

# Village NOTES

Fall 2022

“A Village in the City”

## All Pulling Together

Mayor Randy Stille

The City of St. Anthony Village is a member of the League of Minnesota Cities, a non-partisan lobbying group that promotes excellency in city government among its 865 member cities. A highlight is attending the league’s annual conference, where our council members and staff can grow through seminars, motivational speakers, and networking with other mayors and council members. Our team gains unique perspectives from listening to stories about the challenges faced by other cities, and also has the opportunity to help neighboring cities by sharing experiences from St. Anthony. Not all cities face the same challenges, but all share the common goal of representing our residents.

The most recent League conference was held in June 2022, the first in-person conference since 2019. One of the speakers was a sled dog musher that spoke about teamwork, and how each of her dogs play a role in completing a race. Young dogs are very energetic, so during breaks, they are rambunctious and can’t wait to get back on the trail. In contrast, older dogs use the breaks to

sleep. Not because they necessarily needed to, but their experience told them to take the long view and rest in order to finish strong. She considered, does the musher want all young, energetic dogs on the team? No. Does the musher want all seasoned dogs on the team? No. The musher wanted a blend of energy and experience to create the best team. I’ve thought of this often over the past few months after losing my 13 year old golden retriever Ruby earlier this year, and how she developed wisdom over her lifetime. As Ruby grew older, she exhibited conservation traits similar to those of the seasoned sled dogs.

What does this have to do with St. Anthony? It takes all of us pulling together to be a great village. Some of us have experience and longevity that is invaluable. Also invaluable are the perspectives and enthusiasm offered by new residents, which I had the chance to hear at Night to Unite and VillageFest. Just like the sled dogs working together to achieve a common goal of winning the race, we all need to pull together to move our community forward. ■

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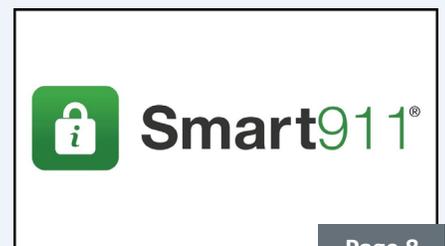
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# CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

## Spirit of St. Anthony Award

The city recently recognized Beth Denzer with this year's Spirit of St. Anthony Award. Beth is the Office Support Specialist at the St. Anthony Police Department and has been with the city since May 2018.

This annual award is given to a city employee who has been nominated and chosen by their peers for demonstrating the core values of S.E.R.V.I.C.E (Supportive, Effective, Responsible, Visionary, Innovative, Courteous, and Exemplary).

Beth is highly regarded and valued by her team. According to her peers, she is very dedicated to the residents of St. Anthony, as well as her colleagues. She treats everyone with sincere respect. She takes pride in her job, and is always looking for more ways to learn and make a positive impact. Beth also likes to have fun with her coworkers and makes everyone's job more enjoyable.

Beth was presented with the award at the July employee recognition picnic, and was recognized at the Aug. 8 City Council meeting. The award was presented to her by 2020 award recipient Mary Piper of St. Anthony Village Wine & Spirits.

Our congratulations go to Beth, and we thank her for her dedicated service to her team and the residents of St. Anthony! ■



Award recipient Beth Denzer pictured with Mayor Stille at the Aug. 8 City Council Meeting.

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## City Commission Opportunities

The Planning Commission will have two seats available beginning Jan. 1, 2023. This paid-per-meeting governing body makes recommendations to the City Council on planning issues, such as variances, conditional use requests, and zoning issues. This commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month in the Council Chambers.

The Parks and Environmental Commission will also have two seats available beginning Jan. 1, 2023. 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 [savmn.com/BoardsandCommissions](http://savmn.com/BoardsandCommissions).  
*Deadline to apply: Friday, Nov. 18, 2022.* ■

