

# Village NOTES

“A Village in the City”

Fall 2021

## Sustainability

By, Mayor Randy Stille

St. Anthony's Mission Statement calls for us to be a sustainable community- yet, sustainability can have various forms and functions. Here are just a few ways in which our City continues to prioritize and enhance its efforts of sustainability.

### Sustainable, equitable delivery of service

As a Council and staff, our primary goal is to assure the quality delivery of City services. One way in which we assist in ensuring this effort is sustainable is through supporting City staff on their work with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity program (GARE). Staff meet on a monthly basis to focus on this essential component of equity and fairness when delivering services to the community.

### Financial, economic sustainability

Over the past few years, City Finance Director Shelly Rueckert, has done an outstanding job with mapping out St. Anthony's financial future. Her well thought-out plan includes a transparent, detailed forecast of spending needs for the delivery of services that also balances the continued care and support of City infrastructure. Her efforts reassure the financial sustainability of our community which is confirmed by consistently achieving an S&P AA bond rating.

### Environmental sustainability

Council evaluates the impact its policy-making decisions have on the environment and is supportive of staff and community initiatives that carry this theme. St. Anthony was one the very first cities to be awarded a GreenStep 5 designation from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA),

despite not having a dedicated staff environmental coordinator to champion this cause. To learn more about St. Anthony's environmental sustainability initiatives, visit [savmn.com/sustainability](http://savmn.com/sustainability).

### How our community improves sustainability

As we work together as a community, I am impressed by the input and overarching desire of residents to make St. Anthony a great place to call home. Our Planning Commissioners volunteer their time to address planning initiatives. The Parks and Environmental Commission helps Council screen suggestions or initiatives that affect our park system and environment. I am impressed by the efforts of individuals within the community. Clif and Bete Ware's passion for the environment is evident as they lead their grassroots group, Citizens for Sustainability. Lona Doolan took it upon herself to apply for a grant to put an example solar panel on the Central Park Pavilion. And, Anita Davis recently received funding from the Mississippi Water Management Organization and installed a rain garden within Trillium Park.

### Do your part

Volunteer your time with the VillageFest Committee, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Citizens for Sustainability, and Sports Boosters, join one of our commissions, just to name a few examples of where you can immerse yourself in the community, unify talents, and promote sustainability. Together, it all adds up to a healthy, vibrant, and thriving community. Thank you for your efforts, Villagers. ■

### IN THIS EDITION:

- NICOLE MILLER NAMED ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
- MONITOR YOUR WATER USAGE
- SUSTAINABILITY AND CITY CODE
- CITY COMMISSION OPPORTUNITIES
- FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



# CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

## A Welcoming Village

By, Charlie Yunker, City Manager

This summer, I had the pleasure of attending St. Anthony's Night to Unite and VillageFest. I truly enjoyed connecting with residents at these community events—hearing about what is important to them and what makes St. Anthony a great place to live.



### Night to Unite

A majority of questions that I received from residents were centered around the development happening at Silver Lake Village. To me, this indicates that our City is excited for growth and change, looking forward to how the Village will evolve over time. In talking with other staff that attended parties, we all had a similar experience of welcoming, happy groups that truly enjoy their neighbors. *(photo credit: Mattie Jaros, Fire Lieutenant)*

### VillageFest

I also had a chance to meet folks at the “Ask the City” booth at VillageFest, organized by our Assistant to the City Manager Nicole Miller. She deserves credit because she felt it was important for the City staff to be there as a way to engage with residents, provide information and answer questions, taking the lead to make it happen. Richard Sonterre, our Code Enforcement Official, joined Nicole in the booth. They both represented St. Anthony well, offering a more personalized experience. Residents stopped by the booth and asked questions or just chatted, expressed concerns, and picked up organics recycling supplies.

These two events were great reminders of the terrific community we have here in St. Anthony. My thanks to all the staff involved with both events, and to all the residents who participated. As they say, it takes a Village. ■

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## Meet Jennifer Doyle, St. Anthony's Human Resources Coordinator & Deputy City Clerk



Please welcome Jennifer Doyle, the City's new Human Resources Coordinator & Deputy City Clerk. She comes to St. Anthony with nine years of experience in human resources, most recently serving as the HR Director at Little Sisters of the Poor in St. Paul. Jennifer has a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Master of Science in Human Resources and Labor Relations

“Jennifer was immediately able to find ways to support all areas of the city, and has been a great addition to the team. We are happy to have her on board,” said City Manager Charlie Yunker.

