

Village

NOTES

"A village in the city"

Note from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

At the beginning of each year, the council and staff meet to assess our past year's accomplishments and limitations. Our goal/retreat setting is meant to be robust, thought provoking, forward pursuing and, to that end, a document is produced for our direction.

In that vein we have made a minor change in language to our mission statement. Not significant in wording but encompassing in its implication. The council and staff felt that by adding the word **SUSTAINABLE** to our mission, our focus would be more encompassing and enduring.

MISSION

To be a progressive and livable community, a "walkable" Village which is sustainable, safe and secure.

I spoke about sustainability in last fall's newsletter and the more we and the community thought about it, it's apparent that it affects all of our futures in boundless ways and it should be part of our mission statement.

As you see later in the newsletter we have again included the Goals Pyramid for your information. Some things remain from previous years as they take longer in fulfillment and/or are of a larger concept that requires continued attention. The council and staff compiles issues that surface throughout the year by receiving community comments, needs assessments, emerging trends and opportunities. But in no way do we limit ourselves to this list, but use it as a guide and sounding board for the council, staff and community.

Two examples are new and included in our goals. Such as Mirror Lake flooding - we have not had to deal with flooding for a while but again it has manifested a need for review and action. Another case in point would be to Develop a Business Retention and Expansion Program. Both of the aforementioned goals are not "one and done" but will require multiple years of action and attention. And with that, no doubt modifications and refinements will come about as we proceed.

So everything we do, both professionally and personally, ought to support the concept of sustainability, not for now but for the future.

As the saying goes, two minds are better than one. We embrace the community and staff's input throughout the process and encourage positive feedback.

We used the following quote from Henry Ford, to aid us in our efforts "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Let us continue our successful work together!

My best regards,
Jerry Faust



spring 2012

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GOAL SETTING

The City Council and Staff of St. Anthony conducted their annual Strategic Planning Goal Setting work session on January 12 - 13, 2012.

The group engaged in an interactive discussion, reflecting upon the contributions of each participant and the importance of the maintaining the strong culture within the City. They were also presented with questions relating to the distinctiveness of the Village and future priorities. The work session was a great success.

At the February 14, 2012 City Council meeting, Dave Unmacht, Goal Setting Facilitor, presented the Strategic Plan to the City Council. Below is the 2012 Pyramid outlining the 2012 Goals and Objectives. A full Strategic Plan can be viewed on the city's website.

MISSION
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VISION
"Saint Anthony is a vibrant community that values our unique environment, our fiscal soundness and a tradition of being a desirable city in which to live, work, learn and play."

Strategic Initiatives

Environmental Stewardship	Quality Infrastructure	Technological Proficiency	Quality Housing, Commercial & Industrial Businesses	Generational Diversity	Sound, Safe, Progressive Community
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Goals

Build & Cultivate Environmental Responsibility	Maintain & Enhance Infrastructure	Foster & Encourage Civic Engagement	Create & Maintain Healthy Neighborhoods	Transparent & Effective Communication	Maintain a Safe & Secure Community	Increase/Maintain Fiscal Strength
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Action Steps

Continue single hauler discussion	Explore joint fiber partnership	Enhance web page	Sustainable house remodel project	Encourage use of home health services	Integrate new police technology	Develop a financing plan for facilities and large capital equipment
Implement phosphorus reduction grant	Complete 2012 street, utility and sidewalk project	Farmer's market in Village Shopping Center	Create a vision for housing rehabilitation and reinvestment programs	Enhance use of social media (twitter etc.)	Plan and implement technology for all city equipment	Continue grant tracking
Re-energize interest in Silver & Mirror Lakes clean-up	Feasibility study of underground utilities	Explore "McKnight Human Services Award" program	Develop a business retention and expansion program	Explore options to provide "SAV" signs on secondary City accesses	Continue National Incident Management System training for Council/staff	Study use of fees versus property taxes for revenue strategy
Review effectiveness of tiered water rates on conservation	Explore accessible pedestrian signal (APS) funding	Promote volunteer opportunities	Explore business outreach	Conduct workshop on sidewalks & snowplowing	Update Hennepin County's mass dispensing plan	Support transition of new Finance Director
Plan & encourage green transportation ideas (bicycles)	City facilities open house for residents	Explore Cultural-Historical Center	Phase III Silver Lake Village	Turf maintenance workshop	Crime prevention awareness	Evaluate charging fees on exempt property
"Build a Rain Barrel" and "Rainwater Gardens" Workshop	2012 flood response	Consider Saint Anthony Adopt a Family	Create a renewal housing strategy	Advocate on behalf of citizens and city services with agencies and utilities	Plan for summer survival school program	Review fee for service charges
Become a Step 3 "Green Step City"	Create funding plan for sealcoat program					Determine percent of tax exempt market valuation
Explore green roof on water storage tank	Mirror Lake flooding					Cooperative ventures with other governments and entities
Discuss wood fires	Review the sod replacement and restoration process					Plan 2013 levy and street improvement program
Explore paperless office concept						Review compensation, staffing and organizational structure

