

Village NOTES

“A Village in the City”

Summer 2021

Welcoming, Engaged and Connected

by Mayor Randy Stille

As I write this, COVID-19 cases are decreasing, vaccinations are increasing, and restrictions are lifting. There's a feeling of hope in the air as I watch our community venturing outside and engaging with neighbors in ways we haven't for the past year and a half.

From adults and kids on walks, bike rides, playing on the fields and splash pads at our parks, playgrounds, and skate park, to the return of the Patriots Marching Band once again practicing on our neighborhood streets—it's a wonderful sight!

As our mission statement guides us, The City of St. Anthony remains committed to developing a welcoming and safe Village for all people. On behalf of our entire City staff, we engage in this journey together as a community.

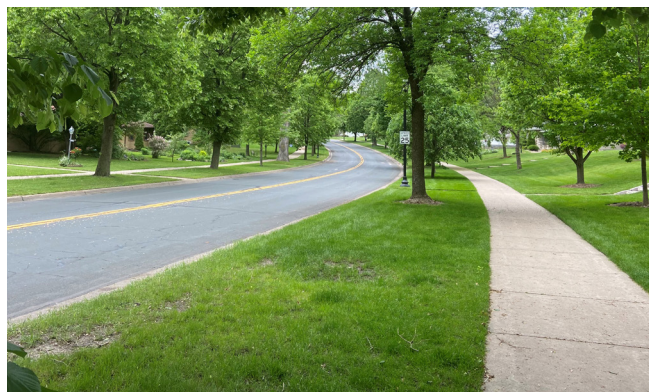
In addition to getting to know our neighbors, on our street or across town, I also invite you to engage with our Council and City staff through opportunities like these:

- When it comes to community engagement, our Police Department is leading the way. They've been recognized for the creative, authentic and consistent ways in which the officers connect with residents; making time to listen, receive and process feedback.
- Thanks to our Public Works staff who hosted a City-wide Clean-Up Day event on Saturday, May 1, greeting community members and unloading items in a safe, COVID-19 friendly way.

- City Council and City leaders will be visiting neighborhoods on Tuesday, Aug. 3 for the annual Night to Unite event. We look forward to seeing everyone!
- Coffee with the Council events have been held via Zoom, with the next one set for 9 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 21. Please join us!
- Our Fire Department is scheduled to once again host its annual Open House this October. This highly-anticipated event includes family-friendly activities, food, fire safety education, and tours of the fire trucks. Hope to see you there!

This summer, take the time to stop and enjoy the sights and sounds of warmer weather and longer days— from outdoor events and games, to family and friends gathering at local parks.

Thank you, Villagers, for your support in making this happen. Here's to a memorable and joyful summer! ■



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CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

A Summer of Activity in Our Village

by Charlie Yunker, City Manager

This summer, we will see three multi-unit housing projects beginning to take shape in our community. Each has their own target market, offering unique housing options for current and new residents.



The Ruby

Doran Properties Group is redeveloping the vacant Walmart site with a two-phase multiple family residential project of approximately 496 dwelling units, called The Ruby. Phase one begins this summer. The Ruby will bring luxury apartments to St. Anthony with many amenities for those that are looking for that kind of lifestyle. Our community has waited patiently for this site to be redeveloped, bringing a much-needed and big change to Silver Lake Village.



The Rise

Interstate Development, along with Belden River Properties, is building a 38-unit multi-family project on the 0.85-acre site at 3725 Stinson Blvd. In contrast to The Ruby, this project offers small units that attract those that don't desire a number of amenities, with a more affordable cost of rent. This modular construction method includes units that are built in a factory and assembled on-site, allowing for less expensive and faster construction.



The Hayden

Development 65 is a builder of senior living in the Twin Cities that is constructing a senior living facility at 2501 Lowry Ave, called The Hayden. This project is a four story, 135-unit senior living facility. Of these 135 senior units, 24 will be memory care, 28 will be assisted living, and 83 independent living. The Hayden will provide another option for older residents who need this type of care and wish to remain in St. Anthony.

