the most noticeable objectives of the Plan is already in action—the redevelopment of the former Walmart property into high-density multiple family housing. The redevelopment of this site was cited in the plan (reinforced by extensive community comments and surveys) as a major objective. The conversion of the 13-acre site from commercial to residential will provide additional customer traffic for the commercial neighborhood, and remove a highly visible vacant parcel from the public eye. The developers are aiming at a 2021 first-phase opening.

### Affordable housing needs

Other goals include finding opportunities for affordable housing to address this pressing metro-wide need. St. Anthony utilizes the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan to shape the community's support for affordability in a variety of ways—an effort that is already active and ongoing. The Housing Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan lays out several approaches to this issue.

### Continuous process evaluation and implementation

There will be a series of studies that re-examine St. Anthony's zoning ordinance and map—the most common implementation tool for development and redevelopment management. These studies will range from detailed performance standards to more significant changes to zoning district land uses and opportunities. All of these will be a part of a continuous process of implementation until the next update is due, prior to 2030.

You can access the 2040 Comprehensive plan on the City's website at: [savmn.com/DocumentCenter/View/979/St-Anthony-2040-Comprehensive-Plan](http://savmn.com/DocumentCenter/View/979/St-Anthony-2040-Comprehensive-Plan). Please reach out to City Planner Steve Grittman at [planner@savmn.com](mailto:planner@savmn.com) with any comments or questions.



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**2040** COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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# FINANCE

## Our Commitment To Residents, Customers

By Devin Willi, Accounting Specialist, Finance Department



The COVID-19 pandemic has substantially impacted all of our lives. Businesses and citizens are adapting to what we now call, a “new normal.” In response, the City of St. Anthony’s finance team has transformed how they manage their daily operations. With a continuing goal of excellent customer service, the City learned how to quickly adapt and balance the welfare of customers and employees with timely and effective responses, and to citizen concerns and questions.

With the rise of COVID-19 cases in early March, a plan was developed to have finance personnel rotate their work schedules with one person housed at City Hall and one person telecommuting from home. This adapted schedule reduced the potential of two employees with the same vital knowledge base of becoming ill at the same time. It also provided an additional layer of exposure prevention for staff and residents.

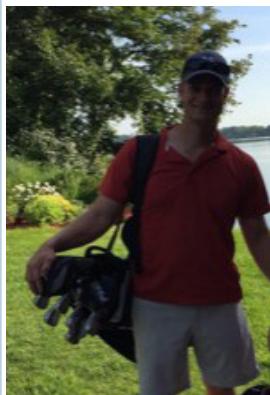
During a two-week period when City offices were temporarily closed, nearly all employees worked from home. During this time, the front office area was modified to reduce the risk of air borne transmission by installing glass and plexiglass dividers at the front-counter and at work stations.

And, with the City’s continued investment in technology, telecommuting staff received the necessary tools to function from home. This was coordinated via the City’s IT service, Metro-INET, a consortium of over 40 metro cities sharing IT infrastructure and staffing.

Mero-INET provided the ability for phones to send voice message transcripts to email, allowing for a quicker response to residents, vendors and contractors. Utility billing questions, building permit requests, accounts payable and receivable inquiries, and zoning issues were addressed quickly and customers likely did not know that employees were telecommuting. Payroll, accounting functions and audit preparation continued without interruption.

As the City of St. Anthony begins to slowly re-open, staff have learned valuable lessons from telecommuting and how to effectively and promptly address resident needs and concerns from a non-City Hall setting. All finance staff are technologically prepared (and practiced) to work from home. In the event that the City and its residents are impacted by unforeseen events, staff are ready and committed to continue to provide excellent customer service, whether from City Hall’s newly renovated and safety-focused service window, or from their home office.

## Continued from page 10— ‘Behind the Badge’: Get To Know Your Police Officers



This is Jon! Or Jonathan.... either or, he answers to both! 13 years ago, this guy came to the Village to serve! Grew up in Belle Plaine, educated at Winona State, and voted “SAPD’s most likely to spill his coffee at Roll Call”, Jon is now

a Dad, a Cop, and a Golfer. Jon teaches DARE as well!

Jon did an internship in Denver, CO with their Police Department, and also volunteered at Jordan PD, and was Water Patrol in Winona County during college.

Once the snow is gone (which might be March, might be June), Jon can be found on the links, being an avid golfer.



This is Jim. If you don’t know Jim, you can’t miss him. He’s literally the tallest person we know.... Jim actually had a booming career with Coca-Cola, and took a pay cut to follow his dream to be a Police Officer, coming to us in 2005.

Jim attended Augsburg College, and was a natural at Basketball. Jim was eventually inducted into the Augsburg College Athletic Hall of Fame. He’s also the 3rd tallest Law Enforcement Officer Ever (maybe, we don’t actually know), towering at 6’10” tall. What he lacks in taste in Pro Sports following, he makes up for in being a dedicated father, husband, and coach to his kids’ athletics. He can be found driving baseline in his off time, and yelling “Go-Pack-Go” during the NFL season.