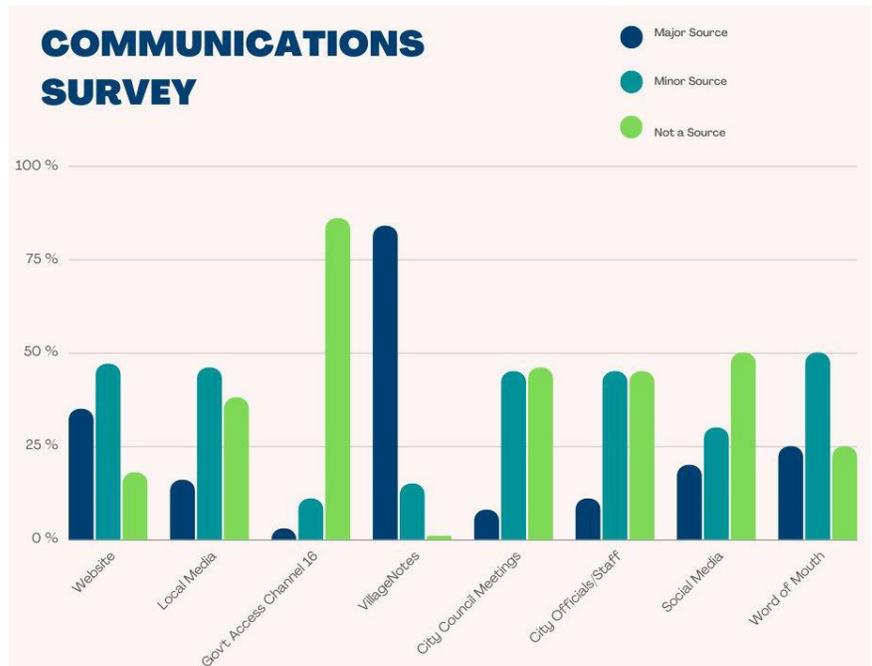


## City Survey Updates

Nicole Miller, Assistant to the City Manager

### Communications Survey Results

In July, the city conducted a Communications Survey, asking the community for feedback on how they like to receive information, and what we could do better to engage with residents. Communication experts from each department reviewed the results, and will move forward with focusing resources on enhancing the most used communications sources. The newsletter is the top source of information for those who responded, and we will continue to make enhancements to the newsletter to deliver timely and effective information to the Village. Thank you for your feedback!



### National Community Survey (NCS) Update



In September, the City of St. Anthony Village wrapped up The National Community Survey (NCS). 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 will be available later this year and will be used as a tool for strategic planning, operations planning, determining trends, and to gauge how St. Anthony compares to other communities. Thank you for participating in shaping the future of the Village!

### Waste Hauler Selection Underway for New City-wide Contract

Charlie Yunker, City Manager & Nicole Miller, Assistant to the City Manager

In 2014, the City worked through the process of transitioning from an open waste hauler system to an organized collection system where the City contracts with a group of vendors to collectively service waste, recycling, and yard waste needs. Those contracts are coming to an end, prompting City Council to ask city staff to seek single-hauler proposals where one residential hauler will service the entire City moving forward.



With the guidance and support of Ramsey County and Foth Consulting, staff have been working through the proposal process, and that effort will result in a staff recommendation to the City Council for a single hauler sometime shortly after this newsletter is printed. Staff will then negotiate the final contract with the hauler as directed by the City Council. This new contract will take effect in the Spring of 2023.

The City will be prioritizing pricing, service reliability, customer service, wear and tear on roads, and environmental sustainability to evaluate the proposals. We also know that offering curbside organics pick-up is a priority for residents, and haulers were asked to describe how they can fulfill that service for residents in both counties. These factors will all be taken into careful consideration by the staff and the Council as the process of selecting a new hauler continues.

Watch for updates in future newsletters and on the city's website!

# CITY PLANNING

## City Code Fence Updates

Steve Grittman, City Planner

In Robert Frost's "Mending Wall," the poet's neighbor utters a line with which many of us are familiar: "Good fences make good neighbors." While walking a fence line with his neighbor, the poet considers there are places where the wall doesn't serve an obvious purpose. He proposes this, but his neighbor responds with the famous line.

We are never separating our orchards or our cows in suburban St. Anthony Village. But fences are often a way that we protect our privacy on residential property, or provide additional security in industrial areas. Fences are a common component of our residential environment, and ensuring that they provide the privacy and security we seek without creating new problems for our neighbors is both a function of neighborliness, and an aspect of the City's code.

As a community, we limit the front yard fence height to 4 feet to retain a bit of visibility and open communication toward the street and sidewalk. In the rear yard however, many property owners look for opportunities to create additional privacy for entertaining or relaxation, whether that is on the deck or patio, in a pool, or other activity. For many years, fences required formal building permits. Moreover, the State Building Code had a fence height of 6 feet for Building Permits, acknowledging the threshold for a more extensive permitting process.

Not long ago, the State Building Code was changed, increasing the fence height threshold to 7 feet. Because the City's code still required building permits for shorter fences that were no longer required, the relevant City Code sections are being examined for potential amendment. With this, definitions of sloped or uneven land, an ever-increasing variety of materials, and location (especially where the fence is a boundary between neighbors) are all under study for updating and clarification.



