

Andover Today

N E W S L E T T E R

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUMMER FUN MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 18th

Safety Boot Camp

NEW this year – a one day event that will teach kids in 4th and 5th grades how to be safe and make good choices through fun activities! Camp cost \$30 and there are scholarships available.

Camp will be held at the Andover Community Center from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

July 31st

CAST Kids Fishing Event

Join the Sheriff's Office at Lake George for a free kids' fishing day! Kids will be paired up with a fishing guide and taken out in a boat. Trophies will be given for a variety of fish. All equipment, bait, lunch and entertainment is free. This event is for kids ages 5 through 15. A reservation is required.

August 4th

Night to Unite

Organize a party for your neighborhood! This evening is a great opportunity to celebrate the ongoing work of neighborhoods working together with the Sheriff's Office to fight crime! Log on for party planning tips, flyers, donation request letters and much more!

For additional information or to register for these events - log on to www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch or call Laura at (763) 767.4664.

20TH ANNIVERSARY FOR ANDOVER FAMILY FUN FEST PROMISES SPECTACULAR WEEKEND

Lauren Bertilson, AFFF Committee Member

Consider this your "Save the Date" for our 20th Annual Andover Family Fun Fest (AFFF)! Join your neighbors and friends on Friday and Saturday, July 10th & 11th for an action-packed weekend sure to bring smiles and nostalgia to every age! From a classic car show to that irresistible fair food and community parade, our summer festival delivers it all - right in your backyard - and with free admission.

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary, the Andover Family Fun Fest Committee is excited to offer special giveaways and entertainment in addition to mainstay favorites like the remarkable fireworks show, Bingo, 5K Fun Run and countless activities for kids of all ages. Bring your whole family, grandkids or come as a neighborhood. Just don't miss out on the fun!



VOLUNTEERS

There is still time to be a part of this amazing community get-together. We would love your help with positions ranging from one hour to the whole weekend. Some examples are: helping with bingo (two-hour shifts) and the Kids' Fun Run (one hour on Saturday morning). If you are interested in hearing about our volunteer positions, 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 baby crawling contest, parade, fun run, fundraising booths or community booths or craft show, please visit www.andovermn.gov, click Our Community > Andover Family Fun Fest for an application or to register.

STAY UPDATED

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

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**CITY OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED
MAY 25th
IN OBSERVANCE
OF
MEMORIAL DAY.**



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ONE CALL
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

(651) 454-0002-Metro
www.gopherstateonecall.org

FIX-IT CLINIC

May 2nd, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Andover Community Center



COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Sheri Bukkila

Spring is full of new growth both in nature and in Andover's commercial and residential buildings. A big hearty welcome

to several new businesses in the past year: Sweet Tooth Dentistry, L & W Supply, Linear Transmission, TE Connectivity, Pad Thai Cuisine of MN, Amy's Candies-Ice Cream-Fudge, Ella Enterprises, Inc., Cherrywood Advanced Living, Fox Nutrition & Diabetes Services, Cooper's Floors, Integra Dental, Today's Window Fashions and Pizza Ranch. Please stop by and visit our local businesses when you're in the market for those services.

We have over 25 new housing units since the beginning of the year and we are on pace to meet our goals. New housing equates to a larger tax base and a demand for more infrastructure and services. The Council works hard to evaluate how to keep pace with on-going maintenance and new projects to not overburden the budget or you as a taxpayer. Our progress may be slow but it's measured with the overall goal of keeping taxes low.

As our community grows, I would like to invite you to consider a number of opportunities to get involved. A short term volunteer opportunity is planning and participating in events surrounding our Andover Fun Fest in July. A volunteer committee organizes and runs the two day event. This year the committee is looking for a Co-Chair for bingo as well as volunteers to man the tent and help with the Kids Fun Run. Don't forget about the parade! It grows bigger every year. If you are interested in having a float in the parade it may be time to start organizing.

You should also be aware of another volunteer opportunity of great importance. We are recruiting for the next Anoka County Fire Academy for residents interested in becoming a paid on-call volunteer firefighter for the city of Andover. The academy starts this June. So

don't wait on making a decision. The training is long and takes dedication. In return you can look forward to a part-time career with rewarding retirement benefits not to mention the comradery of the public safety family.