She will also share her time with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, a partnership and shared role that the City's human resource department has had for many years.

To Jennifer, her boys are her life—those boys being her husband, three sons, stepson and grandson. She spends a majority of her time getting her youngest son, who is a hockey goalie, to practice, games and tournaments. When she does have downtime, she enjoys putting together scrapbooks and playing board games and cards.

“In my two short months here at St. Anthony, the team work, communication and support between the departments have been evident and speaks volumes for the City. I am excited to work with such a great team and to serve such an amazing community!” said Jennifer. Welcome to the team and the Village, Jennifer! ■

## Nicole Miller named Assistant to the City Manager

In August, it was announced that Nicole Miller was named Assistant to the City Manager. Nicole previously served as the City's Administrative Services Coordinator. Prior to that, her title was City Clerk. This new title better reflects the work she has taken-on since the departure of former City Manager Mark Casey. Nicole has focused her efforts on keeping administration functions running smoothly through transitions over the past year. She will now be able to shift her focus in helping City Manager Charlie Yunker with projects and Council priorities.

"I'm grateful for this opportunity, and look forward to taking on additional projects while continuing to serve the residents of St. Anthony," said Nicole.

"Nicole has been a huge support to me, and all areas of the City. She fulfills many very important, yet unseen tasks and project coordination. This shift in focus will allow for her to contribute even more to the City," said Charlie. Congratulations, Nicole! ■



## Save the Date: St. Anthony City Council Voter Forum Set for Oct. 7

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWV) will be holding a voter forum for St. Anthony City Council candidates from 7-8:30 p.m., on Oct. 7, at the St. Anthony City Council chambers. The LWV is a non-partisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government through education and advocacy. Through this forum, the League hopes to provide information to help you make an educated choice for the two open St. Anthony

City Council positions.

The candidates:

- Jan J Jensen (incumbent)
- Ayesha Lynn Khan
- Thomas Kuykendall
- Wendy Webster (incumbent)



Details on how people can attend the forum (virtually or in person) are available at [savmn.com](http://savmn.com). ■

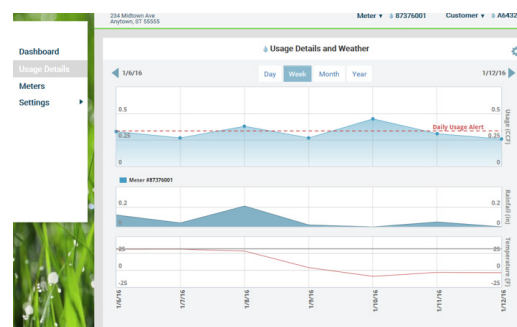
## Monitoring your water usage

By, Devin Willi, Accounting Specialist

This year, we experienced an extremely dry, warm month of June. In response, St. Anthony residents began to increase the frequency of watering their lawns and gardens. When the second quarter utility bills arrived, which included the months of April, May and June, a number of residents were surprised by their sizable (and costly) increase in water usage. Many residents didn't realize they were using a considerable number of gallons during each watering session. Similarly, many were also unaware they can easily monitor their water usage online. The City's "My Water Usage" customer portal allows utility customers to:

1. Monitor water usage on a daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly basis.
2. Set water usage goals and set alarm notifications when usage exceeds these goals.
3. Receive alarms if outdoor watering is higher than expected or if experiencing a leak in household plumbing.

Access to the "My Water Usage" customer portal, as well as instructions on how to sign up for and utilize the site, is available at [savmn.com/WaterUsage](http://savmn.com/WaterUsage). If you need assistance with this portal, please call City Hall at 612-782-3301. ■





# STAY INFORMED



## VOTING OPTIONS

FOR ST. ANTHONY  
RESIDENTS

[savmn.com/elections](http://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.



# Fall Back

SUNDAY, NOV. 7, AT 2AM

Set those clocks back  
and gain an hour!



## SANTA ON THE FIRE TRUCK



Stay tuned for information on when  
Santa will be strolling through  
St. Anthony on a fire truck!

[savmn.com/Santa](http://savmn.com/Santa)

Adopt a  
fire hydrant  
this winter

Keep it clear of  
snow & accessible  
to firefighters.



## Coffee with the Council

Saturday, Oct. 16

9 a.m.

