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SUMMER 2024

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2024 Election Information

Primary Election, Aug. 13, 2024

Residents will be presented with a Ballot question at the Primary Election. The ballot question will be as follows:

Question Title:

Should Organized Solid Waste Collection be subject to voter approval?

Question Language:

Should the Anoka City Charter be amended by adding the following language to the City Charter?

“Unless first approved by a majority of voters in a state general election, the City shall not replace the competitive market in solid waste collection with a system in which solid waste services are provided by government-chosen collectors in government-designated districts.” The adoption of this Charter amendment shall supersede any ordinances, ordinance amendments, or Charter amendments related to solid waste adopted by the City Council after January 1, 2023.

Residents will have the option to vote either Yes or No on this ballot question. A Yes vote would mean that the voter agrees to amend the City Charter as stated above.

Definitions:

Solid Waste Collection means the collection of garbage and refuse from a property. Solid Waste is commonly referred to as trash or garbage.

Organized Collection means a system for collecting solid waste in which a specified collector, or member of an organization of

collectors, is authorized to collect from a defined geographic service area or areas some or all of the solid waste that is released by generators for collection.

Currently, residents have the option of choosing between the current licensed Solid Waste Collectors for residential garbage and refuse collection. If this ballot question passes by at least 51% of votes cast at the Aug. 13, 2024 Primary Election, the City would have to obtain voter approval before they would be able to change the current system to an Organized Solid Waste Collection System.

Who Filed for Office and When to Vote

City offices will be voted upon at the General Election on Nov. 5, 2024.

Mayoral Candidates (*alphabetical order*) – Residents may vote for up to one candidate. The candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected as Mayor, for a term of two years.

- Joelle Alvord
- Erik Skogquist

City Council Candidates (*alphabetical order*) – Residents may vote for up to two candidates. The two candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to the City Council, each for a term of four years.

- Brent Campbell
- Heather Rostad
- Jesse Hauf
- Jeff Weaver

Anoka City Hall

2015 1st Ave., Anoka, MN 55303
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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Elected Officials

Mayor

Phil Rice 612-702-8442

City Council

Sam Scott 612-695-5896
Erik Skogquist 763-576-9219
Jeff Weaver 763-427-9574
Brian Wesp 763-576-2718

City Manager

Greg Lee 763-576-2711

Important Phone Numbers

Administration 763-576-2740
Animal Containment Center 763-576-2850
Anoka Municipal Utility (AMU) 763-576-2903
 Power Outage (during business hours) 763-576-2903
 After 3 p.m. 763-576-2860
 Utility Bill Inquiries 763-576-2750
Anoka Senior Center 763-576-4661
Aquatic Center 763-421-7730
Assessing/Special Assessments 763-576-2730
Better Values Liquor East 763-421-3070
Community Development 763-576-2720
Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance 763-576-2716
Planning, Zoning & Building Permits 763-576-2720
Finance 763-576-2770
Fire Non-Emergency 763-576-2900
Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center 763-576-2970
Housing & Redevelopment 763-576-2724
Parks & Recreation, Cemeteries 763-576-2980
Police Non-Emergency 763-427-1212
Public Services (streets, water, sewer) 763-576-2980
 After Hours 763-576-2860
Residential Recycling 763-576-2725

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City Boards & Commissions Meetings

Monthly meetings unless noted; dates and times are subject to change.

City Council: 1st & 3rd Mondays – 7 p.m.

Economic Development Commission: 2nd Thursday – 8 a.m.

Heritage Preservation Commission: 2nd Tuesday – 5 p.m.

Home Rule Charter Commission: Annually

Housing and Redevelopment Authority: 2nd Monday – 5 p.m.

Human Rights Commission: Bi-monthly or as needed – 5 p.m.

Parking Advisory Board: 3rd Wednesday – 7:15 a.m.

Park Board: 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.

Planning Commission: 1st Tuesday – 7 p.m.

Utility Advisory Board: As needed

Waste Reduction & Recycling Board: 2nd Wednesday – 5 p.m.

Lower Rum River Water Management Organization:
3rd Thursday – 8 a.m.

QCTV Live Broadcasts & Replays

Quad Cities Community Television (QCTV) broadcasts regular City Council, Housing & Redevelopment Authority, and Planning Commission meetings on Channel 16 with periodic replays. Visit qctv.org for complete schedule and for video streaming.

City Offices Closed

Thursday, July 4 Independence Day
Monday, September 2 Labor Day



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City Precincts

- No. 1, 2, & 3 Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center, 2800 Greenhaven Road
- No. 4 Zion Lutheran Church, 1601 S. 4th Avenue
- No. 5 Anoka Senior Center, 1500 6th Avenue
- No. 6 Anoka City Hall, 2015 First Avenue
- No. 7 Anoka Covenant Church, 752 Grant Street
- No. 8 Rum River Library, 4201 6th Avenue

Find your polling location at the Secretary of State's website: pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Are You Registered to Vote?