There are few among us who have what it takes and are willing to make the commitment to fight fires, respond to medicals, natural and man-made disasters in all weather conditions. If you have interest, I encourage you to talk to our current fire fighters, attend informational meetings and fill out an application. Go to www.mnfirehire.com for further information to begin the process.

I would like to congratulate our most recent hires for successfully completing probation and achieving full firefighter status: Michael Baumann, Joshua Benesh, Joe Cairl, Scott Hautala, Steven Litzau, Eric Nierengarten, Aaron Rollings, Charles Teiken and Kristy Wisniewski. They're residents just like you but they took a chance and are performing a great service for all of us.

If you become a part of the department maybe you can be a part of Andover Fire Department's expanding role in emergency management and preparedness. It's not just about how public safety units and public works respond to disaster events. We want to educate our residents on your role so you know what to expect and what you should do to react. Have you given any thought about how your individual household members will react if any of you are away from home and phone communication is down or overloaded. Do you have a location to check into or a location to meet? Stay tuned for plans to get Andover Ready (for anything).

Continue to look for opportunities to get involved and get to know your neighbors. If you belong to an organization looking for new members step up and ask others to join in. Sometimes all you have to do is ask.

SEEKING ANDOVER COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMISSIONER

The City Council desires to fill a vacant Commission position. Applications available on the City website or at City Hall. Candidate must be familiar with facility. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday evening of each month with occasional special meetings. The Commission works with the Community Center Manager and YMCA Executive Director, providing input on the facility budget, operations and marketing as well as supporting

positive relationships between the City, YMCA and community groups. For more information, please contact Erick Sutherland at (763) 767-5100.

Advisory Commission applications may be obtained at City Hall or on the City website at www.andovermn.gov Deadline is 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2015.

PARK PLACE

Todd J. Haas, Assistant Public Works Director

After experiencing a long winter, everyone is ready to get outside and be active. Many of you have children or grandchildren that play organized activities and by the time you receive this issue, you will see many of these activities going on when you drive by the parks and schools. While most of these activities are going on, there are park projects that will be under construction throughout the summer. Some of the park projects going on are as follows:

- **Hidden Creek East Park Playground** will be receiving new fall zones (wood chips) and concrete border for the existing playground area with a sandbox. In addition, a backboard for hitting balls is being planned. Work is expected to be completed by early to mid summer.
- **Timber Rivers Park** will be receiving new playground equipment, swings, new fall zones and concrete borders. Work is expected to be completed by mid to late summer.
- **Rose Park** will be completed by late spring. The fields will not be available for use until spring 2016 to allow the grass to grow this summer. The playground equipment and shelter are still open for use by the public throughout the summer.
- **Pine Hills North**, which is the facility that was built during the past 2 years, is now open for use by the public. New playground equipment for ages 2-5 year olds will be ready for use by late spring or early summer. The fields will be open to the associations and public when others are not using the fields.

- **The Kelsey Round Lake Park Master Plan** task list is currently being reviewed and will likely go to the City Council in the next few months.
- **Hills of Bunker Lake West, Andover Lions and Terrace Parks** will be getting new safety fencing along the 1st and 3rd baselines. The installation of the fencing will be done sometime this summer.
- **Crooked Lake School Hockey Rink** will be reconstructed later this summer and early fall and will be ready for use next winter. The hockey rink will be reduced to a smaller rink and the free skating rink will be relocated to the north side of the existing warming house. The old hockey rink was in need of repairs due to the poor condition of the boards and posts. The free skating rink was relocated due to the small size and because of drainage issues due to runoff from the school parking lot.

If you would like more information about these projects, feel free to contact Todd Haas or Dave Berkowitz at (763) 755-5100. If you want a free park and trail map go to the City's website www.andovermn.gov or stop by City Hall. Another good source to visit the parks and trails is to visit the following website at <http://gis.anokacountymn.gov/go-anoka/>.

ANDOVER IS "BEE FRIENDLY"

Pollinators – honeybees, bumblebees, and butterflies - are in trouble. Their populations are declining at alarming rates. This means that we are in trouble too, because the work pollinators do spreading pollen so plants can make seeds and nuts accounts for 85 percent of the world's flowering plants, including more than two-thirds of the world's crop species. The United States alone grows more than one hundred crops that either need or benefit from pollinators, and the economic value of these native pollinators is estimated at \$3 billion per year in the U.S.