All three of these projects will be a place for current residents to move to, while also bringing in new neighbors for all of us to welcome into our Village. For additional information and updates on these projects and others, visit savmn.com/projects. ■



Coffee
with the
Council

Saturday, Aug. 21

9 a.m., via Zoom

savmn.com/CoffeewithCouncil

Jeremy Gumke named St. Anthony's Director of Public Works



It was announced at the May 11, 2021 City Council meeting that Jeremy Gumke has been selected as the new Director of Public Works for the City of St. Anthony. Jeremy has served the City as its Public Works Superintendent since October of 2014, and has led the department for a number of months now. As Director, Jeremy plans to focus on prioritizing technology, sustainability, and maintaining the department's culture of customer service.

"I am proud and privileged to be an employee of the City of St. Anthony, and to serve its residents. Thank you for the opportunity to continue the high level of service that Public Works delivers on a daily basis, and to work amongst such a talented team," said Jeremy.

"Throughout the past number of months, and all throughout the hiring process, Jeremy has demonstrated his professionalism and commitment to the City of St. Anthony. He will bring a balance of institutional knowledge and fresh perspective to the department, and I'm looking forward to working even more closely within the coming years," said City Manager Charlie Yunker.

Besides the day-to-day work of managing the Public Works department, Jeremy will also begin to prepare for staff retirements in the coming years, future enhancements to St. Anthony's park amenities, and the hiring of a new Public Works Superintendent. Congratulations, Jeremy! ■

City's Annual Audit Complete

by Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director

Each year, St. Anthony is audited by an independent audit firm. And this year, as in previous years, the City received an unqualified opinion—commonly known as a "clean opinion." This means that no adjustments were made to the books, and no legal compliance issues were found.

St. Anthony maintains more than 30 governmental funds that track general operations, capital improvements and debt service activities. An allocation of \$683,110 in the federal CARES Act funds is included in the General Fund's Statement of Revenues and Expenses as additional Intergovernmental Revenue. These funds were used for necessary COVID-19 expenditures incurred from March 1 to Nov. 15, 2020.

The City's annual financial statements, annual budget and long-term capital improvement plans provide key financial information for credit rating agencies, such as Standard & Poors (S&P) and Moody's Investors Service. St. Anthony's AA bond rating was affirmed by S&P on April 22, 2021.

The Finance Department works diligently to ensure the annual financial statements present an accurate and complete picture of St. Anthony's financial position. The 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is available on the City's website at savmn.com/budget. ■



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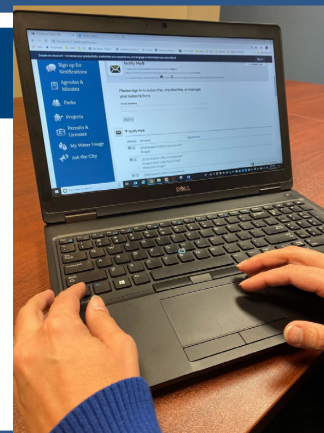
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- Updates on specific subjects.
- Public safety alerts.
- News Flash messages.
- Calendar notifications.



NEW FEATURE:

Receive notifications when meeting packets, such as City Council and commissions, become available.



CURBSIDE BRANCH
CHIPPING
AUG. 23-25

To participate, complete an online form at:
savmn.com/BranchChipping



Reminder: branches must be placed at the curb.
Questions? 612-782-3301

The Public Works Department will be conducting curbside branch chipping for residents.



There will be a charge of \$15 plus applicable sales tax for every 10 minutes of chipping. Charges will be billed on your July 2021 water bill.

Need Code & Permit info?

savmn.com/CommonCodeViolations

- Common code violations.
- Helpful language & visual examples.
- Links to permits if required to remedy a code violation.

savmn.com/PermitsandLicenses

- Project list with required application materials, basic expectations, and do's and don'ts.
- Projects and activities that require a permit, and those that do not.



TUESDAY
AUG. 3, 2021

Learn more & register at:
savmn.com/Night2Unite



VOTING OPTIONS

★ FOR ST. ANTHONY RESIDENTS ★

savmn.com/elections

- 1 VOTE BY MAIL; OR RETURN YOUR BALLOT TO A RAMSEY COUNTY BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATION.
- 2 VOTE IN PERSON AT YOUR PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY.
- 3 VOTE IN-PERSON ABSENTEE AT A RAMSEY COUNTY VOTING LOCATION (46 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION).

