

Andover Today

NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL MAYOR'S WATER CHALLENGE SAVE WATER! EARN PRIZES!

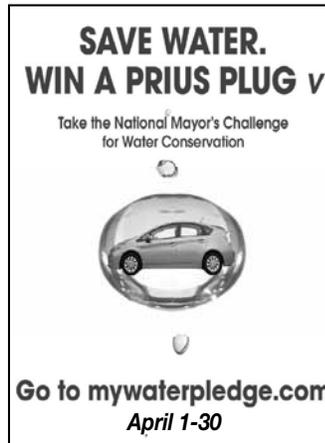
Andover High School students are pledging to help Andover save water. Our per capita water consumption is the highest in Minnesota. We can do better. Can you join in?

Go to mywaterpledge.com to sign up using Facebook or an email. Take a survey, make a pledge. Spread the word and help Andover win! Prizes include a Prius, gift cards, irrigation controllers and showerheads. We can do better.

Why not start being "waterwise" now by...

- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Use reusable shopping bags & water bottles
- Add a rain sensor to your irrigation system
- Let your grass grow taller, which will keep it healthier
- Plant trees to cool & shade your yard, decreasing its need for water
- Plant native grasses, flowers & shrubs to reduce size of your yard

Sponsored by the Wyland Foundation. Contest event: **April 1 - 30, 2016.** Submitted by Chick-fil-A Leader Academy students Aisha and Kina who are working with Mayor Trude on this challenge as their community impact project.



IT'S THE 15TH ANNUAL ARBOR DAY EVENT:

"TREE TIME"

Saturday, April 23rd
City Hall Complex
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Free seedlings will be dispersed to Andover residents;
- Come and talk with U of M Master Gardeners about tree and shrub care and learn about eco-friendly landscapes that are also good for pollinators, improve storm water quality and save water;
- Receive free literature on various tree and shrub topics;
- Win a free tree by getting in a tree drawing;
- Set up will be near the recycling center as you leave the complex on Andover Recycling Day.

SPECIAL NOTE: To see the species of seedlings to be dispersed and for helpful tips prior to picking them up, go to the City's website and follow the links "Your Government," "Natural Resources" and "Seedlings."

With questions, contact Kameron, Natural Resources Technician at (763)767-5137.



Saturday, March 12th
Andover YMCA Community Center
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
100 + Home Improvement Exhibitors,
Door Prizes, Kids Workshop and More!

Free Admission, however please consider bringing a non-perishable food item. Cub Scout Pack 609 will be collecting items for the ACBC Emergency Food Shelf.



www.NorthSuburbanHomeShow.Org

The North Suburban Home Improvement Show is sponsored by the cities of Andover, Anoka, Coon Rapids, the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce and MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce.

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COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

James Goodrich

Hi everybody, Council Member Jim Goodrich here. I hope all of you Andover folks are enjoying our mild winter. At the time of

writing this article I have yet to use my snow blower! However I have not used my cross country skis or my snow shoes yet either. Oh well I'm not complaining. Anyway, with this mild winter I thought I'd check in with two of our Department heads Public Works Director David Berkowitz and see how the mild winter effects business at our Public Works Department. David tells me the following: As the City experiences milder winters with less snow, the Public Works crews take advantage of the time by catching up on projects that are in need of completion.

A main focus of the Street Department, when they are not plowing, is tree trimming and tree removal in areas where the trees have overgrown the road causing challenges for emergency response vehicles and school buses. A milder winter also allows the Street Department to get an early start on pothole patching. Sign shop produces new and replacement signs such as street signs and warning and regulatory signs to be installed either in the winter or the following construction season.

The Parks Department continues to maintain the outdoor ice rinks and warming houses along with park sign rebuilds, trail and parks tree trimming and helping other departments as needed such as street sign production. Ongoing maintenance continues throughout the year with trash collection and doggy bag replacement. Quotes are received this time of the year for upcoming maintenance activities and projects. Meetings are held with the athletic associations for the upcoming season.

The Utility Department works on ditch cleaning, tree removal along ditches and around storm sewer pipes and conducts inside maintenance of the City water system such as the Water Treatment Plant and the many well houses.

