

Andover Today

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**Friday & Saturday
July 10th & 11th**

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

TIME

Community Booths.....	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Magic Bounce Fun Zone \$\$	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Lions' Beer Garden \$\$.....	5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Food Vendors \$\$.....	5:00 pm - Midnight
Kidzart (under dining tent)	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Bingo \$\$.....	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
The Big Fun Show: Magic & Juggling (Sponsored by AccuKare).....	6:00 pm - 6:40 pm
Street Dance "Rockin' Hollywoods"	8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

TIME

Fun Run Registration	7:00 am - 7:45 am
5K Fun Run/Walk \$\$ (Certified Course 3.1 miles)	8:00 am
Kids' Fun Run 0.5 mile	9:00 am
Craft & Gift Show (indoors, YMCA Comm. Center)	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Baby Crawling Contest (City Hall Garages, pre-registration required)	10:00 am
Community Booths.....	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fundraising Booths \$\$ (Andover Elementary grounds)	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Magic Bounce Fun Zone \$\$ (Andover Elementary grounds)	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Food Vendors \$\$	10:00 am - Midnight
Parade (route follows Crosstown Blvd. from Andover HS to Tower Dr).....	11:00 am
Emergency Vehicle Display (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Lions' Beer Garden \$\$	12:00 pm - Midnight
Anoka County Sherriff K9 Demo (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
World Tae Kwando Academy Demo (Main Stage).....	12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Zoomobile (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Percussion Trio (under the tent).....	1:00 pm - 1:50 pm
Benji, Volunteer Caricature Artist (Bingo Tent).....	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Silent Auction \$\$	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Classic Car Show (No Pre-reg. required, Crosstown/Hanson Blvd.).....	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Donkey Pulled Mini-Covered Wagon Rides (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Balloon Art (under the dining tent).....	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Connexus Energy (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Bingo \$\$.....	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Brian Richards' Magic Show (under the dining tent)	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
National Karate Demo (Main Stage)	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Todd Anderson as Elvis (under the tent).....	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wellness Van	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Premier Karate Demo (Main Stage).....	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Betty Rydell and Randi Rae (under the dining tent)	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Street Dance "The Law"	8:00 pm - 11:30 pm
20th Anniversary Fireworks Show (Sunshine Park).....	10:00 pm

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\$\$ - Fee Applies



Andover Family Fun Fest

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COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Mike Knight

Time Moves On In Andover

As we approach the advent of summer in Andover there are a number of changes taking place. These changes cover a number of items that will effect the public.

New population numbers for the metro cities have come out and Andover has some interesting numbers.

The Met Council has released some 2014 population estimates for the Twin City metro area. Since 1990 Andover has had the second highest population percent growth in the north metro. Only Blaine had a higher estimated growth rate.

Our population has more than doubled since 1990 as we have had a growth rate at that time of +716%. We are now the third largest City in Anoka County and the north metro. We are also one of the youngest cities in the whole metro area with a median population age of 36.

All of that has an effect on life here in Andover. A national survey organization has rated us in the top ten for small cities in Minnesota for attracting young families.

Along with all that youth we also have some significant Senior Housing projects that are a part of Andover. That has increased the need for senior space at the Community Center.

Our home building permits for this year are going up and are nearing 40 so far. We are having a number of new residential developments with potentially up to 300 new lots on the map. New plats include those at Catcher's Creek, Country Oaks North, Bent Creek Shores and Winslow Woods.

We are also seeing new business activity. Amy's Candy, L & W Supply, Linear Transmission and Pad Thai Cuisine are 4 new businesses that are in town, with Acapulco Mexican Restaurant coming the summer of 2016. Tanners Restaurant has been replaced by Willy McCoys.

TE Connectivity and DSTI Inc. have added to their facilities and are bringing hundreds of new jobs to the City. Foundation Hill Montessori School is enlarging and adding more building.

Clocktower Commons, on Hanson Boulevard NW and Crosstown Boulevard NW, is planning a 7,400 square foot retail mall.

So we are seeing both residential and business construction on the rise in Andover and that is a welcome sign for taxpayers as it indicates more employment and shopping opportunities. As we see the rise in numbers of young families, there is also an increased demand for playing fields. We are going to have to add as well as upgrade existing fields.

