

# Village NOTES

**“A Village in the City”**

Spring 2022

## Connecting With People Locally and Globally

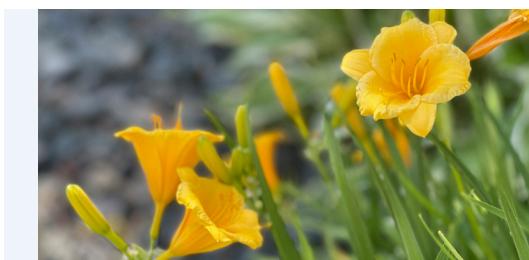
By, Mayor Randy Stille

The world events we are all witnessing remind us that whenever something happens, people are affected directly. Our daily activities all come down to interacting with individuals in some way. Developing personal connections help us to work together better, empathize with those experiencing trouble, and ultimately build a strong community.

On a local level, one of my most enjoyable elements of serving our community is through interaction with city staff. Whether it be police, fire, administration, public works, or the liquor enterprise, I often find myself in a healthy dialogue and banter with employees. Themes that consistently emerge during these conversations are that St. Anthony is a great place to work, the interaction and communication between departments is extraordinary, work ethic is high, and our community is supportive. Over the years, this culture has allowed our city to hire and retain talent that possess attributes of honesty, integrity, service-mindedness, and respect.

I encourage you to reflect upon our community and why we value it so much. Let's continue to be intentional about supporting each department, especially police and fire, who, as first responders in an ever-changing world, rise to the occasion as they serve and protect our citizens day in and day out. These women and men are dedicated servants whom we all owe our gratitude to.

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City Council and St. Anthony residents, I thank all of city staff for their dedication as they carry out our mission.



Our culture will help us attract and retain talented employees that continue to foster our healthy community. I also thank you as residents for all that you do to encourage city staff as they serve St. Anthony Village.

On a global level, I was privileged as a Councilmember to spend five days in our Sister City, Salo, Finland, in 2007. Our Salo friends also arranged for three council members from Rzhev, Russia (a sister city of Salo), to join. The beginning of the stay was cold; I sensed tension and distrust from the Russians. As the week progressed, the barriers gradually came down to the point where, at the end of the trip, there was heartfelt respect and admiration between us. Distrust turned into trust. My stay began with a cold handshake and ended with a warm embrace.

Why was this? Because the Russians saw that we were human beings, and as elected officials, despite our different backgrounds, our goals were aligned in that we were both striving to make our respective cities better than how we found them.

I often have thought “what if every city had a sister city relationship or multiple sister city relationships”? Seems it would be hard to wage war on friends. Obviously, St. Anthony cannot create world peace on its own, but we can continue to do our part. We can strive to make friends both internationally and domestically with our sisters and brothers. And let's especially be thinking of Ukrainians both here and abroad, keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. ■

### IN THIS EDITION:

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# CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

## The Importance of Sister Cities

By, Charlie Yunker, City Manager

Sister City, county, and state affiliations between the United States and other nations began shortly after World War II and developed into a national initiative when President Eisenhower proposed the people-to-people program at a White House Conference in 1956. Since 1985, the City of St. Anthony has enjoyed a sister-city relationship with the City of Salo, Finland. Over the years there have been a number of visits each way across the Atlantic, and highlights and more information about the City's relationship with Salo, Finland, can be found on the City's website.

At the annual City Council Goal Setting session in January, a goal was identified to begin to plan for a future visit to St. Anthony's Sister City of Salo, Finland. Of course it was intended to be something for the City to be thinking about for when pandemic conditions allow for a visit sometime, hopefully, relatively soon. At the time nobody had any idea that other events in Europe, like we are seeing now, could extend that timeline even further.



Some may see a Sister City relationship as something ceremonial, and perhaps an indulgence. I would argue that the Sister City program is important and has a role even for our small Village of St. Anthony. I recently attended a City Council meeting in my hometown city, which has a Sister City in Ukraine. A guest from Ukraine spoke and shared stories of friends that were experiencing first-hand what we can only see on television. Those stories made all those in attendance feel connected to people we've never met thousands of miles away.