Note: in-person absentee voting is no longer available at City Hall.



CITY PLANNING

Changing the Landscape

by Steve Grittman, City Planner



If you're a fan of electric vehicles (EV), it's been an exciting few years as EV makers continue to bring options to the marketplace— Ford is even rolling out its all-electric F-150 pickup. How will this growing EV market impact city planning and zoning? We've been accustomed to gas stations dotting the commercial landscape— we can count on most major street corners having at least one. Not only can we purchase gas, but also convenience store necessities— such as snacks, hot food, or even fresh produce/meat for tonight's dinner. Many will also have a car wash, fill our propane tanks, or sell us a lottery ticket.

And not too long ago, a majority of gas stations were also full-service stations. Not only could you get routine oil changes and engine repairs, but someone would wash your windshield and check your oil, all while filling your gas tank. Nowadays, we are more familiar with self-service gas and convenience stations.

Does this mean that gas stations will begin to transition to EV charging stations?

At least in the short term, no. Due to the time it takes to charge EVs— even on fast chargers— is probably too long to justify making EV stations a regular thing. Most public EV charging is provided in places where longer stays are prominent (shopping center sites, and in some cases coffee shops that get daily traffic). Beyond this, the vast majority of EVs are being charged at home, relying on upgraded electric service where a vehicle can be left for an extended time period, and on a daily/nightly basis.

Perhaps EV charging will advance to just a few minutes in the near future, in which case it is easy to envision gas stations transitioning the types of fuel/power they dispense. If not, what will become of gas stations? They occupy a considerable amount of prime commercial real estate. If gas stations lose their car-service function, this will create interesting land-use and redevelopment challenges in many visible places. And, in regard to planning and zoning, how will these properties change and transform in order to best support consumers and businesses in the ever-changing marketplace? And most importantly, if gas stations go away, where will we go to win the lottery or pick up our late-night snacks? ■

**RECYCLE YOUR
CARDBOARD**

Saturday, July 17
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Public Works garage, 3801 Chandler Dr.

Free for St. Anthony residents

**Have you noticed
a streetlight not
working properly?**

- Report outages directly to Xcel Energy.
- Go online/call to report an outage.
- Provide the nearest address and cross street.

1-800-960-6235
[xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies/outdoor_lighting_outages](https://www.xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies/outdoor_lighting_outages)

SUSTAINABILITY

Check Out Our Sustainability Resources

Want to learn more about St. Anthony's efforts in being a sustainable community as an official GreenStep City? Or, maybe you are interested in learning more about water conservation, solar energy, pollinators, or how to become a more sustainable household? From our food scraps collection site info, to the City's self-guided online Sustainability Map and upcoming events, residents will find helpful resources at savmn.com/sustainability. Here are a few helpful reminders:

- Ramsey County's Recycling and Disposal Hotline: 651-633-EASY, (3279), answered 24/7
- Ramsey County's online resident guide for recycling and disposal can be found at ramseyrecycles.com
- Hennepin County's Green disposal guide is available at hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide
- St. Anthony's food scraps collection site is open 24/7. Learn more at ramseyrecycles.com/foodscraps
- St. Anthony's next cardboard recycling event is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on July 17. ■



Businesses Recycle Better with BizRecycling

BizRecycling helps businesses, non-profits, apartment buildings and institutions of all sizes in Ramsey and Washington counties start or improve their recycling and waste reduction programs, including food scraps collection. In about 30 minutes, our recycling experts can help your business make a recycling and waste reduction plan that works for you. BizRecycling also awards grants to help you put your plan into action. Since 2014, over 900 businesses have received grants to reduce waste and their trash bill. Make your business our next success story. Visit BizRecycling.com or call 651-266-1199. ■

Want A New Flower or Vegetable Garden? Let Mother Nature Do the Work

by Therese Bellinger, Parks and Environmental Commission Chair

Creating a garden does not have to be hard work or take a long time. In fact, you can ask Mother Nature to do the work for you if you are willing to wait three to six weeks. This process is called Solarization. This simple and fairly quick solution for new gardens has benefits including elimination of unwanted grass, weeds, bugs, and other soil ailments. It also builds much-needed nutrients in your soil. To get started, you will need 2-6 mil clear sheet plastic, bricks/rocks, a shovel, a sprinkler, and lots of sun. Follow these steps:

1. Pick the hottest summer months.
2. Select the area for your garden. Start small if you are a beginner.
3. Till the soil to start the decomposition process. If this is not possible, cut vegetation close to the ground with a weed whacker; then rake.
4. Dig a trench along the outside border of your new garden space, creating a gully.
5. Water the soil, making sure the top six inches are thoroughly wet. A good soaking rain also works.