It is highly recommended that if you need to register to vote, that you do so PRIOR to Election Day. Your registration remains current until you change your residence, change your name, or if you have not voted in multiple elections. Verify if you are registered to vote or obtain a Voter Registration Application at mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/voterstatuscheck/index.

If you are unable to pre-register and need to register on Election Day, you MUST provide one of the following as proof of residence:

- If you moved to a new residence within your same precinct or changed your name, a current voter registration in the precinct
- A photo ID that does not have your current address **along with** a document that **does** have your current address
 - Eligible document with current address: current student fee statement, an original utility bill due 30 days before or after the election, or a rent statement that shows utility expenses
 - Eligible utility bills: gas, electric, solid waste, etc.
- A student ID card that includes your photo (valid if your college/university provided a student housing list to election officials)
- A tribal ID card containing your name, current address, signature, and photo (tribe must be recognized by the BIA)
- A valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID card, or permit with current address

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Greetings from Anoka Halloween Inc!

We are SO excited to share some great new things we are working on for this year.



- Check out the 2024 Button Design by Kelly Hunstad. A subtle nod to our beloved Minnesota Vikings. Lots of new merchandise coming soon to a street fair near you. SKOL Halloween!
- This year we are bringing back a community favorite – The Amazing Race event is returning! Pick your partner and watch for more information as the planning evolves, date and time are to be determined.
- Kick-off to the festival season is Sunday, October 6. Join us at the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off event held at City Hall River Plaza. This year we hope to have more food trucks, craft vendors, and a mini vintage car show!

This family-friendly month-long celebration takes the entire year to plan. We are always looking for enthusiastic people to join our organization and help us bring this all to life.

Anoka Halloween Inc. meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the lower level of City Hall. Stop by to meet us and see how you can become involved.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Hope to meet you soon. anokahalloween.com



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2023 Financial Highlights

Government-wide Highlights

The net position of the City of Anoka decreased by \$330,880 in 2023. The primary elements for the decrease in net position are the 2023 bond issues and spending in capital project funds. A small portion of the City's net position, 5.5 percent, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position of \$12,979,879 may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Net investment in capital assets increased \$147,216, or 0.10 percent. Net position restricted for debt increased by \$773,033, net position restricted for tax increments decreased by \$107,689, and other restricted net position increased \$888,265. These other amounts include park dedication fees, police forfeiture funds, certain police aid funds, and land purchased with 2023 abatement bonding, less the outstanding abatement debt. Total restricted net position increased \$1,553,609 largely due to funds restricted for debt service and the 2023 police safety aid.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Anoka is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net position for the government as a whole. Governmental funds report a negative unrestricted balance due to spending by the TIF Districts and capital project accounts that will be reimbursed through grant money and future bonding. Business-type activities also report positive balances in all three categories.

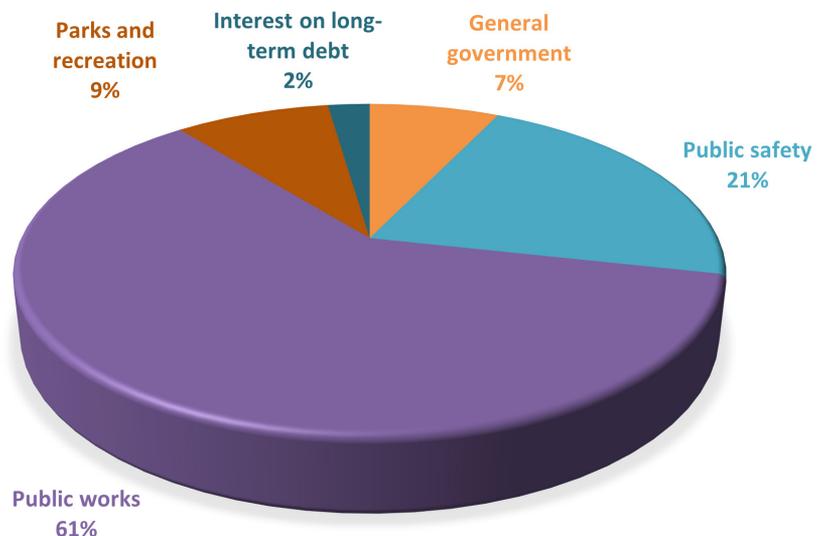
Governmental-type Activity Highlights

- Capital grants and contributions decreased \$7,285,376, or 26.3 percent as a result of Highway 10 reimbursement grant funding for 2023. Additional revenues are expected in future periods for this project which will reach final completion in 2024.
- Operating grants and contributions increased \$1,004,247, or 165.5 percent, largely due to Emerald Ash Borer mitigation grant funds received and the 2023 public safety aid received in December 2023.
- Property tax collection increased by \$50,423, which is due to the tax levy increase of 6.19% for 2023.
- Charges for services increased \$727,421. Charges for services vary every year because they are based on projects occurring throughout the city. The largest increases in 2023 were in Public Safety, for increased fee amounts charged for building inspection services, and in Public Works, for increased collections of special assessments.
- Investment income increased \$572,857 in 2023 due to higher rates of return on investments. The largest factor was the recognized market value adjustment of currently held investments. The market value adjustment was (\$327,704) for 2023 compared to (\$723,881) in 2022.