Mike lives a life of service, with over 12 years in the Minnesota Army National Guard! Mike started volunteering with SAPD in 2014, and hasn’t looked back!

Having married his high school sweetheart, McCall, together they are raising their daughter Hazel, and are now a family of FIVE, because fur babies count too! Sarge and Louie are the Adorable Daschunds featured, and Mike is the Current sitting President of the SAPD Wiener Dog Fan Club. He’s also outdoors when he’s not with his family, or telling Dad Jokes! Mike is also the worlds Okayest chicken wing critic.... Shepherd Dogs in less than 5 years!!



Some members of our “SAPD Family” are actually “Family”. Meet Shane and Brandon, father and son. Shane and Brandon started 22 years apart, but couldn’t be more alike. They both enjoy softball, water skiing, being out on the water on a hot summer day, and dogs! You’d never guess that they were related! Shane has never overpaid for anything in his life, EVER. Brandon’s witty humor is far beyond his years, and that isn’t very hard to do. These two both started as Reserve Officers, Shane with Columbia Heights, Brandon here in St. Anthony. Brandon is engaged to be married this fall to his fiance Heather. Shane and Sarah married years ago, but are still madly in love to this day!

# MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

## High-Quality Service, Contributing Since 1948

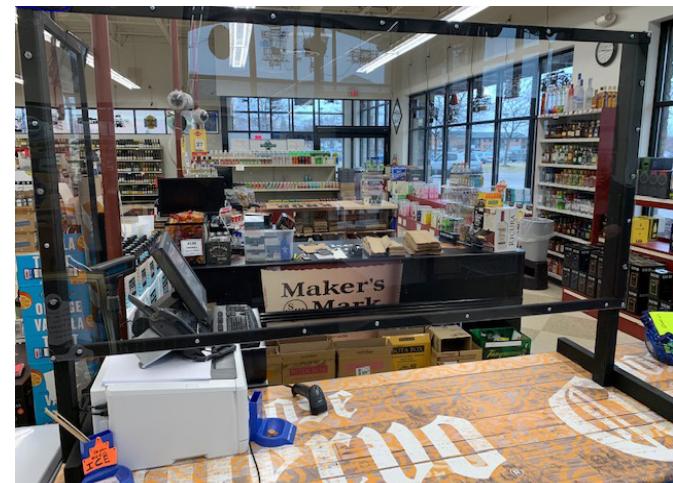
by Mike Larson, Municipal Liquor Store Operations Manager

Recently, our stores have undergone major changes to safeguard staff and customers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We have reduced days and hours of operation to decrease exposure time for staff, limited the number of customers in the store at one time, installed Plexiglas barriers, applied social distancing guidelines for customers while shopping and standing in line at the registers, implemented sanitizing procedures, and developed protocols to ensure safety precautions for staff and customers. In addition, we cancelled our summer sampling events until conditions allow us to once again host large gatherings.

Updates regarding changes to our store hours and days of operation can be found on the City website at [savmn.com](http://savmn.com). Go to the “Departments” tab and St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits.

Residents can also sign up for automatic push notifications to receive email and text alerts regarding announcements, events, and sale items at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits. You can also stay up-to-date via social media by following and liking us on Facebook and Twitter. Of course, you can always stop in and see us in person too!

We look forward to serving our customers and St. Anthony Village where 100% of our profit enriches the community. Please contact me if we can assist you with anything that would provide a better shopping experience for you and neighbors. I can be reached at (612) 782-3455 or [mike.larson@savmn.com](mailto:mike.larson@savmn.com). Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you!



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Help Keep Our Bodies of Water Clean

by Jeremy Gunke, Public Works Superintendent

Did you know that storm drains are connected directly to rivers, lakes, and streams? Debris left in the street and on the sidewalks, such as turf grass clippings and leaves will ultimately wash into storm drains and flow into our bodies of water. Grass and leaves contain phosphorus, a chemical element that encourages algae growth, ultimately turning our rivers, lakes, and streams green in color and scummy. Certain types of algae can contain toxins, but more commonly can suppress the oxygen supply in water. We can protect our bodies of water by preventing this debris from entering the storm water drainage system. Here are a few things you can do to help keep our water bodies clean:

- Direct clippings away from hard surfaces. If clippings are left on hard surfaces, rain will wash them into the storm drain and they will flow into our water bodies.
- Clean up clippings that land on hard surfaces. Sweep or blow them back onto the turf, collect for composting, or bag and dispose of in designated yard waste receptacles.
- Leave clippings on the turf. Grass clippings left on the turf will break down and act as a round of fertilizer, promoting thick and healthy growth.
- Rake or mulch leaves: Leaves that are left to blow through the City may end up in storm drains and are then deposited into our water bodies.

For more information on storm water management or turf grass maintenance, contact the Public Works Department at 612-782-3441.

