

Village NOTES

“A Village in the City”

Fall 2020

Facing Change, Together

by Mayor Randy Stille

The only certainty is change, and right now, that is never more evident. As conventional wisdom says, the only thing that we can control during change is how we act, and how we respond.

We have been experiencing insurmountable amounts of change for quite some time. Some of the recent changes have been unseen, such as COVID-19, and others growing in intensity due to inequality, resulting in a rising racial tension across the globe. Yet these changes create opportunities to listen more, build awareness and understanding, prepare for additional challenges, and come together as a community.

Our City staff is learning to face change and its challenges in more manageable and effective steps. By taking on change—from one day, one week, and one month at a time—staff are fulfilling St. Anthony’s mission of promoting continuous improvement. I ask that we too, as residents, use the same approach as we seek to improve our thriving community. Our actions and responses need to promote community. Whatever we do, say, or post on social media, we need to continually ask ourselves, *are we promoting and strengthening our community? Are we looking out for our neighbors? Are we deepening our relationships? Are our actions hurtful, equitable and/or helpful?*

An integral part in making St. Anthony a strong community is the work done by our City staff. A little kindness and a simple “thank you” goes a long way to encourage our administrative personnel, paid- and on-call volunteer firefighters, public works employees, volunteer election judges, liquor operations staff, and police officers. All of these individuals play an essential part in promoting our Village.

I want to extend a personal thank you to former City Manager, Mark Casey, for being an outstanding and steadfast leader. I am saddened that Mark has left St. Anthony to work in the private sector. Mark was an outstanding city manager. He thoroughly understood governance and gave himself to this community. Recognized by his peers for having won the City Manager of the Year award, Mark will be sorely missed. Yet, we will move forward and embrace this change as we search for our next city manager.

I also want to thank all St. Anthony Village residents for your ongoing support and encouragement as we strive to work together to promote and improve upon our resilient and thriving community

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CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

Familiarity and Consistency During Times of Change

by Charlie Yunker, Interim City Manager

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have said farewell to our City Manager Mark Casey, who is moving on to his next chapter. On behalf of all City staff, we want to thank Mark for his dedication to St. Anthony and the support and steadfast leadership he has shown all of us over the years. Thank you, Mark— we wish you all the best!

The City Council has entrusted me to serve as Interim City Manager during the search process for our next City Manager. In this role I will ensure that City services continue to be delivered with the same high level of dedication and consistency that residents have come to know and expect.

During this time of change, our City personnel will undoubtedly experience some uncertainty. They will look for the comforts of familiarity, regularity, and routine. I believe there will be steadiness in routine with day-to-day work, now and in the coming months.

Regular City operations will continue as expected: public safety personnel will respond to emergencies; public works staff will keep the water flowing; City employees will continue to provide answers to your questions; and when the snow falls once more, our streets and sidewalks will be cleared.

Change is a natural and expected part of organizational growth; I have no doubt everyone will embrace it with acceptance and excellence. Here's to looking forward— continually learning and evolving, and offering the very best to our residents and businesses of St. Anthony Village.



Elections 2020

by Nicole Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator

The City of St. Anthony's COVID -19 Response Guide outlines safety guidelines and process changes for voters and election judges. Residents that voted in-person during the August Primary Election would have noticed additional safety measures, such as face coverings, plexiglass dividers, available hand sanitizer, social distancing markers, and frequent sanitation of high-touch surfaces. We will continue to implement these safety methods during the General Election this November.

Absentee voting

All Minnesota registered voters are eligible to vote by mail. You do not need to provide a reason to vote absentee. You can now request your ballot for the upcoming General Election by visiting sos.state.mn.us. Track your absentee ballot via the MN Secretary of State's absentee ballot tracker at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx.



Upcoming important dates to remember

- Presidential Election, Nov. 3
- Voting absentee at City Hall begins Sept. 18
- Register in-advance by Oct. 13 to save time on election day

Election information and important updates are available at savmn.com/elections.