Those connections, among other benefits, is why the program was conceived with an aim to connect people all around the globe. As President Eisenhower stated; "The Sister Cities program is an important resource to the negotiations of governments in letting the people themselves give expression of their common desire for friendship, goodwill, and cooperation for a better world for all." ■

## 2022 ORGANIZED COLLECTION RATES

### Hennepin County:

Small Cart.....	\$15.51
Recycling.....	\$4.56
Hennepin Co. Surcharge (28%).....	\$2.40
Solid Waste Mngmt Tax (9.75%).....	\$1.51
<i>Monthly total, Small Cart</i>	<i>\$23.98</i>

Medium Cart.....	\$17.91
Recycling.....	\$4.56
Hennepin Co Surcharge (15.5%).....	\$2.78
Solid Waste Mngmt Tax (9.75%).....	\$1.75
<i>Monthly total, Medium Cart</i>	<i>\$27.00</i>

Large Cart.....	\$20.74
Recycling.....	\$4.56
Hennepin Co. Surcharge (15.5%).....	\$3.21
Solid Waste Mngmt Tax (9.75%).....	\$2.02
<i>Monthly total, Large Cart</i>	<i>\$30.53</i>

### Ramsey County:

Small Cart.....	\$15.51
Recycling.....	\$4.56
Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%).....	\$4.34
Solid Waste Mngmt Tax (9.75%).....	\$1.51
<i>Monthly total, Small Cart</i>	<i>\$25.92</i>

Medium Cart.....	\$17.91
Recycling.....	\$4.56
Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%).....	\$5.01
Solid Waste Mngmt Tax (9.75%).....	\$1.75
<i>Monthly total, Medium Cart</i>	<i>\$29.23</i>

Large Cart.....	\$20.74
Recycling.....	\$4.56
Ramsey Co. Surcharge (28%).....	\$5.81
Solid Waste Mngmt Tax (9.75%).....	\$2.02
<i>Monthly total, Large Cart</i>	<i>\$33.13</i>

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



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

An average person uses 40-80 gallons of water a day, so any effort can have significant impacts. Replacing older-model showerheads with low-flow showerheads can result in water savings of 20-60%.

Newer dishwashers are more efficient and effective, and frontloading washing machines, by design, use less water than top-loading washing machines.

From April 1-30, Mayor Stille and your St. Anthony neighbors invite you to join the effort to reduce our City's water consumption. Help St. Anthony win the title of "Most Water-Wise" city in the nation by pledging to save water at home. If our City wins, participants can earn prizes, such as home utilities paid for a year, a \$500 shopping spree at a home-improvement store, and eco-friendly cleaning kits. Make your pledge at [mywaterpledge.com](http://mywaterpledge.com). Search for "St. Anthony (MN)" and follow the instructions. Students and teachers can also participate using the website's Classroom Edition. City water customers can track water usage via the "My Water Usage" tool on the City's website at: [bit.ly/37IVxbX](http://bit.ly/37IVxbX). ■

## Water Tower Rehabilitation

By, Justin Messner, City Engineer

At first glance, it would be easy to assume that water towers exist to store water. However, water storage is not the primary function of the tower. Water towers are tall to provide pressure, so towers are typically located on high ground, and are built tall enough to provide the necessary pressure to all the houses and businesses in the surrounding area. Elevating the water high above the pipes that distribute it throughout the community ensures that hydrostatic pressure, driven by gravity, forces the water down and through the system.

The St. Anthony Village water tower, located within Water Tower Park, is a 250,000 gallon tank originally built in the 1970s.

Detailed inspections of the tank indicated the need to rehabilitate the interior and exterior of the tank to ensure the community gets the most out of its investment while also maintaining a safe drinking water supply. Earlier this winter, the City received bids to complete the rehabilitation of the tower with a schedule to begin the work this spring.

In coordination with the rehabilitation project for the spring, the City of St. Anthony Village would like to provide residents the opportunity to offer input on the exterior painting of the tower. Residents are encouraged to vote for their favorite exterior design of the tower. Voting will be available to residents until April 30th, with the decision to be approved by the City Council at the May 10th meeting.

**VOTE FOR  
YOUR  
FAVORITE  
DESIGN!**

*Circle your favorite and  
drop off at City Hall or  
vote at [savmn.com](http://savmn.com)*

