

# Village NOTES

“A Village in the City”

Summer 2022

## Infrastructure Stewardship in St. Anthony

Mayor Randy Stille

During a recent walk on 33rd Ave., I struck up a nice conversation with a high school junior on his way to soccer practice. The exchange eventually revealed that I have the privilege of serving as Mayor of St. Anthony. The student was surprised to learn of my role, and confessed his perception of a mayor was someone who wears a three-piece suit and smokes cigars as opposed to my faded jeans, baseball cap and no cigar. I was equally surprised that he would think that, but learned from this conversation to be more self-aware and to continue to take opportunities to share with the community as to how and why their city council and commissions operate, which brings me to the topic of city infrastructure.

Infrastructure. This is not an overly interesting word, is it? Though not overtly flashy, it is nonetheless key, essential, and a cannot-do-without. You see, a core responsibility of city staff and council is exactly that: to take care of city infrastructure. Just as a home needs maintenance from time to time, such as a new roof, plumbing, or carpet, a city needs to do the same for its streets, buildings, water plant, etc. Our city has, and will continue to take care of its infrastructure, and will do so in a way that is prudent, transparent, and well thought out. We are 82% complete with reconstructing 60+ year old city streets, and the focus is gradually shifting to road maintenance versus construction. During 2022, contractors will be busy on the next full reconstruction project on Rankin Road, in addition to less invasive mill and overlay projects. During 2023, there will be a planned holiday year from street projects as we begin to implement a policy

change to fund these projects more from cash and less from debt. This has been a long term sought-after financial goal that should position the city to improve on its AA bond rating.

The City Council's planning role many times relates to smaller, lesser known investments that may be taken for granted. For instance, our Parks Commission will be reviewing a needs assessment in the coming months to address equipment adequacy. The holding pond east of Harding Ave. will be dredged in order to maintain flood protection in the southwestern quadrant of St. Anthony. Scrub trees have recently been eliminated from Salo Pond and the Central Park holding pond. Water tower refurbishment is underway. In addition, there are ongoing equipment needs from each of our departments, especially police and fire, who fulfill our mission by keeping residents safe. Infrastructure and equipment priorities are transparently outlined in our Capital Funds plan, forecasting critical needs and financial impact through 2038 (see [savmn.com/Budget](http://savmn.com/Budget)).

Prudent planning by the city and its commitment to take care of infrastructure is key to maintaining community vitality. I give thanks to the residents who contributed to the heavy lifting to build this foundation. Past and current Parks Commissioners, Planning Commissioners, and City Council members come to mind as we worked through the planning and approval processes. The broad community has also played an influential role by providing feedback. Together, we will continue to be stewards of our community resources as we further our mission.... three piece suit and cigar not needed. ■

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# CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

## St. Anthony Not Immune to Staffing Challenges

Charlie Yunker, City Manager

We've all heard about the Great Resignation, the Big Quit, the Great Reshuffle – and all the challenges that come with it. The City has had a history of long-tenured employees that made this organization their career, which meant that most years the City saw low turnover and enjoyed all the benefits that come with that stability. Lately the story has been different, as the City has experienced higher turnover that is now common across the country.

This year we've had three Police Officers and our Community Service Officer resign or retire early. Both the Community Service Officer and one of the Police Officers chose to enter new professions and move away from law enforcement. One of our full-time firefighters moved to a different career (and one last year as well). And, our Communications Coordinator moved on to another opportunity. As of this publication, it's likely we will be short on seasonal staff in Public Works for parks maintenance again this summer.

Fortunately, we've had success in filling these positions. All of the new hires at our Police Department are joining us from other agencies, and all noted the culture of the City to be a key reason for seeking to join the St. Anthony department. We had a paid-on-call firefighter ready and willing to fill the position in the Fire Department, which proved the importance of maintaining a pool of skilled part-time, "volunteer" firefighters to serve the City. We were also able to find an experienced Communications Coordinator, and we are hopeful we can still fill some summer seasonal openings.

This all naturally presents challenges for staff across the City as the team works to fill schedule gaps while onboarding new team members. This has meant some additional overtime worked, reassigning of duties and re-envisioning what department teams should look like moving forward. My compliments to the entire staff, whose dedication to St. Anthony has shone through once again as they have worked diligently through these transitions. ■

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## New Building Inspector

The city began contracting with MNSPECT for Building Inspection services in the beginning of May. Please call 952-442-7520 to schedule inspections.