CLEAN-UP DAY
Saturday, May 5, 2012
9 am to Noon

St. Anthony residents can dispose of auto batteries, tires, appliances, junk cars, household goods, and recyclable and good condition clothing on **May 5th**, the City's Clean-Up Day at the Public Works facility, 3801 Chandler Drive. **The following items will be accepted at Clean-Up Day!**

MISCELLANEOUS JUNK & CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS *(Volume-based fee)*

Residents will be charged according to the amount of materials being disposed of. The fees are as follows:

- Trunk Load..... \$10-\$20
- Charge per Carload..... \$25-\$50 depending on the size of the vehicle
- Propane Tank..... \$10 to \$25

TIRES

Passenger car/Light truck tires....\$5.00 per tire
 Semi-truck tires.....\$10.00 per tire
 Other larger tires.....\$20.00 per tire
 Rims(additional).....\$1.00 per rim

APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS - **\$15.00** *(plus \$10 surcharge on air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers due to different type switches and Freon).*

Electronics and appliances accepted include televisions, stoves, washers, dryers, residential furnaces, refrigerators, dishwashers, freezers, water heaters, microwave ovens, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, VCR's, computers, monitors, and printers.

JUNK CARS ~ Junk cars will be accepted by Freeway Towing. To have your vehicle picked up, call 651-633-5525. Car owners must provide Freeway Towing with the title of the vehicle or a bill of sale.

SCRAP METAL ~ **\$5.00 per load.** Types of metal accepted include: steel, sheet metal, aluminum, copper, and brass. Please remove rubber, plastic, wood, and other non-metal material, as much as possible.

City Staff will be available at the Clean-Up Day event to answer questions and hand out information on recycling. Call City Hall at 612-782-3301 if you have any questions **prior** to the event.

**FREE SERVICES AT
 CLEAN-UP DAY**

DOCUMENT SHREDDING
 Residents Only

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS

CLOTHING & FURNITURE
 Clean and good condition

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ~ NOT ACCEPTED AT ST. ANTHONY LOCATION

Household hazardous waste includes all paints, stains, varnish, solvents (used to clean paint, stain, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, etc). If you have a question about a product you have, please call the following telephone numbers. Staff at either of these offices can help with disposal of dangerous or hazardous household chemicals.

Hennepin County residents: 612-348-3777
Ramsey County residents: 651-633-3279

The City reserves the right to recover materials from the garbage it receives for reuse or recycling and the City reserves the right to refuse any items.

FALL PREVENTION (MAYO CLINIC 2010)

Medical calls in the city have been increasing steadily over the years. One common call we go to is for “one who has fallen”. Typically our treatment is not for the fall itself but rather the injuries that were caused by the fall. Examples of these are: a fractured hip, lacerations to their head or face or one who is unconscious due to striking their head.

Below are some simple things that older adults can do to aid in the prevention of slips and falls.

1. Keep moving

Physical activity can go a long way toward fall prevention. With your doctor's OK, consider activities such as walking, water workouts or tai chi – a gentle exercise that involves slow and graceful dance-like movements. Such activities reduce the risk of falls by improving strength, balance, coordination and flexibility.

If you avoid physical activity because you're afraid it will make a fall more likely, tell your doctor. He or she may recommend carefully monitored exercise programs or refer you to a physical therapist. The physical therapist can create a custom exercise program aimed at improving your balance, flexibility, muscle strength and gait.

2. Wear sensible shoes

Consider changing your footwear as part of your fall-prevention plan. High heels, floppy slippers and shoes with slick soles can make you slip, stumble and fall. So can walking in your stocking feet.

Instead:

- Have your feet measured each time you buy shoes, since foot size can change.
- Buy properly fitting, sturdy shoes with nonskid soles.
- Avoid shoes with extra-thick soles.
- Choose lace-up shoes instead of slip-ons, and keep the laces tied. If you have trouble tying laces select footwear with fabric fasteners.

