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City of Lauderdale, MN JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Summer Greetings,

I am writing to draw your attention to two important developments at City Hall.

The first is the closing on the sale of 1795 Eustis Street to Real Estate Equities (REE). As this goes to print, the closing date is scheduled for July 6 and on July 8 the City's bonds will be retired. The sale price that REE is paying covers the initial investment in the property and the carrying costs since the purchase. Additionally, REE will pay the City \$342,000 in park dedication fees. There are restrictions on what park improvements this money can be used for, but community conversations will happen in the months and years ahead. Finally, REE will pay \$137,700 to the City because the City was their conduit for the state bonds they are issuing for the construction. This money is unrestricted and will be used to pay down the bonds from the 2019 Eustis Street project.

The general contractor for the project is Schoeppner Inc. I know there are many questions you may want to ask them about the demolition process and how construction on the new apartment building will proceed. Representatives from REE and Schoeppner are hosting a pre-construction community meeting at Lauderdale City Hall on July 27 starting at 3:00 p.m. You may join them in-person or remotely via Zoom. You will be able to watch the playback via the City's website and on the City's cable access channel after the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please send any questions or concerns you have to city staff. They will make sure your questions are answered.

In the upcoming months, REE will begin disseminating information on how to apply to live in the new building. I look forward to this option for our current seniors to stay in the community and the opportunity to welcome new neighbors to our City.

The second item I want to share is that the City Council is looking at new ways to enforce ordinances. The recent zoning survey mirrored the Council's frustration with getting compliance from some property owners. Generally, city code violations are punishable as misdemeanors. This requires the violations to go through the criminal court system for enforcement. As you can imagine, that process is lengthy and drains an already taxed system.

The City Council is reviewing a draft administrative citations ordinance during its meetings in July. The ordinance would allow city staff and our public safety partners (police, fire, and building official) to issue citations for failures to comply with city code. The penalties will be monetary and accrue until the violations are corrected. Fines that accrue but are unpaid would be charged as special assessments against a property and payment collected through the property tax system.

Simultaneously, the City Council is reviewing an ordinance that would financially penalize properties that have excessive police service calls. Drafts of the proposed ordinances will go out via the email list in advance of adoption. I hope you have a moment to read through them and let us know your thoughts. This would be a big change in our current ordinance enforcement process but I think a much needed one.

In service,
Mayor Mary Gaasch

JULY — SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, July 4	Independence Day	City Hall Closed
Tuesday, July 12	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 21	Day in the Park @ Community Park	5:00-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 26	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 27	Community Pre-Construction Meeting at City Hall or via Zoom	3:00 p.m.
Monday, August 8	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 9	Primary Election @ City Hall	7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 16	Last Day to File for Offices of Mayor and City Council	Closes at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 23	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 5	Labor Day	City Hall Closed
Tuesday, September 13	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 27	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.

CITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: (651) 792-7650 www.lauderdalemn.org

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Police Department: 612.782.3350

Fire Emergency: 911
Fire Department: 651.224.7811

Ramsey County Dispatch: 911
Ramsey County Dispatch Non-emergency Number: 651.767.0640

Water Emergency (St. Paul Regional Water): 651.266.6868

Sewer Emergency: 911 or
651.767.0640

Illicit Discharges to the Storm Sewer:
911 or 651.792.7650 (business hours)

Xcel Energy Electric Emergency or
Outage: 1.800.895.1999

Xcel Energy Gas Emergency or Gas
Odor: 1.800.895.2999

2022 ELECTIONS INFORMATION

Primary Election Voting Options in 2022

All Lauderdale residents may vote absentee from home, at City Hall, or at a Ramsey County voting center. All Lauderdale residents also may vote at City Hall on election day.

If you want to vote absentee *by mail*, please contact city staff for an absentee ballot application or apply online at www.mnvotes.org.

If you want to vote absentee *at City Hall*, please stop by during office hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday). Budget about a half hour for this process.

If you want to vote absentee *at a Ramsey County Voting Center*, check out www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting. The locations are:

- Ramsey County Library in Roseville
- Ramsey County Elections Office in St. Paul

Residents are encouraged to register ahead of the election (by July 19) to minimize your wait time in the polling place. Please contact us for a voter registration form or apply online at www.mnvotes.org.