The city continues to process your building permit applications. You can now apply for permits online! [Savmn.com/permitsandlicenses](https://savmn.com/permitsandlicenses)



SAINT ANTHONY NAMED  
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LIVABLE SMALL TOWNS



Saint Anthony placed #7 in the  
U.S. on AARP's livability index



## St. Anthony residents: we want to hear from you

Nicole Miller, Assistant to the City Manager



The City of St. Anthony Village is excited to announce the launch of Polco, an innovative online community engagement platform that lets community members provide input to help inform decisions made by city officials. Officials will post questions directly to residents on Polco's app and website, where residents can participate in informal polls, like the recent poll where the city used Polco to conduct an online poll to have the community vote on the new water tower design.

### Communications Survey

The City of St. Anthony Village would like your feedback on city communications. We would like to hear from you about our current communications tools to ensure they are meeting our residents' needs. This survey asks a series of questions regarding current communication tools, including VillageNotes, social media, and the city website. Please complete the included communications survey by July 22nd and return it to city hall or complete the survey online at [www.savmn.com](http://www.savmn.com)



### National Community Survey (NCS)

Later this year, The City of St. Anthony Village will conduct The National Community Survey (NCS) through Polco. The NCS is a community livability survey that focuses on ten facets of community livability: Mobility, Community Design, Utilities, Safety, Natural Environment, Parks & Recreation, Health & Wellness, Education, Arts, & Culture, Inclusivity & Engagement, and Economy. The results of the survey will be used as a tool for strategic planning, operations planning, and evaluation of comparisons to other cities to gauge how St. Anthony compares to other communities and in determining trends.

The survey will first be open to a random representative sample of residents to ensure statistically sound results, and then the survey will open up to all residents.

Keep an eye out for an invitation to participate later this year!

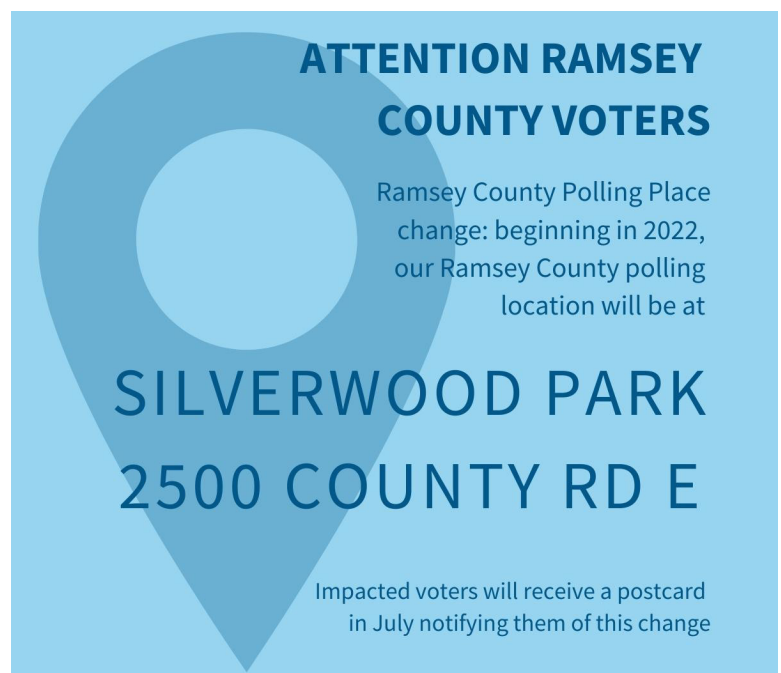
### New Communications Coordinator



We'd like to introduce our new Communications Coordinator, Kat Watson. She comes to us from RR Donnelley where she was part of their sales organization. She has a

B.A. in Communications from Luther College, and is excited to get back into the field of Communications.

She and her husband have lived in St. Anthony since 2019 and love the Village! Kat will bring a resident perspective to our communications and we're excited to have her join our team.



# CITY PLANNING

## How City Code Relates to Your Project

Steve Grittman, City Planner

Since it's founding some 75 years ago, St. Anthony Village has managed its land uses. Over the years, the Village has adopted and amended its primary land use management tool, the Zoning Ordinance. The most recent major update to the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 152 of the City Code), was done nearly 10 years ago. With the adoption of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, several aspects of the land use regulations have been highlighted as being in need of updates.