Other changes are in the process. We are looking at revamping the City Hall Campus area. The area is that from Nightingale Street NW to Hanson Boulevard NW, including nearby school areas. The City Hall and Community Center are seeing new demands for facilities and service and we are planning to update the area to better meet those needs. The YMCA, our partner in the Community Center, is going to be part of that assessment and planning.

So it is a time and season for planning and evaluation. We want to continue to keep Andover a place that people want to come to and to live in. Andover will remain a go-to place for new families and stable place for those already here.

ANDOVER TRAVELING BOYS BASKETBALL SUMMER SKILLS CAMP. FOCUS WILL BE ON ONE-ON-ONE OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE SKILLS

- Dates will be July 19, July 26, August 2, August 16
- Location will be at Andover High School
- Boys entering grade 4/5/6 at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Boys entering grades 7/8 at 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Fee is \$30
- 3 on 3 games each week
- Automatically earn 1,000 shots towards the 10K shot club!
- Andover Varsity Head Coach Matt Aune will be the camp director
- For more information and to register online, go to: ATBB.org

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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IS MY CHILD OLD ENOUGH TO BE LEFT HOME ALONE?

Our staff are often asked by parents what is the appropriate age that a child can be left home alone. That is a complex question with many variables that only parents can answer.

Minnesota does not have a specific law that dictates when children can be left alone, however Anoka County provides guidelines of minimal acceptable standards of when they will investigate a complaint of children being left home alone:

Ages 7 and under All reports of children left alone for any period of time.

Ages 8-10 All reports of children who are alone for more than 3 hours.

Ages 11-13 All reports where children are alone for more than 12 hours.

Ages 14-15 All reports where children are alone for more than 24 hours and do not know the whereabouts of a parent or when they will return.

Ages 16-17 May be left alone for more than 24 hours with a plan in place concerning how to respond to an emergency.

All children are different and parents are best qualified to answer the question of whether their child is ready. Here are some simple questions that you can use to help guide you through this complex question:

- Does your child know when and how to call 9-1-1? Can your child say your home phone number and know your home address?
- Does your child know basic first aid and where the first aid supplies are kept in your home?
- Can your child show they would carefully identify someone coming to the door when they are home alone?

- Does your child know how to reach you or another responsible adult by phone? Do you have a list of important and emergency phone numbers near the phone?
- Can your child list, and be trusted to follow, the safety rules of your home?
- Has your child shown an interest in staying home alone? Would your child feel safe if home alone?
- Will your child tell you if something happened while they were at home alone that made them feel uncomfortable in any way?
- Have you created a plan for your child's day or time at home alone? For example, does your child have chores, homework, or tasks to do while you are gone?
- Does your neighborhood have a low crime occurrence?

Once you decide that your child is responsible enough to be left alone, start having on-going conversations with them about safety by playing games like "what-if". It is a great game to help children think about how to handle potential situations.

"What-if" games are most effective when used often and in non-threatening situations.

Keep the tone positive and provide lots of encouragement. Possible questions could be:

"What-if the smoke detectors went off?"

"What-if the weather turned bad?"

"What-if someone kept ringing the doorbell?"

By keeping an open dialog with your child, reinforcing good decision making skills, and praising their success, it will help both you and your child as you navigate this new level of responsibility and trust.

Resources: Anoka County Human Services, childcareawarmn.org.

CLEAN WATER STARTS AT HOME

TIP #5: LAWN CARE

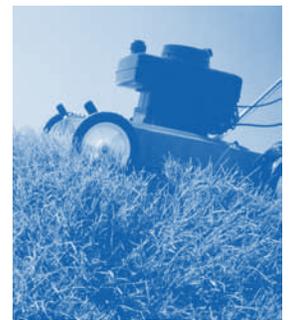
Did You Know

Your lawn care can create water pollution!

Tips from the Pros

1. Leave the clippings as you mow! Grass can use the nutrients, especially on sandy soil. Do not put them into a pile; just leave them as they fall. Piles break down slowly so can create erosion and mosquito breeding sites.
2. While mowing blow the clippings onto lawn and off the street, driveway, and sidewalk. Then, you don't need to sweep 'em up as much. Please don't hose them off, either. That's our drinking water going down the drain! Grass clippings are a pollutant to our waterways.
 - a. *The City will be enforcing this throughout the summer. If it's noticed that they are accumulated in the street gutter adjacent to your property, a "Notice" will be left with deadlines and penalties for non-compliance.*
3. Mow at 3 inches! Adjust your mower to keep grass 3 inches high (a little wider than a dollar bill). Taller lawns use less water, handle heat stress better and compete with weeds better. Then, cut after 1 inch of growth. Or, get a no-mow or low-mow grass seed mix for a low-maintenance lawn.