Business-type Activity Highlights

- The electric public utility accounts for 77.5 percent of the total charges for business-type activities. Charges for electric service decreased 2.7 percent, or \$993,847 in 2023, due to decreased consumption compared to 2022. The City increased electric variable rates by 3.0 percent for 2024 to cover operating and capital needs.
- Liquor operations decreased \$1,083,810, or 30.7 percent, compared to 2022. As a result of the Highway 10 roadway changes, one store was closed in 2023. Staff and Council are exploring locations and financing of a new store.
- Water revenues increased 11.6 percent, or \$162,483, through a combination of higher water consumption and rate increases. Water rates were increased in 2024 to keep pace with the increased cost of providing services to citizens.
- Sewer disposal costs from the Metropolitan Council have increased more than 26.7 percent over the past two years. In order to keep pace with the increased costs, and to improve and maintain vital infrastructure, rates were increased in 2023 and 2024. Additional rate increases will be necessary.
- Investment income in business-type activities increased in 2023 by \$715,005 as a result of improved market conditions and interest rate hikes. This revenue source is expected to maintain higher levels in 2024.
- Operating expenses for business-type activities decreased \$1,375,258 when compared to 2022. The largest decrease is in Liquor operations, due to the closure of one store. The decreased cost of goods sold is \$773,863 or 29.5 percent.

CITY OF ANOKA
2023 GOVERNMENTAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY ACTIVITY



CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2023

	Primary Government		Component Unit	
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	HRA
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Current assets:				
Cash and investments	\$14,203,297	\$13,113,450	\$27,316,747	\$703,117
Taxes receivable	181,468	-	181,468	7,962
Accounts receivable	3,902,201	4,860,832	8,763,033	818,671
Lease receivable	34,013	131,429	165,442	-
Special assessments receivable	10,084	7,770	17,854	-
Accrued interest receivable	3,339	6,197	9,536	190
Internal balances	(18,230,185)	18,230,185	-	-
Inventories	47,024	2,382,644	2,429,668	-
Prepaid items	387,812	183,657	571,469	-
Land held for resale	17,411,611	-	17,411,611	2,148,775
Total current assets	17,950,664	38,916,164	56,866,828	3,678,715
Noncurrent assets:				
Special assessments receivable	2,110,271	-	2,110,271	-
Lease receivable - noncurrent	35,292	2,437,966	2,473,258	-
Nondepreciable capital assets	16,662,403	7,132,119	23,794,522	237,058
Capital assets - Net of depreciation:				
Right to use capital lease assets	360,317	0	360,317	-
Infrastructure	85,450,477	51,985,831	137,436,308	729,458
Buildings and structures	25,756,530	1,264,124	27,020,654	-
Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	2,500,553	2,046,437	4,546,990	-
Furniture and equipment	181,450	2,400	183,850	-
Other improvements	-	550,599	550,599	-
Total noncurrent assets	133,057,293	65,419,476	198,476,769	966,516
Total assets	151,007,957	104,335,640	255,343,597	4,645,231
Deferred outflows of resources:				
Deferred other postemployment resources	263,180	-	263,180	-
Deferred pension resources	7,362,734	752,582	8,115,316	20,795
	7,625,914	752,582	8,378,496	20,795
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$158,633,871	\$105,088,222	\$263,722,093	\$4,666,026
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$3,236,707	\$2,465,685	\$5,702,392	\$18,633
Accrued wages payable	167,826	76,305	244,131	2,487
Due to other governments and units	759	-	759	-
Accrued interest payable	448,827	211,183	660,010	17,857
Deposits	465,306	1,224,738	1,690,044	-
Unearned revenue	1,674,310	88,560	1,762,870	-
Current portion of lease payable	166,778	-	166,778	-
Current portion of compensated absences	20,000	60,000	80,000	-
Current portion of long-term liabilities	1,225,000	456,583	1,681,583	60,000
Total current liabilities	7,405,513	4,583,054	11,988,567	98,977
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Compensated absences payable	1,100,190	406,391	1,506,581	787
Lease payable	199,237	-	199,237	-
Net other postemployment benefit liability	916,171	-	916,171	-
Noncurrent portion of long-term liabilities	33,861,238	13,557,065	47,418,303	1,586,174
Net pension liability	6,997,923	2,881,211	9,879,134	79,843
Total noncurrent liabilities	43,074,759	16,844,667	59,919,426	1,666,804
Total liabilities	50,480,272	21,427,721	71,907,993	1,765,781
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Deferred lease receivable	65,211	2,448,175	2,513,386	-
Deferred other postemployment resources	191,366	-	191,366	-
Deferred pension resources	7,247,265	891,495	8,138,760	24,705
	7,503,842	3,339,670	10,843,512	24,705
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	106,255,919	51,716,482	157,972,401	966,516
Restricted for - debt service	2,241,184	-	2,241,184	9,283
Restricted for - tax increment	6,324,530	-	6,324,530	1,516,316
Restricted for - other	1,452,594	-	1,452,594	-
Unrestricted	(15,624,470)	28,604,349	12,979,879	383,425
Total net position	100,649,757	80,320,831	180,970,588	2,875,540
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	\$158,633,871	\$105,088,222	\$263,722,093	\$4,666,026