[savmn.com/CoffeewithCouncil](http://savmn.com/CoffeewithCouncil)

# CITY PLANNING

## Sustainability and City Code

By, Steve Gritman, City Planner

The City recently adopted new zoning language that regulates multi-family housing within the R-4 district. The updated ordinance establishes a new, more detailed set of expectations for multi-family development that is in conformance with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan requiring multi-family development to be constructed in the range of 20-40 units/acre. The previous R-4 district zoning language restricted density to about 24 units per acre, and included generic setbacks, limited building height requirements, and other obsolete development standards. An important aspect of this new code is the addition of Sustainability improvements for development within the R-4 district:

*Sustainability. The City will review multi-family residential projects with a consideration for sustainability measures included in the project development. Elements that may be included are charging stations for electric vehicles, stormwater treatment and re-use for landscape irrigation, accommodations for sustainable energy provisions, such as roof-top solar or wind, and other measures. The City encourages a creative and affirmative approach to sustainability consistent with its Comprehensive Plan and related policies.*

**There are various ways in which developers could approach sustainability initiatives.** As such, the code does not prescribe any particular formula. The

intent is to alert any development interests where sustainability will be a factor in the City's review of a project. Most projects will require a Conditional Use Permit, which includes formal review by the Planning Commission, and City Council approval. **The City's website ([savmn.com/sustainability](http://savmn.com/sustainability)) identifies a variety of measures that can be considered by multi-family developers, individual homeowners, and business owners.** These range from energy reduction and conservation efforts, water conservation, pollinator and naturalized plantings, organics recycling, stormwater management, to solid waste sorting and recycling, LED lighting, energy-efficient building materials, appliances, and more.

For multi-family housing, a part of this approach included a re-examination of parking standards and establishment of a more research-based level of parking requirements to avoid large swaths of unused, runoff-producing and heat-reflecting pavement—while at the same time avoiding the overflow of parking from such developments into surrounding neighborhoods. We look forward to working with new development to continue St. Anthony's legacy of sustainable and resilient neighborhoods. If you are looking for more sustainability ideas for your home or business, please check out the City's website at [savmn.com/sustainability](http://savmn.com/sustainability). ■

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## City Commission Opportunities

The Planning Commission will have two seats available beginning Jan. 1, 2022. This paid-per-meeting governing body makes recommendations to the City Council on planning issues, such as variances, conditional use requests, zoning issues, etc. This commission meets at 7 p.m., on the third Tuesday of every month, in the Council Chambers.

The Parks and Environmental Commission will have three seats available beginning Jan. 1, 2022. This paid-per-meeting governing body makes recommendations

to the City Council regarding policies, practices, and proposals that relate to the sustainable use and management of environmental resources, including air, water, energy, land, ecological resources, and waste. This commission meets quarterly at 7 p.m., on Mondays, in the Council Chambers.

Applications are available at City Hall or [savmn.com/BoardsandCommissions](http://savmn.com/BoardsandCommissions). *Deadline to apply: Friday, Nov. 5, 2021.* Return applications to: Nicole Miller/City Hall/3301 Silver Lake Rd./St. Anthony, MN/55418. ■

# SUSTAINABILITY

## Be a battery hero!

If it lights up, makes noise or moves without a plug, it has a battery! Batteries make our daily lives more convenient. Once they are used, though, they must be disposed of properly.

If thrown in the trash or recycling, batteries may catch fire and pose a threat to people and property. Some batteries also contain toxic metals, such as cadmium, lead or mercury, which can pose a threat to our health and the environment.

Be a battery hero! Put batteries in their place by dropping them off at a Ramsey County household hazardous waste collection site for safe disposal. Find locations and hours at [RamseyRecycles.com/HHW](https://RamseyRecycles.com/HHW). ■



**TECH DUMP ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT**

**When:**  
Saturday, Oct. 9  
9 a.m. to noon

**Where:**  
Public Works Facility  
3801 Chandler Drive

**Sign up at: [savmn.com/TechDump](https://savmn.com/TechDump)**

## Bikeways Aren't Just for Bicyclists

By, Therese Bellinger, Parks and Environmental Commission Chair

By the time you read this newsletter, we Commissioners and City Council will have met together. One of the topics for this meeting was the feasibility and development of St Anthony bikeways. While planning for this meeting, it occurred to me that many of us do not recognize that it isn't the bicyclist who benefits from established bikeways, but rather the whole community. Here's how:

Safer sidewalks to start with. How many times have you been startled by "On your left!" It's a fact that bikeways help with congestion. You no longer need to share the road nor be confused by who belongs where. Bike paths provide equity to those that do not drive a vehicle. It also opens doors for employment opportunities for those people. Bikes are really quiet. Biking is an all ages sport. Just this year a dear friend of mine moved to our state. He selected his home

location by the bike trails available. I believe others will do the same. Bike paths invite tourism and revenue. Finally, and best of all, it helps keep our air clean.

