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Anoka City Council

Introducing your new and returning members of the Anoka City Council for 2025. We welcome Erik Skogquist as our new mayor and reelected Councilmember Weaver as they continue their dedicated service. Joining the council for the first time are Councilmember Rostad, who filled the vacancy left by Brian Wesp, and Councilmember Campbell, who filled the vacancy left by Erik Skogquist.



City Council 2025-2026 Goals

At a worksession in February, the Anoka City Council reviewed their goals for 2025-2026, setting the stage for the city's growth and development. While a variety of goals were discussed, three key priorities emerged as their focus:

- An agreeable solution with Anoka County for the jail expansion
- Greater fiscal responsibility
- Growing the tax base by selling city-owned properties

These priorities will not only guide the work of the City Council, but will also serve as a framework for city staff and the 10 boards and commissions to establish their own goals. Together, they are committed to working collaboratively to address these and other important initiatives that will continue to make Anoka a great place to live, work, and thrive.

This spring the Council will review and finalize their full list of goals, which will be shared at anokaminnesota.com in late April.

L to R: Councilmember Heather Rostad, Councilmember Brent Campbell, Mayor Erik Skogquist, Councilmember Jeff Weaver, Councilmember Sam Scott



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Elected Officials

Mayor

Erik Skogquist 763-576-9219

City Council

Brent Campbell 763-486-8430
Heather Rostad 612-849-0202
Sam Scott 612-695-5896
Jeff Weaver 763-421-5522

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
Anoka 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
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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 & Recreation Advisory Board:** 3rd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission:** 1st Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
- Utility Advisory Board:** 3rd Thursday of even months (bi-monthly) – 4 p.m.
- 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

- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 19 Juneteenth
- Friday, July 4 Independence Day



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West Rum River Trail

Phase I

The West Rum River Trail – Phase I Project is located along the Ferry Street corridor and frames the west entrance into the city of Anoka. The project includes the construction of approximately 1,800 linear feet of meandering trail on the west bank of the Rum River, a block retaining wall, temporary interpretive signs (Amphitheater, Giddings Gardens, and Stone House), a pedestal for displaying the Iron Jack pumpkin, and landscaping improvements. Once complete, the West Rum River Trail will bring pedestrians away from Ferry Street at the Bonnell overlook and allow them to enjoy views of the dam and Rum River as they walk, roll, or stroll south to cross the Mississippi River Bridge or enter into Peninsula Point Park.



The project began in the fall of 2024 and will be completed in 2025. When completed, the project will include a boardwalk over and across the historical Giddings Gardens located on the riverbank. The boardwalk was constructed to preserve this most sensitive area of Anoka's history and will allow the public to view this garden area. This trail will also allow for pedestrians to view significant scenic, natural, and cultural resources along the Rum River including the Stone House, the Amphitheater, and the Anoka Rum River dam.



763-576-2903

Advanced Metering Technology

The City of Anoka and Anoka Municipal Utility (AMU) have chosen to upgrade their aging electric and water metering systems with the latest advanced metering technology. The installation of the new smart meters in our service area will begin in the summer of 2025 with a small pilot area and continue for all AMU locations in late 2025.

What is Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)?

AMI is an integrated system facilitating two-way communication between utilities and customers. AMI collects, stores, analyzes, and presents energy and water usage data that will allow utility companies and their customers to monitor electricity and water usage in real-time.

Please stay tuned for further information and details via our social media (Facebook and Instagram: @AnokaMunicipalUtility) our website: anokaminnesota.com/158/Anoka-Municipal-Utility-AMU, and other forms of communication such as customer mailings.

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Anoka Police Department



Photo by Dale Heins

Farewell from Police Chief Peterson

To the Community Members of Anoka,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and pride that I announce my retirement as your police chief effective March 21, 2025.

I would like to thank the Anoka mayor, council, city manager,

members of the Anoka Police Department, the law enforcement community, and the citizens of Anoka. It has been my honor and privilege to have been your chief of police for the last eight years and a member of the Anoka Police Department for 36 years.

At times, it was the most difficult of jobs, but I tried to always put the citizens and members of the Anoka Police Department first, even at the expense of my family. I felt I have acted in the best interests of the City and the brave men and women of the Anoka Police Department. Police work has evolved tenfold since I joined the law enforcement community. It has become, at times, a thankless and extremely dangerous occupation, given the recent events in our country; but I was always grateful for the support the citizens and the city leadership that rallied around our great police department, in difficult times.