The Parks Department maintains 5 outdoor hockey and 7 free skate rinks throughout the City. A three person crew starts the season working the overnight shift to get the rinks established. The cold nights allow the crew to place multiple layers of water per night so that the rinks will be usable sooner. Once the skating surface is established the crew changes shift to early morning, again taking

advantage of the colder temperatures so that the newly laid layer of water can set up faster and by 10:00 a.m. they are typically being used.

Jerry Streich, Andover's Fire Chief shared with me some information about the make-up of the Department and some information about some procedural improvements taking place recently that you might find interesting.

The Fire Department is staffed with fifty-five local citizens who are professionally trained to handle a wide range of local emergencies. They are on-call and participate within the department after their full-time jobs. Andover employs three full-time staff (Fire Chief, Asst. Chief and Fire Marshal) to manage the Fire Department and City-wide emergency management. In order to maintain the span of control needed with so many people spread out in three stations, the department uses a leadership hierarchy that includes on-call fire officers. These leaders hold rank within the organization and meet on a regular basis to assist in managing the department.

Over the past 18 months they have worked to improve services by changing the response model, boundaries, equipment purchases and by improving daytime staffing. The majority of the department's staff leave the City to work during the daytime hours, yet most of the calls for service come during the same time. To assure consistent and efficient service, the City approved a new response model that now allows daytime responders to staff the main station with the fulltime staff Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This assures someone is always available to respond to calls and improves response times to emergencies. They have already seen significant improvements from the program. Along with operational changes, staff has been working on improved training to assure they are prepared to respond to your emergency. The department is always looking for people to become part of their team. You can learn more about them by going to their Facebook site located at www.facebook.com/andovermn.

Finally, I always encourage any Andover resident to email myself with any comments or concerns about any business that might be going on in town. We make a lot of decisions that affect a lot of people and we always want to know how folks are feeling on any particular issue when we make our decisions. Thanks everybody, as always it's a pleasure to serve you.

2016 SEASONAL ROAD RESTRICTIONS

Each spring Andover places road restrictions (weight limits) on City streets. Limiting vehicle weight minimizes damage to the streets when the frost comes out of the ground. This will extend the life of the street and reduce the need for early (and costly) reconstruction.

Road restrictions are typically put into effect in early March (depending on the weather) and kept in place through the end of April. Check with City Hall to verify when the restrictions will be initiated.

Residential streets are restricted to 5-ton per axle weight limit with some residential streets restricted to 4-ton per axle limit.

Road restrictions may prevent you from receiving or scheduling a large, heavy delivery to your home in March & April. To determine what road restrictions are for your street, please visit the City's website at www.andovermn.gov and view the Seasonal Road Restrictions Map. The map is located under the "City News" section on the Andover home page.

TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL OPERATIONS

The Street Maintenance Department performs tree pruning and removal operations throughout the year within City street right-of-ways and at intersections where site triangles are obstructed. Also, if a street sign is obstructed from trees or brush, they will be trimmed or removed as necessary. Finally, defective trees may be removed at the discretion of City staff, including but not limited to, those infested with insects or disease; those that

are hazardous, dangerous and/or at risk of falling due to rotting, decay, splitting branches, problematic roots, etc.; or those that may pose a threat to sidewalks, curbs, utilities, etc. In some cases, the Street Maintenance Department will leave a door hanger notice at the home of the tree pruning location. If you have any questions regarding these activities, feel free to contact the Street Maintenance Department at (763) 767-5178.

OPEN TO BUSINESS PROGRAM

Looking for a trusted advisor for your business? Maybe you've wanted to secure financing to start or expand your business? If so, a new program offered by Anoka County may be just what you're looking for.

Thanks to a partnership between Anoka County and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD), business owners or those looking to start a business can access a new program called Open to Business.

Free Technical Assistance

Open to Business will provide prospective and existing entrepreneurs in Andover with free one-on-one counseling with a business advisor. The program provides assistance in the following areas:

- Financial Management
- Loan Packaging
- Business Plan Assistance
- Real Estate Analysis
- Marketing Assistance
- Strategic Planning
- Business Regulations
- Professional Referrals

Small Business Loan Program

Open to Business advisors can also assist entrepreneurs to identify borrowing needs and accessing financing options. Advisors work with clients to help them find the financing that best meets their own unique needs. MCCD also provides direct financing and loans in partnership with banks and nonprofit lenders. Funds can be used for inventory, working capital, asset and equipment purchases, real estate acquisition and start-up costs.