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# STAY INFORMED

2022

## Mission

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



## VISION

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

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Environmental Stewardship

Quality Infrastructure

Robust Technology

Quality Housing & Commercial / Industrial Properties

Welcoming Village

Safe, Sound & Progressive Community

## GOALS

Environmental Responsibility

Quality Infrastructure

Civic Engagement

Thriving Neighborhoods

Communicate Transparently & Effectively

Safe & Secure Community

Fiscal & Organizational Strength

## ACTION STEPS

Continue phosphorus reduction initiative	Explore traffic safety on County roads	<u>Support Police Department Strategic Initiatives</u>	<u>Evaluate services/policies/procedures through equitable lens</u>	Enhance sustainability tour interactive map	Continue operational audits of police officer body cameras	Track grant outcomes & locate new opportunities
Continue a rain barrel & rain garden workshop	Continue LED lighting upgrades city-wide	Continue Family Services Collaborative initiatives support	Ensure city code reflects sustainability initiatives	Enhance use of imagery & videos in city communications	Continue public safety community outreach opportunities	Maintain cooperative ventures with other entities & explore expansion
Maintain highest GreenStep Cities status	Review adequacy of public facilities	Participate in Night to Unite	Explore redevelopment of City-owned property	Explore options for Mass Emergency Communications	Explore pedestrian & bike-friendly routes	Support professional development
Promote Annual Water Challenge	Water Tower and Ground Storage Facility Maintenance	Continue youth engagement activities	Enhance Mental Health Awareness & Resources for staff	Build upon existing engagement with community orgs.	Participate in public safety joint mental health initiatives	Review staffing, compensation, benefits and organizational structure
Continue solar garden participation & explore expansion	Seek electric vehicle charging station grants	Attract diverse attendees to the Community Academy	Improve welcoming of new residents to St. Anthony Village	Implement enhancements to city newsletter	Foster connection to mental health services for residents with existing resources	Expand online city services on website
Continue Fix-it Clinics & TechDump	Complete 2022 street utility project	Encourage engagement with City commissions	Monitor trends related to single family zoning district density/uses	Conduct community survey to help inform decisions	Upgrade Police Department Records Management System	Develop exit plan for existing TIF districts
Maintain Tree City certification	Explore options for connecting Mpls Park Board Grand Rounds Missing Link	Expand locations of Coffee w/t Council			Explore Fire Department Medical Skillset Expansion	Establish sanitary sewer Inflow & Infiltration reduction policy
Comply with MPCA MS4 Phase 2	Explore green space vs. density in Silver Lake Village	Monitor flavored tobacco ordinances in surrounding cities	Explore limits on rental licenses of single family homes	Enhance official notification avenues for public hearings	Continue in regional engagement regarding public safety	Plan 2023 budget and tax levy
Explore single-hauler organized collection of recycling waste, organics	Explore green space options in southern SAV	Plan future Sister Cities visit to Salo				
	Explore Dog Park					

## CORE VALUES

Supportive Effective Responsible Visionary Innovative Courteous Exemplary

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

Box indicates new or revised for 2022

# CITY PLANNING

## How City Code Relates to Your Project

By, Steve Grittman, City Planner

As you plan your spring and summer building projects, you will want to understand the way the City's land use regulations (like the zoning ordinance) may apply to your plans.

There are two general categories of zoning requirements. The first is physical standards, including setbacks, impervious surface limits, as well as height and square footage standards, among others.

The second general category is the actual use of property. The zoning ordinance sets an expectation for the "principal use" of property, and then defines a number of "accessory uses" that are allowed to accompany the principal use. In neighborhoods zoned for single family residential, those districts are set aside for just that – single family homes. Accessory uses are those activities that support single family residential living, such as garages and automobile parking, recreational uses like swimming pools and gazebos, and other things most of us commonly think of in residential neighborhoods.

The past few years have brought changes to how we use single family homes, not the least of which is the growth in the need for home office space. Home offices are a variety of a larger example of accessory uses known as "Home Occupations". In most cases, home office space is a convenience, and has a small, or even unnoticeable, impact on the residential character of the property and the neighborhood.

When the office use grows into a more robust business, however, that business activity can become a nuisance and interrupt the neighborhood character that is a component of people's expectations for residential areas. Perhaps the business activity results in the desire to have employees report to the home office, or customers using the business services creates traffic to a level far beyond a typical home.

In these case, there is question as to the "principal" as opposed to the "accessory" use. The general rule of thumb is if the business use is not very noticeable to the neighbors, it's likely to be consistent with the zoning regulations.

St. Anthony Village encourages reinvestment in its housing stock, and is considering how to accommodate the rise in home office use on what are often constricted residential lots. There are many factors that can be affected by what might otherwise be thought of as simple changes, including:

- Stormwater runoff
- Balancing privacy on single family lots
- How use affects neighborhoods (traffic and noise)

Over the next several months, City staff, along with the Planning Commission and, ultimately, the City Council, will be evaluating options for addressing residential property regulations to encourage the reinvestment that is being driven by new patterns of uses. Keep an eye on the City's website and the Planning Commission agenda page if you would like to monitor or participate in this discussion.