3. Remove home hazards

Take a look around your home. Your living room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, hallways and stairways may be filled with hazards.

To make your home safer:

- Remove boxes, newspapers, electrical cords and phone cords from walkways.

- Move coffee tables, magazine racks and plant stands from high-traffic areas.
- Secure loose rugs with double-faced tape, tacks or a slip-resistant backing – or remove loose rugs from your home.
- Repair loose, wooden floorboards and carpeting right away.
- Store clothing, dishes, food and other necessities within easy reach.
- Immediately clean spilled liquids, grease or food.
- Use nonskid floor wax.
- Use nonslip mats in your bathtub or shower.

4. Light up your living space

Keep your home brightly lit to avoid tripping on objects that are hard to see.

Also:

- Place night lights in your bedroom, bathroom and hall ways.
- Place a lamp within reach of your bed for middle-of-the-night needs.
- Make clear paths to light switches that aren't near room entrances. Consider trading traditional switches for glow-in-the-dark or illuminated switches.
- Turn on the lights before going up or down stairs.
- Store flashlights in easy-to-find places in case of power outages.

5. Use assistive devices

Your doctor might recommend using a cane or walker to keep you steady. Other assistive devices can help, too.

For example:

- Hand rails for both sides of stairways
- Nonslip treads for bare-wood steps
- A raised toilet seat or one with armrests
- Grab bars for the shower or tub
- A sturdy plastic seat for the shower or tub - plus a hand-held shower nozzle for bathing while sitting down. If necessary, ask your doctor for a referral to an occupational therapist. He or she can help you brainstorm other fall prevention strategies.

Some solutions are easily installed and relatively inexpensive. Others may require professional help or a larger investment. If you're concerned about the cost, remember that an investment in fall prevention is an investment in your independence.

MINNESOTA SPRING BY OFFICER KIEL RUSHTON

Spring is quickly approaching, bringing with it the warm sunny days and blooming flowers that every Minnesotan anxiously awaits during the cold winter months. People of all ages become more active as the weather allows, giving the opportunity for enjoying the beautiful weather. As the days get warmer and longer, so too does the opportunity for property crimes. Below are some helpful tips to help keep you, your property, and ultimately the City of St. Anthony a safer place to live and work!

AT HOME:

When the weather gets warm, the natural tendency is to open all the windows in the home, let the fresh Minnesota spring air refresh the house and the spirit. As you become more active, it's easy to forget some of the small things that we all take for granted. Locking and closing your windows when you are away from your home, even for just a few minutes, can keep you and your valuables safe from burglary and theft. If you have children, it's important not to leave things like bicycles and scooters unsecured on your property. These items are frequently the target of opportunistic thieves, those who prey on the opportunity for the "easy score." As always, we encourage everyone to remain vigilant, and to report anything or anyone you feel is suspicious, no matter how minor you may think the situation may be. You know your neighborhood better than anyone, and you are your own "first line of defense." Always call 911 to report suspicious activity!!

IN YOUR VEHICLE:

It's very important to remember a few things as spring and summer approach. Keeping valuables away from the preying eyes of the "opportunist" I spoke of earlier. This can prevent the headache of having these items taken from you. Lock mp3 players and CD's, as well as other things like jewelry and coins, inside of the glove compartment, or in the center console storage areas, concealed by a cover. Never leave purses, backpacks, laptops, and other expensive items in your car, even for just a moment. It takes less than 10 seconds to pick up a rock, break a window, and be a block up the road with items left on the seat of a car. Always lock your car, and take your keys with you. Investing in an audible car alarm or an auxiliary steering wheel lock may be a consideration. As the temperature inches closer to the triple digit mark, your car becomes an oven of sorts. If you have a four legged friend, remember that it only takes minutes for the inside of your car to reach lethal temperatures, even when the temperature seems mild.

OUT IN PUBLIC:

St. Anthony is a safe and wonderful city all four seasons of the year, and it becomes easier to enjoy and soak up all the beautiful views as warm weather approaches. When you venture out, consider inviting a friend or neighbor on your walks! It's a great way to reconnect with current friends, or even make a few new ones! If you prefer to walk on your own, call or text a friend or family member and let them know where you intend on traveling. Let them know the route you will be taking. Carrying a cell phone with you in a pocket or pack is never a bad idea. Remember to bring water for you, and your four legged friends.