We are taking action here in Andover! On April 7th, the City of Andover became the third community in the Metro area to endorse a "Bee Safe City Proclamation" that recognizes practices that can protect pollinators. As a homeowner, you can protect pollinators by reducing the indiscriminate use of pesticides in your gardens, planting flowering native plants that bloom throughout the summer, and inquiring at the nursery where you buy plants if they use systemic pesticides that produce toxic pollen, then avoiding these plants. See the Andover website for ideas on what plants are best to attract and

sustain pollinators!

"Bee Friendly Andover" is a team of Andover citizens working to promote "Bee Friendly" activities that will protect and restore pollinator habitat for all insect pollinators including bees and butterflies. The League of Women Voters of Anoka, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Champlin and surrounding areas organized the team which also includes Andover city staff, a bee keeper, and several master gardeners. The team welcomes others from the community who are interested in saving our pollinators.

"Bee Friendly Andover" has several activities planned that will give residents an opportunity to learn more about bees and other pollinators and at the same time encourage everyone to get involved in protecting pollinators. Please see the link on Andover's website at www.andovermn.gov and the links: Your Government, Natural Resources, Andover Pollinator Work Group. Here, you can learn how to get involved, see what you can do to help pollinators, see the official proclamation, learn about the demo gardens proposed, etc. To get involved with the group, contact Gretchen Sabel at (763) 427-5593.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Andover Women of Today:
(763) 516-6283

Andover/Ramsey Moms Club:
www.ourmomsclub.org

Andover Seniors:
(763) 754-0963

TOPS Club:
(763) 757-5822

Andover High School Football Boosters:
(763) 506-8555

Andover Lions:
(763) 286-9782 or (763) 434-9403 for membership interest/questions

Moms In Touch:
Moms praying for their children & local schools.
(763) 757-0111
www.MomsInTouch.org

Lamplighters 4-H Club:
Marsha Rouch
(763) 862-8969

(Many others; please visit the City of Andover's website and click on the Community Info. Tab.)



Sweet Tooth Dentistry
1573 - 154th Avenue NW, Suite 107
(763) 639-1763
www.sweettoothdentistry.com
Opening April 21, 2015



ANDOVER SKATE SCHOOL - ICE SKATING LESSONS

The Andover Skate School offers classes for skaters, ages 3 and older. Choose the class and level that's best describes skater's skills. Class includes a 30 minute lesson and 30 minutes to be used as on-ice practice. Classes offered during Summer I Session include: PALS (Parent and Little Skaters), Basic and Freestyle.



- Summer Session I: Monday/Thursday Evenings June 11–29 \$69
- Summer Session II: Monday/Wednesday Evenings August 17–Sept 2 \$69

Class descriptions and registration available online at www.andovermn.gov/acc. Class sizes are limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. Registration will remain open until classes have filled.

INTRODUCTION TO ICE LESSONS

Has your child ever wanted to try ice skating, but not sure where to start? The Andover Community Center Ice Arena offers an introduction to ice skating program for students ages 3 - 6 and 7 - 10. This 30 minute class is designed for students who have no skating experience. Students will learn the basics of ice skating through age appropriate activities, with games and music for the younger students. The introduction to ice program meets for three, 30 minute sessions and the cost is \$30 per student. Skate rental is available for those needing ice skates. Upcoming program dates are:

- Thursday Morning Classes May 7, 14, 21 (3-6) 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday Evening Classes June 11, 18, 25(3-6)(7-10) 6:40 p.m.
- Monday Evening Classes June 15, 22, 29(3-6)(7-10) 6:40 p.m.

Register online at www.andovermn.gov/acc



OPEN ADULT HOCKEY

Adult open hockey most Mondays and Wednesdays daytime and most Tuesday evenings in May at 8:50 p.m. at the Andover Community Center Ice Arena. For specific dates and times, check out activity calendars on the website at

www.andovermn.gov/acc.



PICKLEBALL SUMMER HOURS

New Summer Hours! Indoor Pickleball is offered most Saturdays and most Tuesday evenings starting in June. Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton, ping pong and racquetball. Easy to learn, great exercise and lots of fun for all ages. The game is played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. It is easy for beginners

to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Admission is \$4 or purchase a \$30 punch card for \$25. Sign in and pay admissions at the information desk next to the ice arena. Bring your own paddle or we have a few on-hand you may borrow. Dates/Times are published on the Andover Community Center Field House (gym) Schedule. Schedules are located in lobby racks and at www.andovermn.gov/acc.