St. Anthony has made it a goal to improve our non-motorized transportation. The details of this planning can be found on pages 99-108 of the St Anthony 2040 Comprehensive Plan which is located at: [savmn.com/ComprehensivePlan](https://savmn.com/ComprehensivePlan). I invite you to take a look.

Remember to visit one of our many parks and join us quarterly for meetings. We appreciate and welcome your feedback. ■





# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Update from Police Chief Mangseth

As a public safety agency, the St. Anthony Police Department (SAPD) partners with its communities and various city services to ensure a safe place to live, work and play. And when SAPD officers respond to your calls for service, you can count on them to provide a community-service approach and adhere to recommended social-distancing practices and guidelines as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).



### Policing services and COVID-19 variants

As we begin to encounter challenges associated with COVID-19 variants, the SAPD will continue to follow recommendations from health experts, and adjust in-person services (as needed) to ensure the safety of our staff and members of the public. For example, we have made modifications to low-priority service calls by handing them over the phone or through a self-reporting form (in lieu of in-person contact). This temporary measure is taken to best serve our communities by collaborating with local first responders, healthcare partners, and emergency management partners.

### Additional crisis-situation resources

Police officers often spend an inordinate amount of time responding to 911 calls for quality-of-life issues, such as noise, blocked driveways, or public intoxication. Others are for problems like drug abuse, homelessness, or mental health crises that would be better resolved with community-based treatment or other resources— not a criminal justice/police response. These types of responses can exhaust police resources and expose countless people to avoidable criminal justice system contacts.

There is a pressing need for data-informed strategies to identify 911 calls that present a true public safety emergency that require an immediate police response, while responding to other calls in ways that promote better outcomes for the people involved and the communities where they live and work. County 911 Dispatch Centers are in the process of identifying additional resources that can be employed (in lieu of a police response) when an individual calls 911. Our dispatch centers are taking steps to evaluate and learn how 911, policing and alternative options intersect. There seems to be a willingness of our policy makers to explore and fund programs and alternatives to issues that have been traditionally presented to the policing profession at the street level. Through training, experience and community feedback, I have come to understand that a safer, stronger, and fairer justice system hinges on our ability to deploy enforcement only when necessary. Developing a deep systemic understanding of 911 calls, criminal justice responses, processes, outcomes, and opportunities for improvement, are key to providing our communities with greater service.

*“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. Police officers at every level have countless opportunities to listen to citizens and collect information and intelligence about what’s happening in the community”.*

- Winston Churchill

This famous quote can easily be applied to our current era of policing. I’d like to emphasize that as a public safety agency, we are listening and evaluating our policies and practices. We will endeavor to maintain a culture of community service that embraces the concepts of community-orientated policing. ■

## Stay informed by following the SAPD on social media

By, Police Chief Mangseth

Our Community Engagement Officers, and our entire staff, have put a considerable amount of time and consideration into what we share on our website news page ([savmn.com/PDnews](http://savmn.com/PDnews)) and social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). Our goal is to provide important, relevant information to those in our service area, such as:

- Upcoming 2021 Community Academy (formerly known as Citizen Academy)
- Catalytic Converter Theft video
- “Review in 2” - an ongoing, informative video segment that profiles recent cases.
- All videos that we have shared are available at: [facebook.com/StAnthonyPolice/videos/851022919184268/](https://facebook.com/StAnthonyPolice/videos/851022919184268/)



**St. Anthony Police Department** ✓

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What we share is accessible and viewable to the public—

even if you don't have a social media account. Our

accounts are 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 ■

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## Catalytic Converter Thefts on the rise

By, Kiel Rushton, Police Officer and Detective

Fall 2021 is here—and what a year it has been! The change in seasons represents the closing of another chapter of time, and the promise of a new beginning right around the corner.

Unfortunately, some things remain the same. Motor vehicle theft and tampering continues to be an issue. With precious metal prices at all-time highs, the Twin Cities Metro has seen an incredible surge in catalytic converter thefts.

**Catalytic converters are a target for theft: expensive to repair, replace.** A catalytic converter can cost thousands of dollars to repair or replace. Typically, only comprehensive insurance plans will cover damage.