Parks & Recreation



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Mondays - Thursdays	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Fridays	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturdays	12 - 8 p.m.
Sundays	12 - 7 p.m.
Post Season	August 19 - August 25
Daily	12 - 7 p.m.

Daily Admission Rates

Adult & Youth over 42"	\$8.00
Youth under 42"	\$6.00
Seniors (62+)	\$6.00
Under 1 year	Free

Season Passes

Season pass holders receive priority admission for open swim. Purchase online (anokaminnesota.com), at the Aquatic Center, or call 763-421-7730.

Individual (ages 1-61)	\$55 + tax
Senior	\$30 + tax



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This special swim time is for children ages five and under to enjoy the pool without the "big kids." The zero depth area is open and the play structures are turned on. Lifeguards are on duty. Each child is allowed one adult entry for free. Additional adults will be charged a \$2 fee.

June 15 & 29	9-11:30 a.m.
July 13 & 27	\$3.00/child*
August 10	\$2.00/child* Non-Residents with 2024 season pass \$2.00/Additional Adults (past 1/child)

Free admission for residents with a season pass.

**If non-resident, all children (infant-5) must pay regardless of a 2024 Season Pass.*

Hunting Opportunities

Several hunting opportunities are offered in the fall. Hunters are responsible for adhering to Minnesota DNR and federal hunting regulations. For full details and permit applications, please visit anokaminnesota.com or call the Public Services Department at 763-576-2980.

- **Archery Deer Hunting** – Anoka issues permits to archery hunt for the 2024 Minnesota Archery Deer season on two city-owned properties: Kings Island and the Anoka Nature Preserve. Applications will be available in August.
- **Waterfowl Hunting Zone on Mississippi River/Kings Island** – A Waterfowl Hunting Zone was established along Kings Island on the Mississippi River. The Minnesota Waterfowl Association and Federal Cartridge donated/installed two accessible waterfowl hunting blinds within the zone, on a first-come first-use basis. Please allow hunters with disabilities the first opportunity to use the blinds.
- **Bow Fishing** – Allowed on the Mississippi and Rum Rivers from a watercraft with the applicable license. There are designated specific areas where bow fishing is allowed from the shoreline at Kings Island and the Anoka Nature Preserve with the applicable city permit.
- **Waterfowl for Warriors** – This hunting program is organized by volunteers from local law enforcement agencies and is sponsored by the City of Anoka and Federal Cartridge as a thank you to local veterans and military members. Veterans provide their own shotgun and purchase all applicable licenses and stamps. Volunteers provide ammunition, blinds, decoys, dogs for retrieving, and a field lunch following each hunt.



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- Vouching: an employee of a residential facility where you reside (i.e. nursing home, group home, battered women's shelter, homeless shelter, etc.) who will confirm your address with a signed oath at your polling location
- Vouching: a registered voter in your precinct who will confirm your address with a signed oath at your polling place – the person vouching must be a registered voter that was not vouched for on the same day
- A yellow receipt for a valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID card, or permit with current address
- A "Notice of Late Registration" you receive from your County Auditor

Deadline Date to Pre-Register for the Primary Election is Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

Deadline Date to Pre-Register for the General Election is Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024.

Absentee Voting by Mail

All absentee voters must first complete an absentee ballot application. Fill out the application online at hmnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abrequest/index or download and print the application and complete by hand, or call the Anoka County Elections office at 763-324-1300 to have an application mailed to you. Return your application as early as possible by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Anoka County Elections, 2100 3rd Avenue, Suite 160, Anoka, MN 55303
- **Fax:** 763-324-1160
- **Email:** send a scanned image of your application to elections@co.anoka.mn.us

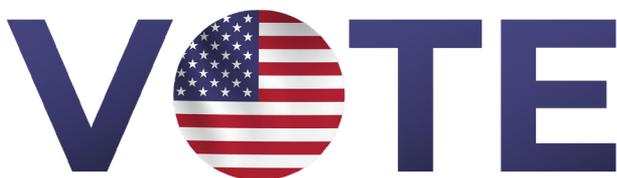
An absentee ballot will be mailed to you by Anoka County Elections. The absentee ballot will contain voting instructions and a return envelope. Be sure to follow the absentee instructions carefully and return the ballot as soon as possible to Anoka County Elections at 2100 3rd Avenue, Suite 160, Anoka, MN 55303.

