

# VillageNOTES

A VILLAGE IN THE CITY

FALL 2023

Our mission is to promote a high quality of life to those we serve through outstanding city services

## A Message from Mayor Stille

As I write this on Saturday of VillageFest weekend, our village is full of vibrancy. VillageFest was an outstanding success. The Sister City Committee has completed its first adult cultural exchange program. The Chamber of Commerce has a new core of enthusiastic board members. Kiwanis continues to engage with our youth and involve new residents.

But it's not just organized groups that contribute to St. Anthony's vitality. It's individuals of all ages who are finding ways to build community. Everyone who participated in Night to Unite made it an amazing event. Small things, such as my young neighbors' chalk work or a new Little Free Library, are always a pleasure to see. The heartwarming painted rock I received from Kerri at the VillageFest parade says it all.



What do the examples above have in common? These are all grassroots efforts led by people who want to share their love for their community. The city's role is to set the table for this vibrancy.

But what does that mean? Simply, it is the city's responsibility to provide outstanding core services, as found in our mission statement. One of these core services is safety.

Per our 2022 Community Survey, 91% of residents rated safety as essential or very important. Safety is also a strength, with 84% of residents reporting that safety is excellent or good. It is leadership's role to promote policy that supports first responders by providing staffing, equipment, training, and encouragement.

With retirements on the horizon, our Police Department has staffing challenges. They compete with departments around the metro area for a limited pool of diverse, qualified candidates. That is why the 2024 city budget includes funding for the Cadet Program. This program allows for up to two part-time cadets to receive tuition assistance and on-the-job training as they work toward achieving peace officer designation. In return, the Police Department is able to introduce a cadet who may become a candidate for full-time employment as an officer to the department. This is just one new tool that we are implementing to support our police officers as they ensure safety for all residents and visitors to St. Anthony.

It is critical that we continue to prioritize investment in our Police and Fire Departments so that we can fulfill our mission statement of delivering outstanding city services. Thank you, residents, for your ongoing support. ■

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# CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

## Thank You Shelly and Mark!

Charlie Yunker, City Manager

As this newsletter arrives, we will be in the midst of two department head transitions. First is Shelly Rueckert our Finance Director who retired at the end of August, and second is Mark Sitarz our Fire Chief who will retire at the end of October.

Shelly joined the City in January 2012, taking over from a long-time Finance Director. Shelly led the department through the long process of modernizing all the software systems used in the department, forming long-term financial plans for operating, capital and debt service, and forming partner relationships with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, Birchwood Village and NineNorth for providing various financial services. Those allow for us to have a larger finance team than we would otherwise, and have a stronger department for it.



More than that, Shelly brought a wealth of knowledge and experience that all areas of the City benefitted from over the years. Shelly was always willing to share her insights and perspective to help any department. She will even be working with our partners for a while after her official retirement to help wrap-up some items. Another testament to her dedication to her profession and to St. Anthony.

Mark became Fire Chief in 2013, but more than that has served the city for many years before that as a paid on call firefighter, and is a St. Anthony kid. His love for the community has always been evident in how he approached his job, and how he deeply cares for the community and his fellow employees. Our Fire Chief is asked to manage many things, like fire and medical response, of course, but also emergency management, code enforcement, and rental inspections. And over the past decade the department has changed full-time personnel and recruited and trained dozens of part time personnel. All while maintaining a less-than 3 minute response time 24/7/365.

One of Mark's notable accomplishments was to add paramedic level service in order to provide additional care when needed on medical calls – which are far and away the bulk of calls the department responds to. This took coordination with Hennepin County, the City Council, and ensuring the full-time staff was qualified and equipped to provide the care. It is a textbook example of anticipating needs on the horizon and working to ensure that top priorities like response time and quality care are delivered.



Shelly and Mark will be greatly missed, and all of us at the city wholeheartedly thank them both for all they have done for St. Anthony!

## Planning Commission Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to be involved in your community? Apply to be on the Planning Commission!

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.

Three seats will be available beginning January 1, 2024.

Applications are available at [savmn.com/BoardsandCommissions](http://savmn.com/BoardsandCommissions).

*Deadline to apply: Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023.*

Interviews will take place Monday, Nov. 13. Applicants will be contacted with their assigned interview time.



## Spirit of St. Anthony Award

This award is given to an employee who has been nominated and chosen by their peers for demonstrating the core values of S.E.R.V.I.C.E. over the past year. Those values are: Support, Effective, Responsible, Visionary, Inclusion, Courteous and Exemplary.