Every modern-day vehicle has a catalytic converter which functions as a part of the emissions system. The converter is located on the “exhaust pipe” of a vehicle. It uses precious metals, such as rhodium, platinum, and palladium to convert harmful and dangerous catalysts from gasoline that may not have been burned during the ignition and combustion process inside of a vehicle's engine. —Continued on page 9



### **What can be done to deter theft of catalytic converters**

Preventing a theft is the best way to solve theft issues. Ideally, every vehicle would be secured inside with impenetrable security and 24/7 surveillance in 4K resolution. Since not all of us can win the lottery (and money trees have not yet been developed), we suggest that you try to park under a street light and close to your location.

There are also devices that are widely available at auto parts stores and online that help secure your catalytic converter to your car. These devices range in price and in capability, so make sure to do your research and pay attention to online buyer ratings. Other police agencies have gone as far as to spray paint the converter itself; however, intelligence suggests that this may only deter a small number of thieves. If you're going to do so, use engine enamel or heat-resistant paint in bright colors. And please use caution as exhaust temperatures hover between 600-900 degrees. Thieves tend to provide clues that might help deter or stop a theft. Of course, anyone crawling under your car should be the biggest clue. Should you witness any combination of the following conditions, please call 911 immediately:

- Those who are actively taking catalytic converters will wear gloves, and have very dirty clothing from being on the ground and handling auto parts.
- The 100% tool of choice is a reciprocating saw, or what is commonly known as a “sawzall.”
- You may also see a car pull alongside your car in a lot or on the street, and see a passenger exit with a saw, or even a floor jack.
- COVID-19 masks have been a favorite of thieves to wear— they're able to obscure their face without alarming others to their misdeeds.

The SAPD operates on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, all at @StAnthonyPolice. On these platforms, we have shown several videos on catalytic converter theft. Our most recent video demonstrates a catalytic converter harvesting.

### **Report suspicious activity— as it happens**

Your officers take these thefts seriously and investigate them to the fullest degree. Officers have made arrests, seized vehicles and evidence obtained through search warrants, and have uncovered more evidence as a result of their investigations. Although the converters themselves are often not recovered (or recovered in a state of disrepair), the perpetrators who commit these acts are brought to justice— as much, and as often as the law allows. We will continue to advocate for your community by holding suspects accountable for their actions. We encourage you to report suspicious activity as soon as it happens, so that together, we can maintain a safe community for everyone to enjoy. ■

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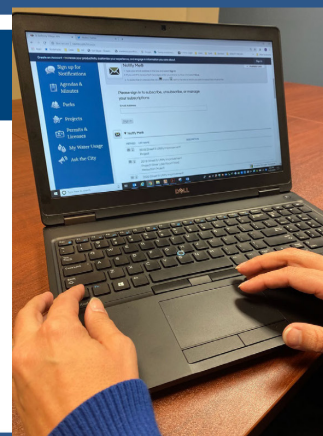
**Sign up for push notifications:**

- 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.*



## Fire Prevention Week 2021: Oct. 3-9

By, Mattie Jaros, Fire Lieutenant

Fire Prevention Week takes place every year in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire from Oct. 8, 1891. During this week, fire departments throughout the country elevate their prevention messages in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires. This year, fire prevention week takes place Oct. 3-9. The National Fire Protection Association releases a concentrated theme, with this year's theme "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" focusing on informing the public on the different sounds that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. **It is important to identify the differences between the two types of alarms. Smoke alarms** work by sensing smoke and will alert you in the event of a fire, and need to be installed in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on each level of your home. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that displaces oxygen in your body and brain, causing you to become unconscious before you even realize something is happening. The displacement of oxygen in your body can lead to death in a short period of time. **Carbon monoxide alarms** sense the deadly gas and will alert you. It is important that everyone in the household understands the sounds of these two types of alarms—it could save your life!

### Smoke alarms:

- A continued set of three loud beeps – *beep, beep, beep* – means the alarm is sensing smoke or fire. Get out and call 911.
- A single *chirp* every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- If you have replaced the battery and the alarm continues to chirp, it means that the alarm has reached the end of its life and must be replaced.

### Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms:

- A continuous set of four loud beeps – *beep, beep, beep, beep* – means carbon monoxide has been detected. Get outside and call 911.
- A single *chirp* every 30-60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms can also have an end-of-life sound that can vary by manufacturer. This will indicate the need to replace the alarm. If you have replaced the battery on the alarm and the chirping continues, this will indicate that the alarm needs to be replaced. ■

## Fire Department Open House: Saturday, Oct. 2

As Fire Prevention Week is being observed throughout the country during the first week in October, many fire departments are hosting events to get safety messages out to the public. The SAFD will be hosting its annual Open House from 1-4 p.m., Saturday Oct. 2, at the St. Anthony Fire Station, located at 3505 Silver Lake Rd.