Spirit of St. Anthony Award

This award is intended to give employees an opportunity to honor their peers for their accomplishments. This peer-nominated award goes to the employee who demonstrates the characteristics of S.E.R.V.I.C.E., which stands for support, effective, responsible, visionary, innovative, courteous, and exemplary.

It is our honor to present the 2019 Spirit of St. Anthony Award to Officer Jonathan Schlingman.

Jonathan has been a police officer with the City of St. Anthony for 13 years. He has been the Dare Officer for seven of those years. He has also been a Community Engagement Officer and the School Resource Officer.



When his peers describe him, they say he is always very professional, dependable, approachable and always goes above and beyond. He is known not to complain and he always has a smile on his face. One of his peers quoted "he is a great co-worker, friend and parent".

Congratulations Officer Schlingman, for your dedication and a job well done!



COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL

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

October 19, 2020-7:00 PM
Join via Zoom meeting
(link on website calendar)

November 21, 2020-9:00 AM
Join via Zoom meeting
(link on website calendar)



FINANCE

2020 CARES Act Funding

by Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director

Gov. Tim Walz announced on June 25, a plan to distribute a portion of Minnesota's allocation of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), to support local government's COVID-19 relief efforts. The plan provides funds for expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency.

St. Anthony's CARES Act funding is expected to be used in following areas:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitizers, and similar supplies.
- Modifications to facilities for social distancing and protective barriers.
- Modifications to facilities HVAC systems to provide an ionization process which eliminates viruses from the air exchange.
- New technology that will allow for contact-free processing of licenses & permits, and curbside pick-up at our two municipal liquor stores.
- Computer equipment to allow greater efficiency for employees while working remotely.
- Employment costs that help reduce employee exposure to COVID-19.
- Public safety costs in a COVID-19 environment.
- Staff will explore the eligibility of providing funds for Community Services and Northeast Youth & Family Services.

CARES Act funding covers expenditures incurred from March 1 to Nov. 15, 2020.



CITY COMMISSION OPPORTUNITIES

The City of St. Anthony is seeking applicants for the Planning Commission.

The **Planning Commission** will have two seats available beginning January 1, 2021. This is a paid per meeting governing body which makes recommendations to the City Council on planning issues, such as variances, conditional use requests, zoning issues, etc. This commission meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Commission, you can complete a Commission Application form that is available on our website at savmn.com or you can pick one up at City Hall. **The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, Nov. 13, 2020.**

Please return the completed application form to:

Administrative Services Coordinator, Nicole Miller
City of St. Anthony
3301 Silver Lake Road
St. Anthony, MN 55418
or email: nicole.miller@savmn.com

SUSTAINABILITY

Get recycling tips and more

Want to know more about waste, recycling, energy and other environmental health issues in Ramsey County? Sign up to receive Green Ramsey, a monthly e-newsletter produced by Ramsey County's Environmental Health Division.



Just visit RamseyCounty.us and search “Green Ramsey”. Once you’re on the Green Ramsey web page, click on the red envelope to sign up.

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 accepted items, and informative how-to videos.

Visit savmn.com/422/Food-Scraps-Collection-organics-recycling to learn more.



1

Pick up a free compostable bag from a county yard waste site or 24/7 drop-off site.



2

Place food scraps into a compostable bag inside a bin. Any leak-proof bin will do.



3

Bring your compostable bag to a yard waste collection site or 24/7 drop-off site. For hours and locations, visit RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps.



Important reminders to help keep our storm drains clear of debris, pollutants

by Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Superintendent

Yard debris, such as trash, leaves and pet waste have negative effects on the health of local waterways. Street and yard flooding, litter “dams,” and algae growth can occur when leaves block or enter the storm drain. When it rains, pet waste can be washed into the storm drain and into area streams, rivers, and lakes polluting the water, using up dissolved oxygen that harms aquatic life with high levels of nitrogen and bacteria.