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# SUSTAINABILITY

## Clean out responsibly

Spring has sprung! If you're eager to freshen up your home and yard after the long winter, here's what to do with items you no longer want:



- **Bulky items:** Bring your bulky items to our annual Clean-Up Day or check with your trash hauler about options for disposing of large items that can't be donated and don't fit in your trash cart. You can also choose to self-haul them to a disposal or recycling company. For options, visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ or call its 24/7 hotline at 651-633-EASY (3279).
- **Donations:** Bring clothing to our annual Clean-Up Day. You can also bring clothing and household goods to a local donation center. Refer to RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse for options. Make sure to call or check their website to verify items are accepted.
- **Electronics and batteries:** Do not put electronics or batteries in the trash or recycling cart. Bring your old batteries and electronics to our annual Clean-Up Day. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ or call our 24/7 hotline at 651-633-EASY (3279) for a list of additional drop-off options.
- **Yard waste:** Bring your yard waste to our annual Clean-Up Day. Do not put yard waste in your trash – it's illegal. All St. Anthony residents can also bring leaves, grass clippings and garden waste to a free Ramsey County yard-waste collection site. Select sites also accept branches and shrubs. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/YardWaste for details.
- **Household hazardous waste:** Not accepted at Clean Up-Day. Products such as old medicine, paint, cleaners, oils, batteries, fertilizers, and pesticides may contain harmful ingredients and are considered to be Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Improper disposal of HHW can hurt the environment and human health so it's important to do your research on proper disposal procedures. Improper methods of disposal include pouring it down the drain, down storm sewers, onto your lawn, and even putting them out with the trash. Proper procedure includes reading your products information and looking for key words such as Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Flammable, Reactive, Corrosive, or Toxic so you can create an inventory of your HHW. Find out the location of your local HHW collection site and call ahead to arrange for drop-off. For more information, visit: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/reducing-toxicity-home>

If you have questions, visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW or call its 24/7 hotline at 651-633-EASY (3279). For a complete list of accepted items and pricing for Spring Clean-Up Day, visit [savmn.com/CleanUpDay](http://savmn.com/CleanUpDay). ■

## SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

SAT. MAY 7 9AM TO NOON

Public Works Facility  
3801 Chandler Dr.

More info, register online: [savmn.com/CleanUpDay](http://savmn.com/CleanUpDay)

WELCOME TO SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY!

Thank you for making the effort to responsibly recycle or dispose of your items, while also cleaning out your home!

Follow along with these posters to learn about the positive environmental impacts resulting from your participation in Clean-Up Day.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Update from Police Chief Mangseth



Our motto is "Safety through Service". We even put it on our vehicles. We want our entire community to know this is how we will show up for you; it's embedded within our culture. It's who we are and how we serve.

Your safety and wellbeing is our primary focus. We remain proactive in connecting those in need with supportive services. Our officers are equipped with "blue cards" that include helpful services for those who are victims of a crime, involved in a crisis, in need of adult/juvenile protection, require drug/alcohol abuse intervention, or experiencing domestic violence.

We insist on building partnerships with other service providers to instill a holistic, public health focus to our service-based mindset and Safety through Service approach.

For example, we partner with Northeast Youth and Family Services (NYFS) and Ramsey County law enforcement agencies to provide a community-case-worker that reaches out to individuals and families in need of mental health support or basic family resources. This has helped reduce repeated police calls and unwanted use-of-force encounters, ultimately providing direct support to those in need. This not only aligns with our service-based mindset and holistic approach, but also strengthens our community.

### We continue to learn, evolve and expand our resources

Our police officers are equipped with resources and receive continuing education to help mitigate crisis situations that can quickly evolve, becoming highly intense and emotional for all those involved.

We are committed to continuous, mandated training that focuses on:

- Crisis/mental health intervention.
- Conflict management and mediation.
- Recognizing and valuing community diversity.
- Cultural differences.
- Implicit bias.

So far this year, our officers took part in Crisis Intervention Team training (CIT) taught by our own in-house instructors. Their training focused on responding to individuals in crisis. The training's holistic approach focuses on an ongoing collaboration among three community service providers-first responders, mental health professionals and community advocacy workers- to improve crisis response and prevention.

And to best serve our community, we ensure our officers remain healthy in mind, body, and spirit. We provide them with an officer wellness program where they receive a physical wellness plan, internal chaplaincy program, and a mandatory annual mental health checkup by a licensed psychologist.

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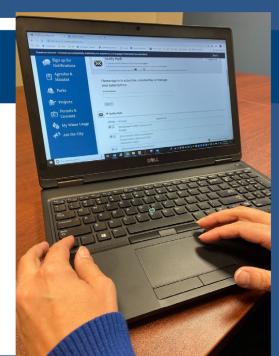
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#### NEW FEATURE:

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



Update From Police Chief Mangseth, continued-

### Building trust and relationships through consistency

We truly want to engage with our community. We want to instill confidence that we are a trusted resource for you and your family, friends and neighbors. We want you to count on us.

Every single encounter we have within our community is an engagement opportunity. It's the lens by which we view everything we do. It's what marks the difference between a police department that participates in community engagement events, versus a department whose driving philosophy is based on regular, authentic engagement.

