

Andover Today

NEWSLETTER

ANDOVER SPRING RECYCLING DAY

Andover Public Works, 1785 Crosstown Blvd. NW
April 25th - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

MATERIALS THAT A FEE APPLIES TO:

- ELECTRONICS: Price depends on size, make checks to: eCycling
- TIRES: Price depends on size, make checks to: 1st State Tire

FOR THE FOLLOWING, MAKE CHECKS TO: City of Andover

- APPLIANCES: Most are \$5.00.
- CARPETING: \$10.00 per small pickup load.
- CAR SEATS: \$10.00.
- FLUORESCENT LAMPS: Do not tape together. Andover residents (no businesses are free) up to 5 free per household.
- MATTRESSES and box springs: \$15.00 each.

MATERIALS THAT ARE FREE:

- ANTIFREEZE: Please have no oil mixed in.
- BATTERIES: Lead acid and rechargeable.
- BICYCLES: Any condition will be repaired and given away.
- DOCUMENT SHREDDING: (truck will be in front of the Public Works garage).
- SCRAP METAL: Metal only.
- FURNITURE: Cannot accept upholstered furniture. Call (952) 888-1105 to donate.
- USEABLE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Clothing, Kitchen Items, Knickknacks, Toys, etc.
*** No junk or items in need of repair. ***
- USED EYE GLASSES: The Andover Lions collect eyeglasses.

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. at (763) 323-5730 about HHW site)

GARBAGE NOT ACCEPTED.

THE 14TH ANNUAL ARBOR DAY EVENT: "TREE TIME"

Saturday, April 25th
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;
- Receive free literature on various tree and shrub topics;
- Win a free tree by entering 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 website and follow the links "Your Government," "Natural Resources" and "Seedlings."

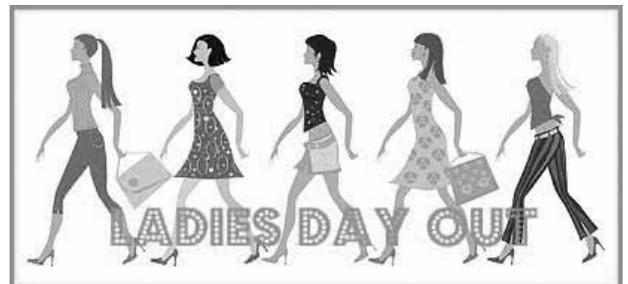
With questions, contact Kameron, Natural Resources Technician at (763)767-5137.



7TH ANNUAL LADIES DAY OUT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS BENEFIT

Andover Community Center
Saturday, March 28th
10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

A 12-hour crafting retreat in the Twin Cities with 100% of proceeds going to the MS Society. Grab your friends and join us for a full day of fun with women from all over the Twin Cities! As a part of Ladies Day Out, \$50 will grant you a ½ of a large banquet table to work on your crafts. We will also be busy with: workshops, product demonstrations, door prizes (you can get extra tickets just by bringing friends), a silent auction, breakfast, dinner, snacks (bring a favorite treat to share), and more! Space is limited. Pre-registration required at www.ladies-day-out.com.



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COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

James Goodrich

Hi everybody, I would like to start off by introducing myself. I'm James Goodrich and I just started my first term as your new City Council

Member in Andover. I've lived in Andover for almost 21 years and my wife Janna and I have raised our three children here. I'm a member of Constance Free Church right here in Andover. I love to bicycle, hunt and I'm a competitive archer. I've recently retired from a career in Law Enforcement.

I'm very excited to start serving the residents of Andover. I am learning a lot. Andover's annual operating budget is approximately 10 million dollars. It has about 54 full time staff and about 55 volunteer fire fighters. And more temporary staff in the summer months.

I'm also learning how great Andover really is. And here's why. Nerdwallet.com, a national consumer advocacy website that has been featured in the "New York Times" "ABC News" "Forbes" "Washington Post" and "CNBC" ranked Andover 34th in the nation in the areas of income and affordability, prosperity and growth, and family friendliness.

That's not all, according to the most recent MN State Auditor's Office report on municipal finances, Andover ranked the lowest out of the 55 largest cities in Minnesota on operating dollars spent per capita, showing efficient use of your tax dollars.