To combat such consequences, keep leaves and yard debris out of the storm drains. Raking, bagging, or composting are easy alternatives for keeping the leaves off the ground and out of the storm drain. The purpose of the storm drain, or also called a catch basin, is to collect the rain water and melted snow—not leaves, trash, or other pollutants.

Please do the following to keep our storm drains clear and our water bodies clean:

- Always remember to pick up after your pet.
- Clean up your leaves and yard debris.
- Check with your refuse hauler to learn when leaves will be collected and how they should be stored (bagging, placement, etc.) and only place leaves and yard debris out at the designated time.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street where they can be washed into the storm drain.
- Consider using the leaves as mulch, mowing over them and leaving the finely-chopped debris on your yard.
- If you choose to compost your leaves, contain your compost in a bin.
- Never dump leaves or yard debris into ditches, streams, or other waterways.

Yard Waste Site

Ramsey County operates seven yard waste collection sites. All sites are free and open to all St. Anthony residents.

Arden Hills location
3530 Hudson Ave

Whats accepted and available:

- leaves, grass and garden waste
- branches, trees and shrubs (no stumps with roots)
- food scraps
- Available: wood mulch
- out of compost for the season



For more information visit [RamseyCounty /residents/recycling-waste/collection-sites/yard-waste](https://www.ramseycounty.com/residents/recycling-waste/collection-sites/yard-waste)

April - November

Monday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday: closed

Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday: closed

Friday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

December - March

Monday - Friday: closed

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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.

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- Public safety alerts.
- News Flash important messages.
- Calendar notifications.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Update From Police Chief Mangseth

The St. Anthony Police Department (PD) is committed to community building and increasing both public trust and department transparency. The following includes specific ways in which we are implementing policies and procedures to meet department goals.

Body-worn cameras

After reviewing available research, I am encouraged by the positive effects that a body-worn camera (BWC) policy has on community relations and reducing use-of-force interactions and officer complaints. Our officers initially requested and continue to support BWC.

Use of Force policy, procedures

Per Policy # 300.9 – Reporting the Use of Force, any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report, depending on the nature of the incident. The officer should articulate the factors perceived and why she/he believed the use of force was reasonable under the circumstances.

To collect data for purposes of training, resource allocation, analysis and related purposes, the PD may require the completion of additional report forms, as specified in department policy, procedure or law.

In an incident where an officer is required to report use of force the officer shall complete the following:

- Marking the incident as “Use of Force” within the Record Management System details.
- In the Record Management System, a Response to Resistance (RTR) form.
- A detailed incident report, called a narrative report, detailing all factors that were known to the officer prior and during use of each force taken.

Per Department Policy # 300.9.1 – Notification to Supervisors, the supervisory/officer in charge shall be notified as soon as practicable following the application of force in any of the following circumstances:

- The application caused a visible injury.
- The application would lead a reasonable officer to conclude that the individual may have experienced more than momentary discomfort.
- The individual subjected to the force complained of injury or continuing pain.
- The individual indicates intent to pursue litigation.
- Any application of an Electronic Control Device (ECD) or control device.
- Any application of a restraint device other than handcuffs, shackles or belly chains.



- The individual subjected to the force was rendered unconscious.
- An individual was struck or kicked.
- An individual alleges any of the above has occurred.

Notification to a supervisor/officer in charge is not required when force options include officer presence, verbal communication, handcuffing and/or any soft-hand technique that does not result in injury to the individual or officer.

Per Department Policy #300.10.1 - Supervisor Review, a timely supervisor review is required following every reported use of force incident. All police officers are required to document any use-of-force and de-escalation used in their reporting.