How It Works

Business Advisor Kathleen DuChene is available for setting up a one-on-one meeting at either the Anoka County Government Center or other preferred location. Kathleen is also available at the Andover City Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information contact Kathleen at (763) 438-7315 or by email at kduchene@mccdmn.org. For general information, visit the Open to Business Website at www.opentobusinessmn.org.



POTHOLE PATCHING

Winter can be hard on streets due to moisture and temperature changes. The Street Maintenance Department will begin repairing potholes as soon as weather permits with cold patch in areas as needed. Pothole repairs with hot patch will begin as soon as possible, as early as March if asphalt plants open early and will continue through to fall as needed.

The spray patch and hot patch operations are very different. The spray patch is done using the Rosco truck which sprays oil and then rock out through a front mixing tube. The hot patch process is filling the pothole with hot asphalt mixture and tapped flat by street maintenance employees.

If you are aware of any major potholes on a City street, feel free to call 763-755-5100 to report the location using the nearest address. We appreciate being notified, so the pothole can be repaired quickly.

STREET SWEEPING

Street Sweeping operations will begin mid-April or as soon as weather permits. If a boulevard has salt/sand on it, please rake ONLY the salt/sand material to the edge of the blacktop or curb for pickup by the street sweepers. The boulevard is the distance from the edge of blacktop or curb to the property line (generally 13' to 21'). PLEASE - NO YARD WASTE MATERIAL SHOULD BE RAKED INTO CITY STREETS! If you need to dispose of leaves, take them to NRG Processing Solutions (compost site), 13285 Hanson Blvd, Coon Rapids, (763) 767-7964 or call your garbage hauler to see if they provide this service. Please watch for street sweepers in your area, and move any vehicles or obstacles that may block sweeping operations. The City Street Department reminds residents not to place garbage containers and/or basketball hoops out into the street. Sweeper operators are able to do a much cleaner job if streets are kept clear of all obstacles. Street sweeping operations will also follow completed seal coat project areas on City streets.

SPRING WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Water main flushing will begin April 11th through April 29th.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff James Stuart • Anoka County Sheriff's Office • 13301 Hanson Blvd. NW • Andover, MN 55304 • (763) 767-4664

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON THE CUTTING EDGE WITH NEW 3D LASER SCANNER

Real life crime scene technology is quickly catching up with what you see happening on TV shows like CSI, and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office is leading the way. The Sheriff's Office recently purchased a new crime scene mapping tool. The FARO Focus 3D Laser Scanner can put jurors in the middle of a crime scene without actually being there. Normally it would be impossible to bring them to a real crime scene, but with this new technology law enforcement can invite jurors into a "Virtual" re-creation of the scene.

By putting themselves directly into a scene, jurors will be able to see exactly what first responders saw at the time they arrived on a scene and be able to better understand the details of the incident; all in 3D! This laser scanner is placed in the crime scene and shoots a 360 degree, 3-dimensional "Photo". It is able to capture not only the room's dimensions, but all the items inside the room such as weapons, bodies, clothing, blood spatters, and any other objects that

may be important in understanding what happened.

After the scene is scanned a 3D model is available within minutes. This model allows the Crime Scene Unit to measure the scene with a few clicks of a mouse. Just by touching items on the screen it can calculate the distance between points and is accurate +/- 2mm at a distance of 50 meters. With this technology one deputy can scan an average size home in 3 hours or less. Prior to this 3D technology, Crime Scene Deputies had to measure everything manually in order to calculate distance and recreate everything to scale which could take many hours or even days.

Since it only requires one Crime Scene Deputy to operate the machine, it not only cuts down on risks of scene contamination, but it is more efficient, saves costs on staff time, and reduces time involved to measure and re-create scenes. For example, on a recent high profile case in Andover, Crime

Scene Unit deputies spent about six hours diagramming and measuring the scene and nearly 20 hours in the following days working on a computer diagram based on those scene measurements. With this new technology a deputy would have been able to scan the home in about half the time it took to diagram and measure it. The amount of time it would take after leaving the scene also would have been greatly reduced because the scan has already produced a 3D diagram that is accurate and to scale. The deputy will simply have to click on two points in the scan and they have their measurement. The Sheriff's Office plans on using this new technology at serious crime scenes and also on some fatal traffic crashes depending on the circumstances.