Your safety is our number one concern as a full service Police Department. Remain vigilant, report any and all suspicious activity, and above all, enjoy the beautiful [Minnesota Spring](#).

CALL 9-1-1

If you see any suspicious activity happening.

POLICE

612-782-3350
(during business hours)

POLICE AFTER HOURS

763-525-6220

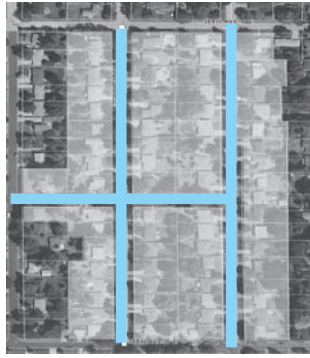
FIRE

612-782-3400
non-emergency

2012 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of St. Anthony is conducting a street and utility improvement project. The project will take place on the following streets:

- * Belden Dr. from 34th Ave to 36th Ave.
- * Coolidge St. from 34th Ave to 36th Ave.
- * 35th Ave. NE from Harding St. to Belden Dr.



The project will include reconstruction of approximately 3,450 feet of 30-foot urban section street complete with bituminous paving and concrete curb and gutter. In addition, there will be replacement of approximately 2,840 feet of watermain and approximately 2,840 feet of sanitary sewer main. New storm mains and storm sewer catch basins will also be installed.

The project will be completed, including the first lift of bituminous and all restoration items, in the fall of 2012. The final lift of bituminous is proposed to be installed in June 2013. For additional information or questions, please contact our Public Works Director, Jay Hartman at 612-782-3314.

The 2012 Street Improvement Project will also include:

- * Coolidge/Harding Backyard Drainage Improvements
- * Macalaster Drive Sanitary Sewer Pipe Bursting
- * Lowry Avenue NE Drainage Improvements

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The annual fire hydrant flushing will take place the week of May 21 - 24 during normal business hours.

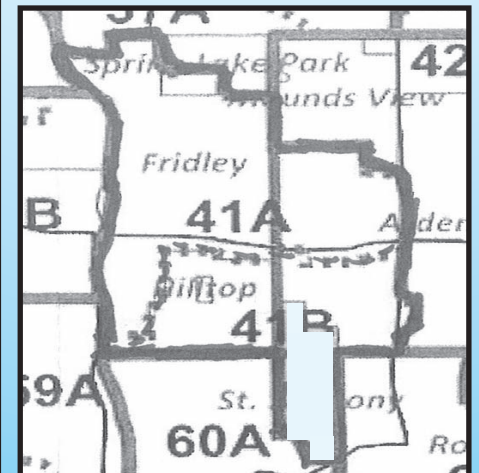
Why do we flush hydrants:

- 1) To make sure the hydrants are in good working condition.
- 2) To flush out sediment and rust deposits that accumulate in the water system.
- 3) To evaluate water pressures throughout the city.

Your cooperation and patience during this process is greatly appreciated.

REDISTRICTING

The redistricting maps were released on February 21, 2012 and as a result of the redistricting, the City of St. Anthony will be represented by Congressional District 5, State Senate District 41 and House District 41B. St. Anthony is in the blue area.



2012 ST. ANTHONY BRANCH CHIPPING PROGRAM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO. _____

I hereby request that branches be chipped by the City of St. Anthony at the above address between May 14 - 16. I understand that I will be charged \$15 plus applicable sales tax for each 10 minutes of chipping and that I will be billed on my July 2012 water/sewer bill. Branches must be at the curb.

signature

DATE: _____

BRANCH CHIPPING

The City of St. Anthony will be doing curbside branch chipping for residents May 14 - 16. If you wish to have your branches chipped, either complete the form to the left and return it to city hall or go to

www.ci.saint-anthony.mn.us

and complete the branch chipping form. Branches must be left at the curb.

Maximum branch diameter is 8". Tree stumps are not accepted and don't bundle branches with wire. For more information call 612-782-3301

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2012 Villagefest is scheduled for August 3, 4 and 5th. Watch the summer edition of the VillageNotes for more information!