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Annual use-of-force training, agency compliance and audits

Our department provides all police officers with annual training in use-of-force, which involves a thorough review of Federal and State law, local ordinances, case law, and department policy. Similar reviews take place periodically, throughout the calendar year, at the discretion of patrol supervisors. Additionally, the Minnesota P.O.S.T. Board mandates yearly training for each active peace officer. Training records must be maintained by the employing agency which documents compliance. Instruction must be based on learning objectives developed by the P.O.S.T. Board, and reflected in the agency's policy. Yearly audits are completed by the P.O.S.T. Board to assure agency compliance.

De-escalation training

All of our officers receive on-going training founded in evidence-based de-escalation training. Officers will focus on Crisis Intervention Team Training (C.I.T.), and Integrating Communications, Assessment, and

Tactics (I.C.A.T). All officers complete annual training in Procedural Justice and Fair and Impartial Policing. Research suggests that by increasing public cooperation, the procedural approach to community interaction may enhance the safety of both law enforcement officers and the communities we serve.

As a former nationally certified use-of-force and defensive tactics instructor for this agency, I affirm that throughout my 25-plus year career with the St. Anthony PD, we have always mandated that officer's document all use of force and subsequent de-escalation tactics.

St. Anthony PD policy manual is available online In the spirit of community building and increasing public trust and transparency, we have made our entire 1,255-page policy manual available to the public. To review this document, please visit <https://savmn.com/415/Transparency-Data-Sharing> and select policy manual.



Recreational Fire Safety: Important Rules and Reminders

by Mark Sitarz, Fire Chief

Recreational fires provide a great opportunity for family and friends to sit together, catch up on new things, and relax. Before planning your next get-together around the firepit, make sure you have obtained a permit, understand and follow the safety rules, and show common courtesy towards your neighbors.

Burning items such as leaves, brush or construction debris is prohibited. These items can create a considerable amount of smoke and an unpleasant odor when burned. Use only clean, dry wood in your recreational fire.

The City of St. Anthony requires a permit to have recreational fires. To acquire a free permit, go to savmn.com/RecreationalFires to complete an online application.

Permit holders need to abide by the following rules:

- A fire must be limited to 3 feet in diameter and a 3 foot high flame.
- Only unpainted and untreated dry wood or charcoal may be burned. No construction debris, household materials, leaves or grass are allowed.
- Smoke must not extend beyond the property line.
- A garden hose or adequate fire extinguisher must be on site.
- A responsible adult must be on site until fire is extinguished.
- Fire must be extinguished before leaving the site.
- Fire shall never be left unattended.
- Ashes and coals should not be allowed to smolder.
- Fire should be in an adequate fire ring, raised fire pit, or other approved containment system.
- Recreational fires shall not be closer than 25 feet from any structure, including decks.
- No burning when the Air Quality Index is greater than 50.
- No burning when the wind speed is greater than 20 miles per hour.
- Recreational fires are allowed for food preparation.
- Hours for campfires:
 - Sunday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
 - Friday, Saturday and holidays, from 9 a.m. to midnight.
- When conditions are extremely dry, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) can impose a burning ban which means recreational fires are not allowed in certain areas due to an increased fire risk.

Enjoy your time around the campfire by following the above rules, be safe, and show consideration to those around you.



Stay tuned and watch for information on when Santa will be strolling through St. Anthony on a fire truck at savmn.com!