Further, as real estate changes, and the ways that we use property changes, it is critical that the Zoning Ordinance changes with the times. These changes happen both through observations of how land is, or may be expected to be used, and through observations of potential issues that staff and residents encounter.

To this end, City staff has been working through the Zoning regulations and other code language to bring the code in line with common practice and the Village's land use goals. Procedurally, staff is using our interactions with residents and business owners, direction from the Comprehensive Plan, and the experiences of permitting and code enforcement staff to examine the relevant City code. A committee of staff researches and debates options, then brings proposed changes to other staff and the applicable City Commissions, including the Parks and Environment Commission and/or the Planning Commission.

With the input of these Commissions (all made up of volunteer residents), more formal draft language is written and presented to the City Council. In the case of zoning regulations, the Planning Commission holds a public hearing before the Council can act. In the case of general codes, the Council can act, but typically only after readings of the proposed code at three separate meetings.

Most recently, this process has led to a series of changes in several areas, including commercial and industrial zoning districts, as well as the use of residential property. Three particular aspects of regulations have been updated that may impact residents.

First, an update has been made to swimming pool construction requirements. The code has been modernized to track with both state regulations and building code. For residents who wish to have swimming pools or spas on their property, a pool permit will be required that helps both the resident and the City ensure that the pool is constructed and operated safely, and is located in an appropriate space on the property. The regulations can be found at Chapter 150.050. The pool permit application can be found online under the Permits tab on [savmn.com](http://savmn.com).

A second set of updates relates to the storage and disposal of waste materials. Residents should be aware that there are requirements for storing waste receptacles on their property, with an emphasis on doing so in the least conspicuous manner. This certainly would include storage within a garage. If stored outdoors, the code encourages a location behind the front of the home when possible, and within a small screening enclosure. Because not everyone can meet this objective, the updated codes permit an enclosure closer to the front, again ensuring that the receptacles are screened from view.

The code has also been updated to address temporary waste dumpsters, including "flexible" dumpsters (such as Bagsters) of 5 cubic yards or less, and hard-sided or "roll-off" containers. There are regulations to be aware of, however. The container should be placed so it is on private property (not in the street or on the public sidewalk), and is required to be picked up and removed once it is full. Overflowing soft-side containers can attract vermin, cause trash to scatter around the area, and are an obvious eyesore.

The duration of hard-side dumpsters is longer than the short-term soft-side containers. As with the soft-side versions, however, there are location and other related requirements to ensure that they minimize their impacts on the site and the neighborhood. Regulations related to waste receptacles can be found at Section 150.090 of the City Code.

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### *How City Code Relates to Your Project, continued-*

The third set of changes relates to landscaping on private property, and the Village's efforts in sustainability. Natural landscaping has grown in popularity for a number of reasons, including attraction of pollinator insects (butterflies and bees), water management, and stormwater control, among others. While these efforts are important aspects of sustainability, they can also raise concerns for neighborhood aesthetics. Chapter 150.094 (E) includes new language that permits more natural landscapes, with attention to respecting the interest of the surrounding neighborhood.

The Code Committee will be working on other updates in the upcoming months. Villagers can track these changes as they are being considered by keeping an eye on Planning Commission and City Council agendas. You can view our city code, public hearing notices, proposed ordinances, and code education guides at [savmn.com/citycode](http://savmn.com/citycode).

## ★ VOTING ★ ★ OPTIONS ★ **FOR ST. ANTHONY RESIDENTS**

**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)**

*Please note: in-person absentee voting  
is no longer available at city hall.*



# SUSTAINABILITY

## Food Scraps Collection

There are a limited number of food scraps starter kits still available at City Hall. Once those run out, Ramsey County will no longer provide countertop food scraps caddies (starter kits) as they prepare to launch the food scraps pickup program in 2023. Compostable bags are still available at all food scraps drop-off sites. Residents who already have a countertop caddy at home should continue using it. Otherwise, any other container can be used for food scraps collection.

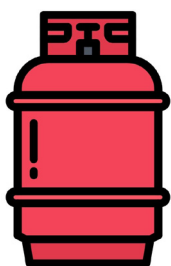


The Saint Anthony drop-off site is located at 3301 Silver Lake Rd NE (north of the tennis courts).

Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/FoodScraps) for more details.