In-Person Absentee Voting

In-person absentee voting is available on weekdays during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Saturday before the primary election day (Aug. 10, 2024) and until 5 p.m. on the day before the election day (Aug. 12, 2024).

City of Anoka residents may cast an "in-person" absentee ballot at Anoka City Hall, 2015 First Ave., Anoka or at Anoka County Elections, 2100 3rd Avenue, Suite 160, Anoka.

August 13, 2024 Primary Election: Absentee Voting begins on Friday, June 28, 2024 and ends at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024.



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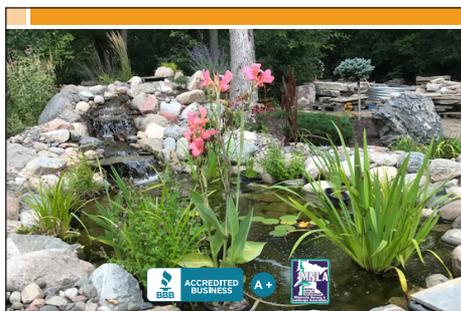
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- Tuesday, August 20 Living the Dream – Historic Houses of Minnesota
- Tuesday, September 3 Name That Town

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Public Safety

Anoka-Champlin Fire Department

Recreational Fires – Overview of Ordinance

- Burning shall be allowed between 9 a.m. and midnight.
- The fire shall not exceed three feet in diameter and a flame height of approximately two feet.
- Only clean wood or charcoal may be burned. No burning of trash, leaves, or brush is allowed.
- Only approved starter fluids may be used to ignite the fire.
- A person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment must constantly attend the fire, and an attendant must supervise the fire until the fire has been totally extinguished.
- Fire extinguishing equipment such as buckets, shovels, or garden hoses must be readily available.
- The fire must not be conducted within 15 feet of any structure or property line, or combustible material.
- Outdoor burning must be contained in a fireplace/fire ring.

A copy of the ordinance is available by calling 763-576-2900.



Visit Our Website

Our website, anokachamplinfire.org, includes all meeting agendas, minutes, updates, and new information as needed. You can also follow the department on Facebook @anokachamplinfire.

Anoka Police Department

Upcoming Events

For information on any of these events, please contact Nicole Neis at 763-576-2807.

- **Family Safety Fair** – Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at George Enloe Park, 631 Lund Blvd. Topics include personal safety, water safety, bike safety/bike rodeo, fire safety/kitchen safety, car seat safety, and more!
- **Night to Unite** – Tuesday, August 6. Neighborhoods are encouraged to participate and strengthen neighborhood and community partnerships. Anoka Police employees distribute bike helmets donated by the Anoka Community Anti-Crime Commission. The Commission supports this event by reimbursing groups for some expenses. Registration is available online at anokaminnesota.com/288/Night-to-Unite-National-Night-Out.

- **Cook out with the Cops** – Thursday, August 22; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Rudy Johnson Park. Free hot dogs, chips, water, and freeze pops for all attendees. Police vehicles will be on display, plus there will be an information booth.
- **Cops and Cones and Popsicles** – dates, times, and locations vary. Follow the Anoka Police Department on Facebook for updates.

Registration is available online at anokaminnesota.com/288/Night-to-Unite-National-Night-Out.

A graphic with a blue background. On the left, a close-up image shows a hand in a black glove breaking a window. To the right, the text reads "LOCK BEFORE YOU WALK." in large white and orange letters. Below the text, it says "Lock your vehicle and remove any valuables. If you are unable to remove the valuable item, place it out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Consider removing garage door openers in vehicles that are regularly parked outside. Thieves will break into any vehicle if they think there is something of value to be stolen from it." At the bottom right is the Anoka Police Department badge. The graphic has decorative "x" and "+" symbols in the corners.

Ride Side by Side

Anoka's adopted Golf Cart/Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) ordinance requires owners to obtain a permit (\$20 fee every three years) from the Anoka Police Department in order to ride their UTV or golf cart on the streets that allow this use.

A UTV is a side-by-side, four-wheel drive, off-road vehicle with four wheels that is propelled by an internal combustion engine. They differ from ATVs in that they are heavier, have the side-by-side front seats, a roof structure, and can travel at higher speeds.



Along with obtaining a permit, operators must also be at least 18 years of age, have proper insurance, and only operate on allowed city streets during daylight hours with a speed limit of 35 mph.