CITY PROJECT UPDATES

2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project

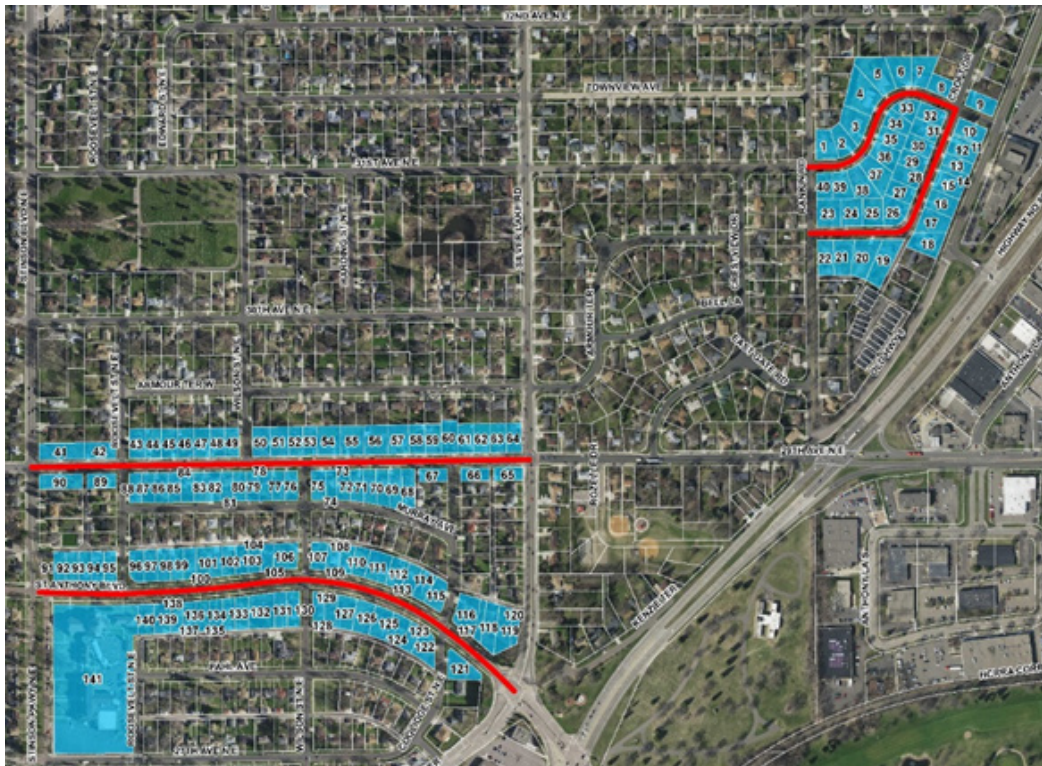
Preparation of plans and specifications are underway for the 2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project. Improvements identified for 2021 consist of reconstructing the following roadways:

- Skycroft Drive from 33rd Avenue to 32nd Avenue
- Croft Drive from 33rd Avenue to 32nd Avenue

Proposed utility improvements include sanitary sewer and water main replacement including individual services to the right-of-way boundary and replacement of all hydrants, water valves, and manholes that do not meet current City standards, as well as new storm sewer and catch basins.

The bituminous mill and overlay of the following roadways are also identified to be included with the 2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project (illustrated below). Improvements are proposed to be completed in 2022.

31st Avenue from Rankin Road to Old Hwy 8
 Croft Drive from Rankin Road to 31st Avenue
 29th Avenue from Stinson Boulevard to Silver Lake Road
 St. Anthony Boulevard from Stinson Boulevard to Kenzie Terrace



2020 Street And Utility Improvement Project

The 2020 Street and Utility Improvement Project is nearing completion. The Contractor has substantially completed the street reconstruction and utility replacements. Restoration and clean-up will continue this fall. The contractor will return in the spring to complete any final turf establishment and place the final layer of asphalt pavement. The bituminous mill and overlay of Silver Lane from Stinson Boulevard to Silver Lake Road is identified to be completed with the final layer of asphalt in 2021.

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.



County Road C Reconstruction

Improvements along County Road C (29th Avenue NE) from Highway 88 to Long Lake Road have been completed. Improvements included removal and replacement of the City's watermain and sanitary sewer system, installation of storm sewer, roadway paving (concrete), and installation of a new bituminous trail and concrete walk.



Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School programs improve safety, reduce traffic, and improve air quality near schools through a multidisciplinary approach that is structured around the 5 E's: Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement, and Evaluation.