These simple practices will help minimize water pollution. Please do your part; every bit helps.



Clean Streets, Clean Water

For more information contact Kameron Kytönen, Andover Natural Resources Technician, (763) 767-5137 or Coon Creek Watershed District: (763) 755-0975 www.cooncreekwd.org.



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 – 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:

Monday's Aug. 17, 24, 31 6:40 p.m.
 Wednesday's Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2 6:40 p.m.

Register online at www.andovermn.gov/acc

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 II Session include: PALS (Parent and Little Skaters), Basic and Freestyle. Summer Session II Dates are: Monday/Wednesday evenings, August 17th - September 2nd, cost \$69. Skate rental is available for those needing ice skates.

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.

OPEN ADULT HOCKEY

Summer Adult open hockey will be offered most Mondays and Wednesdays during the day and most Tuesday nights. Admission is \$5 per skater, goalies skate free. Dates/Times are published on the Andover Community Center Open Skate Schedule which can be found in the ACC lobby racks and at www.andovermn.gov/acc.

PICKLEBALL

Indoor Pickleball will be offered most Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton, ping pong and racquetball. Easy to learn, great exercise and lots of fun for all ages. Admission is \$4 or use your ACC punchcard. 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 to borrow. Dates/Times are published on the Andover Community Center Open Gym Schedule which can be found in the ACC lobby racks and at www.andovermn.gov/acc.



INDOOR WALKING CLUB

Summer indoor walking hours are Monday – Friday, 5:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. All walkers must sign in at the YMCA front desk each morning. Questions, please contact the YMCA at (763) 230-9622 or the Community Center at (763) 767-5100.

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

43 Hoops Basketball Academy will be offering a basketball camp at the Andover Community Center July 20 - 23 (Grades 4 - 8). Register for camps at www.43hoops.com



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. For specific dates and times, check out our monthly schedules posted 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.

FALL INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM

The Andover Community Center will be offering a youth indoor soccer program for youth ages 4 - 9. The program will focus on individual skill development and having fun! Teams play 6 v 6 games with a maximum of 10 players per team. A great start for beginners and a fun league for those who have already played organized soccer! League is held at the Andover Community Center, Saturday mornings, October 10th – November 21st (6 weeks), \$69 per player. League will be organized into age appropriate levels. Online registration will be available soon at www.andovermn.gov/acc. If you would like us to send you the registration link once it becomes available, send your email address to accinfo@andovermn.gov and request Fall, soccer registration.



FALL INTRODUCTION TO ICE PROGRAMS & ICE SKATING LESSONS

Fall Learn to Ice Skate Lessons will be held Saturday mornings, October 3rd – November 21st (7 sessions), \$79 per skater. Classes include: Parents & Little Skaters (PALS), Basic, and Freestyle. Class sizes are limited and registration will remain open until classes have filled.

Introduction to Ice Programs will also be offered this Fall. Online registration will be available soon for all skating programs & lessons at www.andovermn.gov/acc. If you would like us to send you the registration link once it becomes available, send your email address to accinfo@andovermn.gov and request Fall, skating lesson registration.

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SUMMER BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Choose from Ice Skating/Hockey and Field House Party Packages. Field house party options include: Choice of sports equipment, an inflatable Pink/Purple Castle Bounce House and/or Tot-Time toys & equipment. For party package pricing and options, visit our webpage at www.andovermn.gov/acc or contact us at (763) 767-5100.

ANDOVER FAMILY FUN FEST CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

Bring the whole family and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Andover Family Fun Fest. This year's Craft and Gift Show will again be inside the Andover YMCA Community Center with many new and unique products to see. Baby blankets, doll clothes, greeting cards, barbeque sauce, soaps, jewelry, purses, home decor and garden art are just a few of the things you'll find! The Craft and Gift Show is Saturday, July 11th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Go to www.affcraftandgiftshow.wix.com/info to see a list of all the vendors! Be sure to bring cash as many vendors do not accept checks or credit cards.