6. Now you are ready to spread your large clear sheet of plastic that should extend past the gullies you have dug. Secure the plastic with bricks/rocks inside the gullies. The goal is to keep future rainwater from seeping in, or the wind to blow the plastic away. Do not put holes in your plastic. Pull the plastic tight.
7. Leave the plastic on the ground for 3 to 6 weeks. Remove the plastic once enough time has passed.
8. Don't till again as you may bring up more weed seeds.
9. Recycle your plastic or save it for use for another application or another new garden. ■



PUBLIC SAFETY

Update from Police Chief Mangseth

At the St. Anthony Police Department (SAPD), we hold a philosophy that our officers are community engagement officers— every interaction with the public is an opportunity to build trust and legitimacy with our community. We have the responsibility to identify the needs of our residents at an individual level, offering programs and services they may need.

Yet, we have found that community engagement can be rather challenging for police departments. Traditional efforts, such as crime prevention articles, educational seminars and booths at community events are useful, but not as impactful. Many entities offer various opportunities and activities that compete for the attention of our community members. And, with COVID-19, engagement initiatives have been further impacted. As a result, we've had to redirect our efforts in reaching our audiences where they spend most of their time— on social media.



Social media

Social media has grown to become a major component of our community engagement program. It allows us to reach a large segment of the community in a timely manner. Since our work with the Collaborative Reform for Technical Assistance, we have established our Community Engagement Team (CET), made up of a dedicated group of officers that focus their time on furthering our community engagement initiatives. Our CET manages the SAPD's social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We use these accounts to:

- Inform the public of crime information.
- Public safety announcements.
- Weather alerts.
- Education on police work.
- Requests for public assistance to help resolve crimes under investigation.
- Seek input from community members.
- Publishing data of interest to the community.



St. Anthony Police Department

@StAnthonyPolice · Government Organization

All content posted to our social media platforms is accessible and viewable to the public— even if you don't have a social media account. Every account is verified (blue check mark), so you can trust the information and content being shared. You can easily search for our social media accounts online, or find them via the following social media handles:

- Facebook: @StAnthonyPoliceDepartment
- Twitter: @StAnthonyPolice
- Instagram: @stanthonypolice

Use of video

We've been focusing on creating high-quality content for the public in more interesting (and sometimes more entertaining) ways. Video is a popular and easy way to share quick and helpful information. All of our CET Officers are developing video skills and are expected to contribute content for the community. We've made some small investments in technology and gear (such as phone apps and a tablet) to help officers collaborate more easily and produce material more quickly and efficiently. —*Continued on page 8*

Update from Police Chief Mangseth, continued—

We recently launched a new series of videos via social media that focus on our continuous Collaborative Reform work that began with the Department of Justice in 2017. The videos were released at the end of 2020, and will continue throughout 2021. Topics covered are body worn cameras, traffic stops, partnership with the Northeast Youth and Family Services Community Advocate program, and de-escalation and crisis intervention team techniques.



Collaboration with NineNorth

The SAPD has recently revitalized a relationship with digital media production partner NineNorth (formerly CTV North Suburbs). Our video content will be streamed over NineNorth's platforms, which include their website, cable channels, and social media accounts—in addition to the SAPD's social media accounts and department news page at savmn.com/PDNews.