With the purchase of this new technology, the Sheriff's Office has found an efficient and cost effective way to bring crime scene processing in Anoka County to the next level.

ANDOVER'S NEW BUSINESSES



Essentials of Life Chiropractic

1777 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW, #200 • (763) 413-6934



Premier Banks

1777 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW • (763) 235-9292

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

By the time you receive this newsletter, more than half of the plots will most likely have been sold for the upcoming season. Current residents of Andover and individuals that are employed in the City of Andover will have the first opportunity to submit an application for any additional plots that are left but must pay the required fees by March 25th. Beginning March 28th the garden plots will be open for purchase to the general public, including those that do not live or work in the City of Andover. On April 18th, current renters can purchase additional plots, if any plots are still available.

New this year, all plots are now the same sizes (20 ft. x 30 ft.). The new fee for each plot is \$40.

The fee collected pays for the use of water for the gardens, the topsoil that was purchased for the site and for the installation of the water service. Applications along with Guidelines to Happy Gardening are available on the City of Andover's website or stop by City Hall.

If you have questions about the Community Garden Plot, feel free to stop by City Hall or contact Todd Haas at the City at (763) 767-5131.

VACANCY FOR COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Persons interested in being appointed to serve on the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers may submit their names directly to the City of Andover by 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 14th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Todd Haas at (763) 767-5131. Term of appointment is for three years.

If you have any questions about the role of Manager, feel free to contact Tim Kelly Coon Creek Watershed District Administrator at (763) 755-0975.

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

The annual rabies vaccination clinic will be held on Saturday, May 7th, from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the Andover Public Works Building, 1785 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, MN. A variety of vaccinations will be given to both dogs and cats. Make sure your animals are restrained when you arrive. You do not need to be a resident of Andover to have your dogs or cats vaccinated.

City dog licenses (required in Andover) will also be for sale. The cost is \$18 for a 3-year license.

COME TRY GIRL SCOUTS

New girls and families are always welcome to join Girl Scouts. All grade levels are encouraged to join. Please see girlscoutsrv.org for details. We are looking for new girls and new adult volunteers.



ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

Andover has an Adopt-A-Park Program which allows community groups or an individual to adopt a park and keep it litter free during a two (2) year commitment. A sign will be placed in the park recognizing your contribution to the park system.

Contact Todd Haas, Asst. Public Works Director at (763) 767-5131 or t.haas@andovermn.gov



Did you know Anoka County Library lists its many free classes and events on an easy-to-use calendar at www.anokacountylibrary.org? Simply hover there over the "Events & Classes" button, near the top of the page, and click on "Calendar" to view the wide range of activities for people of every age—from babies to seniors and everything in-between. Clicking on listed items also offers added information about them and online registration to attend.

What kinds of free classes and events might the library offer? For children, we have storytimes (baby, toddler, and family), as well as activities such as art, Minecraft gaming, reading to a dog or

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 8TH & 9TH ANDOVER FAMILY FUN FEST

Lauren Bertilson, • AFFF Committee Member

With spring in the air and summer on its way, please make plans now to stay home from the lake July 8th & 9th for Andover's great community get together, the 2016 Andover Family Fun



Fest (AFFF)! This annual City festival is an action-packed weekend that delivers it all. We are pleased to provide all of your favorite fair food, fun for kids, bingo, community parade, classic car show and many more activities, right in your backyard – all with free admission. Don't miss out on sharing in the fun with your neighbors and friends!

Volunteers

Have you been looking for a way to get involved in the community? Join the AFFF Committee or simply volunteer for a shift the weekend of the event! We are completely run by volunteers and looking for some more great people to fill a wide range of needs. For those interested in volunteering, please call the Andover City Hall at (763) 755-5100 and leave your name and number.

Applications

If you are interested in participating in the parade, fun run, baby crawling contest, fundraising booths, community booths, or craft show, please check our Facebook page or the Andover City website (www.andovermn.gov) for updates on when applications are available / registration is open.

Stay Updated

To stay updated on the schedule of events and other special announcements as the event gets closer, visit our link on the City website or like our Facebook page, Andover Family Fun Fest.