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## Safely Dispose of Propane Tanks



Has summer grilling and camping left you with used propane tanks? Don't put them in the trash or recycling! They can cause a fire or an explosion. Even if they seem empty, some propellant (a chemical used to push the propane out of the tank) is always left inside.

Twenty-pound tanks used for grilling can be exchanged at a local retailer for a full tank. If you do not want to do an exchange, bring your old tank to a Ramsey County household hazardous waste collection site for free (open to both Ramsey County & Hennepin County residents).

Ramsey County accepts all sizes of propane tanks, empty or full, including the one-pound propane tanks used for camping stoves. Visit the Ramsey County Household Hazardous Waste website for locations and hours.



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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Update from Police Chief Mangseth



Sustaining a healthy and productive workforce includes careful consideration to recruitment and selection of eligible and qualified candidates. Recruitment and selection of qualified police officer candidates has become increasingly challenging for our agency, as well as police agencies across the state

and nation. There are several things that must be considered.

### POLICY

In accordance with applicable federal, state, and local law, the St. Anthony Police Department provides equal opportunities for applicants and employees regardless of actual or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and any other classification or status protected by law. The Department does not show partiality or grant any special status to any applicant, employee, or group of employees unless otherwise required by law. The Department will recruit and hire only those individuals who demonstrate a commitment to service and who possess the traits and characteristics that reflect personal integrity and high ethical standards.

### RECRUITMENT

The police department strives to employ a comprehensive recruitment and selection strategy to recruit and select employees from a qualified and diverse pool of candidates. The strategy includes:

- Identification of racially and culturally diverse target markets
- Use of marketing strategies to target diverse applicant pools
- Expanded use of technology and maintenance of a strong internet presence
- Expanded outreach through partnerships with

media, community groups, citizen academies, local colleges, universities and the military

- Employee referral and recruitment incentive programs
- Consideration of shared or collaborative regional testing processes

### SELECTION PROCESS

The Department actively strives to identify a diverse group of candidates that have in some manner distinguished themselves as being outstanding prospects. The Department employs a comprehensive screening, background investigation and selection process that assesses cognitive and physical abilities and includes review and verification of the following:

- A comprehensive application for employment (including previous employment, references, current and prior addresses, education requirements, military record)
- Driving record
- Reference checks
- Citizenship eligibility, including U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- Information obtained from public internet sites
- Financial history consistent with the Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Local, state, and federal criminal history record checks
- Medical and psychological examination (may only be given after a conditional offer of employment)
- Review board or selection committee assessment

### BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

Every candidate must undergo a thorough background investigation to verify his/her personal integrity and high ethical standards, and to identify any past behavior that may be indicative of the candidate's unsuitability to perform duties relevant to the operation of the St. Anthony Police Department.

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*Update From Police Chief Mangseth, continued-*

The background investigation must determine whether the candidate meets the standards established by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) as well as the security standards established to access state and national computerized record and communication systems.

## **STANDARDS FOR OFFICERS**

- Candidates shall meet the minimum standards established by Minnesota POST:
- Citizen of the United States
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Free of any felony conviction
- Not be required to register as a predatory offender under state law
- Free of conviction of any controlled substance law or of any misdemeanor conviction listed in Minn. R. 6700.0700
- Fingerprinted for purposes of disclosure of any felony convictions
- Submit to a medical examination and psychological evaluation to ensure that the candidate is free from any physical, emotional or mental condition which might adversely affect his/her performance of peace officer duties
- Successfully complete a physical strength and agility examination
- Successfully complete an oral examination

Upon arriving at a decision on a potential candidate, a conditional job offer is extended so that we may conduct more invasive checks to include; psychological evaluation (by a licensed psychologist), physical exam, drug test, physical agility test and background check. Typically, we begin with a comprehensive background investigation that will provide the foundation for making the hiring decision. The results and review of the other testing will more than likely be validated through the background investigation. For example, the results of psychological testing would pair with information gained through interviews with past references, teachers, family, etc. In other words, what an employer learns through the testing tools should be proven in what is learned through the comprehensive background.

Once a candidate successfully passes these evaluations, a formal job offer is extended. The probationary officer is sworn in by the Mayor or city clerk and embarks on a 16 week Field Training Program, which is administered by nationally accredited, in house, Field Training Officers (FTO). Upon successfully completing FTO, an employee has a one year probationary period. In addition, the probationary officer is linked with a peer support officer. This peer support officer is drawn from a select pool of our own officers who have volunteered to be a peer mentor/coach that is available outside of the training process to assist recruits with adjusting to a new way of life as a police officer.