Standard and Poor's "S&P Financial rating service" has given Andover an AA+ bond rating. Citing our "very strong budgetary flexibility", "Very strong Liquidity", "Very Strong management conditions", "Strong budgetary performance", "Strong local

economy", "Adequate debt and contingent liability profile", and "Strong institutional framework" with a stable outlook.

I would also be remiss if I did not brag about the great staff we have working for us here in Andover. Their dedication to excellence, as noted above, is obvious. Not to mention our great Community Center, sporting programs and public safety we enjoy with the Andover Fire Dept. and Anoka County Sheriff. All the great businesses we have, I could go on and on.

So where do we go from here. Well, I also view my job as a Council Member is to be a realist. I'd like to think Andover is nothing but peaches and cream, but that's not being real. One rather distasteful thing I had to do shortly after I came into office was approve starting the process for an assessment on 290 homes for a street overlay project.

Nobody likes assessments, I sure don't. Please understand this is part of a very well thought out maintenance plan for roads that will avoid much larger assessments in the future.

I'm also excited to be part of the Kelsey Round Lake Park Task Force looking into what kind of improvements we may want to make in that park. I would love to hear any thoughts or ideas from citizens on what you would like to see.

Andover still has a lot of room to grow. I'm very excited and honored to be part of it. If we keep government doing what it's supposed to be doing and planning ahead for the future, with good fiscal management, just like we do at home and not overextending ourselves, Andover will stay in great shape for many years to come. We can all be very proud of our community. Thanks



Anoka County LIBRARY
Ideas. Information. Inspiration.

LIBRARY FOCUS: FREE GENEALOGY RESEARCH FROM HOME

You may already know Anoka County Library provides in-library access to the popular "Ancestry" genealogy database. But many have asked for more—for added genealogy database access from home. We have heard these requests and found a way to answer them: with free online access to "World Vital Records" through the library website at anokacountylibrary.org.

The World Vital Records database is for almost anyone interested in genealogy, from those just starting to longtime researchers wanting to go further. Using your valid Anoka County Library card from home, you can connect to the database's massive online library, allowing

research of several billion names in collections of genealogical records worldwide. Key collections for research include: U.S. Federal Census images and indexes, 1790-1940; birth, marriage, death, and military records; 1.5 million maps; and over 100 million newspaper pages.

Visitors may also make use of World Vital Records on Anoka County Library catalog computers. For more on World Vital Records and other helpful online resources, including access to material from library systems elsewhere through interlibrary loan, please contact Rum River Library, 4201 6th Ave., Anoka, (763) 576-4695.

2015 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 under "City News" and view the 2015 Road Restriction Map. The map is located under the "City News" section on the Andover home page.

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

The annual rabies vaccination clinic will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 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 \$12 for a 2-year license.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS THAT USE OR LIVE ALONG THE RUM RIVER

If you swim, fish, canoe or just live along the Rum River, then you should continue reading this article. As they do every spring, the City of Anoka will be raising the pool above the Rum River Dam by installing boards which maintain the pool at its summertime level. Starting this spring the City of Andover will not be sending out letters in the spring or fall to let you know when the boards will be removed which are used to control the pool.

Information about when the boards will be installed or removed will be posted on the City of Anoka's website and through the E-subscribe service that the City of Anoka provides. You can sign up for the E-subscribe by going to www.ci.anoka.mn.us and clicking on the E-subscribe icon located on the right side of the web page under Social Media and E-subscribe. You will be asked to provide an e-mail address and will need to check the Rum River News.

If you have any questions or do not have access to the internet, please contact City of Anoka Public Services at (763) 576-2780.

SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

MARCH 31ST FROM 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. @ ANDOVER CITY HALL

The City of Andover has completed a draft of its Third Generation Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP), and will host an open house on Tuesday, March 31st, from 5-7 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, to discuss the Draft SWMP. City staff and the City's consultant will be available during that time to answer questions and address any concerns residents may have on the Plan.

The Draft SWMP is now open for public comment, and is available for viewing on the City's web site or at City Hall. Upon final approval, this document will serve as the primary planning and guidance document for surface water concerns in the City. It provides direction for

surface water management within the City of Andover, and was written to be in conformance with Minnesota Statute 103b.235 and Minnesota Rule 8410, as well as the watershed plans from the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization and Coon Creek Watershed District.