- **Education:** Programs design to teach children (and their parents) bicycle, pedestrian and traffic safety, the benefits of bicycling and walking, the best routes to get to school, and the positive impacts these activities have on personal health and the environment.
- **Encouragement:** Programs that enhance interest in both parents and students in walking and biking to school.
- **Engineering:** Infrastructure improvements (signage, crosswalks, signals, etc.) designed to improve the safety of people walking, bicycling, and driving along school routes.
- **Enforcement:** Strategies to improve behavior of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians and to encourage all road users to obey traffic laws and share the road safely around schools.
- **Evaluation:** Strategies to help understand program effectiveness, identify improvements and ensure program sustainability.

The Safe Routes to School program supports the City of St. Anthony Village's mission to be a progressive and welcoming Village, that is walkable, sustainable and safe. Improvements to be completed in 2020 include installing driver feedback signs and school zone crossings on County Road D to Wilshire Elementary and install flashing stop signs and updated pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Rankin Road and 33rd Avenue to St. Anthony Village Middle School and High School to provide students a safe, comfortable, and convenient opportunity to walk and bike to school.

City-Wide Speed Limit

by, Justin Messner, City Engineer

Minnesota State Legislature passed a bill in May 2019 granting cities the authority to adopt a reduced speed limit of 25 mph on residential roadways under their jurisdiction. County and state roads are not included in this authority. This went into effect Aug.1, 2019.

Lower speed limits are in line with national trends toward lower urban speed limits to support safety. In the spring of 2020, the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul announced they were lowering speed limits to 20 mph on residential roadways and 25 mph for larger collector roads (low-to-moderate-capacity roads which serve to move traffic from local streets to arterial roads) and arterial roadways (high-capacity urban roads), stating as follows:

“Slower speeds on our streets make travel safer for everyone no matter how they get around. Lower traffic speeds also reduce the likelihood of a crash and make a crash less likely to lead to death or a life-changing injury. A person hit at 35 mph is three times as likely to die as someone hit at 25 mph”.

Previously, the speed limit on most streets owned by St. Anthony Village was 30 mph—the statutory urban speed limit set by the Minnesota State Legislature prior to Aug.1, 2019. In the spring of 2020, the City Council held three separate council meetings to discuss lowering the speed of all St. Anthony local roadways. And, on June 23, 2020, the St. Anthony City Council adopted a plan to implement lower speed limits of 25 mph to city-owned roads to increase pedestrian safety and support our mission to be a progressive and welcoming Village that is walkable, sustainable and safe.



CITY PLANNING

Accessory Buildings and Code Updates

By Stephen Grittman, City Planner

There is one zoning issue that comes up regularly across many communities— accessory buildings. What exactly is an accessory building? It is a smaller structure on a parcel of land that serves both subordinate and supportive purposes to the principal building. For example, in a single-family zoning district, a single family home is the principal building (primary intended use of the property), and any other smaller structures are accessory buildings, such as a structure that provides vehicle parking, recreational use such as a gazebo, or a utility purpose like a tool/garden shed.

St. Anthony Village's zoning ordinance addresses accessory buildings and their uses in a variety of ways. Accessory building regulations are designed to do the following:

- Maintain open green space that the community values in its residential areas.
- Allow residents to store items inside a building when their garage is not large enough.
- Minimize the clutter on residential lots.
- Protect neighbors from what can be less attractive aspects of residential land use.

Over the years, interest in accessory building usage has continued to evolve. As a fully developed community, St. Anthony's residential lots have seen quite a bit of transition. From a community where automobile ownership was once limited, the City has seen an increase in need for additional car storage and parking, more recreational and lawn maintenance equipment protection, new requirements due to environmental issues, and home construction and design resulting in substantial remodeling projects to existing housing.

Late 2020: updates to residential accessory building standards

As things have changed, so have St. Anthony's zoning. But those changes occurred over a long span and were prompted by diverse needs and issues. As a result, the changes haven't always been in-sync with prior code or requirements. This fall (after picking up due to a long COVID-19-reinforced layoff), the Planning Commission will be considering some comprehensive updates to the City's residential accessory building standards. The hope is the update will encourage continued reinvestment in residential housing, address contemporary issues, and provide an easier path for residents and the City to understand and apply the requirements to individual properties. Please keep an eye out for new accessory building code language later this year!