I must emphasize that a very real challenge for most every police agency is that the number of students earning law enforcement skills certificates has declined over the past few years. I want to assure our community that we remain cognizant of our challenges related to recruitment and selection of qualified police officer candidates. Our strategic vision supports a commitment to hire, develop, and retain dedicated professionals who are devoted to exceptional policing service and creating a safe and secure community that is a desirable place in which to live, learn, work, and play. ■





## Severe Weather Awareness

Mattie Jaros, Fire Captain

We're officially in the hot days of summer, and with warmer days comes the chance of severe weather. Already we've had several strong storm systems pass through the Village, and now is the perfect time to review some basics on severe weather preparedness. First, it is important to understand some important definitions:



**Watch:** issued when conditions are favorable for a particular severe weather hazard within the next several hours.

**Warning:** issued when a particular severe weather hazard is imminent or occurring. This requires you to take immediate action to protect yourself.

There are several types of severe weather that may result in a watch or a warning. A tornado, severe thunderstorm, flash flood, or high winds can all be cause for damage and require those in the line of the storm to use great caution or get somewhere safe. These are some steps you can take to increase safety during storms this summer:

1. Discuss severe weather safety with all members of your household. Invest in a Weather Radio and battery back-up to receive warnings and have a plan with your family if it alarms to severe weather.
2. Get in. Put as many walls between you and the outside as possible, staying away from doors and windows.
3. Get down. Get to the lowest floor possible. Basements are the best choice during tornados or high wind storms.
4. Have extra flashlights around the house and make sure they are ready to go!
5. Keep post-emergency phone numbers stored in your phone and have your phone charged.
6. Teach young children how and when to call 911. This is also a great time to review and make sure they know their address.

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## Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Program



The St. Anthony Police Department is now participating in a Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Program in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

This program provides label kits at no cost that can be installed on catalytic converters to permanently mark them and deter theft. Labels can be installed by the vehicle owner or by one of our local auto repair partners (a list of those partners will be provided upon obtaining the kit).

This program is now in effect for St. Anthony and Lauderdale residents. You must own one of the vehicles shown to the right, or have been a previous victim of a catalytic converter theft to qualify for a label. If you qualify and are interested in obtaining a label kit, please stop by the St. Anthony Police Department between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mon- Fri. Please bring your driver's license, license plate number, and VIN number for your vehicle.

Please contact Officer South at [jim.south@savmn.com](mailto:jim.south@savmn.com) for further information regarding the label kit.

### Eligible Vehicles:

Chevrolet Express  
Honda Element  
Mitsubishi Eclipse  
Ford Econoline  
Honda Odyssey  
Mitsubishi Lancer  
Ford F250  
Hyundai Santa Fe  
Mitsubishi Outlander  
Honda Accord  
Hyundai Tucson  
Toyota Prius  
Honda CRV  
Kia Sportage

# CITY PROJECT UPDATES

## 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project

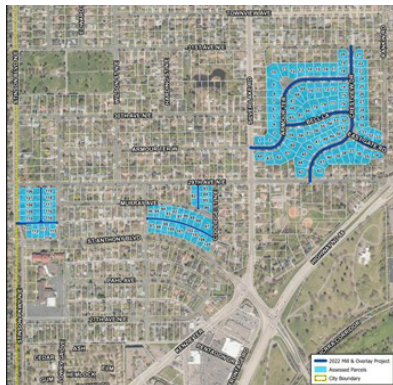
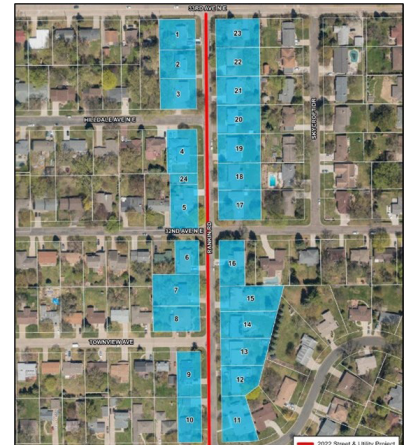
The 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project is underway. The following improvements will be completed in 2022:

### Street and Utility Reconstruction

- Rankin Road from 33rd Avenue to 31st Avenue

### Asphalt Resurfacing (Mill and Overlay)

- 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.