For complete details, street map showing allowed use areas, regulations, and to apply for a permit, call the Anoka Police Department at 763-576-2800 or visit anokaminnesota.com.

U.S. Highway 10 Improvement Project – Anoka Solution

Multiple Awards Received

The City of Anoka began construction of the U.S. Highway 10/169 Improvement Project in 2022 and reached substantial completion at the end of the 2023 construction season. The project included an interchange at Thurston Avenue, grade separation, an overpass at Fairoak Avenue, interchange reconstruction at Main Street, and a series of new frontage roads on both sides of Highway 10. In addition, Minnesota's first grade-separated roundabout interchange was implemented at Thurston Avenue and a five-legged roundabout was implemented at Main Street. Now officially open to traffic, the project resulted in a 75% reduction in delays by eliminating all at-grade access points and signals along Highway 10. It also resulted in a 57% crash reduction, enhancing the corridor's safety, reliability, and efficiency within the City of Anoka.

As a result of this successful project, the City was the proud recipient of the following awards for its leadership in the U.S. Highway 10/169 improvement project:

- **2023 Minnesota APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award** – Recipient of the *2023 Public Works Project of the Year* in the category of transportation from the American Public Works Association, Minnesota. This award recognized Anoka for the best project of the year for excellence in the management, administration, and implementation.
- **2023 MnDOT Work Zone Safety Award** – The Highway 10 Anoka Project and prime contractors received the *2023 Work Zone Safety Award* from MnDOT's Metro District recognizing the outstanding results for constructing this major project safely.
- **2023 CEAM Project of the Year Award** – Recipient of the *2023 Project of the Year* in the category of transportation from the City Engineers Association of Minnesota. This award recognizes an outstanding engineering project that contributed positively to our state's quality of life.
- **2023 NCITE Transportation Achievement Award** – Recipient of the *Transportation Achievement Award* from the North Central Section Institute of Transportation Engineers. This award recognizes significant advancement of transportation for the application of an innovative concept, the implementation of a "difficult" transportation project through perseverance, having a significant effect on transportation, and promoting a major advance in the efficiency of transportation.
- **2023 MnsPE Project of the Year Award** – Recipient of the *2023 Project of the Year* in the category of Public Safety from the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers. The organization honors a project every year that makes a difference in the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- **2024 ACEC of Minnesota Grand Award** – The project was the recipient of the *2024 Grand Award* in the category of Engineering Excellence from American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota. This award recognizes an engineering project that demonstrates an exceptional degree of innovation, complexity, achievement, and value.
- **2024 ACEC National Engineering in Excellence Award** – Recipient of the *2024 Grand Award* in the category of

Engineering Excellence from American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota. This award recognizes engineering projects that demonstrate exceptional engineering excellence at the national level.

- **ITE Excellence in Transportation Award** – Recipient of the *Transportation Achievement Award* for Safety from the Great Lakes Institute of Transportation Engineers. This award recognized Anoka for excellence in the advancement of transportation to meet human needs and increase of public's awareness. This includes development of an innovative concept, implementation of a challenging transportation program through perseverance, and having a significant effect on transportation.



Looking east at U.S. Highway 10 and Thurston Avenue in Anoka



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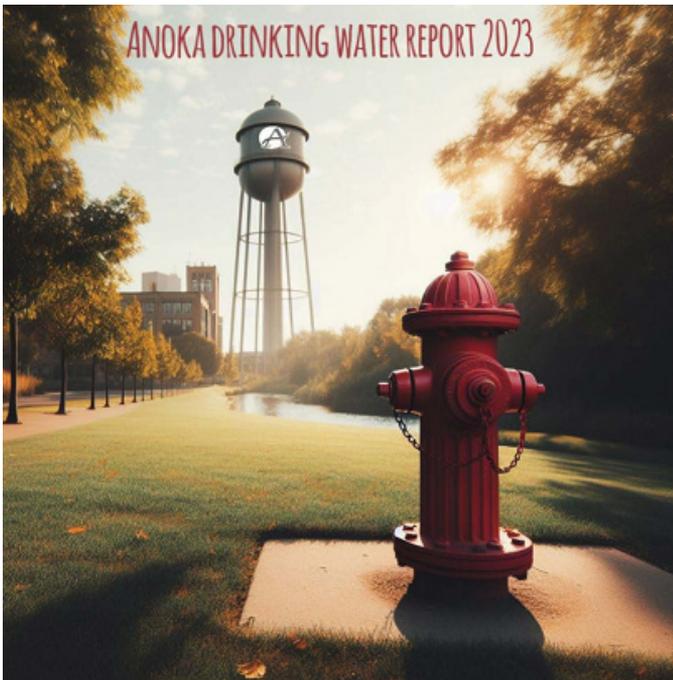
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City Water Information



2023 Drinking Water Report

Anoka works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. Our annual report provides you with information on your

drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources. The report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2023. To view the full, animated report, please visit anokaminnesota.com and scroll to News & Announcements on the home page.