Many citizens don't realize the sacrifices, danger, and family hardships involved in police work. Nevertheless, our officers have always been willing to respond within minutes to any situation, to assist others, often at their own peril.

Throughout the years, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the strength, resilience, and kindness that make Anoka such a special place. Whether through moments of triumph or times of challenge, your unwavering support for law enforcement and your commitment to making our city a safe and welcoming place have never gone unnoticed.

I am deeply grateful for the relationships I have built with so many of you—business owners, community leaders, families,

and young people who are the future of this city. It is these connections that have made my career so meaningful. From the countless conversations on neighborhood streets to community events where we came together as one, I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life.

As I step into retirement, I do so with immense pride in what we have accomplished together. I have no doubt that the Anoka Police Department will continue to uphold the values of integrity, service, and community engagement that make it one of the finest law enforcement agencies. Thank you, Anoka, for your trust, your partnership, and your friendship over these many years. I am proud to have been your chief, and I look forward to continuing to be a part of this great community in new ways.

With gratitude and respect,

Eric R. Peterson
Chief of Police
Anoka Police Department



Photo by Bruce Dynes

Captain Youngquist Appointed as Chief of Police

Following the recent retirement of Chief Eric Peterson, who served the Anoka community for 36 years, Captain Andy Youngquist has been appointed as the 34th chief of police for the City of Anoka.

While Chief Youngquist is stepping into this role for the first time, he is no stranger to Anoka or its residents. Born and raised in Anoka, he grew up in the Whiskey Flats neighborhood. He is the seventh child of Bob and Shirley Youngquist, attending St. Stephens Elementary before graduating from Anoka High School in 1992.

Youngquist's dedication to public service began early. In 1989, he started volunteering with the Anoka Police Department as a youth Explorer. Just one day after high school graduation, he began his career as a community service officer (CSO), providing security services at the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center.

For over three decades, Chief Youngquist has been committed to serving the citizens of Anoka. His tenure with the city began at age 14 when he worked seasonally for the Parks Department. Over the years, he discovered his passion for law enforcement and has served in a variety of roles within the Police Department, including patrol officer, school resource officer, investigator, patrol sergeant, and SWAT team member. In 2017, he was promoted to captain, a position he held until his recent appointment as chief of police.

Outside of work, Chief Youngquist enjoys spending time with his "partner in crime" wife, Marcia. Together, they have a family of four children: Samantha, Brittney, Allyson, and Ryan. When

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not working, the Youngquists enjoy traveling, playing pickleball, spending time on the water, and exploring the great outdoors.

Anoka is excited to welcome Chief Youngquist into this new leadership role and looks forward to his continued dedication to the safety and well-being of the community.



Photo by Bruce Dynes

K-9 Bravo – A True Hero

Retired K-9 Bravo passed away on Jan. 24, 2025 due to some urgent, untreatable medical issues. He was a beloved member of our police family and was an amazing partner to not only Sgt. Sorteberg, but to the entire Anoka Police Department family.

The department received K-9 Bravo in December of 2017 from Slovakia. He quickly became a

premier K-9 in our area and received several commendations for his good work in tracking and detecting criminals and locating hidden narcotics.

Bravo was recognized for his heroic-efforts multiple times locally, regionally and nationally. He received the K-9 Purple Heart, the Minnesota Metal of Honor from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, and the Medal of Valor from the Unites States Police K-9 Association, as well as the United States Police K-9 Case of the Year award.

Our hearts are very heavy with this loss, but the outpouring of support from the community and beyond has been overwhelming. Thank you.

April is Severe Weather Awareness Month

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 7-11, 2025. Each day of the week focuses on a different weather safety topic. The Statewide Tornado Drill Day is on Thursday, April 10. The outdoor early warning sirens will be test-activated twice that day at 1:45 p.m. and at 6:45 p.m. This is a good time to review your personal or business severe weather plan.



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CITY OF ANOKA AQUATIC CENTER

1551 7th Avenue, Anoka | 763-421-7740 (seasonal)

Cool Off This Summer at the Anoka Aquatic Center

Register, purchase passes, and find more details and updates at anokaminnesota.com or call Public Services at 763-576-2980.

Season Passes

Season pass holders receive priority admission for open swim.

Individual Pass (ages 1-61)	\$55 + tax
Senior Pass (62+)	\$30 + tax

City residents who purchase a 2025 season pass receive one (one-time use) guest pass, per each season pass purchased for the 2025 season.