It is our honor to present the 2022 Spirit of St. Anthony award to Jeff Spiess, Police Captain. Jeff has been with St. Anthony since September of 1998.

Jeff was nominated with 2 separate nominations, one that included input from five employees!

His coworkers stated:

- ★ He is extremely knowledgeable, helpful and supportive to all staff.
- ★ He's highly motivated and driven.
- ★ He has a profound commitment to fostering a supportive and collaborative work environment.
- ★ He encourages professional development.
- ★ Unwavering dedication to solving problems.
- ★ Creates a positive work environment that enhances the morale of the department.
- ★ Approachable and easy to talk to.

Congratulations Jeff and thank you for your dedicated service to your team and the residents of St. Anthony!



## NOV. 7 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)



# CITY PLANNING

## Permits

Steve Grittman, City Planner

When you are contemplating a project on your property, there are a variety of permits that may be necessary to obtain before you can begin work. A few of these are land use permits that create an enduring property right. Others are effectively licenses that allow temporary activities (such as construction). It is always important to check whether permits might be needed BEFORE you start work – after-the-fact requests can put your project, and your project budget, at risk.

Land Use Permits are required to establish various kinds of activities or uses on your property. They typically “run with the land”, that is, these permits attach to the property, not to the property owner. As a result, a future buyer purchases with the rights granted under that permit – they are not extinguished when the original applicant sells the land.

Examples include Conditional Use Permits and Variances. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is an authorization to establish a specific use on the property that is authorized by the Zoning Code, but which requires special review to ensure that the impacts of the use are reasonably addressed. Any land use is allowed under the expectation that the use does not unreasonably infringe rights of neighbors to use their property. The CUP process is designed to provide a transparent understanding of what the proposed use will be, the kinds of impacts it is expected to create, and what – if any – limitations or “conditions” should be placed on the use permit.

A common example of a CUP provision for residential property is the construction of an oversized garage. Garages – you have surely noticed – are getting bigger and bigger as we accumulate more cars and more things to keep in them. In St. Anthony, our residential parcels can become congested by new building demands. How do we know when the buildings have grown to the point where the neighborhoods that we live in start to lose the character we value? Garages can play a part in this. The CUP process allows for a public hearing, Planning Commission review and comment, and City Council consideration of these factors. The Zoning Code makes specific provisions for garages of a certain size, but beyond 1,000 square feet, a Conditional Use Permit is typically required.

Variances, on the other hand, don’t change the allowed uses of property, but instead address conditions for parcels that can’t reasonably contain the use that we generally agree should be allowed. Again with garages, there are a number of homes in St. Anthony built when single car garages were the norm. The

original owners and builders did not contemplate the growth we see in garage size, and placed the homes just so on the subject property. Often, the household finds itself short of even a “normal” amount of garage space, and due to required setbacks or other regulations, can’t build a reasonable addition. The owner may seek a variance from the Code standard to put the property to “reasonable use” where the unique conditions of the property would not allow it. In this case, the variance is a permit that allows a property owner to vary from the Code that would otherwise commonly apply.

Variances are intentionally designed to be hard to justify. The presumption is that the regular requirements of the Zoning Code will create the conditions that the community wants to create or preserve. Only in highly unique circumstances should a variance be needed to “correct” a condition that interferes with the “reasonable use” standard.

Other Permits are more temporary. A Building Permit is required for a wide range of projects where ensuring a properly constructed building is an important aspect of community development and public safety. But the building permit expires when the project is complete, and the inspector has signed off. It permits the construction activity, but is no longer needed after building is done. As a result, it is a simpler permit to apply for – no public hearing, and administrative review and approval (not Planning Commission or City Council).

Likewise, Zoning Permits regulate various construction activities not covered by the Building Code, but relevant to public safety. Fences, Pavements (such as driveways and patios), Swimming Pools, and small accessory buildings less than 200 square feet (such as tool sheds) require Zoning Permits to ensure that they are installed in a way that is consistent with Code requirements. As with Building Permits, Zoning Permits are administered by staff and are valid while the work is underway.

Finally, if you are using a contractor for your project, make sure you understand who will be responsible for acquiring the needed permit. Even though we expect professional contractors to know the process, it is the property owner who is ultimately responsible.

In all cases, it is important to know when a permit is required for your project. Check with City Hall staff, or look to the City’s website for permitting information and applications.