This is a great opportunity for families to come tour the fire trucks and the station. There will be many activities for families to learn different safety messages and have the chance to meet the firefighters that serve the community. This is a free event and lunch will be provided. Fun, educational activities include: tour of station and fire trucks; safety booths; take-home activity for the kids; kitchen safety trailer, obstacle course, and more! Watch a short video about this annual event at: <https://youtu.be/BwsPBR8iBqQ> ■



# CITY PROJECT UPDATES

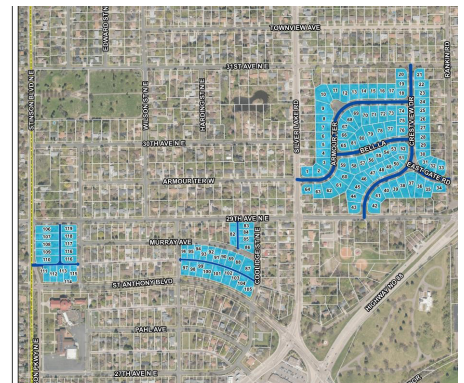
## 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project

Preparation of plans and specs are underway 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.

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.

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

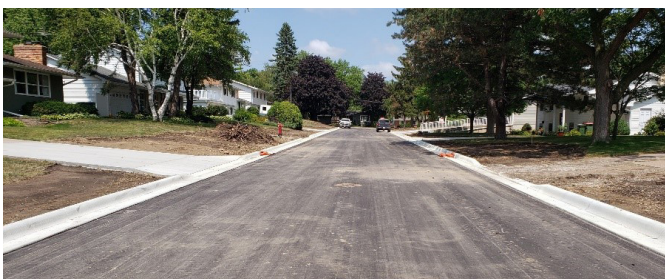
- Crestview Drive from 29th Avenue NE to 31st Avenue NE
- Armour Terrace from Silver Lake Road to Crestview Drive
- Bell Lane from Armour Terrace to Crestview Drive
- East Gate Road from Crestview Drive to Rankin Road
- Coolidge Street Alley from Murray Avenue to 29th Avenue NE
- Murray Avenue / St. 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 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 along Skycroft Drive and Croft Drive between 33rd Avenue and 32nd Avenue.

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 Household Hazards of Fall Cleaning

By, Justin Messner, City Engineer

Each fall, something compels us to clean and reorganize our homes into efficient and spotless spaces. It may surprise you that some household products require special care when you dispose of them. Paint, cleaners, oils, batteries, or pesticides often contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients and are considered household hazardous waste (HHW).

Improper disposal of HHW includes pouring it down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or putting them in the trash. Incorrect disposal of these wastes can hurt the environment and harm human health.

### Ensure proper disposal of HHW by doing the following:

- Bring products labeled “Warning” & “Poison” to a HHW facility for safe disposal.
- Bring household hazardous wastes to a Ramsey County drop-off site: [savmn.com/HazardousWaste](http://savmn.com/HazardousWaste)
- Establish a product inventory, so you don’t buy more than you need.
- Create a non-toxic tool kit made from simple materials- baking soda, vinegar, vegetable & lemon juice make excellent cleaning substitutes.
- For additional tips, visit: [reduce.org](http://reduce.org). ■

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## Winter Parking & Snow Plowing

By, Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director



During the winter, the number one priority of the Public Works Department is to clear snow and make City streets safe for traffic and emergency vehicles. Here are a few reminders to assist residents in achieving this goal:

Residents are **not** allowed to park on **any** street for a period of 48 hours, beginning immediately after two (2) inches or more of continuous snowfall, or until the snow removal has been completed from curb to curb.

We know that snow removal may not correlate with residents’ snow shoveling schedules. The drivers do their best to avoid pushing windrows of snow back

onto freshly shoveled driveways or sidewalks.