LIBRARY FOCUS: ONLINE CALENDAR OF FREE CLASSES AND EVENTS

rabbit, and story walks. For young adults, there are activities like technology and art programs with teens of the library's "Teen Action Board," including LEGO Mindstorms. And for adults, there are computer and job search classes (e.g., eBooks, Microsoft Word and Excel, one-on-one technology help, and Senior Surf), SCORE small business counseling, and writing and genealogy workshops. Or attend the Library Friend's all age Mini Golf fundraising event at Rum River Library, on Saturday, March 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For details, please contact Rum River Library, 4201 6th Ave., Anoka, (763) 576-4695.

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER LOAN PROGRAM

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency offers mortgage programs that provide affordable interest rate loans to eligible first time homebuyers. MHFA offers below market interest rates, no extra fees or discount points and interest-free loans to help with down payments and closing costs for eligible borrowers. To qualify you must be a first-time homebuyer (or have not

owned a home in the past three years), meet the requirements for income and home purchase price lists and have acceptable credit. As in the past, we expect the program to start sometime in April and conclude in December. We will include 2016 information on the program in the next newsletter once it has been made available to the City.

ACCAP CHORES & MORE PROGRAM

One stop shopping for minor home repairs, housekeeping and seasonal chores for people 60 +. We utilize independent contractors and when available volunteer groups. Give a call for more details. New phone number and address, (763) 783-4767, 1201 89th Ave. N.E. Suite 345, Blaine, MN 55434.



ANDOVER

Community Center

15200 Hanson Blvd. NW

Andover, MN 55304

Phone: (763) 755-3238 • Fax: (763) 755-2129

Website: www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC

Email: accinfo@andovermn.gov



The Andover Community Center facebook page will keep you up to date with events, programs, lessons, community events and more!

ACC 3 V 3 MITE HOCKEY

The Andover Community Center Ice Arena will host ACC 3 v 3 hockey for mites looking to extend their hockey season. This program is available for both boys and girls and open to the public (not just Andover residents). 3 v 3 cross-ice hockey promotes offensive skill development by playing in a small area and having fewer players. This format gives all players more time with the puck and encourages creativity. Players participating in this program must have previous hockey experience. Registration is limited and accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Cost is \$109 per skater (includes jersey). Program will be held at the Andover Community Center Ice Arena on March 8, 10, 22, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1 (8 sessions) Register online at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC.



ACTIVE OLDER ADULT OPPORTUNITIES!!

Monthly activities for active older adults include; pot-lucks, book club, walking club, educational seminars and classes, bingo and fitness opportunities. AOA activity calendars are available at the Andover YMCA Community Center and at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC. For more information contact Jodi Blowers, YMCA (763) 230-6552. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA to participate in many of these activities.

INDOOR WALKING CLUB

Indoor walking available Monday – Friday, 5:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. All walkers sign-in at the YMCA front desk each morning and walk around the perimeter of the community center field house (10 laps, equals one mile). Walkers enjoy complimentary coffee in the YMCA lobby area. ½ Season Passes for non-YMCA Members are \$25 (or \$1 per day) and walking is free for YMCA members. Walkers must register at the Andover YMCA front desk. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Andover YMCA at (763) 230-9622 or the Community Center (763) 755-3238.

INTRODUCTION TO ICE - ICE SKATING LESSONS

This class is ideal for students ages 3 - 6 with no skating experience. Students will learn the basics of ice skating through age appropriate activities, games and music. Kids will gain skills and confidence to progress into our Andover Skate School. Each 30 minute session includes both on and off - ice instruction. Parents/Guardians are not required to go out on ice with students during this intro class. Cost for each 3 week session is \$30 per student. Skate rental available for \$3/pr. Classes offered weekday mornings, Wednesday or Thursdays and Saturday mornings.

ICE SKATING LESSONS

Spring Learn to Ice Skate Lessons will be held Saturday mornings, March 5 – May 7 (8 sessions) \$95. Classes include: Parents & Little Skaters (PALS), Basic and Freestyle. Class descriptions and registration is available online at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC. Class sizes are limited and registration will remain open until classes have filled.