## Help Keep the Storm Drains Clear

As lovely as they are to look at, autumn leaves left to accumulate on the ground can have negative effects on the health of local waterways. Street and yard flooding, litter “dams,” and algae growth can occur when leaves block or enter the storm drain. To combat these issues, it’s important to keep leaves and yard debris out of storm drains. Raking, bagging, mulching, or composting leaves keeps them off the ground and out of the storm drain. The purpose of storm drains is to collect rain water and melted snow—not leaves, trash, or other pollutants. Here’s what happens when fallen leaves are left untended:

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

While cleaning up outside, don’t forget to pick up after your pet as well. When it rains, pet waste can be washed into the storm drain, polluting nearby lake and rivers with high levels of nitrogen and bacteria.

### *Good to do:*

- Before you clean up outside, pick up after your pet!
- Clean up your leaves and yard debris.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street where they can be washed into the storm drain.
- Consider using leaves as mulch, mowing over them and leaving the finely-chopped debris on your yard.
- If you choose to compost your leaves, contain your compost in a bin.
- Never dump leaves or yard debris into ditches, streams, or other waterways.



Fall is here! If you don’t subscribe to seasonal yard waste service and need a yard waste pick up, call Aspen 24 hours in advance of your service day. We can schedule a truck to pick

up your yard waste bags for \$3.50 per bag. Yard waste service runs through Nov. 30, weather permitting.

As the holidays approach, please be aware of collection schedule changes. The collection schedule can be found at [savn.com/recyclingcalendar](http://savn.com/recyclingcalendar).

**Thanksgiving week:** Wednesday pickup not affected. Thursday pickup will be delayed to Friday, Nov. 24.

**Christmas week:** pickup will be one day late for the week of Dec. 25.

## Meet Deborah Maloney, Finance Director

Please welcome Deborah Maloney to the St. Anthony Team! She will be taking on the Finance Director role and will work alongside Shelly as she begins to step down and eventually hand over the reins completely. Debbie came to us from the City of Shoreview where she has served as the Assistant Finance Director since 2014. Prior to the Assistant Director role, she worked in other finance roles with the City of Shoreview since 1997. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Northwestern and a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Hamline University. We are excited to have her on board!



# SUSTAINABILITY

## Smart Salting

While we don't want to admit it, winter will be here before we know it. With the snow accumulation of winter, comes the application of road salt. Chloride, a chemical compound in road salt, is a permanent pollutant that does not break down or degrade over time. Road salt is the #1 source of chloride to use in Minnesota with an estimated 403,600 tons of road salt used in Minnesota annually, according to the MPCA. Chloride is toxic to freshwater fish, amphibians, insects, and plants. Once it is used, chloride is transported into lakes, rivers, and groundwater with melting ice and snow. .

More than 48 billion pounds of salt is spread on icy roads in the United States each year. Still, even using small amounts of salt around your driveway or walkways can have lasting effects, as a single 50-pound bag of salt can contaminate over 10,000 gallons of water. Here are some tips for residential homeowners and property managers for salt application during the winter.



1. Check the temperature – is it too cold for salt? Most salts stop working around 15 degrees (F). When the temperatures drop, use sand for traction, but remember that sand doesn't melt ice.
2. Apply less than you think. Adding more salt does not equal more melting. Try to use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. Keep in mind one pound of salt is about the same as one 12-ounce coffee mug. One coffee mug-full is enough for 10 sidewalk squares or a 20' driveway.
3. Clean-up any extra salt. If you can see sand or salt on dry pavement, it means that it is no longer working and could be washed away. Try to reuse salt or sand somewhere else or sweep it up and throw it away.
4. How to effectively shovel – Shovel the snow early and often; if the temperature drops after a snowstorm, the snow can become less workable. If salt is needed, apply sparingly. As the sun comes out or the temperature rises, the deicer will make a slushy mixture of water and ice. Remove this before the temperature drops again and you should have an ice-free surface until the next storm.
5. Snow piles in parking lots should be placed at the lowest elevation, to prevent the melting piles from running across the lot and picking up potential pollutants.
6. Check out the MPCA's smart salting manual <https://tinyurl.com/24yyd458>
7. Check out the MPCA's page on winter maintenance <https://tinyurl.com/54n68cpt>

## RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS

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Saturday, Oct. 14  
9:00 a.m. – noon

SOUTH CITY HALL PARKING  
LOT

For more details on accepted items and prices  
visit [savmn.com/electronicsrecycling](http://savmn.com/electronicsrecycling)



# STAY INFORMED

## An Evening with the CANDIDATES!

### St. Anthony Mayor & City Council

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

7:00 p.m. - Mayor Candidates

8:00 p.m. - City Council Candidates

### St. Anthony School Board

Thursday, October 12, 2023

7:00 p.m.