We will uphold a culture that emphasizes a service-based mindset. We remain focused, proactive, and determined. And we will work everyday to deepen your trust so we can best serve and protect you, and your fellow neighbors.

*Visit [police@savmn.com](mailto:police@savmn.com) to learn more about the department's community-oriented policing model, view our department strategic plan and our mission/vision statements.*

*Go to <https://www.savmn.com/494/Accountable-and-Transparent> to view our entire police policy manual, traffic data and use-of-force reports, as well as crime-mapping features and weekly crime reports.*

### Future topics to cover

Do you have a topic of interest that you would like me to address in an upcoming Chief Update?

Please send your suggestions and ideas to [jon.mangseth@savmn.com](mailto:jon.mangseth@savmn.com). ■

## The St. Anthony Fire Department is hiring!

There will be an informational meeting June 29th, 7pm at the Fire Station

Contact the Fire Chief at  
[mark.sitarz@savmn.com](mailto:mark.sitarz@savmn.com)  
to learn more & RSVP



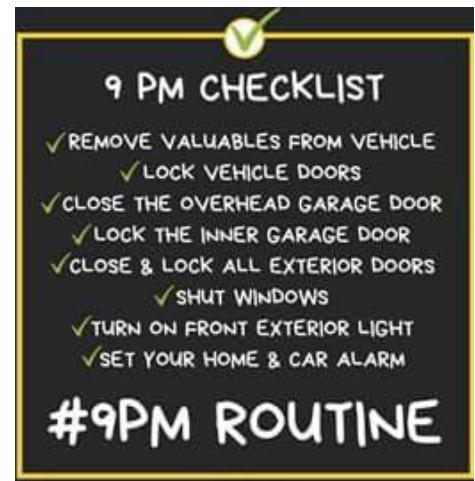
### #9pm Routine

By, Officer Jim South

Do you have a #9PM Routine? If not, maybe you should start one. Why are we talking about it and what exactly is it? We all have heard of friends or neighbors who have forgot to lock their vehicles or close their garage doors and have become unnecessary victims of theft. Well, this is a way that we can all work together as a community to help thwart potential criminals.

Crime is on the rise around our area and we have recently had many vehicles rummaged through, items taken, vehicles taken and it has been difficult to catch the perpetrators. These are crimes of opportunity and we can all help stop it from happening.

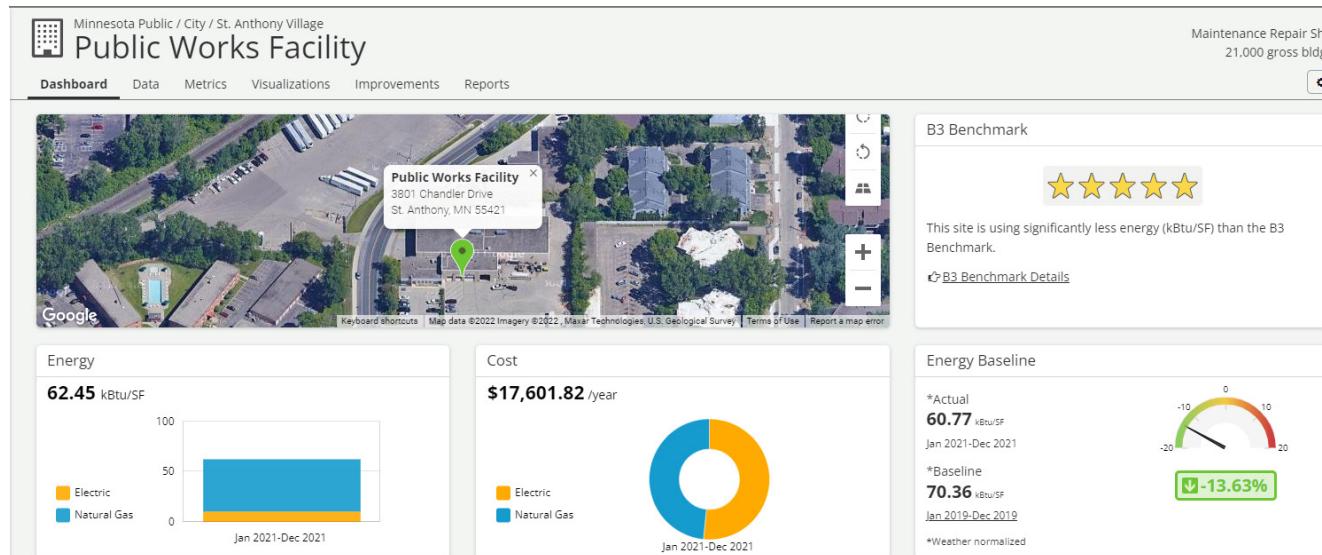
What is the #9pm Routine? It is a way we can remind each other to make sure we do several things before we turn in for the night. Everyone can make their own checklist for what they do before bed but here are a few suggestions.