Our goal is to reach more community members and make information from the SAPD even more accessible. Our work with NineNorth began late in 2020, and content is expected to be available this year—stay tuned! ■

Safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and pets

by Officer Jonathan Schlingman

After a long winter and spring, residents want to enjoy the fresh warm air of summer. Whether it be going for a walk or bicycling throughout the Village alone, with friends, or with our furry animal friends, it is a good reminder to follow some simple rules to keep us safe. Below are some guidelines for walking and bicycling:

- **Walk against traffic (left side of roadway):** Facing traffic gives pedestrians the ability to see vehicles as they come toward them. This allows for pedestrians to get out of the way/dodge traffic, if necessary. The use of a sidewalk, if accessible, is always recommended.
- **Bike with traffic (same as with vehicles):** Bicyclists also must obey all traffic laws (Minnesota Statute 169.222, Subdivision 1).
- **When biking at night:** When riding at night, you must have both a front light and a rear red reflector attached to your bike. This helps motorists better detect you in the dark. (Minnesota Statute 169.222, Subdivision 6).
- **Wear bright colors:** Wearing bright colors helps drivers see you. And when walking at night, wear a reflective vest and a small flashing light.
- **Put away your cell phone:** Looking at your cell phone distracts you from the environment and other surroundings. You may not notice other vehicles, walkers, or runners that are heading in your direction.
- **Using a short leash for animals:** Using a short leash for your furry friend allows them to be safe from darting into traffic. This also keeps them at a secure distance from other walkers and bikers.



Reminder for pet owners: There is a City ordinance against having an animal off leash when not on your own property. This includes public parks—even if the park is enclosed with a fence, such as at Central Park. The Police Department has received numerous complaints regarding animals at large in the park area. Learn more about St. Anthony pet ordinances at savmn.com/PetOrdinances. ■

Close Before You Doze

by Mattie Jaros, Fire Lieutenant

Want to know a simple and easy way to give you and your family valuable time to escape a potential house fire? Close your bedroom door when you sleep!

Why closing bedroom doors is so important

50% of house fires happen between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., typically when most families are sound asleep. Closing a door can mean the difference of experiencing 1,000 degrees or 100 degrees during a fire. It also helps keep harmful carbon monoxide levels down. Creating a barrier with a closed door provides valuable time to get out of your home in alternate ways, such as through a bedroom window.

Study example

In a study conducted by Underwriters Laboratory, two rooms were positioned next to each other, with one room containing modern-day household materials and construction; and the other containing decades-old materials (found in older houses that are referred to as legacy homes). It has been proven that modern building materials result in fires burning hotter and faster than ever before.

The modern-day room transitioned into a fully-

engulfed fire phase within 3 minutes and 30 seconds; whereas the legacy room took 29 minutes and 30 seconds. This is an astonishing difference—not to mention the additional time it could take to realize that something is wrong.

Families with small children

We know that young children often want their doors open at night. Yet, it is important for families to understand that closing bedroom doors at bedtime helps create a safety barrier in case of a fire. This allows for a longer period of time for family members to escape the home and survive

If you have any additional questions, please contact the fire department. Stay updated on additional safety information by “liking us” and following us on Facebook. ■



If you are experiencing a water or sewer emergency, **contact the City immediately at 612-782-3301** (during normal business hours).

For after-hours, 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.

Property owners are responsible for maintaining sanitary sewer service from their building, up to, and including the connection to the main sewer line. Single family/two-family residential property owners are responsible for maintaining water service from their building to the curb stop, and connections at the curb stop. Inflow/Infiltration inspection is required by the City prior to the sale of a house. ■



Water restrictions

No watering: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

April 1-Nov. 1

- Even numbered addresses on even dates.
- Odd numbered addresses on odd dates.
- Exemptions may be granted for new lawns.

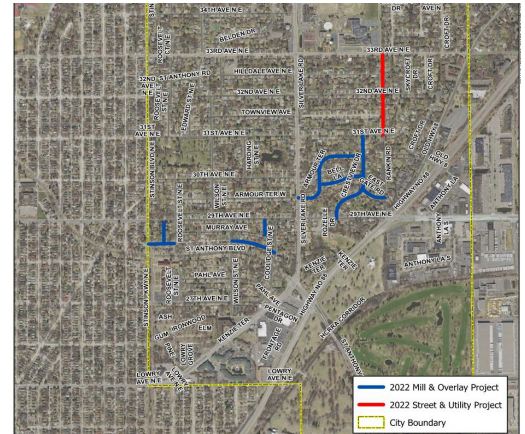
CITY PROJECT UPDATES

2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project

Staff has begun work on the feasibility report for the 2022 Street and Utility Improvement project. The project includes complete street and utility reconstruction along Rankin Road from 33rd Avenue to 31st Avenue.