All Candidate Forums will be Located at:

St. Anthony City Council Chambers

3301 Silver Lake Road

St. Anthony, MN 55418

Available "LIVE" on CTV Channel 15/859 and streamed on web live at [ninenorth.org](http://ninenorth.org). Event will be recorded for later viewing and on St. Anthony City website!

Questions can be submitted at the forum or send your questions by October 2nd to:

[LWVNewBrighton@LWVMN.org](mailto:LWVNewBrighton@LWVMN.org) or [executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org](mailto:executivedirector@saintanthonychamber.org)

Hosted by the New Brighton Area League of Women Voters in partnership with the St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce.



The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government through education and advocacy. Providing this forum the League hopes to provide information to help you make an educated choice

The League of Women Voters-New Brighton Area league in partnership with the St Anthony Chamber of Commerce will be holding voter forums for St Anthony Mayor, City Council and School Board candidates in the St Anthony city council chambers.

Join us on Oct. 4 to meet and learn more about the two candidates running for Mayor and the four candidates running for city council. There are 2 openings. The candidates for Mayor are Randy Stille (incumbent) and Wendy Webster. The candidates for City Council are Dave Colling, Lona Doolan, Hal Gray, and Thomas Randle (incumbent).

Join us on Oct. 12 to meet and learn more about candidates for the St Anthony-New Brighton School Board. There are 3 openings. The candidates for School Board are Laurel Hood, Casandra Palmer (incumbent), Ben Phillips (incumbent), and Eric Sonnenberg.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Cooking Safety Starts with YOU

Mattie Jaros, Fire Captain

This year's fire prevention week theme is "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention." The theme stresses the importance of simple actions that everyone can do to keep themselves safe. Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires in the United States. Fires are most likely to start in your kitchen than in any other room of your home. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), roughly 90% of cooking fires were due to unattended cooking. Here are some easy tips to help keep you safe:



- Never leave cooking food unattended! Use a timer to help you remember to check your food.
- Keep anything that can easily catch fire clear of your heating products – oven mitts, wooden utensils, towels, or loose clothing.
- Have a "child-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where you are setting hot food items. Consider purchasing child safety locks for both the oven and stove top knobs.
- Clean cooking surfaces in a regular basis to prevent grease buildup.
- Always check the kitchen before you go to bed or leave the home to make sure all stoves, ovens, and small appliances are turned off.

If a small cooking fire does start and you decide to fight it, please remember to smother the flames by sliding a lid over the top and then turn off the burner. Leave the pan right where it is and let it cool. Never try to run outside with a pan filled with fire (you run a high risk of getting injured and spreading the fire). When in doubt JUST GET OUT! Close the door behind you to help contain the fire and Call 9-1-1 from outside of the home.



- Tour the Fire Trucks
- Spray the fire hose
- Get a photo with Sparky
- Try Fire Prevention Trivia for a prize
- Meet the firefighters
- Try-on gear
- Jump House
- Learn about safety from various organizations
- Lunch provided
- Kids get a fire prevention bag
- **Free Event!**



## Reducing Your Likelihood of Becoming a Victim

Sgt. Mike Huddle

In today's world there are a number of places we can fall victim or become vulnerable if we're not careful. The very last thing we'd ever want to do is give a bad actor the opportunity to victimize us, especially in our own homes. Unfortunately, we're seeing this occur often lately. The good news is there are simple things we can do to minimize our risk, and they're common sense and easy.

We've seen a trend in residential burglaries where the suspects have entered unlocked vehicles parked in the driveway or the street overnight and the garage door opener has been used to open the victim's garage. The suspects then enter the home while the family is asleep, stealing purses, wallets, laptop computers, tablets and video game consoles. On a few occasions these burglaries have been interrupted by the resident while the burglar(s) were still inside the home. This is a bold crime and instills a sense of intense violation and vulnerability in the victim family.

While we can't prevent every criminal act 100% of the time, we can certainly reduce our vulnerability and make it more challenging for a criminal to victimize us. None of these solutions are innovative, but they do require some discipline and mindfulness. Fortunately they're very simple.