# FINANCE

## 2020-2021 Community Solar Garden results and Green Step program metrics

By, Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director



In 2016, St. Anthony became a member of the Metropolitan Council Community Solar Garden Collaborative that facilitated a group-buy of solar garden subscriptions with neighboring municipalities.

During 2019, the US Solar gardens subscription site started up operation. For the 2020-2021 period the City's solar gardens produced 1.175 kWhs. That production level covered the City Hall, Fire Station and the Public Works buildings' use of electricity over the 2020-2021 timeframe.

Community Solar Gardens is one of green initiatives included within the City's participation in the Green step program. The program tracks various green metrics on a year to year basis.

Thus, allowing City Staff to determine any opportunities for "Green" improvements. Using the available benchmarking tools the City can manage greater savings while being respectful to our green environment.



2021 - 2022 Maximum Income Guidelines		
Household Size	Past 3 Months Income	Annual Income
1	\$8,809	\$35,237
2	\$11,520	\$46,080
3	\$14,230	\$56,922
4	\$16,941	\$67,765
5	\$19,651	\$78,607
6	\$22,362	\$89,450



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# CITY PROJECT UPDATES

## 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project

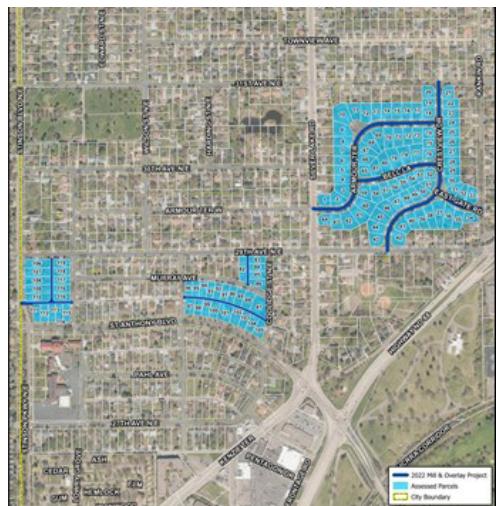


The 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project consists of the complete street and utility reconstruction along Rankin Road from 33rd Avenue to 31st Avenue.

Proposed utility improvements include sanitary sewer and water main replacement including individual services to the right-of-way boundary, fire hydrants, water valves, and manholes. The proposed project will also include the construction of new storm sewer system to improve drainage along the project corridor.

Additionally, the 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project will include 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.



Bids were received on February 2nd and it is anticipated the Council will award the contract in April. The project documents are currently being executed with an anticipated start date of late spring/early summer depending on weather.

## 2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project

The Contractor had substantially completed the street reconstruction, utility replacements, restoration, and clean-up on the 2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project in the fall of 2021. 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 the City Engineer, Justin Messner, at 612-388-9652.



## Mirror Lake, Salo Pond, and Central Park Bioswale Maintenance

By, Justin Messner, City Engineer

Stormwater ponds are best management practices (BMPs) designed to collect and store stormwater runoff; helping to regulate flow through the stormwater infrastructure and provide water quality treatment. When it rains, the stormwater runoff will collect sediment, pollutants and other debris as it flows through the various curb, gutter and storm sewer systems on its way to the pond. Each stormwater pond is designed to have a roughly 25-50 year lifespan, which includes periodic maintenance to preserve its functionality.

Often signs of a stormwater pond needing maintenance include damaged or blocked storm structures (pipes and other outlets), compromised slope stability due to erosion, significant sediment build up in pond, and/or invasive plant species overtaking native plant species. To determine which ponds are in need of maintenance, inspections are completed by cities or other agencies to sustain the pond's effectiveness for pollutant removal.

In the fall of 2021, the City of St. Anthony Village conducted an onsite review of the vegetation surrounding Mirror Lake, Salo Pond, and the Central Park Bioswale. Invasive plant species were identified along the shorelines of these stormwater ponds. The City of St. Anthony Village will be completing maintenance along the shorelines of Mirror Lake, Salo Pond, and the Central Park Bioswale in the spring-fall of 2022 to address the invasive plant species and re-establish native grasses and pollinator plantings.