2012 STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping will begin in early April. Primary and secondary roadways, which contribute stormwater to local watersheds, will be completed first. The schedule for sweeping is about one week. Secondary roadways will then be swept throughout the month of April.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 6 Holiday - Good Friday
- 10 City Council Meeting
- 17 Planning Commission Mtg
- 23 Hennepin Cty Open Book Mtg
- 24 City Council Meeting

May

- 5 Clean-Up Day
- 8 City Council Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Mtg
- 22 City Council Meeting
- 28 Holiday- Memorial Day

June

- 11 Park Commission Meeting
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 19 Planning Commission Mtg
- 26 City Council Meeting

July

- 4 Holiday - Independence Day

GREATER METROPOLITAN HOUSING CORPORATION..... LEARN WHAT IT CAN DO FOR YOU

Take advantage of this free seminar to learn what the City of St. Anthony is doing to keep our city a viable and attractive place to live. The City has contracted with the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC) to provide residents with the information needed to preserve and improve housing for individuals and families of all income levels. Learn about the low interest loans and rebates that may be available to you to improve your home. A construction manager is also available to come to your home at no charge and give you input about a project you may be planning. This free informational workshop is an opportunity to learn how you can improve your home to last a lifetime. NO products will be sold or endorsed.

Wednesday, May 2

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Free - Please call 612-706-1166 to register.
Community Center, Activity Room



HOME CHORE HELP FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Student Employment Program provides all senior citizens living in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District an opportunity to hire students to help with yard maintenance, lawn mowing, moving furniture, light cleaning, window washing, house cleaning, snow shoveling, and more. Join us to learn more about this program and how to get the help you need to maintain your home.

Wednesday, April 11

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Free - Please call 612-706-1166 to register.
Community Center, Room CS9

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT COST-SHARE GRANT PROGRAM

Apply to get 50% (up to \$5,000) of your “best management practice” project to protect water paid for!

What types of projects are covered in this grant program?

This cost-share grant program provides residents with technical and financial assistance to install water quality improvement practices or “best management practices” (BMPs) to reduce erosion and stormwater runoff and filter excess nutrients. Typical BMPs include, but are not limited to: raingardens, stabilizing shorelines with native plants, restoring wetlands, controlling erosion and soaking in stormwater runoff with alternative paving.

Who is eligible?

Folks with projects within the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) are eligible. To find out if your project is within the RCWD boundaries, contact the RCWD office or visit www.ricecreek.org to use the interactive district map.

Why are these projects supported by tax-payer dollars?

Since the Environmental Protection Agency identifies stormwater runoff as the number one cause of water pollution, reducing stormwater runoff by encouraging infiltration is key to keeping our lakes and rivers clean. With the vast majority of land in private ownership, partnerships with private landowners to install these practices are vitally important to improving the quality of our lakes, streams and wetlands.

How do I get started?

Step 1-Make an appointment with your county representative and schedule a free site visit. If you live in . . .

- Hennepin County contact Kyle Axtell - 763-398-3070
kaxtell@ricecreek.org
- Ramsey County contact Ryan Johnson - 651-266-7275
ryan.johnson@co.ramsey.mn.us

Step 2-Work with the conservation district representative to complete and submit your plan and application to the RCWD. Applications are accepted year-round.

Step 3-Approval by the RCWD Advisory Committee and Board of Managers.

Step 4-Implement the project.

Learn more about BMPs to address runoff issues on your property in the Minnesota Stormwater Manual online at www.eorinc.com/resources-links.php. To learn more about plantings that control erosion and soak up excess stormwater, visit the Rice Creek Watershed District’s outreach program, Blue Thumb-Planting for Clean Water, at www.bluthumb.org.

For more information, visit www.ricecreek.org or contact Kyle Axtell at 763-398-3070 x172 or kaxtell@ricecreek.org



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Community Services.....706-1166

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St. Anthony Middle School706-1030

St. Anthony High School.....706-1100

Web site.....www.stanthony.k12.mn.us

HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

COMPOST INFORMATION



Ramsey County composts sites open April 1st and remain open until November 30th. The Arden Hills site is located on Hudson Avenue east of New Brighton Road. The hours of operation are as follows:

Mon., Wed., Fri.	11 am to 7 pm
Saturday	9 am to 5 pm
Sunday	11 am to 5 pm

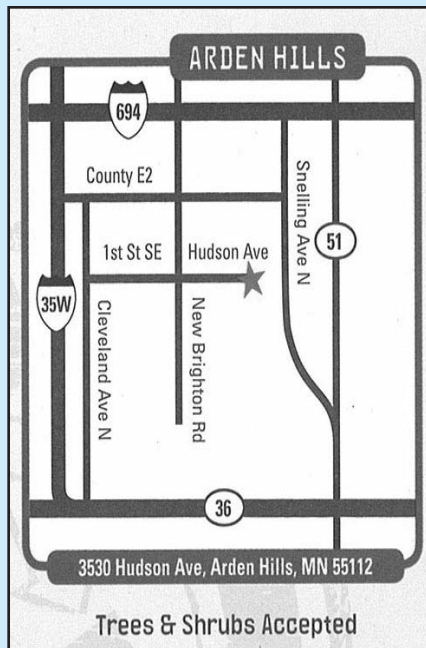
(Closed Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day)

The Arden Hills site accepts the following items:

- * all parts of trees and shrubs
- * other soft bodied plants
- * leaves
- * brush
- * no stumps
- * grass clippings

ALL

St. Anthony residents are eligible to use the Arden Hills site. When using the site be sure to bring identification with you. Call 651-633-3279 for more information regarding yard waste disposal or online at



www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/collection_site.htm

In early March the Hennepin County Assessor's office sent a notice to homeowners identifying the market value for the **2012 Assessment and Taxes Payable in 2013**. If you feel that your market value is incorrect please contact the assessor's office. Many property owners' concerns can be explained or resolved simply by making a phone call to the assessor's office.

Hennepin County will be holding an open book meeting on **April 23, 2012** from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Open book meetings are an alternative to the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. During "open book" meetings, the valuation and classification issues are handled by the assessor's staff on a one-on-one basis with the property owner.

The open book meeting will provide a forum for property owners to meet with Hennepin County assessment staff on an informal basis to review information about their property and to ask questions about their assessment. Any further questions please call Jessica at 612-348-3046.

PET ORDINANCES

It's spring again and more people will be out with their dogs. The City has ordinances in place that govern how dogs are to be kept in the City.



Section 91.01 of the City Ordinance requires that all dogs over six (6) months of age that are kept, harbored or maintained within the City are to be licensed and registered. The license is valid for two (2) years and must be renewed by March 1 of the year it expires. At the time of licensure, the dog(s) must be immunized for rabies. Proof of immunization for rabies by a licensed veterinarian is required at the time the dog is being licensed. For more information regarding dogs check out Sections 91.05; Special Multiple Dog License, 91.37; Running At Large and 91.38; Droppings. If you have additional questions contact St. Anthony Code Enforcement at 612-782-3438.

THE WATER-WISE POOL OWNER

When the lakes of Minnesota thaw out, it's time to fill the pool and get ready for a potentially hot and humid summer. Pools obviously use large volumes of water and chemicals, too. But you can own a pool and keep the environment in mind at the same time. During pool season be a good steward of our water resources by considering these options:

1. Cover your pool to reduce evaporation of water and chlorine. It will also retain heat.
2. Consider installing a water-saving pool filter.
3. If you would like to reduce your chemical use, alternatives such as ultraviolet light cleaners and salt water or ozone systems are becoming more popular.

When summer is over and it's time to drain the swimming pool, a few simple steps will help protect our surface waters. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has these guidelines:

1. Stop adding chlorine 3 days before you drain the pool. This will allow the chlorine to dissipate. A testing kit can be used to be sure the chlorine is gone.
2. It is best to drain water onto a lawn or other vegetated surface.
3. Make sure that the drainage rate is slow enough to allow the water to soak into the soil without running off into storm sewers, wetlands, other surface waters, or neighboring property.
4. Never drain into a storm sewer or street drain (these drain directly to lake, rivers, or streams without being treated)
5. If you cannot drain onto the lawn (small lot size, for example), contact the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to determine your options.

That's simple enough. Of course, if a pool seems like too much work, there's always the 10,000 plus lakes ready and waiting.

DISCOUNTED COMPOST BINS AND RAIN BARRELS AVAILABLE!

Compost bins and rain barrels will be available for purchase on Saturday, May 5th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Roseville City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Drive.

Compost bins (\$45) are an easy way to turn vegetable food scraps and garden waste into compost for your garden.

Rain barrels (\$55) provide healthy rainwater for your flowers and help keep water away from your home's foundation. Supplies are limited, first come, first serve.