1. Always remove valuables, including keys and garage door openers from vehicles parked outside.
2. Keep unattended vehicles locked with windows closed.
3. Keep dark areas of your property illuminated during nighttime hours, or use a motion sensor to temporarily activate outdoor lights.
4. Lock doors to your residence leading to attached garages.
5. Close garage doors overnight.
6. Look out for your neighbors by letting them know if you see their garage door open later in the evening.
7. Call 911 if you notice (see or hear) anything suspicious on or near your property.

You are not bothering the police by doing so, and Officers are happy to come check things out for you. Best case scenario is it turns out to be nothing and that's easy to deal with. We don't want to miss an opportunity to help someone or prevent a crime if we have a chance to.

There are certainly other actions we can take to reduce opportunities for crime. If we make these procedures routine, like the "9 PM Routine", every day it can go a long way to keeping our families, neighbors, and properties safe.

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## Meet Elizabeth and Quinton, Police Officers

Liz was born in Burnsville, Minnesota and raised in the metro area, currently living in Lakeville Minnesota. She is a graduate from Lakeville High School and attended Normandale Community College and University of Minnesota-Twin Cities post education. Liz served for the St. Anthony Police Department as a Police Reserve Officer, Community Service Officer, and Temporary non-sworn Field Training Officer. She is fluent in English, Spanish and French. We are excited to welcome Liz back to our community!



Quinton was born in Cambridge, Minnesota and currently resides in Columbia Heights Minnesota, where he grew up. He graduated from Cyber Village Academy, a charter school in St. Paul, from 8th grade to 12th grade. He attended Minnesota State University and received a Bachelor's Degree. Quinton most recently was a sworn police officer working for Three Rivers Park Police Department, with a little over one year of experience. He has expressed that he looks to broaden his policing career by joining a city police department that will offer more opportunity for career and personal growth and development. Welcome to the team Quinton!



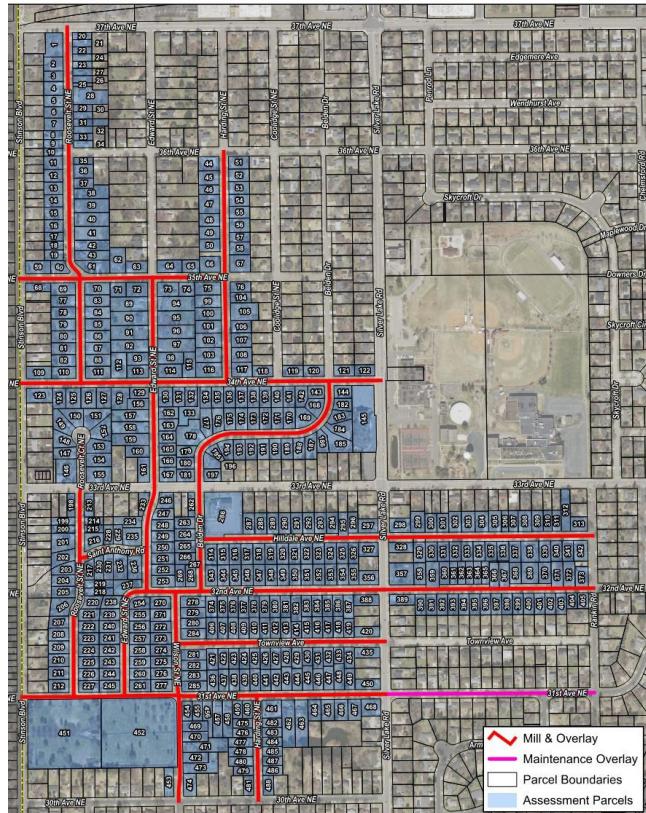
# ENGINEERING

## 2024 Street Improvement Project

Preparation of plans and specs are underway for the 2024 Street Improvement project. The project includes asphalt resurfacing (mill and overlay) improvements along the following roadways:

- Hilldale Avenue from Silver Lake Road to Rankin Road
- 32nd Avenue NE from Silver Lake Road to Rankin Road
- Roosevelt Street from 34th Avenue NE to 37th Avenue NE
- 35th Avenue NE from Stinson Boulevard to Harding Street
- Edward Street from 33rd Avenue NE to 35th Avenue NE
- Harding Street from 34th Avenue NE to 36th Avenue NE
- Hilldale Avenue from Belden Drive to Silver Lake Road
- 32nd Avenue NE from Edward Street to Silver Lake Road
- Edward Street from 31st Avenue NE to 33rd Avenue NE
- Belden Drive from 32nd Avenue NE to 34th Avenue NE
- 34th Avenue NE from Stinson Boulevard to Silver Lake Road
- Wilson Street from 30th Avenue NE to 32nd Avenue NE
- Harding Street from 30th Avenue NE to 31st Avenue NE
- Roosevelt Street from 31st Avenue NE to 33rd Avenue NE
- Roosevelt Court from 33rd Avenue NE to north terminus
- St. Anthony Road from Roosevelt Street to Edward Street
- Townview Avenue from Wilson Street to Silver Lake Road
- 31st Avenue NE from Stinson Boulevard to Silver Lake Road

Additional improvement includes a thin maintenance overlay along 31st Avenue NE from Silver Lake Road to Rankin Road



## 2023 Reclamite Project



The 2023 Reclamite Project is complete! The Contractor completed the application the week of July 25th. Similar to chip seal improvements, reclamite extends the life of the pavement without the application of loose rock on the surface, making reclamite a more cost-effective option for preserving City roadways with less impact to residents and motorists. After the oil was applied, the oil requires time to dry and "cure" which is typically 20 – 45 minutes. A light coating of sand was then applied and excess material swept 1-2 days following initial application.

**Why reclamite?** When reclamite is sprayed on the road, it penetrates deep into the surface to reinforce the binder that bonds the asphalt and aggregate together. Applying reclamite to a road improves the asphalt's durability, flexibility and viscosity so it can withstand the effects of the weather, the sun's ultraviolet rays, freeze-thaw conditions, and the weight of traffic.

## Drones - The Future of Projects

Autonomous drones are transforming the surveying industry by providing more accurate and efficient surveys. A drone can cover more ground in one flight than a traditional land surveyor.

High resolution drones capture thousands of photos that overlap at different angles to create a three-dimensional (3D) model of the entire site. The 3D model contains accurate lengths, depths, and heights. To increase accuracy, the data is tied to survey ground control points. Once the data is processed, it can be input into design software, serving as the first step in project preparation.



As drone technology continues to evolve, it is expected that the use of drones in surveying will become more widespread. The practice of using drones for land surveys and mapping can complement traditional methods of surveying. When done correctly, survey data can be collected quickly and accurately for a surveyor, leaving them to concentrate on the survey itself. Boundary surveys, underground utility surveys, and bathymetric surveys, along with the need to verify and check aerial survey data will always be required and remain a common practice.



### Operating a Drone for Land Survey

A fully autonomous flight follows a predetermined plan designed by the flight team. During an autonomous flight, data is collected and processed using cloud-based processing software that transmits back to a tablet. An FAA Part 107 certified UAS pilot monitors the flight from the ground to ensure safe UAV operation.

## 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project

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.

## 37th Avenue Repaving and Restriping

Hennepin County, in partnership with the City of Saint Anthony and Ramsey County, has completed the repaving and restriping of 37th Avenue NE (County Road 93) between Silver Lake Road NE (County Road 136) and Highcrest Road NE in Saint Anthony. The striping of 37th Avenue was reconfigured to reduce the road from four lanes to three (also known as a “Road Diet”), matching the current road sections west of Silver Lake Road and east of Highcrest Road.

According to the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration: The resulting include a crash reduction of 19 to 47 percent, reduced vehicle speed differential, improved mobility and access by all road users, and integration of the roadway into surrounding uses that results in an enhanced quality of life. Road Diets also improve safety by reducing speed changes. On a four-lane undivided road, vehicle speeds can vary between travel lanes, and drivers frequently slow or change lanes due to slower or stopped vehicles (vehicles stopped in the left lane waiting to turn left). For more information regarding Road Diets: [https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/road\\_diets/desk\\_ref/](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/road_diets/desk_ref/)



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Meet Spencer Grayson, Maintenance Worker

Spencer Grayson joined the city's Public Works Department in the Streets Maintenance Division this July. Spencer is a Minnesota native who grew up in Champlin, MN. After serving overseas in the United States Army, he worked as a crane operator for the previous eight years. He stays busy with his three children and their many sports and activities. He volunteers his time coaching on youth hockey teams and enjoys fishing and boating with his family on any of the great Minnesota lakes. He is excited to learn about the City of St. Anthony and the great people who live here.



## City of St. Anthony CLIMATE PLAN >>>

water >>> waste >>> energy >>> transportation

Exciting news! Our draft St. Anthony Village Climate Plan is nearing completion.