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 Brian Chi at 612.357.7146. He is on site to represent the City during construction.

## 2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project



The 2021 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 2021 Street and Utility Project a success.

## How Can Residents Manage Weeds at Home Without Using Chemicals?

Weeds are the ultimate summer battle for homeowners. According to the U.S. National Wildlife Federation, the average suburban lawn receives 10 times as much chemical pesticide per acre as farmland to fight weeds. Despite dominating weeds, chemicals infiltrate into groundwater, negatively impacting humans, animals, and soil health. Weeds can be managed without the use of invasive chemicals through thoughtful planning and intention. Establishing optimal soil health is a top priority. By applying compost and performing an annual aeration procedure to allow for circulation of nutrients, an ideal soil pH can be achieved. Smart mowing practices such as cutting grass to a height of 2.5 to 3.5 inches and leaving grass clippings on the lawn to decompose helps the lawn outcompete weeds. In gardens, weed control amounts to smart design. Plants should be placed close together, empty places limited, and varying plant heights used. Ground covers are smart options to stifle weed growth. Other practices include chopping off weed heads with scissors or a mower before seeds are dropped, applying mulch early in the season, and pulling out the entire root system of the plant when weeding. With planning and intention, beautiful lawns and gardens are possible without harmful chemicals.



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## Hennepin County 2022 Pavement Rehab Project

Hennepin County will be completing resurfacing improvements along Stinson Boulevard NE (County Road 27) between Hennepin Avenue NE (County Road 52) and I-35W this summer.

For more information regarding the proposed improvements and schedule, visit the project website: <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/road-maintenance>

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## Water Tower Rehabilitation

In coordination with the water tower rehabilitation project, the City of St. Anthony Village opened a poll allowing residents to vote on the water tower design during the month of April. The water tower design options were promoted in the spring newsletter, city website, and social media. The design to the right won the popular vote and will be incorporated into the water tower rehabilitation project. The rehabilitation of the tower is currently underway and is anticipated to be complete late summer 2022.



For water or sewer emergencies, 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

## Help Keep Our Lakes & Rivers Clean

Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director



Did you know storm drains are connected directly to our rivers, lakes, and streams? Debris in our streets is collected in these drains and deposited into nearby bodies of water. In order to protect our surface waters, we should prevent turf grass clippings and leaves from entering the storm water drainage system. Loose turf grass clippings and leaves left on hard surfaces like sidewalks and streets will wash into storm drains and ultimately end up in our waterways. These materials contain phosphorous, which promotes algae growth, causing our rivers, lakes, and streams to become green and scummy. Here are a few things you can do to help keep our water bodies clean:

- Direct clippings away from hard surfaces. If clippings are left on hard surfaces, rain will wash them into the storm drain and they will flow into our water bodies.
- Clean up clippings that land on hard surfaces. Sweep or blow them back onto the turf, collect for composting, or bag and dispose of in designated yard waste receptacles.
- Leave clippings on the turf. Grass clippings left on the turf will break down and act as a round of fertilizer, promoting thick and healthy growth.
- Rake or mulch leaves: Leaves that are left to blow through the City may end up in storm drains and are then deposited into our water bodies.
- For more information on storm water management or turf grass maintenance contact the Public Works Department at (612) 782-3441.

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**Or call:**

**1-800-960-6235**

# Water Restrictions

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

**April 1 - Nov 1**

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



## Sewer Cleaning and Prevention

Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director

### Sanitary Sewer Cleaning

Summer is the season for sewer cleaning. Each year, the Public Works Department cleans approximately half of the city's sanitary sewer lines using high performance sewer cleaning equipment. During the sewer maintenance cleaning process, a jet nozzle and hose are inserted into a manhole, and water pressure is used to propel the nozzle and hose up the main to the next manhole. The jet nozzle is then slowly pulled back to clean the inside of the main and collect the debris at the downstream manhole for removal. This process is used to remove accumulations of roots, grease, sludge, grit, and "flushable" wipes that have built up over time. Through this maintenance effort, the chance of sewer backups is decreased and capacity of flow is restored to the main.



As a reminder, the property owner is responsible for clearing any blockage in the service line between the home and the city sanitary sewer main. This includes debris and tree roots. The property owner is also responsible for cleaning and repairing any damage done to the property by the backup.