While the changes are not yet final as of this writing, the City is contemplating several changes, including: 1) a more complete definition of how fences are measured, 2) some attention to material requirements to manage residential neighborhood character, 3) better language on maintenance, and 4) requirements and responsibilities for fence installers who are building boundary line fences to minimize the likelihood of encroachments onto neighboring property.

The neighbors in the "Mending Wall" were checking their boundary together. Even when they did not see the forces that created the needed attention, maintenance on the wall was required every year. So the poet begins with, "Something there is that doesn't love a wall". Neighborly cooperation is always the most successful approach to boundary fence building and maintenance. It's inevitable that the boundary needs attention; let the boundary be the place that makes good neighbors.

But just in case – a zoning permit is still required for fences! Plan your fence, know the boundary location, and talk to the City to obtain a permit and to get your questions answered (and apply for your permit online through the permit portal on the city's website). If you are contemplating a fence project in the future, check the City Code in Section 150.070 to 150.074 to see the adopted regulations and new changes coming in the next few months.

# STAY INFORMED



## SANTA ON THE FIRETRUCK

Track Santa online at [savmn.com/santa](http://savmn.com/santa)

COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN DECEMBER

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS AND DATES!

### Help with your energy & water bills



**Help yourself,  
Help your friends,  
Help your neighbors.**

**“Typical household grant averages \$500”**

Nearly all Minnesota households spend a large share of their income on energy cost. For households with limited income, this can be especially stressful.

Community Action’s Energy Assistance Program helps thousands of families in Ramsey and Washington counties pay energy & water bills and can improve the efficiency of their homes.

- In Ramsey County call (651)645-6470  
Visit our website at [www.capr.org](http://www.capr.org)  
Email us at [EAP@caprw.org](mailto:EAP@caprw.org)
- In Hennepin County call (952)930-3541  
Visit the website at [www.caphennepin.org](http://www.caphennepin.org)  
Email [EAP@caphennepin.org](mailto:EAP@caphennepin.org)



## NOV. 8 GENERAL ELECTION

**Vote early in person:** St. Anthony voters (including those in Hennepin County) can cast an absentee ballot in person at the Ramsey County Library in Roseville or the Plato Building in St. Paul. There is no early voting at St. Anthony City Hall. Visit Ramsey County’s Elections & Voting page for additional details.

**Vote absentee by mail:** request an absentee ballot and return by mail or in person. Visit the MN Secretary of State website to apply for an absentee ballot.

**Vote on Election Day:** Go to your assigned precinct location on election day. Polls will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. There are three precincts in St. Anthony and you must go to your assigned location:

- Hennepin County Precinct 1 - Autumn Woods, 2600 Kenzie Terrace
- Hennepin County Precinct 2 - St. Anthony City Hall, 3301 Silver Lake Road
- Ramsey County Precinct 1 - Silverwood Park, 2500 County Road E (**new location**)

To find your election day polling place, go to: [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us)  
For more election resources, go to: [savmn.com/elections](http://savmn.com/elections)



Adopt a fire hydrant this winter

Keep it clear of snow & accessible to firefighters.



# SUSTAINABILITY

## Fall Fertilizer Tips for Cleaner Stormwater Runoff

Fall is right around the corner, which means many will be fertilizing their green spaces soon. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind this fall:

- Only apply fertilizer at the specified application rates listed on the bag.
- If you live near water bodies, make sure the middle number (phosphorus) on your fertilizer bag is 0 (Zero).
- Keep all fertilizer off curb and gutter lines, and other impervious surfaces such as driveways and adjacent roadways and sidewalks.
- Do not apply fertilizer prior to rain events. Granular fertilizer can easily be washed away into the nearest storm catch basin and into nearby water bodies in no time.
- Nitrogen is the most important nutrient for a fall fertilizer. 28-0-6 is a good fall fertilizer.
- Liquid fertilizer penetrates soils immediately and generally is not carried off by stormwater.
- Many residents contract out their fertilizing services. It's a good idea to communicate with these contractors about the importance of fertilizer application best practices.
- Mulch your grass when you mow - this will add more nitrogen to existing grass when it decomposes.