Please Join Us For Our
10TH ANNIVERSARY
 Andover YMCA Community Center
 15200 Hanson Blvd. NW, Andover, MN
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015
 12:00 PM
 Stop by for a FREE Cookie and Koozie
 (while supplies last)

OUTDOOR FAMILY FEST

Macaroni Kid will be hosting a Family Fest at the Andover Community Center on August 29th from 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. They will be showing a movie at dark. There will be community vendors, inflatables, service vehicles and more! Watch their website

at coonrapids.macaronikid.com to find out more as the date approaches. For inquiries, email MichelleE@MacaroniKid.com.



HEY BABY! DON'T MISS THE ANDOVER FAMILY FUN FEST - BABY CRAWLING CONTEST SATURDAY JULY 11TH

All babies must be pre-registered

As part of the Andover Family Fun Fest, a baby crawling contest will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Andover City Hall Garages, right by the Andover Water Tower. All crawling infants, 6-12 months, are eligible to participate.

Contest Criteria:

1. Baby must crawl to the finish line. Walkers will be disqualified.
2. In case of a tie, there will be a "crawl-off".
3. Absolutely no registration the day of the event!

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

To enter the contest, please complete this application and return to Andover City Hall. Forms must be received by, Friday, July 10th at 12:30 p.m.

City of Andover
 Attn: Baby Crawling Contest
 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW
 Andover, MN 55304

The 2015 Baby Crawling Contest is being coordinated by: Just Between Friends Blaine/Andover and New Horizons Childcare Center. For more information about the Just Between Friends Children's Consignment Sales event this October at the Andover YMCA Community Center, visit www.blaine.jbfsale.com

BABY CRAWLING CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM



PLEASE PRINT

Name of Baby _____

Date of Birth _____ Age in months _____

Parent's Name _____

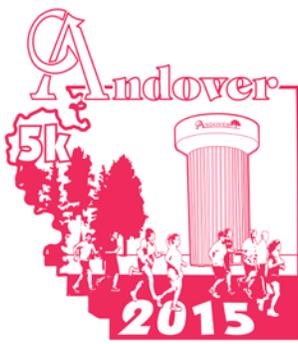
Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Parent's Signature _____





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 ½ 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)

BE GOOD TO YOUR WETLAND

23% of southwestern Anoka County is water or wetland. Development within our city has wound its way around these wetlands, creating quaint, private neighborhoods. We've protected these ecologically important areas. Now, the condition of these wetlands is in the hands residents, each of whom may own only a small portion.

Each homeowner can do a few simple things to be good to their wetland.

- **Leave an unmowed buffer.** The edge of a wetland is particularly valuable habitat. Leave a 20 foot unmowed strip.

- **Plant natives.** Native plants are those to which native wildlife is adapted. There are several native plant nurseries in our area.

- **Plant for pollinators.** Bees and other pollinators are on the decline. Treat yourself to some color, and treat the pollinators to some habitat by planting native flowers.

The collective actions of homeowners make a difference for wildlife and clean water.

A message from the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization www.LRRWMO.org.

NIGHT TO UNITE IS AUGUST 4TH

For more information or to register your party, go to www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch or call Laura at (763) 767-4664.



ANOKA COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

The Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Blaine is now open. Hours of operation from April through October are now Monday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Wednesday 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The facility will be open during its regular hours Friday, July 3rd, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and will be closed Saturday, July 4th.

For more information, call Anoka County Integrated Waste Management at (763) 323-5730 or visit AnokaCounty.us/recycle.

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.

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.

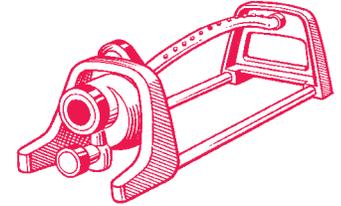
ANDOVER POLLINATOR GARDEN TOUR

As part of Andover's efforts to uphold its "Pollinator Friendly/Bee Safe City" reputation, it will be holding a garden tour on Saturday, August 8th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

There will be five to six sites in Andover that residents can visit to learn about different types of landscapes that are pollinator-friendly. For maps and more information on this, please see the "Andover Pollinator Awareness Project" link under the Andover website. From the home page, click on "Your Government," "Natural Resources" to find this link. Call Cheryl Seeman at (763) 427-2470 for any questions.

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.



LIBRARY FOCUS: FREE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summer is here and so is "Bookawocky," Anoka County Library's summer reading experience and celebration. This free program, running through August 21st, gives opportunities for children and teens to read, explore, and connect at the library! Studies reveal youth learning losses without summer educational activities. Those involved in experiences like Bookawocky, however, can begin the school year ready to learn.