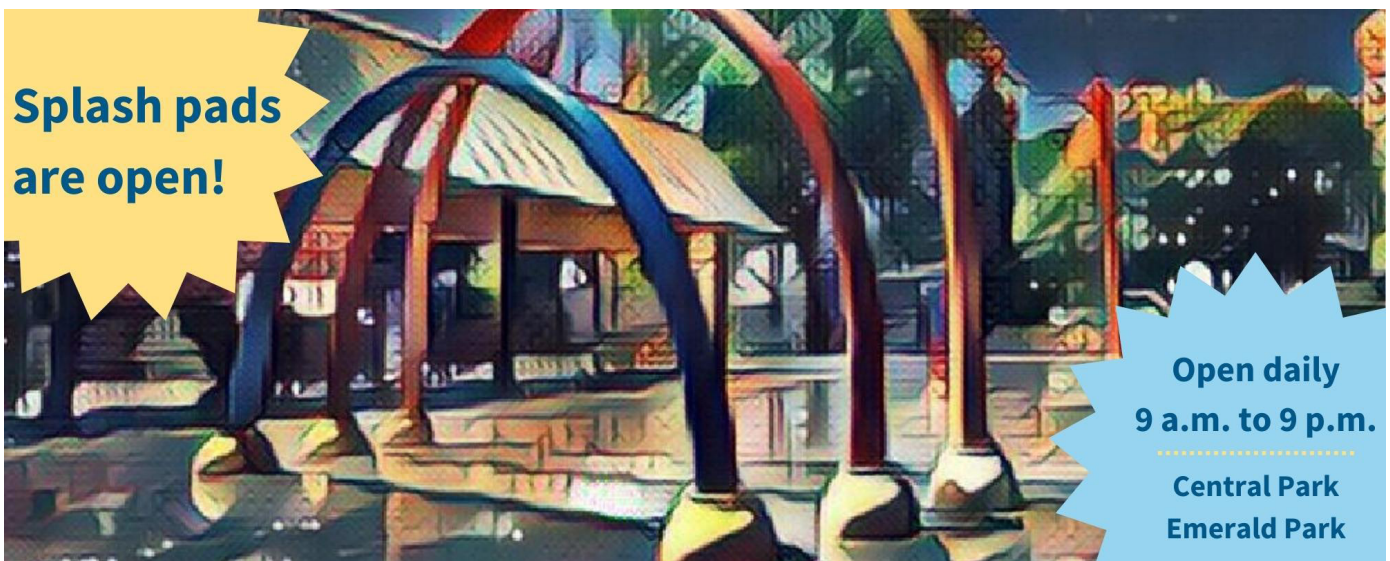
### How to Prevent Backups

Property owners can do many things to prevent their service from backing up, which help prevent backups in the city main as well.

**Grease:** Cooking oil should be poured into a heat-resistant container and disposed of in the garbage after it cools, not down the drain. Some people assume that washing grease down the drain with hot water is satisfactory. This grease goes down the drain, cools off, and solidifies either in the drain, the property owner's service, or in the sewer main. When this happens, the line eventually clogs.

**Paper Products:** Paper towels, disposable diapers, dental floss, "flushable" wipes, and feminine products cause many problems in the property owner's service as well as in the city main. These products do not deteriorate quickly, and become lodged in portions of the service line, main line and pumps, causing sewer backups. These products should be disposed of in the garbage.

**Illegal Plumbing Connections:** Do not connect French drains, sump pumps, roof gutter drains, or foundation drains to your sanitary sewer service. It is illegal and will cause debris and silt to clog your service line. Consult a plumber to correct any illegal connections.



**Splash pads  
are open!**

**Open daily  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Central Park  
Emerald Park**



# MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

## Meet Holly Quarry, Full-Time Clerk at St. Anthony Village Wine & Spirits

Mike Larson, Operations Manager

Holly is our full-time clerk at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits, and you'll typically find her at our Silver Lake Village location. She started out as a part time clerk, and has been with us for over nine years now. She knows many of our customers by name, and works to provide excellent customer service. Say hello to Holly when you stop by!

The summer season is now upon us, and with the sunshine comes an increase in business at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits as our customers get back to enjoying backyard picnics and barbeques. The success of our liquor stores is dependent on the St. Anthony community, and we thank you for that continued loyalty.