### What do the numbers on your fertilizer bag mean?

- The first number is nitrogen. Nitrogen promotes overall grass shoot growth.
- The second number is phosphate (phosphorous). This promotes strong root growth and is beneficial during establishment of new turf. Phosphorus is present in high levels in many Midwestern soils, so adding phosphorus in the form of fertilizer is usually not needed and established lawns show little response to it.
- The third number is soluble potash (potassium), which helps the grass withstand stress.

## Plastics Recycling Reminders

Avoid “wish-cycling,” the practice of tossing questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can somehow be recycled. It does more harm than good by contaminating recyclables with non-recyclables, making recycling efforts more costly and inefficient. This commonly happens with plastic items. To recycle right, follow these simple rules for plastics:

Place plastic bottles, cups, containers and jugs with a recycling number **1, 2 or 5** in your recycling cart. Empty, rinse, and replace the cap on all containers. If you don't see a number on the item, assume it is not recyclable.

The following items **do not** belong in your recycling cart:

- Plastic bags (They get caught in the sorting machines at recycling facilities. Find drop-off locations for recycling them at [BagandFilmRecycling.org](http://BagandFilmRecycling.org).)

- Black plastic (Equipment at recycling facilities can't sort it. Place it in the trash instead.)
- Styrofoam (Place it in the trash.)
- Plastic containers that contained hazardous waste (Place empty containers in the trash. If a container still has product inside, bring it to a collection site. Find details at [RamseyRecycles.com/HHW](http://RamseyRecycles.com/HHW).)
- Large plastic items, such as laundry baskets, storage bins, and 5-gallon buckets (They jam sorting equipment at recycling facilities. Put them in the trash instead.)



For more information about what you can and can't recycle, go to [RamseyRecycles.com/GeneralRecycling](http://RamseyRecycles.com/GeneralRecycling) or [Hennepin.us/Recycling](http://Hennepin.us/Recycling)

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## SAPD Welcomes New Officers

Police Chief Jon Mangseth

In my previous update, I focused on providing information related to measures we consider as we focus on building and sustaining a healthy and productive workforce. In this update, I'd like to introduce the latest additions to our police department team.

We are very fortunate to have identified three police officer candidates and one community service officer (CSO) who were able to demonstrate through their training, experience and in-depth application and interview process that they possess the skill set, character traits, service mindset and dedication necessary to join our policing team.



**Officer Manuel Dominguez**, badge 160, started field training with our agency in May. He was born and raised in southern Minnesota and graduated from Worthington High School where he enjoyed playing multiple sports. He

attended Alexandria Technical and Community College, majoring in Law Enforcement and earned an Associates of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement. Manuel comes to us with previous policing experience. He has been a part-time Police Officer with the City of Springfield, MN since June 2019, while being employed full time with the Nobles County Sheriff's Department since Aug. 2019.



**Officer Cody Boegeman**, badge 162, started field training with our agency in August. He grew up in Bloomington, MN and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he reached the rank of E-5 Sergeant

specializing in Human Resources. He remained on active duty for six years, as well as two years Individual Ready Reserve. He was honorably discharged from the Army Reserve in 2020. From 2016 to 2019, he was employed with the Minnesota Department of Corrections as a corrections officer in Human Resources. In 2019, he received an Associate of Arts Degree from Normandale Community College and was hired by the MN State Patrol, beginning his career there in the Law Enforcement Training Opportunity Program. He remained with the MN State Patrol until July 2021 before transitioning to a job with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office as a full-time licensed Sheriff Deputy, working in the jail. He currently resides in Minneapolis with his wife.



**Officer Samuel Shafer**, badge 161, started field training with our agency in May. He was born and raised in Minnesota, and graduated from East Ridge High School in Woodbury. He attended Inver Grove Community College, where he earned an Associates of

Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement, and attended the certified skills program at Hennepin Technical College. He became a member of the White Bear Lake Police Reserve Program in November of 2015 and went on to work as a Community Service Officer, Dispatcher, and became a full time Police Officer with the City of White Bear Lake in 2018 where he was a patrol officer and field training officer.



**Community Service Officer Connor Del Grosso** started with our agency in July. He was born and raised in Melbourne, Florida and graduated from Melbourne High School in 2020 and has been a Minnesota resident for two years. He is currently pursuing a degree in law enforcement and recently

began his first year of instruction at Century College. Connor resides in New Brighton with his girlfriend, and his hobbies include physical fitness, fishing, basketball and reading. His goal is to become a licensed police officer in the state of Minnesota.

## Introducing Smart911

Hennepin County 911 Centers are now utilizing Smart911, a service that allows you to create a profile that is visible to 911 dispatchers and first responders in an emergency.