INDOOR WALKING CLUB

Indoor walking club meets Monday – Friday, 5:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. through June 12th. Walking Club members sign-in at the YMCA front desk each morning and walk around the perimeter of the community center field house. Beginning June 15th, Summer Indoor walking hours will be 5:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. only. Questions, please contact the YMCA at (763) 230-9622 or the Community Center at (763) 767-5100.



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.

BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES, GROUP ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Don't forget about the Andover Community Center when organizing your next birthday party, group activity or field trip. Meeting room rentals, ice skating and gym activity packages available. Contact the Andover Community Center at (763) 767-5100 or view party package flyer on our website www.andovermn.gov/acc.



OPEN GYM AND OPEN SKATE/HOCKEY

You do not need to be a YMCA member to participate in our open gym/basketball and open skate/hockey. Available times and daily admission fees are included on our monthly activity calendars at www.andovermn.gov/acc.

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER LOAN PROGRAM

The 2015 **Start Up Program** for first time homebuyers started on April 1, 2015. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) has allocated \$5,842,991 to Anoka County. The program will run to November 30, 2015. MHFA offers mortgage programs that provide affordable interest rate loans to eligible first time homebuyers. 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. If you have questions please call Linda Hedstrom at (763) 323-5764.

PLANNING A YARD PROJECT?

Want a shed, pool, retaining wall, fencing, playground area or deck for your property? Plan at least 3 months ahead. Why? Chances are you will need at least one permit.

Besides a City permit, you may need a permit from a watershed authority if your property is in floodplain or has a drainage easement or wetland on it. If so, your plans would then need review and approval by separate authorities. And, those authorities may meet only once or twice per month.

Not sure if your property is in a floodplain, drainage easement or wetland? Please check your Certificate of Survey, or call the City or watershed authority. What is a drainage easement? It allows access rights to a drainage authority along public ditches such as Coon Creek for periodic inspection or possible repair (land ownership is retained by the landowner). Why? Obstructed flow could result in upstream flooding for a mile or more since our elevation change is so slight here on the Anoka Sand Plain. The ditch obstruction may then need to be removed.

In Andover, there are two watershed organizations, based on topography: the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) and the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization (LRRWMO). If you live within the CCWD boundary, please call the Coon Creek Watershed District at (763) 755-0975 or check the web-www.cooncreekwd.org. If you live in the LRRWMO boundary, or if you are not sure of your watershed "address," feel free to call Todd Haas at the City of Andover at (763) 767-5131.

Permits help ensure structural safety, public safety & welfare and conservation of wetland or floodplain areas that serve many functions, one being flood prevention. Help make Andover a better place to live. Plan ahead and get the proper permits for your project.

City Easements & Permits

City easements and permits can be different from watershed easements and permits.

Per Andover City Ordinance, an easement allows for the use of a portion of land for the express rights for:

- constructing and maintaining streets, trails, slopes, sidewalks, grade transitions
- utilities including but not limited to electric and telephone lines, sanitary and storm sewer lines, water lines, cable TV, communication lines and gas lines surface drainage ways (different from watershed drainage easements).

Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District.

ACCAP CHORES & MORE

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.

EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) FOUND IN HAM LAKE!

Have you heard of Emerald Ash Borer yet? Well if you haven't, you may want to read on. Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive pest that kills ash trees. It was found in St. Paul in 2009, Minneapolis in 2010 and Shoreview in 2011. It has now officially been found in Anoka County; on a private property in Ham Lake.

We need your help! The following are some things you can do to save more ash trees and help prevent the spread of Emerald Ash Borer into Andover:

1. Don't move any firewood, trees or brush into or out of the City. There is a quarantine prohibiting the movement of firewood outside Anoka County. In other words, it's ILLEGAL, unless it's been certified by the MN Dept. of Agriculture. This is in place to prevent new infestations from occurring.
2. Inspect ash trees on your property and report suspicious symptoms. First, become familiar with identifying ash trees. Look for dieback, bark cracking, excess woodpecker damage, "S-shaped" galleries under the bark and "D-shaped" exit holes outside the bark. If you notice any of these, report them to the City as soon as possible.
3. If you have ash trees on your property, come up with a game plan. Now is the time for you to decide what you want to do with your trees. Do you want to save some of them? Do you want to remove and replace them? Maybe you do both. There are different chemical treatment options that can be utilized to protect them. If you do nothing, it's likely the trees will eventually succumb to Emerald Ash Borer.