Mental Health During Times of Crisis

By, Officer Jim South

COVID-19 has changed all of our lives and the way we go about our daily business. We are home more often, which is nice for family time and togetherness, but it can also make things more stressful for everyone.

This is especially true for our children as they try to adjust to a new “normal” way of life. Kids are very adaptable, but can become stressed. They need socialization and are often missing out on time with friends during this global pandemic. As our kids prepare to go back to school in new and different ways, it is imperative that we pay attention to their mental health needs.

We need to be continually aware of signs that children are struggling with their mental health. Children can become distant, non-social, angry, scared, upset, confused- the list goes on. Though these may be behaviors or emotions that we see on a regular basis, some could be newly developed, evolving and growing in intensity. It is important to check in with our children during these stressful times. Remain open and honest, and ask questions related to how they are feeling. If we notice that something doesn't seem or feel right, it's important to get our children the assistance they need.

Kids aren't the only ones going through a lot right now. Parents and guardians are experiencing a multitude of stressors from working at home, job loss, canceled vacations, and the unknown of what's to come during COVID-19. These factors can become traumatic events in our lives and cause a potential crisis. We all face situations of crisis— it's how we respond to the crisis that can make a difference. Most of us have the capacity and ability to respond with



resilience and positivity. However, some may have a more difficult time dealing with crises.

It is important to stick together and help each other during times of crisis. We need to take care of ourselves, each other, our families, friends and neighbors. Take note of any signs and symptoms of trauma in the people in your life, such as depression, mood swings, alcohol and/or substance abuse, or unusual behavior. We need to reach out, ask questions and help those that may be struggling.

Look out for our seniors, our vulnerable, and our less fortunate. We need to seek them out, check in on them and offer assistance. If you haven't heard from someone in a while, reach out to them. If you haven't seen a neighbor for quite some time, knock on their door and spend time with them.

As we continue to navigate through COVID-19, we need to stick together! The St. Anthony Police Department takes mental health very seriously. We have many resources for the community, if needed. Simply reach out to anyone in our department to receive help, information, and resources.

MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

High-Quality Service, Contributing Since 1948

by Mike Larson, Municipal Liquor Store Operations Manager

2020 marks 16 years of business at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits in our current locations. Our Silver Lake Village store was the first building constructed in the Silver Lake Village development (Cub Foods was already open) and the Marketplace location was the first business in its current building. Major construction occurred at both locations soon after our grand opening celebrations.

St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits has experienced phenomenal growth in sales over the last 16 years. Residents continue to benefit from our municipal control of alcohol sales and generated revenue for the community.

During the first six months of 2020, our sales and profits have increased significantly. Sales have increased 30% and net profits have increased 64%. These boosts can be attributed to many factors, including COVID-19 and the current retail environment.

We are uncertain what the remainder of 2020 will look like due to how the pandemic can quickly change current conditions. Yet, we will continue to monitor the impact that COVID-19 is having on our stores, along with focusing on the safety of our staff and customers. We will implement additional safety measures, as needed, to continue to provide a safe shopping experience.



Safety enhancements to our store services

We are currently working on incorporating curbside pick-up as an option to help improve safety for our customers. In addition, we are exploring the idea of adding a delivery service option. Inventory control software is currently being developed to allow customers to place on-line orders on our website. Please stay tuned for updates!

Keeping in-line with safety, we know there will need to be adjustments to how our stores function over the holidays. Our regularly scheduled holiday sampling events have been cancelled until COVID-19 conditions improve. Our highest priority is to continue to provide a concierge-level of service in the safest way as possible.

We look forward to serving our customers at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits! Please contact me if we can assist you with anything that would provide a better shopping experience for you and your fellow neighbors. I can be contacted at 612-782-3455 or via email at mike.larson@savmn.com. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you!