Contact Pete Klingenberg, Supervisor, at 763-576-2923 or Pklingenberg@ci.anoka.mn.us if you have questions about Anoka's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

Watering Restrictions

Anoka needs to produce an adequate water supply for everyday use in homes, businesses, and for fire protection. During high demand periods water supply can diminish to low levels.

Therefore, Anoka has odd/even watering restrictions when using city supplied water from June 1 to September 1 each year. Properties having odd-numbered mailing addresses may only water on odd-numbered days, and properties having even numbered addresses may only water on even-numbered days. In addition, no watering is allowed from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., regardless of mailing address. Thank you for your cooperation.



Find more information at anokaminnesota.com, City Code, Chapter 66, Article IV, Section 66-131, or call the Public Services Department at 763-576-2980.

City Watering Ordinance

Anoka needs to produce an adequate water supply for everyday use in homes, businesses, and for fire protection. During high demand periods water supply can diminish to low levels.

The City's watering policy recognizes environmental issues and an increased desire to conserve natural resources. In addition to the odd/even policy, the City restricts watering between 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. This is the period of time which creates the most evaporation and provides the least amount of benefit for the lawns and gardens. Evaporation rates during this period can be between 30 and 40 percent on summer days. Some studies have indicated that daytime watering may be damaging to the grass blades and plant leaves because the water droplets can act as small magnifying glasses causing them to burn.

All residents should be responsible and comply with these restrictions. Upon any violation, the City may issue written warnings and administrative fines. Find more information at anokaminnesota.com, City Code, Chapter 66, Article IV, Section 66-131, or call the Public Services Department at 763-576-2980.



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Not sure where to begin? A FREE Anoka Remodeling Advisor Visit can help you get started. This service is free to Anoka homeowners and includes a complimentary, no sales visit to your home, unbiased advice regarding your projects, and assistance with reviewing contractor bids. Call 612-244-2470 to schedule your appointment today.



C.A.R.E. Program Results 2024

The City of Anoka Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) funded their Curb Appeal Residential Enhancement (CARE) Grant Program for 2024. The intent of the CARE Grant Program is to pay a portion of project costs to Anoka property owners who will make certain exterior improvements to the front (street side) of their home, increasing its curb appeal which benefits the entire community. A total of 151 applications were received. Thirty (30) applicants were initially chosen to receive grants of up to \$5000, with another fifty (50) being placed on the waiting list. The HRA hopes to fund this program again in 2025, so keep an eye out for an announcement at the end of the year.

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Community Happenings

Anoka Classic Car Show

Classic cars will be cruising into downtown Anoka most Saturdays this summer at 4 p.m. with the finale scheduled for September 14. Enter your classic car or truck (1992 and older) for \$4.00 to be a part of this fun event. There is no admission fee for spectators. Stop by various food vendors and enjoy music provided by Tunes To Go. For the full list of dates and more information, visit anokaclassiccarshow.org.



Farmers Market on the Rum

Join local farmers and vendors at the Farmers Market on the Rum Wednesdays, 3-7 p.m., now through September 25 at Riverfront Memorial Park (2201 2nd

Ave.). Bring home fresh produce and more each week.

Watch for themes weeks! For more information, visit anokaminnesota.com/516/Farmers-Market-on-the-Rum.

Anoka Fireworks & Castle Field Celebration

Celebrating its 26th year, Anoka's Annual Fireworks, in celebration of Independence Day, will light up the evening sky on Wednesday, July 3, at dusk (10 p.m.) from Castle Field, 600 Castle Field Blvd.

We are also celebrating the 10 year anniversary of Castle Field. Activities begin at 5 p.m. including a baseball game, Little Blues Traveling Zoo, Anoka's pumpkin bounce house, food trucks, and an evening concert by Shirts and Skins band.

Individuals, community groups, businesses, etc. interested in making a donation to the 2024 fireworks, please call or email Pam at 763-576-2725 | pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us. Sponsors will be acknowledged through city communications. Thank you.



Anoka Riverfest & Craft Fair – July 13

Celebrating its 25th year, Anoka Riverfest & Craft Fair, one of the largest craft fairs in the Twin Cities, happens on Saturday, July 13 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in historic downtown Anoka. Free admission and free parking. Spend a fun day browsing over 160 booths (100% juried artists), enjoy the food court with all your favorite fair foods, live music and more! Learn more at anokariverfest.org.



Anoka Sidewalk Sale – July 26 & 27

The Annual Anoka Sidewalk Sale is set for Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27 in downtown Anoka. Find great savings up and down the streets. Thank you for shopping and supporting local, small businesses! Full details at DiscoverAnoka.com.