Additionally, included with the 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project are asphalt resurfacing (mill and overlay) improvements along the following roadways:

- Crestview Drive from 29th Avenue NE to 31st Avenue NE.
- Armour Terrace from Silver Lake Road to Crestview Drive.
- Bell Lane from Armour Terrace to Crestview Drive.
- East Gate Road from Crestview Drive to Rankin Road.
- Coolidge Street Alley from Murray Avenue to 29th Avenue NE.
- Murray Avenue / St. Anthony Boulevard Alley from Wilson Street to Coolidge Street.
- 29th Avenue NE / St. Anthony Boulevard Alley bounded by 29th Avenue NE, Roosevelt Street, St. Anthony Boulevard, and Stinson Boulevard. ■



2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project

The 2021 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 within the street and utility reconstruction area. 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 following improvements will be completed in 2021:

Street and Utility Reconstruction

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

Asphalt Resurfacing (Mill and Overlay)

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

County Road E Resurfacing Improvements

Ramsey County will be completing resurfacing improvements along County Road E between Stinson Boulevard and Silver Lake Road this summer.

For more information regarding the proposed improvements and schedule, click on the project labeled “County Road E” online at ramseycounty.us/Roadwork. ■

2020 Street and Utility Improvement Project

The 2020 Street and Utility Improvement Project is complete. The Contractor has completed final paving and remaining construction clean-up items. We will continue to track the lawn restoration work and will be completing warranty inspections over the next two years.

If something has not been completed, please call and we will do our best to get it addressed during the warranty period. You can contact Katie Koscielak at 612-282-3641 with these concerns.

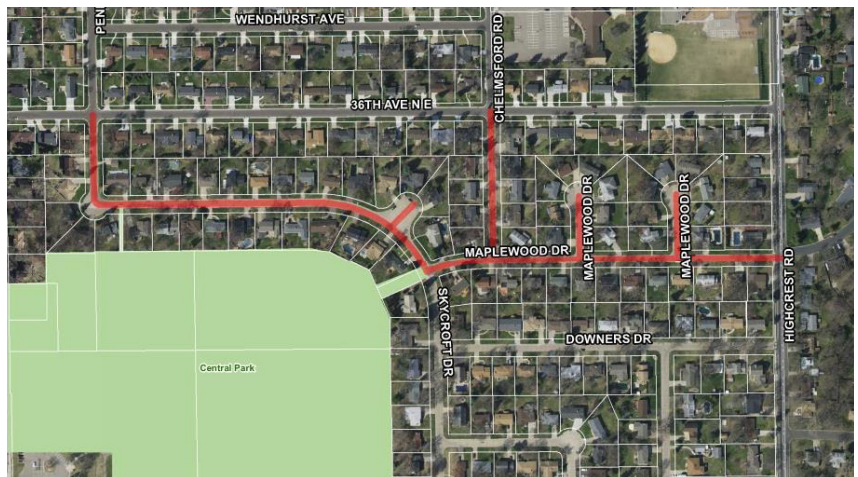
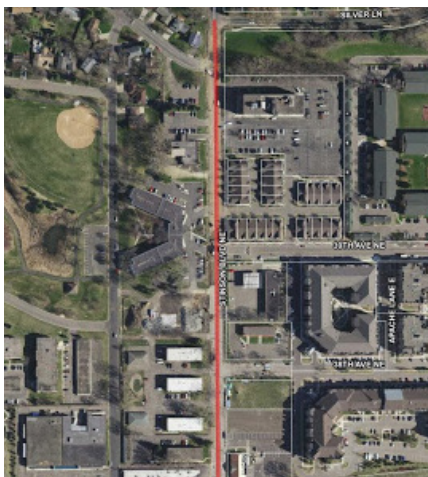
Thank you for your patience and participation in making the 2020 Street and Utility Project a success. ■