On August 9, the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please let city staff know if you have questions.

Election Judges Needed!

The City is hiring election judges for the August 9 primary election and the November 8 general election. Enjoy serving your neighbors and being a part of history. You may choose from full day or half day shifts. Training is provided at City Hall.

To qualify, you must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write, and speak English. If you are interested in helping out (and getting paid to do so) please contact Miles Cline, Deputy City Clerk, at 651.792.7650 or by e-mail at miles.cline@lauderdalemn.org.



2022 Election Calendar

Friday, June 24

Primary Election absentee voting begins

Now until July 19

Pre-registration for Primary Election

Saturday, August 6

Absentee voting at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 9

Primary Election Day, Vote from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at City Hall

Friday, September 23

General Election absentee voting begins

Tuesday, October 18

End of pre-registration for General Election

Saturday, November 5

Absentee voting at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8

General Election Day, Vote from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at City Hall



Filing for City Offices

The offices of mayor and city council will be on the ballot this year. The filing period will be open from August 2 until August 16. If you are interested in running for one of the offices, you may file at City Hall or we can send the application materials to you. The filing fee is \$2.00.

Nesting Turtles at Community Park

Community Park received an unexpected gift in mid-June. A snapping turtle chose the sand volleyball court to build her nest and lay her eggs. The incubation period is 80-90 days. While the survival rate is low we are hoping for the best. Thank you to the community members who helped protect the nest and see that the mother returned safely to Walsh Lake.

(Photo of the mother snapping turtle as she finishes laying her eggs. Courtesy of Gordy Beck.)



CITY HALL UPDATES

Sewer Lining and Sewer Cleaning Project Resumes

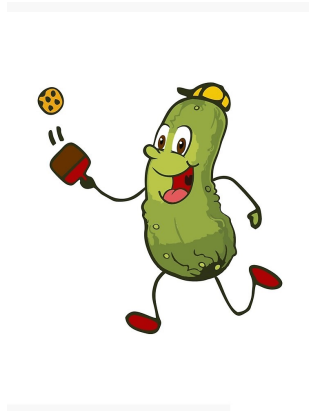
Since 2013, the City has been rehabilitating the sanitary sewer system with a trenchless technology known as cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) or commonly referred to as "lining." By the time you receive this, Visu-sewer will likely have lined the final segments. That concludes four years' worth of lining projects with no major sewer projects needed for the foreseeable future. The project cost was fully covered by the sanitary sewer fund which is funded by the quarterly sewer fees you pay. Additionally, the City has been fortunate to receive state funding to off-set about 20% of the lining cost in each of the four project years.

What Comes Next?

The City maintains the sewer system by frequently jetting or cleaning with high pressure water. Last year about half of the City's sewer lines were jetted. This year Visu-Sewer will clean the remaining lines. This process can push the water in your sewer pipe into your toilets and drains if your internal plumbing is not vented properly. If you know this about your home, please let city staff know. We can discuss strategies to minimize the impact.

Pickleball Courts

Our tennis repair folks did maintenance on the courts at Community Park this spring. As part of the project, we asked them to stripe for pickleball based on the requests we received. We now have both tennis and pickleball in Lauderdale! Feel free to use the courts whenever they're not in use by others or call City Hall at 651-792-7650 to make a reservation.



Zoning Code Progress Report

Thank you again to everyone for responding to the zoning survey last spring. Your comments are invaluable and will provide a foundation for our upcoming work sessions.

As mentioned in the cover story, the City Council is exploring options to tackle ordinance violation issues and concerns that came out of the community survey.

Additionally, over the coming weeks and months, we anticipate the City Council will hold a series of work sessions that focus on specific topic areas related to the zoning code.

Make sure to check the City's website for information regarding the work sessions and for opportunities to share your feedback. Our goal is to have a fully annotated outline of the Zoning Code by the fall, with more formal public engagement planned this fall and winter.

Catalytic Converter Kits

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

This program provides a label kit which can be installed onto the catalytic converter without charge. The label can be installed by the vehicle owner or by one of our local auto repair partners. A list of partners is provided upon obtaining the kit.