TOT TIME OPEN GYM

Tot Time Open Gym is a non-structured indoor playtime for youth ages 6 & under. No need to pre-register, attend when it works for you! Meet new friends, socialize and play with age appropriate equipment. Tot Time open gym is held most Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Adult supervision is required, 1:4 ratio. Daily admission fees apply for children. Special activities will be held throughout each month, see calendar for specific details. Tot Time will not be offered days when students in District #11 are not in session. The 2015/2016 Tot Time season will end on April 26th!

SUNDAY NIGHT OPEN VOLLEYBALL 16+

- Minimum Age 16+
- No Claiming Courts
- Play one game, rotate out and let waiting teams play
- Limit game scoring to 21 points
- \$3 Resident / \$5 Non-Resident
- I.D.'s Required



Please refer to our monthly field house schedule, as volleyball is not offered all Sundays. Schedules located at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC.

MARCH MADNESS INFLATABLE/SKATE EVENT

Join us for a fun family inflatable/skate event on Monday, March 14th. \$5 Admission wristbands include inflatable bounce houses and slide from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and ice skating from 1:15 – 4:15 p.m. Skate rental is available for \$3/pr.



PICKLEBALL

Lessons: Offered Wednesday afternoons in March and April. \$40 (3 week lesson) Pre-registration required.

Private Court Rentals: Friday evening private court rentals now available! \$25 Pre-registration required.

Pickleball Ratings Clinic: Saturday, April 16th 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. - \$15 Pre-registration required.

For more information visit www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC



OPEN GYM AND OPEN SKATE

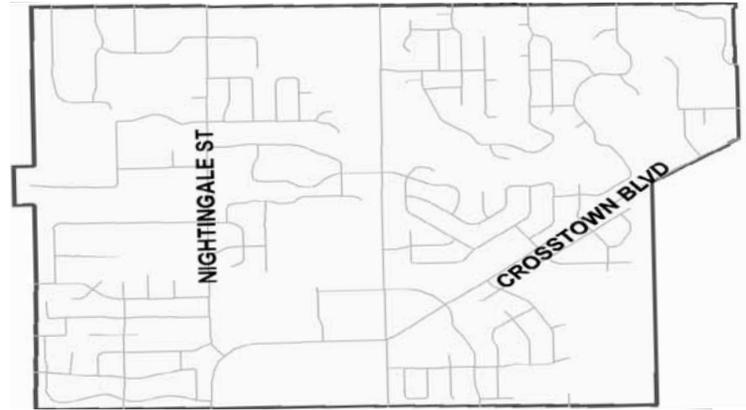
All open gym and open skate times are included on our monthly schedules. All schedules are available in the community center lobby and on the web at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC. Please contact us if you would like to receive this information by mail. As a reminder you do not need to be a member of the YMCA to use the ice arena or field house (gymnasium).

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR 2016 LOCK-IN'S, BUSINESS MEETINGS, FIELD TRIPS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS.
CONTACT US AT (763) 755-3238

UPDATE OF THE ANNUAL TRAFFIC SIGNING PROGRAM

Within the last few years the City of Andover Public Works Department has been working on updating various traffic signs throughout the City due to new Federal requirements and to comply with the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD). You may have noticed Public Works sign personnel out and about changing signs, adding new signs, relocating or removing signs to meet the requirements the past few years. To date, Zones 2 through 6 have been completed. The Public Works Department crews will be working in Zone 7 starting early this spring. Zone 7 area is located on either side of the Hanson Boulevard NW and Crosstown Boulevard NW corridors in the central part of the City. Zone 7 is expected to be completed by fall of this year. This zone is expected to take most of the summer to evaluate existing signs and complete the changing out of signs. All governmental agencies and private properties with traffic signs throughout the United States have to bring regulatory, warning and ground mounted guide signs into compliance. Overhead and street name signs compliance requirements are to be completed by 2018.

If you have any questions about the traffic signing program or if you have questions about a traffic sign that may be installed in your neighborhood, feel free to contact Todd in Public Works at (763) 767-5131.



CLEAN WATER STARTS AT HOME

TIP #1: UPCOMING YARD PROJECT? PLAN FOR PERMIT(S)!

Want a shed, pool, retaining wall, fencing, playground area, or deck for your property? **Plan at least three months ahead.** Why? You may need a permit...or two.

Besides a city permit you may need a permit from Coon Creek Watershed District if your property is in floodplain, along a public ditch, or has a drainage easement on it. About half of Andover is in the Coon Creek Watershed District, and the other, western, half is in the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization contact (763) 767-5131.