For the official press release and more important information on Emerald Ash Borer, go to Andover's website: www.andovermn.gov and click on the links "Your Government" "Natural Resources" "Emerald Ash Borer."

For additional questions, to report a tree suspected to have Emerald Ash Borer and/or to get helpful advice on planning for Emerald Ash Borer, contact Kameron at (763) 767-5137 or k.kytonen@andovermn.gov.

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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.



ANDOVER'S 19th ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN/WALK SATURDAY, JULY 11th

WHEN: • 8:00 a.m. 5K Open (Certified Course, 3.1 miles)
• 9:00 a.m. Kids Fun Run (.5 mile)
Rain or Shine! *The Kids run is free, no need to register, just show up.*

WHERE: At the Andover City Hall Complex located at 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW - just west of Hanson Blvd. Take Hanson Blvd. north from Hwy. 10 in Coon Rapids. Turn left on Crosstown Blvd., Crosstown Blvd. is 1 1/2 miles north of Bunker Lake Blvd. (Co. Rd. 116).

REGISTRATION ENTRY FEE: 5K - \$20.00 (\$25.00 after July 9) Race day registration 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
Online: www.andovermn.gov thru July 8.
The kids run is free, no need to register, just show up.

PRIZES & AWARDS: The first 500 5k registrants are guaranteed a Moisture Wicking t-shirt on race day. Later registrants can pick up t-shirts the following week. All registered participants are entered for door prizes drawing. Must be present to win. Trophy to first man and woman to cross finish line and age group awards.

REFRESHMENTS: Refreshments at finish.
QUESTIONS: • Call Cindy at (763) 767-5114. • For Kids Fun Run call Kirk at (763) 230-6534.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Complete the registration form along with your check (payable to: Andover Family Fun Fest) and mail to:

Andover Fun Run
City of Andover
1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW
Andover, MN 55304

*** OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM ***

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age on race day: _____ Phone: _____ Sex: M F T-SHIRT SIZE (circle one): **S M L XL**

Knowingly and at my own risk I do hereby apply to enter an athletic contest. I hereby agree that I release and discharge the City of Andover, Andover Family Fun Fest Committee, and other parties associated with the Andover Family Fun Fest 5K Fun Run/Walk from all claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action from all acts of active or passive negligence on the part of such corporation, organization, clubs, their servants, agents or employees, and hereby assume all the risks associated with my participation in the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name, likeness and voice, as well as any photographs, videotape, motion pictures, recordings and any other record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose including broadcast of the event, the reuse in any media of this broadcast and in advertising and promotion.

SIGNATURE _____ CO-SIGNATURE _____

GUARDIAN (IF UNDER 18)

2015 REGISTRATION

ANDOVER YOUTH FOOTBALL

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

www.andoverfootball.org

May 1st - June 12th

Grades K-8

SOLICITORS

Solicitors, peddlers and transient merchants are required to carry a permit approved by the City. If someone approaches you at your home or if someone is selling on a street corner, you can ask if they have a permit from the City. If they do not, call the non-emergency police number at (763) 427-1212 to report them.

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

WATER LINE INSURANCE COVERAGE

Over the past few years vendors have been out in the neighborhoods of Andover, where residents are hooked up to a City water service, trying to sell insurance coverage to protect them against a failure in the service. The City of Andover does not endorse this activity. Residents may want to contact their homeowner insurance company to see if they are protected against any type of failure. Homeowners are responsible for the water line into their home from the shut off valve located on their property at the right-of-way. The City of Andover is responsible from the shut off valve to the main in the street. It is solely the responsibility of the homeowner to accept or decline the coverage being presented to them.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

The City has in place watering restrictions that will allow everyone to water their grass and shrubs and maintain an adequate water system. These restrictions start every year on May 1st and runs through August 31st. The City allows watering or sprinkling of lawns at homes with even addresses on even days, and homes with addresses that have odd numbers on odd days, but only outside the total afternoon ban time. Vegetable gardens may be watered any day, outside the full afternoon

ban time. Bushes and flowers may be watered with a handheld hose as needed. New sod is exempt for the first two weeks from day, but not hour, restrictions. The restricted hours are from noon to 6:00 p.m. every day. Stiff fines are assessed for violations. For more information about the restrictions, please checkout the City web site at www.andovermn.gov - Summer Water Restriction Information - City of Andover Code 10-1-13 Deficiency of Water or call City Hall at (763) 755-5100.