For the summer season, white wines and lighter red wines such as Pinot Noir are great for grilled foods and salads, and we offer over 1,800 labels of wines. Clear spirits such as gin and vodka are summer favorites, and we have over 1,500 labels of spirits in stock for you to choose from. For beer, we have over 1,200 labels ranging from local craft beers, micro beers from across the country, and imported beers from around the world.



Our current retail environment continues to be unique. We are committed to staying competitive and providing profits for the community, even as COVID-19, supply chain issues, staffing shortages, and inflation affect businesses across the country.

Our mission and vision are to provide our customers with the best possible service, selection and competitive prices while controlling liquor sales in our community. We look forward to helping you celebrate the summer season with friends and family!

### ROYALTY CLUB

Join and receive  
\$10 off for every  
\$200 spent

### SENIOR TUESDAY

Customers aged 55+  
save 10% on all non-sale items

### WINE WEDNESDAY

Everyone saves 10%  
on all non-sale wines



# COMMUNITY

## Citizens for Sustainability: It's Electric!

Fifty Villagers had the opportunity to test drive an electric car (EV) or bike (e-bike) at the Safe Biking & Green Driving Expo held May 14th in St. Anthony, and found that EVs can be cheaper to own and fun to drive!

EVs are 4x more efficient and require less energy to go the same distance as gas-powered cars. E-bikes make it easier to bike further, can haul things (even kids!), and can reduce the number of trips made in a car.

Did you know that lawn and winter-care equipment have electric options available too?

Going electric will also reduce noise and air pollution in our community!

**Learn about EVs:** [DriveElectricMN.org](http://DriveElectricMN.org)

**Utility rates for charging:** [MNcharging.org](http://MNcharging.org)

**Compare EV models:** [shift2electric.com/evinfolist](http://shift2electric.com/evinfolist)

Visit our Citizens for Sustainability booth at VillageFest this August to learn more about going electric with your transportation, rooftop solar installations, and more.

## St. Anthony Historical Society

The St. Anthony Village Historical Society recently held its Annual Meeting, which featured the presentation of our three documentary videos, including the premiere of our third, *From Pigs to People, 1945 to 1960*. The meeting included the election of three new trustees, Mike Volna as Vice President, Mary Pucel as Secretary, and Trustees Melba Hensel, as well as Cindy-Swan Henderlite, who was elected at our regular May meeting. They join President Bob Manske, Treasurer Dale Gunderson, and trustees Bill Sauer and Keith Pearson.

Our thanks go to retirees Barry Tedlund, Florence Marks, Carol Jensen, Ginny Kagol and Erica Crone, all of whom have given their time and energy to the preservation and sharing of our local history.

The new board has since held a planning meeting and has endorsed an ambitious agenda to address potential actions for the future in three priority areas: Archiving and Preservation of Artifacts, Fundraising & Communications, and Marketing & Communications. Various potential projects were identified within each area, and the Society will be beginning an effort to recruit additional volunteers to accomplish this agenda. Follow us on Facebook @StAnthonyVillageHistoricalSociety and subscribe to our YouTube Channel, SAV Historical.

We invite you to become a member of the SAV Historical Society and support our mission. Please contact us through Facebook or [savmn.com/273/Historical-Society](http://savmn.com/273/Historical-Society)



## Sister City Association

Please mark your calendars to donate blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive during VillageFest this August. The St. Anthony Sister City Association will be volunteering at the blood drive on Friday, August 5. For more information on the Blood Drive or the St. Anthony Sister City Association, follow us on Facebook @StAnthonySisterCity or visit the City of St. Anthony website.



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Fridays: 8 a.m. to noon

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JULY

- July 4: Holiday, Independence Day
- July 12: City Council Meeting
- July 16: Cardboard Recycling Event
- July 19: Planning Commission Meeting
- July 26: City Council Meeting

#### AUGUST

- Aug 2: Night to Unite
- Aug 5-6: VillageFest
- Aug 9: City Council Meeting
- Aug 16: Planning Commission Meeting
- Aug 22-24: Branch Chipping
- Aug 23: City Council Meeting
- Aug 30: Joint City Council Meeting with School Board

#### SEPTEMBER

- Sept 5: Holiday, Labor Day
- Sept 12: Parks & Env Commission Meeting
- Sept 13: City Council Meeting
- Sept 20: Planning Commission Meeting
- Sept 27: City Council Meeting

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