2021 Reclamite Project

Relcamite is a rejuvenating agent that is sprayed on the road surface to improve asphalt's durability, flexibility and viscosity so it can withstand the ravages of the weather, the sun's ultraviolet rays, freeze-thaw conditions and the weight of traffic. The following roadways will undergo the reclamite process in the summer of 2021:

- Stinson Boulevard from 37th Avenue to Silver Lane.
- Penrod Lane from 36th Avenue to Maplewood Drive.
- Maplewood Drive from Penrod Lane to Highcrest Road.
- Chelmsford Road from 36th Avenue to Maplewood Drive. ■



Canines for Clean Water

With all the joys of having a pet, one of the not-so-glamorous parts would be cleaning up after them. Pet waste left uncollected is not only unsightly but unsanitary with detrimental effects to human health and the environment.

When pet waste is washed away into our waterways, it depletes oxygen levels, releases ammonia and excess nutrients, all of which contribute to unsightly weeds and algal blooms while harming fish and other aquatic organism populations. It also contains pathogenic bacteria and other parasites leading to health issues such as increased levels of *Escherichia coli* (E. coli) making lakes and rivers unsafe for swimming and recreational activities.

Please remember to take time at home to properly dispose of your pet's waste and to bring along equipment like doggy bags to clean-up when you're on the go. It's up to us to keep our local waters clean. ■



Your dog did
his duty.
(good boy)

Please do
yours—

Pick up after
your pet!

 Thank you.

What's an Illicit Discharge and What Should I Do About It?

An illicit discharge is a discharge to a storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater runoff, snow melt, or surface runoff. Illicit discharges contain high levels of pollutants such as heavy metals, oil, solvents, nutrients, viruses, and bacteria, all of which are harmful to public health. For the welfare of citizens, illicit discharges are not permitted in the storm drain. Examples of illicit discharges include sanitary wastewater, oil, gasoline, laundry wastewater, and pesticides.



What should you look for?

Illicit discharges typically have odd smells, colors, and create visible changes in receiving waters. If the receiving waterbody is experiencing fish kills or a stressed environment, there may be reason to believe that a harmful discharge is present. Other indicators include foam, sheens in the water, and containers placed near storm drain inlets.

What should you do about them?

If you spot an illicit discharge, document with pictures. Report the incident to the local governmental agency, along with a description of the discharge and its location. Call 911 if immediate attention is necessary. To prevent illicit discharges, volunteer to educate locals and to stencil identification and warning messages on stormwater inlets. ■

PUBLIC WORKS

Annual Water Quality Report

by Jeremy Gumke, Director of Public Works

As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the City of St. Anthony monitors its drinking water and is issuing the results for the period of Jan.1 to Dec.31, 2020. 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 the City website at savmn.com and go to the Public Works Water & Sewer page to view St. Anthony's annual water report, which includes information on the monitoring of the City's drinking water in 2020. If after reviewing the report you have questions, please contact Public Works Director Jeremy Gumke at 612-782-3441 or jeremy.gumke@savmn.com. ■



Splash pads are open!

Open daily
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Central and Emerald parks



Please recreate safely in our City parks.

Tennis Courts

On May 24, we began the reconstruction process of the tennis courts located at City Hall to provide a brand-new playing surface for tennis enthusiasts.

The project included compaction and grading of the base layer, paving a new playing surface, installation of new net posts, and the addition of a hitting wall.

The courts were temporarily closed in late May for the construction portion of the project, as well as in late June for striping. The work is now completed. Open daily until 11 p.m. ■



MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

Summertime— finally!

by Mike Larson, Operations Manager

Spending time on our decks, patios and in our backyards with friends and family, is what we love the most about Minnesota summers. Enjoying refreshing cocktails, savory wine and cold beer may also add to the celebration of longer days and warmer weather.



Our Municipal Liquor Stores contributing to the community since 1948

From white wines with salad and grilled fish, to summer ales, lagers and cabernet with burgers and steaks— all make for tasteful food, beer and wine pairings. Single malt scotches and bourbons that are poured over a few cubes of ice can also make for a relaxing evening. And of course, nothing says summer more than margarita's, daiquiris and mojitos!

