



MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

2021 was another busy and productive year in the Public Works Department. Along with the usual challenges of unpredictable weather, unexpected infrastructure and equipment breakdowns, and after-hours emergencies...all the while dealing with supply shortages and employees living and working in the midst of a pandemic, the Public Works Department once again accomplished its goal of providing effective and efficient service to the City. The talented, veteran staff and two new employees in the department worked together to tackle anything and everything that was thrown our way, as they always do. Our staff is proud to serve the St. Anthony Village residents, businesses, and visitors by providing safe, reliable, and effective service consistent with the vision and goals of the community.

Notable accomplishments in 2021 include:

- Reconstruction of the tennis courts at City Hall
- Maintaining Tree City USA recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for five consecutive years
- Completing the annual Consumer Confidence Report for drinking water quality
- Awarded a grant from Hennepin County and completed a Tree Inventory survey
- Annual events: branch chipping, rain barrel program, two cardboard recycling events, and Spring Clean-Up Day



NEW EMPLOYEES

In October, the City hired Zach Lundberg as the new Superintendent of Public Works. Zach comes to St. Anthony after serving for 10 years with the Ramsey County Public Works Department. He has enjoyed learning about the City, working with Public Works staff and the other City departments, and meeting local residents.



Jesse Wolfe was hired by the City in September as a new Parks Maintenance employee. Jesse's previous experience includes groundskeeping and maintenance at the State Capitol. Jesse's responsibilities include daily maintenance of the parks, grounds, athletic fields, and operation and repair of the City's irrigation systems.



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STREETS DEPARTMENT

The Streets Department consists of six full-time staff and is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the approximately 25 centerline miles of city streets and 18 miles of sidewalks and trails within St. Anthony. These responsibilities include pothole repair, snow plowing, street sweeping, boulevard tree planting and maintenance, and sign installation and repair.



10 full city plow events



20 tons of asphalt to repair pavement



11 city-wide street sweepings



27 trees planted in city right-of-way and parks

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

The Utilities Department consists of two full-time employees responsible for the production and distribution of safe drinking water, the maintenance of the sanitary and storm sewer systems, and the operations and maintenance of the city's fire hydrant network.

Drinking water in the city is sourced from the Jordan Aquifer 500 feet below ground. Two wells pumping simultaneously pull the water into a transmission line that delivers the water to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The water is then treated by a three-step process to remove impurities, stored in a 2 million gallon reservoir, and pumped into the 250,000 gallon water tower before being delivered to residential homes and businesses. There are approximately 2,500 water service connections in the city.



The WTP produces an avg. of 700,000 gallons of drinking water per day

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PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Parks Department is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the city's parks system including operations of the parks buildings, maintenance of park grounds and playground equipment, operation and repair of the irrigation system, maintenance of athletic fields and ice rinks, and maintenance of city buildings grounds. The city has four parks that provide playground amenities and two parks that provide leisurely recreation. The Parks Department consists of three full-time employees and a variable number of part-time seasonal employees in the summer and winter months.

The return of athletic activities and social gatherings, splash pads and warming houses re-opening, and playgrounds busy with activity in the city's parks were a welcome sight for the department.



In the 2021-2022 skating season the city's ice rinks hosted 2,600 skaters



FLEET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The Fleet Maintenance Department consists of one full-time employee. The department services, maintains, and repairs all of the city's vehicles and equipment fleet including Public Works, the Police Department, and the Fire Department. There are currently over 60 vehicles and pieces of major equipment, and many more smaller pieces, that are serviced and repaired by the department. Equipment purchases are scheduled on the city's Capital Improvement Program and are primarily selected from the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Equipment Purchasing contract.



Utilities Dept. Vactor/Jetter

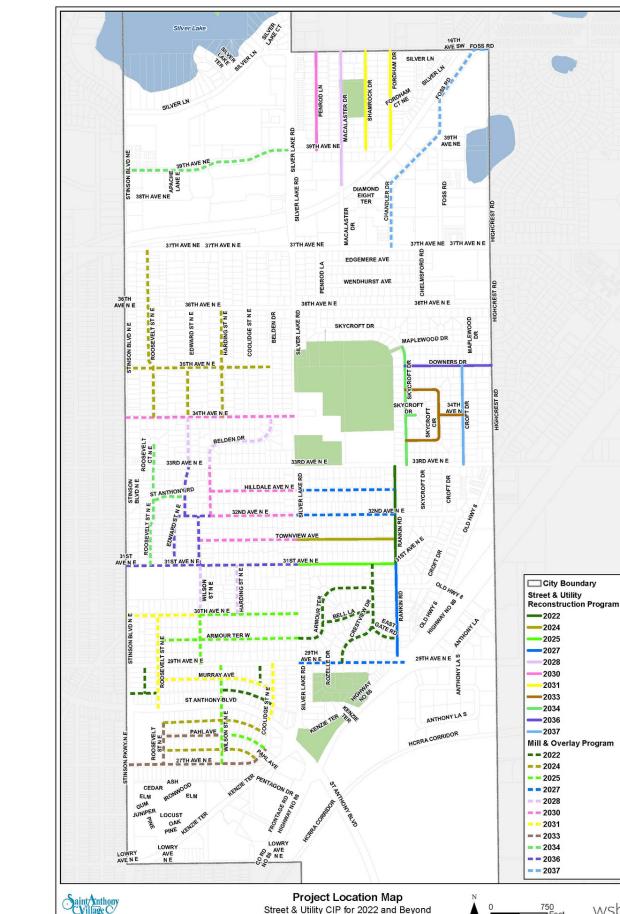


Streets Dept. Plow Truck

ENGINEERING

The City of St. Anthony utilizes WSB & Associates, Inc. for engineering and consulting services on many of the city's construction and improvement projects. Engineering activities in a typical year include: street and utility reconstruction; storm water quality and flood improvements; mill/overlay and pavement preservation of roadways; and other infrastructure related improvements. In 2021 the city completed a number of these infrastructure projects including:

- Substantial completion of the 2021 Street and Utilities Improvement Project on one block portions of Skycroft Drive and Croft Drive
- Completion of Pavement Preservation Mill & Overlay Projects on Silver Lane, St. Anthony Boulevard, 29th Avenue, 31st Avenue, and Croft Drive
- Installation of Driver Feedback speed signs on Silver Lake Road



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2021 PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL REPORT

The City of St. Anthony's Public Works is the combination of physical assets, management practices, policies, and personnel necessary for government to provide and sustain structures and services essential to the welfare and acceptable quality of life for the City of St. Anthony's residents, visitors, and businesses.

Citizens may not realize the role Public Works plays in our lives. The fact is that we rely on Public Works for just about everything we do including water distribution, sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems, parks maintenance, equipment maintenance, and street systems maintenance year-round.

Public Works is a first responder to disasters within our city: from windstorms and blizzards to watermain breaks and public safety concerns. Public Works operations consists of six separate divisions, with 14 full time staff in addition to partnering with our Engineering consultant, WSB & Associates.

The staff at St. Anthony Public Works take pride in delivering quality service to the residents, visitors, and businesses of this great community and working collaboratively with all of the city departments.