The draft plan is available on the City's website at www.andovermn.gov under "City News" and a hard copy is available at City Hall. In addition to attending the open house on March 31st, residents may submit comments or questions to David Berkowitz, Andover Director of Public Works/City Engineer at d.berkowitz@andovermn.gov

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 Street Department hopes to purchase the oil needed for spray patching as soon as possible also.

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. Sweeper operators would also like to remind residents not to place garbage containers out into the street. 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.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

SMARTPHONE AND TABLET: TECHNOLOGY SAFETY TIPS

We live in a time where our electronics are never far from reach. As elegant and infinitely useful as smartphones and tablet computers have become, our growing reliance on them, along with the rise in handheld-device theft and data snooping, has introduced new forms of potential personal loss. Because it remains our goal to help you avoid becoming a victim, we want you to know a few ways to discourage thieves and mitigate personal-data loss.

- Discourage snatch-and-dash theft. This form of in-your-face robbery relies on speed, timing and victim shock for success. When sitting at open-air restaurant or cafe tables, never leave your device sitting out on the table, not even for a minute. A thief at a full sprint can grab your device and disappear into a crowd before you can even lift a hand, much less give chase.

- Secure device access with a PIN code. Yes, this is device security 101, however many people neglect to do this because entering the PIN becomes tedious for those who check their device frequently. An efficient PIN pattern can ease this irritant. Selectively activating and deactivating the PIN code when circumstances warrant is another alternative.

- Exercise caution when using Wi-Fi. When you use unfamiliar or untrusted Wi-Fi hubs in restaurants, cafes and hotels, thieves with data-sniffing software can be recording your online activity. It's strongly recommended

that you avoid viewing sensitive information (banking, credit cards) on your device while connected to Wi-Fi. Disconnecting from Wi-Fi and using your 3G (or 4G) connection when doing these tasks is more secure.

- Purchase through a credit card. It's best to use a credit card while shopping on your device versus using a prepaid retail gift card or billing your cell provider. This will help mitigate losses in case of theft (your credit card company should have fraud protection) as well as provide more options if there's a purchase dispute.

- Clean your browser. It's best to avoid viewing personal data (banking info, Social Security numbers, etc.) on your handheld device altogether. However, in the event that this activity becomes necessary, once you're done, it's a good idea to erase your tracks so a smartphone theft can't balloon into identity theft as well. Go to your Internet browser's privacy settings and delete the browser's history, as well as its cache and cookie data.

- Disable the 'remember passwords' feature. Depending on your circumstances (e.g., high likelihood of theft or loss) or personal preferences, you may choose to disable the "remember passwords" feature on your handheld's Internet browser. A tedious precaution, no doubt, but not having to worry about compromised online accounts in the event of theft or loss can reduce fallout.

- Install tracking and loss-protection apps. If your device is stolen, a tracking app can quickly ascertain its whereabouts, which you can then give to the police. A loss-protection app provides remote options like locking the device and wiping all personal data from its memory. Some smartphones come with these features preloaded.

- Understand Geotagging. Many services—weather, movies, and maps, for example—personalize results by using location data from your phone's Global Positioning System (GPS) or nearby Wi-Fi access points and cell towers. Your phone's camera can use GPS to automatically embed information about the spot where a photo was taken, called geotagging. Facebook and Twitter can also use GPS to geotag status messages and tweets posted from your phone. This can be a risk because you may not be able to control how that data is used and by whom.

- Think carefully before you turn on geotagging.
- Limit the apps that you allow to access your location and link to social media with care.
- Get permission from others before you tag them in photos or check them in.

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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 27th. Beginning March 30th 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 20th, current renters can purchase additional plots, if some are still available.

The fees and sizes are as follows:

- \$30 per year for a 10 ft x 15 ft (small) plot
- \$50 per year for a 25 ft x 35 ft (medium) plot
- \$60 per year for a 20 ft x 75 ft (large) plot – ALL SOLD

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 feel free to stop by City Hall or contact Todd Haas at the City at (763) 767-5131.



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.



Hurry, Spring 2015 AAA Track & Field registration ends March 15! Register now for this fun intro to Track & Field for kids in grades K-5. Participants receive a high quality AAA Track shirt and compete in meets held at Andover High School. See andoverathletic.org to register today!