PUBLIC WORKS

THIS WINTER, DON'T GET STUCK!

Remember:

- Two inches or more of snowfall, plows are out.
- No parking on any City streets for 48 hours or until streets have been plowed, curb to curb.



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St. Anthony Village Code Enforcement

By, Richard Sonterre, Housing Code Enforcement Officer

The goal of code compliance is to improve the quality of life for St. Anthony Village residents through active education and enforcement of property maintenance standards. Well-maintained properties help to protect property values of homes and businesses in our community.

How is it applied

Successful code compliance methods always begin with education. Our Code Enforcement Officer is out in the community either investigating reported concerns or proactively identifying violations. Most often property owners are unaware they are violating code. A remedy and resolution often occur after simply informing and educating the property owner. However, there still are situations where a property owner cannot or does not choose to remedy a violation. In these cases, providing information on public assistance opportunities can prove beneficial in finding resolution. Unfortunately, legal intervention can become necessary if a solution doesn't occur.

Where can I learn more?

The St. Anthony Village Code of Ordinances is a very thorough collection of rules designed for the overall betterment of the City.

View descriptions of the most common code violations within St. Anthony at savmn.com/commoncodeviolations

COMMUNITY

75th Anniversary

by Barry Tedlund, St. Anthony Village Historical Society

Our 75th Anniversary comes to us amid what needs to be Homebound Hoopla. The official date is November 20th. Celebrations will be nil, but memories many. As a Historical Society, we have been interrupted in our efforts. However, a gifted resident has put together a production that deserves accolades. Susan Scott has provided an insurmountable collection of photos and details of our Village that, for me, stimulates countless memories. It felt like a book called “This was Your Life.” Anyone with ties to this cornerstone community will be thoroughly engaged with Susan’s highly visual presentation. We are still forging ahead with a video documentary and potentially a photo magazine to put more into your hands and for your eyes to enjoy from our archives. In the meantime, I highly recommend a look at Susan’s book “What Makes Saint Anthony Village.” Purchase your book at whisperingbluffs.com.



A Message from Xcel Energy

Xcel Energy continues to take a cautious approach to returning employees to the workplace. While businesses return to normal and some students return to school, our essential workers may have a greater possibility of exposure to COVID-19. We have continued to evolve our plans to bring employees back to the workplace and, for now, many Xcel Energy employees will continue to work remotely to help ensure that we’re keeping essential workers who must be in our facilities safe. If the field, workers have made personal protective gear such as masks and social distancing a part of the normal work day. While we look forward to bringing our teams back together, the safe and reliable delivery of energy is critical. Even during a pandemic, some things never change. In light of recent stories about utility scams, I’d like to share a good resource on how to identify and react to utility scams: consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/07/utility-company-calling-dont-fall-for-it. As we’ve seen in the past, scammers are calling vulnerable populations and targeting businesses at peak times to request immediate payment. Xcel Energy does not call customers demanding payment. Any payment issues would be addressed by us in writing. In addition to helping us spread the word about scams, if you know of someone struggling with their utility bills please encourage them to reach out to Xcel Energy through My Account, the number on their monthly bill or via our website to establish a payment plan.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Oct 13: City Council Meeting
- Oct 20: Planning Commission Meeting
- Oct 27: City Council Meeting

NOVEMBER

- Nov 3: General Election
- Nov 10: City Council Meeting
- Nov 11: Veteran's Day- City offices closed
- Nov 17: Planning Commission Meeting
- Nov 24: City Council Meeting
- Nov 26-27: Thanksgiving Holiday- City offices closed

DECEMBER

- Dec 7: Parks & Environmental Commission Meeting
- Dec 8: City Council Meeting
- Dec 15: Planning Commission Meeting
- Dec 22: City Council Meeting
- Dec 25: Christmas Holiday- City offices closed

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