You must own one of the following vehicles or have been a previous victim of a catalytic converter theft to qualify for a label. Those vehicles are:

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

If you qualify and are interested in obtaining a label kit, please stop by the St. Anthony Police Department between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mon- Fri. Bring your drivers license, license plate number, and VIN number for your vehicle.

For more information, contact Officer South at jim.south@savmn.com.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Day in the Park: Thursday, July 21 from 5-8 p.m. Lauderdale Community Park, 1885 Fulham Street

Featuring a community kickball game!!

**Have a beer and food: Bent Brewstillery
and El Burrito Mercado will be here!!**

Event Highlights:

5:00-8:00 Farmers Market, Community Partners,
Games, Water Slide, Inflatable

5:00-6:00 Lazy Does It Dixie Land Band

6:00-6:30 Speakers

6:30-7:00 Puppet Wagon

6:30-7:30 Lazy Does It Dixie Land Band

**6:30-7:30 All Ages Kickball Game
(East vs West of Eustis Street)**

7:30-8:00 Neighborhood Dances Troup

Community partners include: Watershed
Districts, St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, Nine
North, Eureka Recycling, League of Women
Voters, Northeast Youth and Family Services,
and Be Smart for Kids.

Volunteers Needed - [https://signup.com/
Dashboard?unlock=4419689#/](https://signup.com/Dashboard?unlock=4419689#/)

City Council Hosting a Food Drive for Keystone at Day in the Park!

When you come out to enjoy visiting with your friends and neighbors on Thursday, July 21 for Day in the Park, you can also support neighbors in need by donating to our food drive for Keystone Community Services Food Shelf!

Keystone Community Services is our regional food shelf and provides a variety of programs supporting more than 40,000 neighbors in Ramsey County, including Lauderdale. Ramsey County's food insecurity rates have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. 27% more food was distributed in Ramsey County during this time to families in need. The need continues to rise and has left food shelves struggling to provide for families.

At Day in the Park, you can help to restock the food shelves! The City will be accepting non-perishable food donations, personal care items, feminine hygiene products, baby items, and school supplies. We also can accept financial contributions to Keystone Community Services. Keystone can stretch financial donations through their bulk purchasing programs.

Hello from St. Anthony Park Area Seniors!

We host an in-person Walk With Ease class on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10-11 a.m. at Como Lake.

On August 10 at 7 p.m. we will have an online presentation, "Sightseeing from the Sofa" with Shaul Hanany. It will be a live online presentation about his trip to Antarctica where he launched a balloon for science.

Our in-person services for individuals are available. If you need support with rides to health-related appointments, home chores, cell phones, computers, or care for a loved one while you "take a break," contact us to get connected with one of our volunteers.

Our virtual lunch meet-ups allow us to stay in touch every other Wednesday. We catch up on what we have been doing, play BINGO for prizes, and watch a short video that relates to the season or the National Day. Participants can join these gatherings by phone or smart device (computer, mobile phone or tablet).

We exercise together online. We will start a beginning Tai Ji Quan class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in September and resume chair yoga on Monday mornings in August.

To find out more about our program, visit our website at www.sapaseniors.org. Contact us at 651-642-9052 or office@sapaseniors.org to join any of these programs.



PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES



St. Anthony Police Volunteer Opportunities Sgt. Mike Huddle

Looking for a way to serve your community in an interesting and meaningful way? The St. Anthony Police Department has a volunteer Reserve Program that assists the department during community events, large incidents, special details, and support of patrol functions.

Reserve Officers are uniformed volunteers overseen by a sergeant that complete a Reserve Academy that prepares them with the skills necessary to assist the police department in supporting roles. Our Reserves typically handle traffic control for large events or at the scene of traffic incidents, patrol parks and residential neighborhoods, handle parking complaints, engage with members of the public, transport prisoners, and various other light duties. Reserve Officers are provided with uniforms and equipment, are authorized to drive fully marked squad cars, and receive training on department records systems.

There is a minimum time commitment per month that we ask of our Reserves, though scheduling is flexible. We typically ask Reserves to volunteer 15 to 30 hours per month which include training, community function assistance, and patrol duties. The time affords Reserves the ability to get to know the sworn police officers, the operations of the department, how officers interact with and engage with citizens in a variety of circumstances, and to represent the department to the public. This volunteer position is open to anyone who wants to know more about what is happening in their community, people interested in careers in law enforcement, or someone who simply wants to impact the quality of life in our community.