With approximately 70-80% of 911 calls now coming from cell phones, emergency responders have very little information about 911 callers. By creating a Safety Profile with Smart911, you can allow emergency responders to immediately see additional information about your household, including:

- Addresses
- Family members
- Pets
- Medications
- Medical conditions
- Vehicles
- Emergency contacts



You decide what information to share - you can provide as much or as little information as you prefer.

Your information is secure, and can only be viewed by dispatchers and emergency responders if you call 911. Smart911 allows 911 call takers to see your information, even if you're unable to speak.

This is a free service, and all residents of St. Anthony (including those located in Ramsey County) are encouraged to register.

To create a Safety Profile and learn more, go to: [smart911.com](http://smart911.com)

**Create a  
Smart911  
Safety  
Profile!**



## Theft Prevention Reminders

Officer Jonathan Schlingman

Theft is a crime of opportunity. You may have been a victim of a vehicle break-in, motor vehicle theft, theft of property, stolen purse, catalytic converter theft, or identity theft. Most criminals seek out people that are the most vulnerable; leaving vehicle doors unlocked, garage doors open, keys left in vehicles, and valuable property visible. There are several ways our community can help deter theft.

It may sound obvious, but one of the best ways to prevent theft from autos and motor vehicle thefts is to lock the vehicle. Most reports of thefts involving vehicles involve vehicles that were left unlocked. Make it a habit to remove the keys and lock doors whenever you leave your vehicle. Don't leave valuable items or bags/purses in plain sight inside of the vehicle. If you are able to secure your vehicle in a locked garage, do so.

Bike thefts are another crime that we continue to see consistently. Remember to store your bike inside or use a bike lock. Having the serial number of your bicycle on hand will help our investigators with recovery by using several resources available to law enforcement. LEADS ONLINE is an online platform used by pawn stores throughout Minnesota to track all items that are pawned/sold. SAPD investigators have access to this platform, which can track items by serial number or make/model to help lead to recovery of items and possible charges filed against the offender.

St. Anthony PD recently enrolled in a catalytic converter theft prevention program. All residents and victims of recent catalytic converter theft can stop by our police department to obtain a kit during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30. This program provides label kits at no cost that can be installed on catalytic converters to permanently mark them and deter theft. The registration must occur in person at the police department. Three service stations in St. Anthony that are offering to install the kit on your vehicle for free are Murphy's Service Center, St. Anthony Service Center and Northland Auto Repair. For more information, please contact St. Anthony Police Department at 612-782-3350.

## Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15

Mattie Jaros, Fire Captain

This year marks 100 years of the National Fire Prevention Association's Fire Prevention Week, aimed at educating the public on fire safety. This year's fire prevention campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape,<sup>TM</sup>" addresses the need to be prepared with a fire escape plan. The changes in building construction and materials being used in homes today have created fires that increase in growth much faster than a century ago. In today's home environment, families have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once their smoke alarm sounds. This makes home fire escape planning an important step in making sure your family is safe.

Here are some tips on creating your fire escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home and mark two ways to get out of each room.
- Include every member of your family in your plan. This includes children and older adults who may need assistance getting out.
- Make sure all escape routes are clear and that doors and windows are easy to open.
- Pick an outside meeting place. This can include a mailbox, light post, or stop sign. The meeting place will be something permanent where everyone in your home can meet.
- Everyone in your home should know how to call 911!
- Practice! Practice! Practice! Conduct fire drills with your family and make sure everyone knows the plan.

Fire escape planning is a great first step in making sure that when the smoke alarms sound, your family knows what to do. We plan for many things in life, and fire safety should be one of them!



# SAV FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

1-4 P.M.

FREE EVENT

3505 SILVER LAKE RD.

BOUNCY HOUSE

LEARN ABOUT SAFETY

SPRAY THE FIRE HOSE

TOUR THE FIRE TRUCKS

FIRE PREVENTION  
TRIVIA WITH PRIZES

MEET YOUR  
FIREFIGHTERS

LUNCH PROVIDED

GET A PHOTO WITH SPARKY

TRY ON GEAR

KIDS GET A FIRE  
PREVENTION BAG

# CITY PROJECT UPDATES

## 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Projects

The contractor has substantially completed this year's street reconstruction and utility replacements. Restoration and clean-up will continue this fall. The optimal season for restoration (seeding) runs from spring to early summer, and again from fall until the ground freezes. As the temperatures cool and precipitation increases with the fall weather, the newly seeded areas have optimal conditions to germinate and combat weeds.