## Splash Pads

*Typically open around Memorial Day, depending on weather*

Open daily 9 am to 9 pm



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

## Purchase a Rain Barrel

by Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director

Using reclaimed rainwater captured from a rain barrel to water your lawn and garden is a great way to practice sustainability and protect your local environment. The City provides an opportunity each year for residents to purchase a rain barrel. Barrels are repurposed from oak wine barrels and then sold to residents at a reduced price of \$100 dollars. Go to [savmn.com/RainBarrels](http://savmn.com/RainBarrels) to purchase your rain barrel. Barrels will be provided to the first 15 residents to submit payment.

### Please note:

- Barrels will be delivered to your home.
- Only one rain barrel per household and only new participants (cannot be a former recipient of a barrel)
- You will receive confirmation if approved.
- Must be a City of St. Anthony Village resident.



**Streetlight  
not  
working  
properly?**



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

**Go online to report:**  
[xcelenergy.com/outages\\_and\\_emergencies/outdoor\\_lighting\\_outages](http://xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies/outdoor_lighting_outages)

**Or call:**  
**1-800-960-6235**

## Upcoming important reminders:

- **Branch Chipping:** May 16-18. Public Works will be conducting curbside branch chipping for residents for \$15 dollars, plus applicable sales tax for each 10 minutes of chipping. Charges will be billed on your July 2022 water bill. Branches must be at the curb. For more info, call 612-782-3301. Sign up online at: [savmn.com/FormCenter/Branch-Chipping-10/Branch-Chipping-Form](http://savmn.com/FormCenter/Branch-Chipping-10/Branch-Chipping-Form).
- **Hydrant Flushing:** May 23-27. During regular business hours. Following hydrant flushing on your street, run water through your washing machine tub or outside spigot to prevent discolored water from entering your home's water line. For more info, visit the City's website under the Public Works Department.
- **Street Sweeping:** City-wide street sweeping begins in the spring. Primary roadways and secondary roadways, which contribute stormwater to the local watershed, are completed first. The City sweeps periodically throughout the year in a continuing effort to care for our rivers, lakes, and streams.
- **Spring Load Restrictions:** Began March 16. MNDOT determines ending dates based on how weather is affecting roadway strength. Schedule home improvement projects that require heavy vehicles to avoid spring load restrictions timeline. More info at: [savmn.com/203/Streets](http://savmn.com/203/Streets). ■

## Hennepin County Healthy Tree Canopy Grant Awarded

by Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director

In June of 2020, the city submitted an application to the Hennepin County Healthy Tree Canopy Grant program to assist with the funding of a tree inventory survey pertaining to trees located within the city right-of-way in Hennepin County.

The city has been a member of Tree City USA since 2016 and values the fostering of a healthy urban tree canopy. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 was awarded to complete the survey, which will allow the city to apply for future grants from Hennepin County related to tree care. The city partnered with Tree Trust, a local non-profit program, to complete the tree inventory. The survey was completed in the winter of 2021. Data from 832 trees were analyzed using the i-Tree Eco model that was developed by the U.S. Forest Service.



The most common species of trees found were Freeman maple, Norway maple, and White spruce. This information is valuable as it will help determine future plantings to promote canopy diversity in an effort to minimize the overall impact or destruction by a species-specific insect or disease, as we have seen with the Emerald Ash Borer and Dutch Elm disease.

The model determined the tree canopy surveyed removes 354 pounds of pollution, stores 670 tons of carbon, and produces 16 tons of oxygen per year. According to Tree Trust, “Understanding an urban forest’s structure, function, and value can promote management decisions that will improve human health and environmental quality.”

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## Water Conservation Poster Contest

by James Niemi, Parks and Environmental Commission Chair

In December 2021, the Parks and Environmental Commission (PEC) voted on the Water Conservation Poster submitted by students from St. Charles 3rd grade class and Wilshire Park 4th grade class.

It was great to see so many wonderful entries this year which made the judging challenging. We would like to thank all those who participated. The winners were recognized at the January City Council meeting.

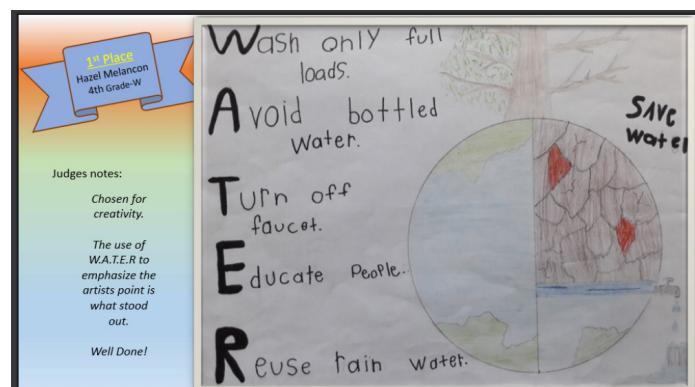
Congratualations to the following winners:

1st Place: Hazel Melancon - WP

2nd Place: Ceci Dallmeyer - WP

3rd Place: Louise Atkinson - WP

Runner up: Bernie Urdahl – St. Charles



# MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

## St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits-contributing to the community since 1948

by Mike Larson, Operations Manager

Every year the City Manager and Department Heads of the City present our annual reports to the City Council at a council meeting. The Liquor Operations report typically highlights notable trends, sales and profits.