We have a lot to celebrate— from the declining rates of COVID-19 and the anticipated loosening of restrictions, we are looking forward to getting back a feeling of normalcy. I would like to thank our staff for their commitment to serving our customers by reimagining the way of doing business in order to accommodate the health and safety of everyone. I would also like to thank you— our customers — for your understanding and patience. We wouldn't be here doing business without you.

We look forward to continuing to serve our customers and St. Anthony Village. Please reach out if we can assist you with anything that would provide a better shopping experience for you and your neighbors. Call 612-782-3455 or send an email to mike.larson@savmn.com.

Visit our webpage at savmn.com (located under the “Departments” tab on the homepage) to view our current sale items and store hours, and sign up for text/email notifications to stay informed. ■



COMMUNITY

Citizens for Sustainability: Make Everyday Earth Day

There are many environmental challenges we face, and it can feel overwhelming. We offer a few ideas to help: 1) go outside and be in nature, 2) search for “ways to make everyday earth day” and start by changing one thing, and 3) read poetry by Kelly Roper to learn about protecting “Mother Earth’s Gift” and “Teach your Children” to appreciate the planet. Hennepin County just published their Climate Action Plan. It outlines how the county intends to act boldly on climate

change. The City also published its Sustainability Goals in their 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Reach out to county commissioners, state legislators, and City Council to ask them to prioritize climate mitigation. Join us this summer to learn about opportunities to decarbonize energy and transportation. Contact us at info@citizensforsustainability.org and follow us on Facebook for specific dates about an EV car show and a rooftop solar workshop. ■

The St. Anthony Village Fest is Back!

The Silent Auction really needs the community’s support this year. The SA businesses have suffered this past year, and now it’s up to us to pitch in. Can you make a basket, donate a gift certificate (from our local businesses) or give a cash donation, so we can make a basket for you? Every donation helps. Please text or call Megan MacLeod at 612-239-5442 with questions, drop offs or I will pick up any donation you may have. Thanks in advance for supporting your VillageFest. ■

St. Anthony Sister City Updates

It has been a relatively quiet period for the Sister City Association (SCA) as COVID put a number of projects, such as the adult exchange program, on hold (hopeful to begin in summer of 2022). We have been developing partnerships with other community organizations. This past winter, SCA members volunteered with the American Red Cross blood drive. The SCA is also exploring ways to assist Nourish 282 and the SANBE Community Fund. The SCA is in the process of sending books about and by St. Anthony and Minnesota authors to Salo. Look for exciting info to come on the SCA Annual Meeting in November 2021. To learn more about SCA, follow us on Facebook @StAnthonySisterCity or visit the City’s website. ■

St. Anthony Village Historical Society: “In Summer”

Olaf, the snowman, expressed this in the movie “Frozen”, with Glee. I’m betting there was, similarly, a lot of Glee when kids jumped in the water at Silver Lake Camp back at its start in the 1920’s and beyond. Gail Olson wrote in our City’s history book “A Village in the City”, of the Minneapolis children who enjoyed a “respite from the hot inner city” at this camp. In those days, the Camp was a wonderful getaway from the City and felt like a different world. We can still enjoy this beautiful serenity at what is now Silverwood Park, and wherever nearby you may find your own little “puddle.” As a reminder, there is a good perusable book which includes many memories and photos of summer’s past in St. Anthony. It can be found in Susan Scott’s book “What Makes St. Anthony Village”, available at whisperingbluffs.com. ■



For more information about the St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce, please visit our website at saintanthonychamber.org/ ■



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- July 5: Holiday, Independence Day
- July 13: City Council Meeting
- July 17: Cardboard Recycling Event
- July 20: Planning Commission Meeting
- July 27: City Council Meeting

AUGUST

- Aug. 3: Night to Unite
- Aug. 6-7: VillageFest
- Aug. 10: City Council Meeting
- Aug. 17: Planning Commission Meeting
- Aug. 21: Coffee with Council (Zoom)
- Aug. 24: City Council Meeting
- Aug. 30: City Council/Parks & Enviro Mtg

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 6: Holiday, Labor Day
- Sept. 13 Parks & Envi. Commission Mtg
- Sept. 14: City Council Meeting
- Sept. 21: Planning Commission Meeting
- Sept. 28: City Council Meeting

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