THE FIX-IT CLINIC

May 2nd - 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Andover Community Center, 15200 Hanson Blvd. NW

All Anoka County Residents Welcome

Sewing machine won't sew? Toaster won't toast? Toy helicopter won't fly? Don't throw it out! Come to our Andover Fix-It Clinic where coaches give free, guided assistance to help you disassemble, troubleshoot and repair your broken items.

Fix-it Clinics reduce the amount of stuff that gets thrown in the trash, teach valuable troubleshooting and basic repair skills, and build community connections. These are family-friendly events.

Volunteer fixer coaches are needed to make this initiative a success. Volunteers need to have skills in soldering, electronics and electrical repair, computer repair, sewing and general tinkering.

Please contact Cindy DeRuyter at c.deruyter@andovermn.gov or call (763) 767-5114 with questions or to volunteer.

IS YOUR CAR SEAT PROPERLY INSTALLED?

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with Safe Kids is hosting a Car Seat Clinic April 7th at Andover Fire Station #1 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Specially trained technicians will answer your questions and work with you on how to properly fit your child into their car set and install the seat in your vehicle. For an appointment, please call (763) 767-4671.

ANDOVER FAMILY FUN FEST 20 YEAR CELEBRATION JULY 10TH & 11TH HISTORY AND TRIVIA

- The Andover Family Fun Fest began in 1996. This is our 20 year celebration, and will be held on Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11, 2015.
- Former Mayor Jack McKelvey dreamed of having a City festival and especially a parade. He was instrumental in getting the first festival off the ground.
- The first year of the Andover Family Fun Fest was a one day event run by City employees and a few community volunteers. Former City Administrator, Dick Fursman, was the first committee chairman. Now it is run totally by volunteers.
- The second year added a Friday evening as well. For a couple of years we added on Sunday activities.
- The Fun Run and the parade each began the second year of the Andover Family Fun Fest. So this is year #19 for both of them. We had 25 runners in the first Fun Run and were glad to have them. Now we have over 500 runners.
- Bingo and the Baby Crawling Contest have always been a part of the Andover Family Fun Fest.
- A different, unrelated festival used to be held in the Downtown Center, where County Market is. After the store merchants discontinued it, there was no City festival for a couple of years.
- Three people from the original Andover Family Fun Fest committee in 1996 still remain on the committee as active volunteers yet today.
- The Fun Fest receives support, but no direct funding from the City. The profits made at each year's festival provide the funds to put on the next year's festival.
- The date for the Andover Family Fun Fest was set the first year as "the weekend after the 4th of July weekend." Riverfest in Anoka began 3 years later, on the same weekend. Many people come to our parade on Saturday morning, then go to Riverfest, and return to the Andover Family Fun Fest for the evening street dance and fireworks. We have had fireworks every year since the beginning of the Andover Family Fun Fest.



Our mission is to provide family fun with as much of it being free as possible.

Please mark your calendars and plan to come and enjoy the 20 year celebration of the Andover Family Fun Fest.

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.



MONTHLY APPLIANCE, ELECTRONICS AND FLUORESCENT BULBS RECYCLING!

Andover Recycling Center, 1835 Crosstown Blvd. NW
2nd Saturday of Each Month - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Future dates are: March 14th, April 11th, May 9th & June 13th.

For prices go to the City website – www.andovermn.gov or contact JR's Advanced Recycling – (651) 454-9215.

ANDOVER

Community Center

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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 HOCKEY LESSONS & DEVELOPMENT

The ACC Hockey Lessons & Development program will be held Saturdays, March 21 – May 2 (6 sessions) \$69. This program will meet from 11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. and is for boys and girls ages 5 - 12. Skaters registering for this program must already know how to skate and must wear full hockey equipment. Each hour of lessons will consist of 30-40 minutes of drills followed by 20-30 minutes of controlled scrimmages. Skating techniques will continue to be taught and we are also going to incorporate some basic stickhandling, puck control, and shooting lessons. Players of similar abilities will be grouped together, and with any team setting you will have players of differing development levels skating together. We strive to make each session exciting and productive for every player.