The final audit is not complete at the time of this article, but early indications are sales for our stores increased \$240,000 and profits increased \$50,000 during 2021 when compared to 2020. Sales during 2020 increased \$855,000 and profits increased \$150,000 when compared to 2019. The sales increase of over \$1,000,000, and the profit increase of \$200,000 during the last two years is a tribute to the dedication of our staff and our vision statement objectives. We consider this a positive trend and a success story when faced with challenges during the pandemic, supply chain issues and reduced labor market.

Our staff is also working very hard to maximize our profits within our current retail environment. We are committed to attracting customers by providing a unique retail environment that is based on excellent customer service, product selection, competitive pricing, while providing safe, bright and clean stores that drive long term customer loyalty!

I hope you find the trends as positive as we do. We look forward to serving our customers and St. Anthony Village where 100% of our profit enriches the community! Please contact me if we can assist you with anything that would provide a better shopping experience for you and 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!



# 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.

# COMMUNITY

## CFS: Electric Transportation Expo Coming in May

Transportation is the largest greenhouse gas emitting sector in Minnesota. 25% of Minnesota's greenhouse gas emissions come from travel on roads, rails, and by air.

Electric vehicles support Minnesota's transition away from fossil fuels and are cheaper to operate than standard vehicles:

- Electric vehicles are four times more efficient than a gas-powered car and use less energy to go the same distance.
- Xcel offers "off-peak" charging rates to encourage charging at night when power generation is cheapest.



- Electric vehicles do not require oil or transmission fluid changes and have fewer moving parts, so the cost to repair and maintain them is much cheaper.

Electric vehicle sales in the United States doubled in 2021 compared to 2020, and automakers are planning to put nearly 1 million new electric vehicles on the road in 2022.

Join us May 14 at the community center to see and test drive some of the newest Electric vehicles available.

## Sister City Association

"The pandemic continues to affect the St. Anthony Sister City and its ability to interact in person with our friends in Salo, Finland. We hope that 2023 will allow us to start our adult exchange program with Salo.

On June 10, 2022 the St. Anthony Sister City will be helping with a Red Cross Blood Drive. Mark your calendar to donate blood. For more information on the Blood Drive or the St. Anthony Sister City Association and to become a member, go to Facebook at Facebook@StAnthonySisterCity or visit the City of St. Anthony website."

## St. Anthony Historical Society

The St Anthony Village Historical Society is now building a library of short 5-to-15-minute video documentaries to be posted on Facebook and YouTube, and on our website. This will make our stories more accessible to individuals of all ages and geographic locations through the internet, thus improving our service to our mission, "to collect, preserve and disseminate the knowledge of the history of St. Anthony Village."

We have published two videos already and a third is in production for publication before you receive of this newsletter.

Please check us out on Facebook at "St. Anthony Village Historical Society". We encourage you to LIKE our Facebook page and share our posts with your friends and groups to assist our reach; and view us on our YouTube channel at "SAV Historical" and SUBSCRIBE.

We invite you to become a member of the SAV Historical Society and support our mission. Please contact us through our Facebook page or our website at <https://www.savmn.com/273/Historical-Society>

Happy  
**EARTH  
WEEK**



## Park Cleanup

April 23rd 9:30 am-11:30 am

- Silver Point Park
- Central Park
- Emerald Park
- Salo Park
- Trillium Park

Help give St. Anthony parks a spring clean by picking up trash or helping with light gardening work. Each park will host an event with help from Citizens for Sustainability, Kiwanis, St. Anthony Garden Club, and Parks & Environment Commissioners. In addition, we challenge you, along with family and friends, to pick up trash in your neighborhood during the week (April 16-24).





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- April 12: City Council Meeting
- April 19: Planning Commission Meeting
- April 23: Park Cleanup
- April 26: City Council Meeting

### MAY

- May 7: Spring Clean-Up Day
- May 10: City Council Meeting
- May 16-18: Branch Chipping
- May 17: Planning Commission Meeting
- May 23-27: Hydrant Flushing
- May 24: City Council Meeting
- May 30: Holiday, Memorial Day

### JUNE

- June 6: Parks & Envi. Commission Mtg
- June 14: City Council Meeting
- June 20: Holiday, Juneteenth
- June 21: Planning Commission Meeting
- June 28: City Council Meeting

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