Not sure if your property is in floodplain, drainage easement, or wetland? Check your plat or call the City or watershed organization. Floodplain or wetlands may not be obvious to you, yet they can still be part of your property and serve several important functions like flood prevention or pollution filtering.

What is a drainage easement? It is an easement that allows access rights along public ditches for a drainage authority such as a watershed district to periodically inspect or repair public ditches (ownership is retained by the landowner). Why? Obstructed flow, such as sedimentation from eroded banks, could result in upstream

flooding for a mile or more. Sometimes, the sedimentation may need to be dredged or the ditchbanks stabilized.

Permits help ensure structural safety, public safety & welfare, and conservation of wetland and floodplain areas that serve many functions including flood prevention.

Please plan ahead and get proper permits for your project...

...Clean water is worth it.

Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District.

PERMITS

City staff can help determine if you need other permits. Or, call:

Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) and ask for Rebecca.

Phone: (763) 755-0975

www.cooncreekwd.org

For an online map of watershed boundaries:

www.cooncreekwd.org, click on homepage map

PROTECTING COON CREEK – WRAP IT UP

You've probably heard in the news that many Minnesota lakes & streams are "impaired," that is, they are not meeting standards per the Clean Water Act. Locally, impaired streams include Coon Creek. Why? Too much phosphorus and sediment, typically right after rainstorms.

In 2013, the MPCA funded a WRAPs - Watershed Restoration And Protection strategy led by the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD). Now, a new long-range plan (TMDL) has been developed. It identifies projects and activities to improve water quality for each impaired stretch of creek.

The CCWD is working closely with the city to improve water quality. You may see new projects such as stormwater ponds or bank stabilizations. Often though, water quality improvement requires a small behavior change done by many people such as proper disposal or use of lawn clippings (not piles of clippings).

The complete TMDL report is on the CCWD website, cooncreekwd.org. For more information, contact TJ Helgeson, Water Quality Page 7

Specialist: (763) 755-0975 or email: tjhelgeson@cooncreekwd.org.

Tips needed for a healthy Coon Creek:

Pay attention to your lawn care; keep grass clippings off the street, driveway sidewalk and other paved surfaces. They can get washed off with the rain into our waterways and so can add excess phosphorus. That creates algae blooms, reducing oxygen in the water when decomposing.

Keep sand and dirt out of the street. It can run off into our creeks and wetlands filling them in and smothering aquatic life.

Clean up after your pets. Pet waste is a significant contributor of E. coli bacteria.

Allow an unmowed area near creeks, wetlands, and ponds. Keeping some natural vegetation along a waterbody serves as a natural filter of pollutants. It can also help stabilize the bank, thereby preventing soil erosion.

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RESIDENT
Andover, MN 55304

POSTMASTER: TIME SENSITIVE MAIL



DATED MATERIAL

ANDOVER SPRING RECYCLING DAY

Andover Public Works, 1785 Crosstown Blvd. NW
April 23rd - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

CASH OR MAKE CHECKS TO: City of Andover

- APPLIANCES: Most - \$5 each
- CARPETING: \$10 for a small pickup load
- ELECTRONICS: Fee is according to size
- FLUORESCENT LAMPS: First 5 free per household, additional for Andover residents - 50¢-4'; 75¢-8'; more for other size
- MATTRESSES & Box springs: Dry and not moldy. \$15 each

CASH OR MAKE CHECKS TO: First State Tire

- TIRES: Price depends on size

MATERIALS THAT ARE FREE –

- BATTERIES: Lead acid car, boat and motorcycle rechargeable batteries - The Knights of Columbus collects these batteries
- BICYCLES: Any condition. They are repaired and given away
- BOOKS, CD's, DVD's: Put into drop box
- DOCUMENT SHREDDING (In front of Public Works garage)
- SCRAP METAL: All metals, must be free from other materials
- USEABLE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: *** No junk or items in need of repair
- USED EYE GLASSES: The Andover Lions collect used eyeglasses. This is an ongoing project.

We can **NOT** accept upholstered furniture.
Call (763) 767-5114 with Recycling questions.

Do not bring Household Hazardous Waste
Anoka County HHW Facility in Blaine is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Call Anoka Co-(763) 323-5730 about HHW site)

NO garbage accepted