The contractor will return in the spring to complete any final turf establishment and place the final layer of asphalt pavement along Rankin Road between 33rd Avenue and 31st Avenue.



Should you have any questions or concerns with construction, please call Katie Koscielak at 612.282.3641. She is representing the City during construction.

## 2021 Street and Utility Improvement Projects

The contractor has completed final paving and boulevard restoration and will continue to address turf establishment repairs and project clean up into the fall.

Following establishment of the turf, 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.

## Take the MnDOT I-35W North Gateway Study Community Feedback Survey

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is creating a roadmap of future construction projects along I-35W between Park Ave. in downtown Minneapolis and County Rd. C in Roseville.

An online community feedback survey will be available starting in late September 2022 on the project webpage: [mndot.gov/metro/projects/i35w-north-gateway](https://mndot.gov/metro/projects/i35w-north-gateway).

The study team will use the survey to collect input on the design options they have come up with to make I-35W safer and travel time more reliable. This study is also asking for feedback on future improvements to several freeway crossings. It will provide direction for universal improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit users when I-35W is due for reconstruction.



## Inflow and Infiltration Mitigation Enhancements

### What is inflow and infiltration (I/I)?

Inflow and infiltration (I/I) is the excess flow of clear water into the City's sanitary sewer system:



- **Inflow** is when clear water from illegal connections of sump pumps, downspouts, and foundation drains is channeled directly into sanitary sewer pipes.
- **Infiltration** is when groundwater seeps into sewer pipes via cracks or leaky joints.

Because the sanitary sewer system was not designed to handle this excess clear water, it becomes overloaded during times of high groundwater or heavy rainfall. This can cause basement flooding or bypassing of raw wastewater to local streams and lakes.

### What's the problem?

The excess clear water from I/I problems uses sanitary sewer capacity needed for wastewater. The result is sewer backups and increased costs (about \$300 to \$400 million annually) for needlessly putting clear water through the wastewater treatment process.

The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), which provides regional wastewater collection and treatment for the metropolitan area, requires communities with excess I/I to invest in local reduction remedies such as disconnecting sump pumps and foundation drains from sanitary sewers and repairing leaky sanitary sewer pipes. To urge compliance, MCES incorporated surcharges for communities with excess I/I.

St. Anthony Village was identified as a contributor of excess I/I and is working to resolve the problem.

### What is the City of St. Anthony doing to resolve the problem?

Once St. Anthony's City Council and staff understood the environmental, sanitation, and financial impacts of I/I, they committed to a proactive approach to reduce it. St. Anthony Village has been working for years to reduce I/I by repairing or replacing deteriorated clay-tile sanitary sewer pipe within the City's public right-of-way. These improvements have been completed as part of the City's Street and Utility Improvement Program which is now approximately 80% complete.

Additionally, the City adopted an ordinance in 2001 that prohibits and requires disconnection of foundation (passive) drains, sump pumps, and rain leaders. This City Ordinance also requires a "point of sale" I/I inspection of sump pump and passive drainage systems. In 2007, city staff conducted a city-wide passive drain and sump pump inspection when all water meters were replaced.

Recently, the City Council and staff met with the MCES to develop a memorandum of understanding to undertake a Long-Term I/I Mitigation Program, which includes the City of St. Anthony adopting and implementing ordinances which will require a "point of sale" I/I inspection of all private sanitary sewer services. As existing homes and commercial properties within the City are sold, the City will administer a program requiring a video inspection of the sanitary sewer service. Properties found to be out of compliance will be required to complete repairs prior to closing. If repairs cannot be made before a title transfer, escrow will be required. The certificate of compliance that is issued with this process stays with the property after the sale. The Long-Term I/I Mitigation Program is expected to take effect in January 2023.



### Harding Pond Sediment Removal Project

Several feet of nutrient rich material will be excavated from Harding Pond in early 2023 to improve the quality of water being sent downstream to the Mississippi River, and to provide additional flood storage capacity in Harding Pond. This will reduce the impact of flood waters on homes and businesses adjacent to Harding Pond. Questions? Contact Justin Messner at 612-388-9652.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## St. Anthony Village Awarded a 2022-23 Community Forestry Corps Member

Emily Ball, WSB Forestry Program Manager

St. Anthony Public Works cares for the public trees in parks and boulevards, which includes responding to all the challenges that impact them – from storm damage, to drought, to infrastructure projects that may impact trees. If a tree is removed, a replacement tree is often planted and will require follow up care, such as watering, pruning, and mulching. Emerald Ash Borer management has significantly increased the need for assistance related to public trees.