We appreciate the ideas and feedback people have shared at Village Fest and in community discussions. Your next chance to engage in process is during the Climate Plan Expo on Saturday, October 7th, 10:00-noon at City Hall! Here are some highlights of what we have heard thus far:

### Survey Results:

- 90% are concerned about climate change (62% very concerned).
- 89% believe it is important to take action on climate change (65% very important).
- Temperature, extreme weather, outdoor air quality, and impacts to biodiversity were the top issues most cited.
- Walking (70%) and improving home energy efficiency (82%) were the two actions most people plan to take up.

### Themes from Our Discussions with Community Members:

#### *Top of Mind*

- Biking & Walking: People want to see better infrastructure for safer biking and walking. People want it to be easier and safer to connect to regional bikeways.
- Air Quality: People are concerned about air quality. The smoke from this summer's wildfires was noticed by most people and for some it is keeping them indoors or affecting their breathing.
- Curbside Organic Pickup: Our community site is popular with many and we heard from several people they want to see the city roll out curbside pickup.

#### *Barriers*

- People don't know where to start.
- People feel like they don't have enough knowledge about what can be done in different areas.
- People wonder if the city is ready to make changes.
- People wonder how the city can make big enough change to make a difference.

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 the water and sanitary sewer lines on their property, from the building to and including the connection to the main line for sewer lines, and to and including the curb stop connection for water lines.

## WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCY?

### Special Thanks to:

- All our community partners who welcomed us in for a discussion about our Climate Plan. We are fortunate to have such dedicated organizations within the community and we look forward to partnering with you as we take our next steps!
- WSB for their efforts to evaluate our current environment, collaborate with council and commissioners, consider community input, and leverage regional experts to create a roadmap to reduce St. Anthony greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen community resilience to climate-related impacts and natural disasters.
- Eighth grade science teacher, Kristine Schwintek, for hosting Student Climate Action Plan sessions. It was wonderful to see students engaged in the data and hear their great ideas!
- The 363 people who completed our Climate Plan survey. Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas!

## St. Anthony Sister City Association hosts Citizens From Salo, Finland

This past summer, the St. Anthony Sister City Association hosted nine adults from Salo, Finland for ten days in the first of what will be an ongoing adult exchange between citizens of Salo and St. Anthony. Eight St. Anthony area families provided hospitality by opening their homes to host their Finnish guests.

During their stay, our Finnish guests attended several group events. They enjoyed a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner, attended a barbecue at Central Park and toured the Minnesota State Capitol as well as City of St. Anthony departments and St. Anthony New Brighton School facilities. The Village Fest Parade and a Finnish-inspired partner carrying contest were also highlights. Host families showed their guests sights outside of St. Anthony, from the lakes of central Minnesota to Duluth to Red Wing and more.

The goal of Sister City is to promote peace through people-to-people relationships. The Adult Exchange is for adults age 50+ years old. In 2024 St. Anthony residents will visit the homes of residents of Salo.

The St. Anthony Sister City Association is a volunteer group of ordinary citizens, officially recognized by the City of St. Anthony Village and through Sister Cities International. In 1985, the Village of St. Anthony formed the sister city link with Salo, Finland and for over 38 years both communities have promoted this relationship.

For more information on becoming a member and joining us in fun events like this or to keep up with St. Anthony Sister City, like us on Facebook or email us at [stanthonyssistercity@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonyssistercity@gmail.com)



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## St. Anthony to Receive Five New Benches



The city will receive five benches through Ramsey County that will be placed along Silver Lane and in Emerald Park next year. St. Anthony Public Works applied for the benches through the county's Be Active! Be Green! Bench Initiative, part of Active Living Ramsey Communities' effort to place benches on trails and pedestrian corridors throughout Ramsey County to create a more walkable environment for people of all ages and abilities. Through a partnership with and funding from the Environmental Health Division of Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health, Active Living Ramsey Communities grants free benches made from recycled plastic with a Be Active! Be Green! message to non-profit organizations and governmental units in Ramsey County. For more information visit <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/parks-recreation/active-living/bench-program>

# MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORES

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to stay updated on sales, new products, and upcoming events as we move into the holiday season.

Our stores are now stocking THC and CBD seltzers and still drinks. The demand for these products which are now legal for liquor stores to sell has been good. Customers enjoy our selection and the ability of these beverages that provide a multitude of benefits the products offer.

We are also celebrating our 75th Anniversary of service to our community during 2023!