Bookawocky participants explore many fun and interesting things related to reading and learning, from art and science activities to doing pictures and short reviews about books they read or listen to. They can then enter their reviews and pictures into weekly

drawings, for chances to win books and other prizes. They may also post reviews to bookawocky.com for prizes.

Bookawocky is again offering free performances at branch libraries and nearby locations. Rum River Library performances, Thursdays at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM, will be: 7/09, Wendy's Wiggle, Jiggle, and Jam; and 7/16, Heebie Jeebies comedy music show. Arrive early to line up for tickets, though, since seating is limited. For more information, visit Rum River Library, 4201 6th Ave., Anoka, (763) 576-4695, or anokacountylibrary.org.

2015 SEAL COAT PROJECT

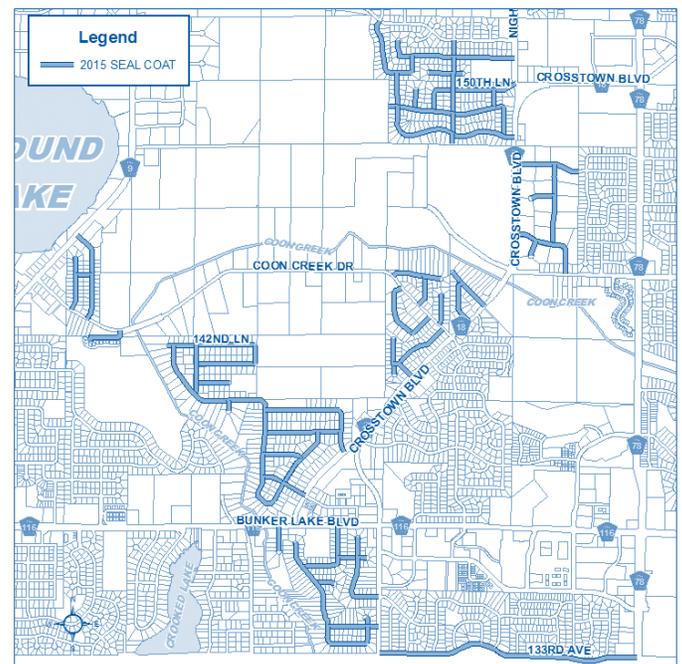
The City of Andover completes an annual maintenance program on local City streets. One of the maintenance procedures is seal coating, which protects the existing asphalt surface and extends the life of the pavement. Typically an area will be seal coated the year after it has been crack sealed.

Seal coating protects the pavement surface from the deteriorating effects of the sun, water, and weather. When exposed to the elements, asphalt pavement hardens, or oxidizes. Oxidation causes the pavement to become brittle and crack, which reduces the useful life of the pavement. Seal coating slows down this oxidation process and, along with crack sealing, helps keep water from entering the pavement base material. Seal coating also provides low severity crack sealing and restores the surface friction of the roadway, improving the safety of the roadway.

Seal coating includes spraying of an asphalt material on the roadway followed immediately by a layer of aggregate material (fine crushed rock). Within a few days of placement of the aggregate, street sweepers will remove the excess material from the roadways. This work is contracted out to an independent contractor, but is supervised by City staff to assure the work is done according to City specifications.

The seal coat area for the 2015 season is the west half of Zone 1. This area is generally bounded by Coon Creek on the west, Crosstown Boulevard on the east, 148th Avenue on the north and 133rd Avenue on the south. Additional developments included in this year's project outside of Zone 1 include: Woodland Estates 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Additions and Timber Trails 2nd Addition.

Seal coating is scheduled to take place from mid - July to mid - August. Questions related to this project can be directed to the Andover Engineering Department. For maps of the 2015 project area, please refer to the "Construction Updates" link on the Engineering Department's webpage under www.andovermn.gov.



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Andover, MN 55304

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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@mccdmn.org. For general information, visit the Open to Business Website at www.opentobusinessmn.org.



MONTHLY APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Monthly appliance, electronic and fluorescent bulb recycling is the 2nd Saturday or each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is held at the Recycling Center, 1825 Crosstown Blvd. NW. Use the same

driveway as the outdoor hockey rink. The next dates are August 8th and Sept. 12th. JR's Advanced Recycling will help you take items out of your vehicle. There will be a recycling fee. Go to: www.andovermn.gov

or call JR's Advanced Recycling (651) 454-9215 for more information.

July is cancelled due to Andover Family Fun Fest.