WELL WATER WISE (3W'S)

The Anoka County Community Health and Environmental Services (CHES) Department, in cooperation with 15 municipalities and county agencies, is sponsoring the 16th annual "Well Water Wise" (3W) promotion May 5th-8th to encourage residents to check the safety of their private well water. For information on private well testing go to the Anoka County Environmental Services [Well Water Testing](#) webpage or call (763) 422-7063.

Government Center, 2100 3rd Avenue in Anoka. Water samples can be submitted to the County's Environmental Services Unit for analysis every Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon. During 3W week, samples can be submitted Monday through Thursday (8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) and Friday (before noon). The well water testing kit includes details about water collection and submission.

County residents may pick up a well water test kit at Andover City Hall or in the Environmental Services Unit, Suite 600 of the Anoka County

A laboratory fee of \$30 will be charged for coliform bacteria and nitrate-nitrogen analysis.

CRACK SEALING TO BEGIN SOON

The City of Andover has an annual maintenance program it completes on local City streets and parking lots. One of the maintenance procedures is crack sealing. Crack sealing is completed approximately two years after a road has been paved, or on an approximate 10 year rotating basis.

Crack sealing involves routing and cleaning new pavement cracks so they are free of debris. The cracks are then filled with a sealant and covered with a paper product to reduce tracking of the material. Crack sealing prohibits water and incompressible material from entering the pavement structure, which in turn extends the life of the street. This work is contracted out to an independent contractor, but is supervised by City staff to ensure that the work is completed according to City specifications.

The following roadways are scheduled to be crack sealed in 2015, likely in late April or May: Zone 2 (generally the southwest corner of the City, south of 147th Ave. and west of Coon Creek) and Crosstown Blvd. from Hanson Blvd. to 161st Ave. The following parking lots will also be crack sealed this year: Andover Station North Ball Fields, Crooked Lake Boat Landing, Eveland Fields, Northwoods East, Prairie Knoll south lot, Purple Park, Sunshine Park, Timber Rivers and Wells 8 and 9.

Questions relating to this project can be directed to the Andover Engineering Department at (763) 755-5100. For maps of the 2015 project areas, please refer to the "Construction Updates" link on the Engineering Department's webpage under www.andovermn.gov.

2015 STREET OVERLAYS

The City of Andover has implemented a street overlay program. The intent of this program is to provide the community with a high quality transportation system and maintain the integrity of the City's street infrastructure. This program, in conjunction with crack sealing, pot hole patching and seal coating is intended to extend the life cycle of the community's roadway infrastructure. It is anticipated that this program will extend the life of the roadways being overlaid 15+ years before a full reconstruction would be considered.

There are two separate overlay projects to be constructed in 2015. The first one includes the Creek View Crossing, Old Colony Estates and Weybridge 1st -3rd Additions. The second project includes the collector route through The Meadows of Round Lake from 300th east of Guarani St. to Xenia St. 143rd Ave. between

Xenia St. and Round Lake Blvd. is planned for reconstruction in 2018. Construction for both projects is expected to begin mid May and be completed by the end of July.

The projects include either edge or full width milling of the existing bituminous wearing course, minor curb and gutter replacement, curb and gutter joint patching and paving a new bituminous surface over the existing roadway. The projects will be funded through a combination of City funds and special assessments.

Please refer to the City's website under "Construction Updates" for periodic status updates of all projects under construction in the City. If you have any questions regarding the overlays or any other construction projects in the City, please contact the Andover Engineering Department at (763) 755-5100.



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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
- Business Plan Assistance
- Marketing Assistance
- Business Regulations
- Loan Packaging
- Real Estate Analysis
- Strategic Planning
- 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@mccd.mn.org. For general information, visit the Open to Business Website at www.opentobusinessmn.org.



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