Our mission for the last 75 years has been to control the sale of alcohol beverages while simultaneously generating revenue for the betterment of our community.

The holiday season is approaching fast and we are preparing now for our holiday sampling events. Continue to monitor our web page at [savmn.com](http://savmn.com) and follow us on Facebook @ [st Anthonyvillagewineandspirits](https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyvillagewineandspirits) and Twitter: @st Anthonyliquor

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The St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits brand is committed to 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.

St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits provides value to our community by contributing our profits to the general fund. Without these profit transfers to the general fund, the City may have to reduce our budget or increase fees and taxes. Residents benefit from our publicly owned asset that generates an economic return on equity and capital, putting tax payer dollars to productive use. When you shop our stores, your dollars spent stay in St. Anthony Village.

We look forward to serving our customers at St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits! Please contact me if we can assist you with anything that would provide a better shopping experience for you and your fellow residents. I can be contacted by phone at 612-782-3455, or feel free to email me at [mike.larson@savmn.com](mailto:mike.larson@savmn.com).

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you!



# COMMUNITY

## St. Anthony Kiwanis

The St. Anthony Kiwanis began the new school year continuing our involvement in Key Club at the St. Anthony Village High School as well as K-Kids at the Wilshire Park Elementary School. And this year we are excited to see the return of the Builder's Club at the St. Anthony Middle School. Focusing on the youth in our community, we stress the importance of leadership and service.



The St. Anthony Kiwanis Club invites the entire community to our 2nd annual Fall Fest Auction and Fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, October 15, at the St. Anthony Community Center. Please join us for an evening of food, drink, silent auction, and fun, topped off with a live auction at 7 p.m. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, please contact one of the Kiwanis members or check our website at [www.saintanthonykiwanis.org](http://www.saintanthonykiwanis.org).

A green and white poster for the Climate Plan Expo. The title 'CLIMATE PLAN EXPO' is in large white letters. Below it, text reads: 'Citizens for Sustainability and the St. Anthony Parks & Environmental Commission invite you to a Climate Plan Expo Saturday, Oct. 7 10 am-noon in the Council Chambers'. To the right are two circular images: one showing a forest and another showing a sunburst pattern. At the bottom right is a small globe icon and the website [citizensforsustainability.org/climateplanexpo](http://citizensforsustainability.org/climateplanexpo).

## St. Anthony Historical Society

Love history? Are you interested in the history of St. Anthony Village? Do you want to share your experiences as a member of the St. Anthony Village community? The St. Anthony Historical Society is seeking volunteers with an interest in the history of St. Anthony Village. There are many opportunities available, from serving on the board and maybe even as a board officer helping with various projects. Of critical importance is our search for a new President. Our current president is stepping down as president but will remain on the board, handling our digital and social media presence. For more information go to [savhistorical.org](http://savhistorical.org) and click on the {Learn More} button for information on our current projects and priorities and how you can help as a volunteer.

An advertisement for the book 'What Makes Saint Anthony Village'. The title is in large blue letters at the top. Below it is a circular image of the book cover, which features a blue ribbon and a diamond. To the right, a quote in red text says: "'What Makes Saint Anthony Village' is a timeless book that showcases many interesting facts and fun nuggets of information about this unique community." Another quote in red text below it says: "Susan Scott, the author of this book, is a local resident." At the bottom, it says: "To read more about the making of this 264-page book, visit her website at [www.whisperingbluffs.com](http://www.whisperingbluffs.com)."



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Oct. 7:** Fire Department Open House
- Oct. 7:** Climate Plan Expo
- Oct. 9:** Indigenous People's Day\*
- Oct. 10:** City Council Meeting
- Oct. 14:** Electronics Recycling Event
- Oct. 17:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Oct. 24:** City Council Meeting
  
- Nov. 7:** General Election Day
- Nov. 10:** Veteran's Day Holiday\*
- Nov. 14:** City Council Meeting
- Nov. 21:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Nov. 23-24:** Thanksgiving Holiday\*
- Nov. 28:** City Council Meeting
  
- Dec. 4:** Parks & Environmental Commission Mtg
- Dec. 12:** City Council Meeting
- Dec. 19:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Dec. 25:** Christmas Holiday\*
- Dec. 26:** City Council Meeting

\*City Hall Closed

To request special accommodations or alternative formats for City meetings, please contact the City Clerk: Phone: 612-782-3313 • Email: [city@savmn.com](mailto:city@savmn.com)

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