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 \$89 per skater (includes jersey). Program will be held at the Andover Community Center Ice Arena on Friday, March 20 and Sunday mornings March 22, 29, April 12, 19, 26 and May 3 (7 sessions) Register online at www.andovermn.gov/acc



INTRODUCTION TO ICE - ICE SKATING LESSONS

This class is ideal for students ages 3 - 10 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/playtime. Parents/Guardians are not required to go out on the ice with students during this intro class. The cost for each 3 week session is \$30 per student. Skate Rental Available for \$3/pr. Class options are Thursday or Saturday mornings.

ICE SKATING LESSONS



Spring Learn to Ice Skate Lessons will be held Saturday mornings, March 21 – May 2 (6 sessions) for \$69. Classes include: Parents & Little Skaters (PALS), Basic, Freestyle, Pre-Teen/Adult and Hockey lesson and development program. 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.

www.andovermn.gov/acc

MARCH MADNESS INFLATABLE/SKATE EVENT



Join us for a fun family inflatable/skate event on Tuesday, March 10th. \$5 Admission wristbands include inflatable bounce houses and slide from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and ice skating from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Skate Rental is available for \$3/pr.

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. – 9:30 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.

TOT-TIME OPEN GYM

Tot-Time Open Gym is offered most Mondays & Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Andover Community Center Field House. Parents/caregivers and kids, infant – K, will meet new friends and get to socialize and play in a non-structured, super fun, environment! There are many items available for children to play with and lots of room for them to run. Inflatable bounce house/slide and story time (provided by Anoka County Library) are held each once a month during Tot-Time. No need to pre-register. For more information contact us at (763) 767-5100. Refer to the field house open gym schedule for specific meeting dates or Tot-Time calendar. Tot-Time will not be offered days when students in District #11 are not in session. The 2014/2015 Tot Time season will end on April 21st!

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 Residents / \$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

SPRING PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

A Spring Pickleball Tournament will be held at the Andover Community Center on Sunday, April 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration forms can be found at www.andovermn.gov/acc and click on Pickleball. Tournament questions should be directed to Luke at lukejesso@yahoo.com or (763) 232-3536.

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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).

FIELD TRIPS, LOCK-IN'S, BIRTHDAY PARTYS

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR 2015 LOCK-IN'S, BUSINESS MEETINGS, FIELD TRIPS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS. CONTACT US AT (763) 767-5100.



Saturday, March 21st

Andover YMCA Community Center

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

100 + Home Improvement Exhibitors, Door Prizes, Kids Workshop, Demonstrations 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



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 for consideration to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners. The other option is for persons to submit their name directly to the City of Andover by 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 16th. 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.

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 2015 information on the program in the next newsletter once it has been made available to the City.

ADOPT-A-CITY STREET PROGRAM

The City of Andover has an Adopt-A-City Street Program that allows residents/groups to adopt a City street for a two year commitment, to clean a two mile stretch, two times a year, spring and fall. A sign will be put up on the street with the name or group name of who is responsible for cleaning that street.

Streets currently available to adopt are:

- Prairie Road from Andover Blvd. to 157th Avenue (1.6 miles)
- University Avenue from Andover Blvd. to 157th Avenue (1.6 miles)

Please call Barb, at Public Works, (763) 767-5181, if you are interested in adopting one of the above mentioned streets.



ADOPT-A-POND OPPORTUNITY

Do you live on or near a pond? Do you already pick up trash while on walks in your neighborhood? Do you want to do some City volunteering to help improve the environment? Then consider "Adopt-A-Pond. The City will be "adopting" this program to garner public participation in helping to keep our ponds clean. Call Kameron at (763) 767-5137 if you want to find out how to adopt your pond.

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

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DATED MATERIAL

ANDOVER'S 6TH ANNUAL CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

May 14th – 16th (Thursday – Saturday)
Sale Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration deadline is May 8th.

Maps will be available on the City's website and at City Hall by May 13th.
There is no cost to participate. Advertising will be on the City's website,
Craigslist and other free sites.



2015 CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (H): _____ W #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email address: _____

Items for sale (list up to 5 items): _____

Days of Sale: (Please circle that all apply) Thursday Friday Saturday

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return completed form to: City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW, Andover, MN 55304

For more information, call City Hall at (763) 755-5100