Remember it is dangerous for children to dig tunnels in the windrows of snow created by the snow plows. Tunnels can cave in, smothering the child. Plow drivers can’t see children playing in or around the windrows and they can be covered or trapped in the snow. Other ways to assist with snow removal operations include:

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

With your cooperation, snow removal can be more efficient. If you have any questions regarding snow plowing procedures, contact Jeremy Gumke by email at [jeremy.gumke@savmn.com](mailto:jeremy.gumke@savmn.com) or at 612-782-3441. ■



Contact City Hall immediately at 612-782-3301 during normal business hours. After business hours, contact the Fire Department at 612-782-3400. 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 and sewer lines. ■

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Keep Leaves Off the Ground & Out of Storm Drains

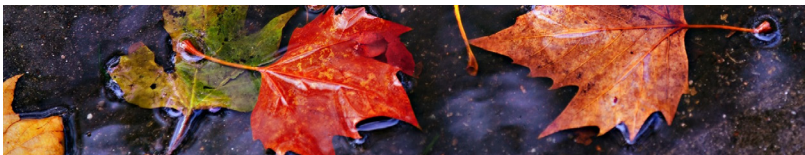
By, Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director

Leaves left to accumulate on the ground can have negative effects on the health of local waterways. Street and yard flooding, litter dams, and algae growth can occur when leaves block/enter the storm drain. To combat this, keep leaves and yard debris out of the storm drains by raking, bagging, or composting. The purpose of the storm drain, or catch basin, is to collect the rain water and melted snow— not leaves, trash, or other pollutants. Here's what happens when fallen leaves are left untended:

- Leaves that fall to the ground inevitably accumulate at the mouth of stormwater drains and ditches, causing dams that capture leaves and litter.
- These pollutants clog up storm drains and ditches causing street flooding (even with light or moderate rainfall).
- Once the leaves in the storm drain begin to decay, they release nutrients that contribute to excess algae growth in the waterways.
- Algae growth uses up dissolved oxygen needed by aquatic wildlife and can result in a decline in their population.

### Good to Do:

- Pick up after your pet! Pet waste can end up in storm drains, area streams, rivers, and lakes, thus polluting the water we recreate in and harming aquatic life with high levels of nitrogen and bacteria
- 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. ■



## Sidewalk Snow Clearing

One of the many challenges residents and the Public Works Department (PW) face in the winter is clearing snow and ice from public sidewalks. Clearing snow along sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian ramps is essential to ensuring walking is practical, safe, and comfortable in the winter. We aim to maintain year-round walking infrastructure by ensuring the clearing of snow is completed in a timely fashion. According to City Code 92.01(B)(1), the owner and occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians; snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish is not to remain on the walk longer than 24 hours after its deposit thereon. The PW clears public sidewalks as part of the regular snow removal program with specialized equipment. As a general rule, the PW does not apply rock salt to sidewalks as it may eventually find its way into lakes, rivers, and other water bodies and cause environmental damage. Additionally, rock salt can cause concrete deterioration and harm plants, trees, wildlife, and pets. If an application of salt is necessary to remove accumulated snow and ice, residents are encouraged to apply sparingly. As much salt as would fill a coffee mug is enough to treat 250 square feet of pavement. Shoot for a 3-inch spread between salt granules to apply the proper amount of de-icing salt. While bare pavement is not always possible throughout the harsh winter conditions we experience as Minnesotans, diligent and responsible practices for snow and ice removal on sidewalks will help to maintain the goal of walkability for all. ■

# MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

## St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits!

### Our Municipal Liquor Stores contributing to the community since 1948

By, Mike Larson, Operations Manager

The holiday season is approaching fast! And, as of now, we are set to provide our regular holiday sampling events. Even though COVID-19 conditions will dictate if and how the events are held, we will continue to provide a concierge-level-of-service in the safest way possible. Continue to monitor our web page ([stanthonyvillagewineandspirits.com](http://stanthonyvillagewineandspirits.com)) and follow us on social media (Facebook: [@stanthonyvillagewineandspirits](https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyvillagewineandspirits)) (Twitter: [@stanthonyliquor](https://twitter.com/stanthonyliquor)) to stay updated on sales, new products, and upcoming events as we move into the Thanksgiving holiday.



As predicted, sales have stabilized since bars and restaurants opened up, and outdoor events returned over the summer. Our sales decreased as compared to 2020, but are considerably higher than our 2019 figures. We appreciate the additional customers we gained last year, and thank our loyal customers for their continued business!

The supply chain for our products has been greatly affected by COVID-19, and has had noticeable impacts on distilleries, breweries and wineries. This has caused limited production of products and packaging issues. Many of the large breweries are discontinuing packages and certain types of beer to allow increased production of their best sellers. In addition, the shortage of employees in the shipping and trucking industry is prohibiting timely deliveries of product to our stores and to our suppliers in Minnesota. Even though we do not see an improvement of this problem in the near future, we will continue to do our very best to obtain the products that our customers want.