Anoka Food Truck Festival – August 19

One of the Twin Cities most popular and delicious events – The Food Truck Festival – will invade downtown Anoka (2nd Ave. from Jackson St. to Harrison St., including Riverfront Memorial Park) for its 7th year on Saturday, August 17 from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. (free admission). Showcasing over 50+ superstars of the streets with delicious food. Wash it down with a hefty variety of local craft brews and classic favorites. Also find ciders and non-alcoholic drinks. Live music featuring multiple bands, plus fun games. This event is within the Anoka Social District. Find event details at uptownfoodtruckfestival.com/anoka.



HopeFest - September 28

On Saturday, Sept. 28, Alexandra House will host its 6th Annual HopeFest at Anoka City Hall Plaza from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. HopeFest is our lead into Domestic Violence Awareness Month, observed throughout October. Through HopeFest, we raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence, remember those we have lost, and honor the many survivors. Learn more and stay informed of event updates at alexandrahouse.org.

Anoka's Rockin' on the Rum Concerts are Wednesday evenings (except July 3) from 6-8 p.m. through September at Riverfront Memorial Park. Learn more at anokaminnesota.com.





Building Permits Required

To help ensure the safety of your home, the City requires permits for the following:

- All new construction or an addition
- Remodeling that changes the structure, plumbing, or mechanical systems of your home
- All electrical work

After you or your contractor apply for and receive a permit, the building official will inspect the work to verify that it meets state and local construction codes. The cost of a permit is based on the type and amount of work to be done. Some examples of projects that require a permit are:

- Building fences, garages, sheds, porches, decks, and additions
- Installing roofing or siding
- Finishing a basement
- Installing a water heater or softener
- Adding bathrooms, bedrooms, or windows
- Replacing a furnace or air conditioner
- Installing an underground lawn irrigation system.

We now have an online application and payment portal for some permits.

To learn more and to find out if you need a permit for your project, visit anokaminnesota.com or call 763-576-2720.

Anoka Community Survey

Thank you to residents who completed the Anoka National Community Survey (The NCS). The survey was released in late May to a randomly selected 3,000 households. It was then released online on June 7 so all residents, 18 years and older, had an opportunity to complete the survey. The survey closed on June 21.

The survey was developed by the National Research Center at Polco. The survey captures opinions on the economy, mobility, community design, utilities, safety, natural environment, inclusivity, engagement, and more. The results will show Anoka's strengths, areas of improvement, and what matters most to residents. The City will also be able to see how its performance compares to similar communities.

Polco will analyze the responses and results will be presented to the City Council later this summer and then shared with the public. Learn more at anokaminnesota.com/807/Anoka-Community-Survey.



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Anoka Social District Reminders

The Anoka Social District is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, through Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024.

- **Signage** – Look for signage throughout the district. Boundaries now include the south side of Main Street from 1st Avenue to 3rd Avenue.
- **Social District Cups** – To sip and stroll with your alcoholic beverage, you must purchase the beverage from a licensed social district bar/restaurant. Each beverage will be served in a specially marked recyclable cup (a new cup will be given with each purchase). Cups may NOT travel into a different licensed establishment than where purchased. Please use the recycling receptacles in the district to properly recycle the cups. Cups must not travel outside of the social district boundary.
- **Alcohol in Riverfront Memorial Park** – Because Riverfront Memorial Park is within the social district boundaries, only alcohol from a licensed social district vendor is allowed in the park and must be served and contained in a social district cup. In other words, “do not BYOB.” All non-alcoholic beverages are welcome.
- **Window Clings** – Many businesses within the social district have a window cling near the business entrance. The cling indicates whether the business is a licensed social district business, welcomes alcoholic beverages, or does not welcome alcoholic beverages inside.

All State of Minnesota and City of Anoka laws regarding public intoxication, impaired driving, and open containers apply to areas both inside and outside of the social district boundaries.

Visit anokaminnesota.com for more information.



Forestry Projects Underway



Anoka Conservation District is restoring woodland habitats at King’s Island and Anoka Nature Preserve (ANP). Ash trees near the trails at King’s Island were removed this winter for public safety as emerald ash borer quickly dries out and rots trees. New trees will be

planted to replace each ash tree that was removed.

At the Anoka Nature Preserve, buckthorn and oak wilt continue to degrade forest health. The City of Anoka removed the thick

understory of buckthorn this winter. Follow up work will be needed to control sprouts. A diversity of trees will be planted to restore a healthy mixed age forest structure.

You can help limit the spread of emerald ash borer and oak wilt across the state by:

- Not moving fire wood out of the county
- Avoiding cutting or pruning ash trees from May 1 - September 31
- Avoiding cutting or pruning oak trees from April 1 - July 31

Learn more about these forest diseases and ongoing efforts to mitigate their impacts at anokaswcd.org/educational/outreach-material.html and sign up to plant trees as a volunteer.