## Annual Water Quality Report

As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the City of St. Anthony monitors it's drinking water and is issuing the results for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. St. Anthony is proud to report that no contaminants were detected at levels

that violated state and federal drinking water standards. Visit [www.savmn.com](http://www.savmn.com) and visit the Public Works Water & Sewer page to view the City's annual water report, which includes information on the monitoring of St. Anthony's drinking water in 2018. Please review the report, and if you have questions, contact Jay Hartman, Public Works Director, 612-782-3314 or send an email to [jay.hartman@savmn.com](mailto:jay.hartman@savmn.com)

## Illicit Discharge

As an Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community, St. Anthony regulates non-stormwater discharges to the storm drainage system. City Code Chapter 50: Storm Water and Sanitary Sewers, Section 50.30 – Illicit Discharge and Connection contains enforcement actions the City can take in the event an illicit discharge occurs. If discovered, please contact the City at 612-782-3301. Sources of Illicit Discharge:

- Sanitary wastewater
- Sediment from construction site runoff
- Landscape waste
- Paints, solvents
- Used oil, radiator flushing, grease
- Cleaning products
- Spills from accidents
- Improper disposal of household toxics
- Laundry wastewaters
- Illegal connections to the storm sewer system
- Commercial car wash wastewater

# COMMUNITY

## Chamber of Commerce Updates

The St Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce has a mission of strengthening the community through business growth, development, and promotion. Over the past year, the SA Chamber continued to grow and welcome new members. Our many activities over the year included our Annual Meeting where the honors for Villager of the Year & Outstanding Business of the Year were presented; Annual Golf Tournament; Candidate Debate; numerous Coffee with the Chamber/City Officials, Lunch & Learns, and more. Currently, we are holding monthly events – open to all – via Zoom. Please contact Kelly Salseg, Chamber Executive Director, at [executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org](mailto:executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org) , or visit our website <https://saintanthonychamber.org/> for further information.

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## A Historical Pandemic

Our lives have been altered by this devastating and widespread pandemic. Yet, thankfully, we hear stories of people stepping up to provide for others and to help us overcome. Sometimes, this has come with people sharing their special talents and abilities. Sometimes this has come in showing our gratitude for the efforts of others as we all work to get through this. This year, there had been plans in the works to have a short commemorative ceremony at our St. Anthony Area Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day. Those plans were halted, but maybe you were able to hear a touching moment as, our own, Carol Jensen played “Taps” at the Memorial on Memorial Day. Thank you for providing a bright moment for us all, Carol, as we remember those who served to care for all of us. Carol was one of over ten thousand trumpeters who played as part of the Taps Across America event. Do you have any personal 1918 Pandemic stories that you would like to share with us? As we deal with our own current pandemic, it would be interesting to hear of what our parents or grandparents dealt with and how they survived their life altering changes in 1918. Also, keep your own memoirs to pass on to your kids, and future historians, as we make history ourselves. Barry Tedlund, St. Anthony Village Historical Society. [b.tedlund@gmail.com](mailto:b.tedlund@gmail.com)

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## St. Anthony Sister City News

The St. Anthony Sister City Association organized a Finnish Spouse/Partner carrying contest as a part of the second annual Winterfest on March 7th. Top finishers received prizes and fun was had by all. Hopefully this can become an annual event. Due to COVID, the Adult 50+ Exchange with visitors from Salo, Finland that had been scheduled for this summer has been postponed to next year. We still have openings for home stay hosts for the summer of 2021. As a host you will be opening your home, providing a bed and meals and sharing your everyday life. This is wonderful opportunity to make new, international friends in the true spirit of the Sister City International mission of making the world smaller through citizen diplomacy. For more information about hosting in 2021 or the St. Anthony Sister City Association, contact us at [saintanthonyssistercity@gmail.com](mailto:saintanthonyssistercity@gmail.com), visit the City of St. Anthony web site or look for us on [Facebook@StAnthonySisterCity](https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonySisterCity).

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## Canceled: 2020 Salo Park Summer Concert Series

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Salo Park Summer Concert Series has been canceled. We want to thank all the community members who have attended our Thursday evening concerts and the local organizations and businesses that have sponsored them. We look forward to seeing you all next summer. Thank you, Linda Foster.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

- July 3: Independence Day - City offices closed
- July 14: City Council Meeting
- July 18: Cardboard Recycling Event
- July 21: Planning Commission Meeting
- July 28: City Council Meeting

### AUGUST

- Aug. 11: Primary Election
- Aug. 11: City Council Meeting
- Aug. 18: Planning Commission Meeting
- Aug. 25: City Council Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 7: Labor Day- City offices closed
- Sept. 8: City Council Meeting
- Sept 12: Clean-up Day Event
- Sept. 14: Parks & Environmental Commission Meeting
- Sept. 15: Planning Commission Meeting
- Sept 22: City Council Meeting

To request special accommodations or alternative formats for City meetings, please contact the City Clerk:  
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St. Anthony Village High School	.....	612-706-1100