Interested volunteers can apply for the Reserve Officer position through the City of St. Anthony website (<http://www.savmn.com/198/Reserve-Officer-Program>). Applicants must be between 21 and 60 years of age, possess a valid drivers license, have a good driving record, and complete a background check. A more complete list of requirements can be viewed at the website above. Specific inquiries regarding the program can be directed to Sergeant Jeremy Sroga by email at jeremy.sroga@savmn.com.

St. Anthony Police Department is proud of and greatly values the service of our Reserve Officers. We encourage anyone interested to apply and become part of our agency working in our communities.

We also are currently developing a program for other volunteer opportunities at the St. Anthony Police Department, so frequently check our website at <http://www.savmn.com/191/Police-Department> for updates.

Night to Unite: August 2

Are you new to the area or unfamiliar with your neighbors? Are you looking for a way to connect with the residents around you and in your community? Minnesota Night to Unite is a great resource to accomplish all this and more. Minnesota Night to Unite, held on the first Tuesday in August, is designed to build relationships among residents to make communities safer and ideal places to live while promoting partnerships with the Police and Fire Departments and other local leaders.

Home owners, apartment complexes, and homeowners associations are encouraged to plan events. Residents with questions or who plan to host a block party on August 2 may register on the St. Anthony PD webpage (<http://www.savmn.com/521/Night-to-Unite-2021>). The deadline to register is July 22. Contact Sgt. Mike Huddle with questions at 612-782-3350 or mike.huddle@savmn.com.

Block parties typically start around 6:00 p.m. and last until about 9:00 p.m. Block parties receive visits from the police department, fire department, and local leaders upon request. Parties that register by the July 22 deadline will be provided with an ice cream voucher for a five-quart pail of free ice cream from Cub Foods. Ice cream certificates and barricades will be delivered ahead of the event.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

What is an Illicit Discharge?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency defines an illicit discharge as, “any discharge into a storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater.” This means that anything other than simply the water that falls from the sky is an illicit discharge. There are many hazardous household products, yard care products, fertilizers, dog waste, car soaps, and automotive fluids that turn what should only be stormwater into an illicit discharge that pollutes and degrades local water quality.



Municipalities are required to develop and implement programs to “detect and eliminate” illicit discharges. This is important because what goes down your storm sewer drain does not go to a waste water treatment facility. It goes directly into your local water bodies where people swim, participate in recreational water activities, and fish. If a gallon of a particular pollutant goes down the storm drain, then a gallon of that particular pollutant washes into the waters that people are using for fun and food.

Please be cautious about what washes off of your property and notify staff at City Hall at 651-792-7650 if you detect any illicit discharge in your area. It is illegal and can directly affect you!

Storm Sewers Are Not For Grass Clippings!



Please mow your lawn **AWAY** from the street so your grass clippings do not end up in the City's storm sewers. The storm sewers are not designed to handle leaves and grass clippings from residences. This extra material may cause back-ups which could result in flooding. Save the City and yourself problems and money by being responsible and mowing your lawn **AWAY** from the street. Let's set a good example to show our children that protecting the environment is important.

Virtual Recycling Facility Tour Tuesday, September 6

EUREKA!
RECYCLING

Have you ever wondered what happens to your recycling? Local non-profit zero waste recycler, Eureka Recycling, is excited to offer a behind-the-scenes look into the world of recycling! On Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m., Eureka will host a virtual tour of its recycling facility exclusively for Lauderdale residents. Eureka's facility collects and processes over 450 tons of recyclables every day! We hope you'll join Eureka to learn more about the importance and impact of recycling in our community.

Eureka's virtual tour is a 45 minute online presentation and 30 minutes of recycling Q&A and discussion. When you sign up for the tour, you will be emailed a meeting link and log-in instructions. To register for the tour, email Eureka Recycling at engagement@eurekarecycling.org.

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Short-sleeve t-shirt: \$10
Long-sleeve t-shirt: \$12
Hoodies: \$25
History books: \$25

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SOON—\$7.00

The City would appreciate your feedback! Please feel free to call or visit us at City Hall or email your questions or comments to Heather.Butkowski@lauderdalemn.org. Also, please contact City Hall with any changes to your name, address, or phone number.