This summer, Public Works staff sought help from the Community Forestry Initiative, an AmeriCorps program that places Community Forestry Corps members in cities throughout the state of Minnesota. The Community Forestry Initiative of the Climate Impact Corps is a newer AmeriCorps program operating in Minnesota, which trains and hires members to serve in host communities throughout the state with a mission of preserving and protecting the environment by increasing tree canopies.

Forestry Corps members serve at a nonprofit or public agency like St. Anthony Village, and can help with a number of duties, including: marking ash trees for removal, providing tree information and outreach to residents, tree inventories, planning and ordering trees for reforestation, tree planting & care, and monitoring contractor planting projects to ensure specifications and best management practices are being followed.

St. Anthony ultimately partnered with the City of Lauderdale to apply for a shared Forestry Corps member to work full time between the two cities, and were successful in being awarded a member that will serve for an 11-month term. St. Anthony Village looks forward to partnering with the Community Forestry Initiative to advance the city's forestry goals.

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## October Fix-It Clinic & Electronics Recycling Event

Hennepin County will be hosting a Fix-It Clinic at St. Anthony City Hall on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 12-4:00 p.m.

Bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more. With free guided assistance, you can disassemble, troubleshoot, and fix your item. No pre-registration is required. Items must be carry-in-sized, and you should bring any parts and/or supplies that might be helpful. See [hennepin.us/FixItClinic](https://hennepin.us/FixItClinic) for more details.

In addition, the City of St. Anthony is partnering with Repowered to host an electronics recycling event in the south lot of City Hall, also from 12-4:00 p.m. on Oct. 8. Pricing for this event is \$ .50 per pound of materials, and only cash will be accepted. For more details on accepted items, visit [savmn.com/techdump](https://savmn.com/techdump). ■





# WINTER SNOW REMINDERS



No parking 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.

Never place trash or recycling carts in the street

Don't plow, blow or shovel snow into the street

Stay back when driving behind plow trucks

The owner and occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk is required to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. Snow and ice are not to remain on sidewalks longer than 24 hours (this includes walks where Public Works may do an initial pass with their equipment).

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## Advancing Emerald Ash Borer Management

Emily Ball, WSB Forestry Program Manager

St. Anthony Village recently received several grants to help with the management of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). EAB was first found in Minnesota in 2009, and has since spread across the entire Twin Cities metro area. EAB is a non-native insect that feeds under the bark of ash trees and kills them by disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients.

With the grants that were received, obtaining a complete inventory of public trees in parks and along boulevards was identified as a top priority, which was accomplished with an aerial photo mapping software system. The software was used to collect tree data throughout the city, and allows staff to update data as tree work or removals occur, and rapidly assess tree species diversity. This will guide selection of new trees to replace trees that die not only from EAB, but from storm damage or other diseases. The tree data that was collected also revealed there were approximately fifty public ash trees that could still be protected or treated for EAB, with injections that last for two years. The first round of injections occurred in August and will ensure that our living ash trees continue providing valuable shade on public property.



Mature tree canopies provide benefits in the form of air quality improvement, stormwater control, air cooling, providing habitat, and capturing and storing carbon dioxide. Preserving our existing mature ash trees through EAB treatments will help ensure that these benefits continue as long as possible. A tree can be treated for EAB for up to 20 years for the same cost of tree removal, stump grinding, and replacement.

We are reviewing the remainder of the city's tree data and drafting a comprehensive structured 10-year EAB plan to address the removals and replacements that will need to occur. For more on EAB, including how to identify if you have an ash in your yard, and how to manage it, or if you have questions related to public ash trees, contact Public Works Superintendent Zach Lundberg at 612-782-3440.

# MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

## Ready-to-Drink Cocktails

Chris Morke, Full-time Clerk at St. Anthony Village Wine & Spirits

Ready-to-Drink (RTD) cocktails are pre-mixed drinks that use a variety of different mixers, flavors, and liquors that provide an easy way to enjoy your favorite bar-made drink without having to visit your local bartender!

Over the past year, we have seen significant increases in the production and availability of these ready-to-drink cocktails. Customers have shared their appreciation for the convenience of enjoying RTD cocktails at a bonfire, ballgame, or just while entertaining friends and family at home.