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 residents. I can be contacted by phone at 612-782-3455, or feel free to email me at [mike.larson@savmn.com](mailto:mike.larson@savmn.com). Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you! ■

An advertisement for the 2020 Census. It features a background image of a park with a fountain and trees. Overlaid on the image is a large blue number '9257' next to a blue icon of three people. Below this, text reads: 'U.S. Census Bureau data indicates a 12.5% increase in St. Anthony's population since 2010. Thank you to everyone who responded to the 2020 Census! More info at: [metro council.org/census2020](http://metro council.org/census2020)'. In the bottom right corner is the St. Anthony Village logo, which consists of a circle containing the letters 'SA' and a stylized 'V'.An advertisement for snowplow services. It features a background image of two orange snowplows clearing snow on a street. At the top, a blue arrow points right with the text 'Don't get stuck this winter!'. Below the image, text reads: 'When snowplows are out: With 2 inches or more of snowfall, no parking on any City streets for 48 hours, or until streets have been plowed, curb to curb.' In the bottom right corner, a yellow box contains the text 'Sign up for alerts: [savmn.com](http://savmn.com)'.



# COMMUNITY

## CFS: Actions You can Take Today to Reduce Your Impact on Our Planet

With drought, wildfires, and a drop in wetland water levels this summer, it is hard to look away from our changing climate and its impact. On Aug. 9, the UN released a report which they show that human activity influences the warming of our atmosphere, oceans, & land. We have a narrow window of time to keep the impact from getting worse. Act today to help save our planet for our children:

### Save water:

- Install a rain barrel.
- Plant native and drought-tolerant plants.
- Let your lawn turn brown.
- Ensure your sprinkler system isn't leaking and has a smart controller.
- Install low-flow showerheads, toilets, and faucets.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth or soaping up in the shower.

### Reduce your driving:

- Plan errands that you can walk, bike, or bus to.
- Bundle errands that are close together and park in a central location.
- Carpool with co-workers, friends, and family.
- Use electric vehicle & renewable electricity.

### Reduce your energy use:

- Turn off lights.
- Set your thermometer up in the summer and down in the winter.
- Turn off electronics and chargers when not in use.
- Use 'smart' power strips.

### Reduce your waste:

- Take your own bags to the store.
- Compost food waste at the drop-off site near City Hall, or in your backyard.
- Choose take-out food options with reusable or compostable containers.
- Purchase products that contain recycled content.

### Most importantly, speak up!

- Share these tips with friends, family, and colleagues.
- Vote for politicians who support 'green' initiatives.
- Advocate to all levels of government.
- Invest your money in 'green' companies.
- Get active in local organizations.
- Visit [citizensforsustainability.org](https://citizensforsustainability.org) ■

## Sister City Association

It has been an active summer for the St. Anthony Sister City Association. On July 30, the Sister City Association hosted the 11th Village Blood Drive with the help of St. Anthony Girls Tennis. Thanks to many generous donors, we exceeded our goal and collected enough blood to touch over 120 lives! On Aug. 6, we participated in the VillageFest parade riding in a vintage 1975 VM London firetruck courtesy of Mike Gondek. It was fun seeing so many people along the parade route. *(Pictured from left to right: Barry Kinsey, Bernice Kuure, Karen Wiemer, John Hanson)*



The Sister City Association annual meeting will be held Nov. 14. A Finnish cooking demonstration is planned. Look for more info on Facebook at [Facebook@StAnthonySisterCity](https://Facebook.com/StAnthonySisterCity) or visit the City of St. Anthony website. ■



For more information about the St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce, please visit our website at [saintanthonychamber.org/](https://saintanthonychamber.org/) ■



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

- Oct. 2: Fire Dept. Open House
- Oct. 6: Coffee with the Council
- Oct. 9: Tech Dump event
- Oct. 12: City Council Meeting
- Oct. 19: Planning Commission Meeting
- Oct. 26: City Council Meeting

#### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 9: City Council Meeting
- Nov. 11: Holiday, Veteran's Day
- Nov. 16: Planning Commission Meeting
- Nov. 23: City Council Meeting
- Nov. 25-26: Holiday, Thanksgiving

#### DECEMBER

- Dec. 6: Parks & Envi. Commission Mtg
- Dec. 14: City Council Meeting
- Dec. 21: Planning Commission Meeting
- Dec. 24: Holiday, Christmas Eve/Day
- Dec. 28: City Council Meeting

To request special accommodations or alternative formats for City meetings, please contact the City Clerk:  
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