SAVE IT, TRY IT, LEARN IT, BUY IT AT THE LIVING GREEN EXPO

Visit the Rice Creek Watershed District's outreach program, Blue Thumb-Planting for Clean Water® booth at the Living Green Expo. The 2012 Expo will feature over 300 exhibitors, workshops, and demos offering practical advice on how to make effective, sustainable choices. Get in on the latest green technologies. Connect with others who value green living. At Minnesota's largest environmental event, you'll find everything from how to compost, reduce toxins in your home and using the latest energy-saving technology, to cooking with organic, locally grown food.

Admission is \$3 online or \$5 at the door, kids 18 and under are free! Check the Expo website in April to receive a free Metro bus pass. Secure bike storage is available. Visit www.livinggreen.org for more information on exhibitors, workshops and activities.

May 5-6, 2012

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Minnesota State Fair Grounds, St. Paul

The St Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of those that made contributions to our holiday Adopt A Family Drive. I am delighted to announce that this was a record breaking fundraising year and in total the Adopt A Family Drive was able to "adopt" six families (26 individuals in total).

Currently, the St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2012 Villager of the Year and Outstanding Business of the Year Awards.

The **Villager of the Year** award was established by the Chamber in 1991 to honor and recognize a resident of St. Anthony Village who has made outstanding contributions to improve the quality of life in the community.

The **Outstanding Business of the Year** award was established in 1993 to recognize an outstanding business located in or serving the community of St. Anthony Village. The company must be located in St. Anthony Village, have an office in St. Anthony Village, or be a member of the St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce.

Nomination materials are due to the Chamber no later than **April 5, 2012**. Further information and nomination materials are available at the Chamber website www.saintanthonychamber.org

The awards for Villager of the Year and Outstanding Business will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Meeting the evening of **April 19, 2012** at Jax Café in Minneapolis. You do not need to be a Chamber member to attend. If you are interested in attending the Annual Meeting please contact the Chamber at info@saintanthonychamber.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the **Chamber's 20th Annual Golf Classic**. The Golf Classic will be held at Francis Gross National Golf Course on Friday, August 3, 2012. We will make additional information available as the date draws nearer - but please do plan on joining us!

Finally, I would like to announce our newest chamber member: **ARTISTS' CHOICE INC** www.artistschoice.net

The St Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce reminds you to **SHOP LOCAL** - support Artists' Choice and the other chamber businesses that support our community!

Regards ~

Kelly Salseq

St Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce
Executive Director

St. Anthony Village Historical Society

We are thrilled with the enthusiasm residents and former residents greeted our book, [A Village in the City](#). Sales have been brisk, but there is still a limited supply of books for sale at City Hall. Get yours before they are all gone!

For our next project, the Historical Society plans to collect stories about St. Anthony Village residents' experiences during the Second World War. We are looking for reminiscences and photos from both the war and the home front. Please contact Assistant City Manager Kim Moore at Kim.Moore-Sykes@ci.saint-anthony.mn.us or 612-782-3312 if you are willing to share your stories or are interested in becoming involved in the St. Anthony Village Historical Society.

ALUMINUM RECYCLING FACTS

- * A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can, in as little as 60 days. That's closed loop recycling at its finest!
- * Used aluminum beverage cans are the most recycled item in the U.S., but other types of aluminum, such as siding, gutters, car components, storm window frames, and lawn furniture can also be recycled
- * Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours -- or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.
- * More aluminum goes into beverage cans than any other product.
- * Because so many of them are recycled, aluminum cans account for less than 1% of the total U.S. waste stream, according to EPA estimates.
- * An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now!
- * There is no limit to the amount of times an aluminum can be recycled.
- * We use over 80,000,000,000 aluminum soda cans every year.
- * At one time, aluminum was more valuable than gold!
- * A 60-watt light bulb can be run for over a day on the amount of energy saved by recycling 1 pound of steel. In one year in the United States, the recycling of steel saves enough energy to heat and light 18,000,000 homes!

PLASTIC RECYCLING FACTS

- * Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour! Most of them are thrown away!
- * Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures every year!
- * Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.
- * Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam coffee cups every year.

GLASS RECYCLING FACTS

- * Every month, we throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper. All of these jars are recyclable!
- * The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle can run a 100-watt light bulb for four hours or a compact fluorescent bulb for 20 hours. It also causes 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution than when a new bottle is made from raw materials.
- * A modern glass bottle would take 4000 years or more to decompose -- and even longer if it's in the landfill.
- * Mining and transporting raw materials for glass produces about 385 pounds of waste for every ton of glass that is made. If recycled glass is substituted for half of the raw materials, the waste is cut by more than 80%.



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