With prices increasing on just about everything, consumers are often using a 'more bang for your buck' approach when deciding what to purchase. RTD cocktails make the perfect fit since you don't have to buy all the ingredients and spend the time to make them. Most importantly, you don't have to be a bartender to enjoy your favorite mixed drink!

In previous years, ready-to-drink cocktails could be pretty questionable due to the low-quality ingredients being used. While they were still convenient, their taste was often terrible! Many companies have recognized this and are now using premium ingredients, as well as creating a variety of flavors to appeal to all consumers.

Here at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits, we have a wide selection of RTD cocktails. If you'd still like to make your own, we can certainly help you with that as well!

We pride ourselves on having clean, well-lit stores with the highest level of customer service. Stop by and we'll be glad to help you find what you're looking for.

Cheers!



## Meet Chris Morke

Many of you know Chris, as he's been a part of St. Anthony Wine & Spirits for over 10 years. He's always strived to make sure the store is clean and organized in a way that helps you find what you're looking for quickly and efficiently. When he's not working, he spends time with his wife and son and occasionally jams in a rock band.

# COMMUNITY

## St. Anthony Kiwanis

The St. Anthony Kiwanis is excited to celebrate fall with events for the St. Anthony community.



### Pumpkin Decorating Contest

For youth ages 3-8, there will be a pumpkin decorating contest on Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Central Park Pavilion. Two sessions will be offered at 2:00 and 3:00.

Who: Youth ages 3-8

Where: Central Park Pavilion

When: 2:00-2:45 p.m. or 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Registration: [stanthony.ce.eleyo.com](http://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com)

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative pumpkins! The Kiwanis is offering this to youth free, but advance registration is required through St. Anthony Community Services.

### Auction

For the adults, the St. Anthony Kiwanis is celebrating fall with an online and live auction on the evening of Oct. 29, also in the Central Park Pavilion. Watch for more details on how to join us at the auctions.

Together, the Kiwanians strive to follow the Kiwanis Mission; dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

If you have any questions, please email the St. Anthony Kiwanis at [stanthonykiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonykiwanis@gmail.com)

## SAV Historical Society

The SAV Historical Society has received some exciting new acquisitions, including the Apache Express train car from the former Apache Plaza shopping center. The train was donated by Jan and Jeff Rosemeyer, and was featured in the VillageFest parade this year.

Several other donations are being reviewed, including materials from former Apache Plaza marketing director Kelly Cassidy, as well as collections from families and other organizations.

To see videos and stories from these new acquisitions, you can find us on Facebook @ [StAnthonyVillageHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyVillageHistoricalSociety), our YouTube Channel SAV Historical, and our website [savhistorical.org](http://savhistorical.org).

We invite you to become a member of the SAV Historical Society and support our mission. Please contact us through Facebook or our website to join.



The Apache Express kiddie train car had been in storage for 18 years after being auctioned off in 2004 prior to the demolition of the shopping center.

## St. Anthony Sister City Association

The St. Anthony Sister City Association took part in this year's VillageFest in several ways. Sister City members assisted at the Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday afternoon, and Friday night's parade included Sister City members in a car owned and driven by Mike Muehlbach (thanks, Mike!). On Saturday, 16 people participated in our variation on a Finnish tradition, a "Partner Carrying Contest." Ashley McCormick & Jason Sieg were the winning partners with Troy & Rebecca Urdahl in second and Chad & Katie Gillard in third. Most importantly, fun was had by all!

Please save Sunday, Nov. 20 for the Sister City annual meeting. For more information on the annual meeting or to become a member of the St. Anthony Sister Association, visit us on Facebook @ [StAnthonySisterCity](https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonySisterCity) or find us on the city's website.





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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**

- Oct. 1: Fire Dept Open House
- Oct. 8: Fix-It Clinic & Electronics Recycling
- Oct. 10: Indigenous People’s Day\*
- Oct. 11: City Council Meeting
- Oct. 18: Planning Commission Meeting
- Oct. 25: City Council Meeting

**NOVEMBER**

- Nov. 8: General Election
- Nov. 8: City Council Meeting
- Nov. 11: Veteran’s Day\*
- Nov. 15: Planning Commission Meeting
- Nov. 22: City Council Meeting
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Holiday\*

**DECEMBER**

- Dec. 5: Parks & Env Commission Meeting
- Dec. 13: City Council Meeting
- Dec: 20: Planning Commission Meeting
- Dec. 26: Christmas Holiday, Observed\*
- Dec. 27: City Council Meeting

\*City Hall Closed

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