Open Swim Hours*

Preseason: May 24 - June 6

Weekends: 12-7 p.m. | Weekdays: 3-7 p.m.

Regular Season: June 7 - August 17

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.

Postseason: August 18 - August 24

Daily: 12-7 p.m.

Daily Admission Rates

Adult & youth over 42" tall	\$8
Youth under 42" tall & seniors (62+)	\$6
Under 1 year	Free



Special Swim Times

Little Splashers

Every other Saturday morning from 9-11:30 a.m.

Enjoy the zero-depth area of the pool without the big kids around! Little Splashers is a special swim time for children ages infant to 5 years old. Little Splashers receive one free adult entry with them; additional adult fee of \$2.

Admission Fees:

- \$3/child
- \$2/child with non-resident season pass or additional adults
- Free for children who are residents of Anoka with a season pass

American Red Cross Swim Lessons

The Anoka Aquatic Center is an authorized provider of the American Red Cross aquatic instructional programs for people of all ages. Group and private lessons are available for youth and adults.

To enhance the learning environment, open swim is not available during designated swim lesson sessions. Red Cross Lifeguarding and Water Safety Instructor classes are also offered at the beginning of the season.

Morning & Evening Lessons

4 days/week for 2 weeks (M-Th 8:30-10:45 a.m. and 6-8:30 p.m.)

Learn to Swim Levels 2-6	\$70	Parent/Child Aquatics	\$50
Preschool, Level 1	\$60	Private Lessons	\$120

Visit the Anoka Aquatic Center section of anokaminnesota.com for the full schedule.

Junior Lifeguarding – \$100 | July 18, 21-25

For youth 11-14 years of age that have completed level 4 or higher or that can swim front crawl, breaststroke, and elementary backstroke for 25 yards each and can swim comfortably under water. This course helps build the foundation of knowledge, attitude, and skills required for future lifeguards.



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AACES: Anoka Aquatic Center Exceptional Swimmers – \$250 (\$200 ages 10-13)

Program for swimmers who have the knowledge of the four competitive strokes, want to be or are currently on a high school swim team, and want to continue training over the summer. The program will involve training and technique work from certified swim coaches.

Mon.-Thurs.: June 9-Aug. 7; 6:30-8:30 a.m. for swimmers ages 14-18 and 7:30-9:00 a.m. for swimmers ages 10-13.

Jump Back In Refresher Course

The Jump Back In swim lesson refresher course (June 9-12) provides review and maintenance to prepare swimmers of all abilities for summer lessons, as well as helps parents decide on which level is most appropriate for swimmers to begin lessons.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and visit anokaminnesota.com for information, updates and special events.

Anoka-Champlin Fire Department

Replace Smoke Alarm and CO Alarm Batteries

Daylight saving was Sunday, March 9. Please make sure to replace all smoke alarm and CO alarm batteries and test devices. Smoke and CO alarms have a 10-year life span and each have a born on date printed on the back of the device. Please replace devices if found older than 10 years of age.

The ACFD has free Radon test kits for residents. Contact the fire department at 763-576-2900 for a kit.

Outdoor Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are allowed in Anoka. Here is an overview of the 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.

Visit anokachamplinfire.org and follow us on Facebook @AnokaChamplinFire.



Boat Slips for Lease

Anoka provides boat slips for lease at four locations along the Rum River:

- Akin Riverside Park North – access to the lower Rum River and Mississippi River
- Riverfront Memorial Park – access to the Rum River above the dam
- Rum River North – access to the Rum River above the dam.
- Akin Riverside Park – access to the lower Rum River and the Mississippi River

Currently, there is a waiting list at Akin Riverside Park; however, there are multiple boat slips available at the other locations. Each slip location has a public dock access with a locked gate separating the rental slips. Residents receive priority when registering for available boat slips; a waitlist will be established if necessary. For rental terms and conditions, lease forms, and fees, visit anokaminnesota.com or call the Public Services Department at 763-576-2980.



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Our simulators are open year-round for club fitting and play. If it is raining outside, just make your tee time in the simulator and play in sunny and 70 degree weather all year and be closer to the beverage cart!

We now offer the opportunity to book tee times up to three weeks in advance. Book online for a small fee at greenhavengolfcourse.com.

See you on the course!



Stop into the Tavern at Green Haven for a delicious meal indoors or outside on the beautiful patio. Catering services are also available for business meetings, weddings, and more. Learn more at greenhavengolfcourse.com or call 763-576-2968.



Better Values Liquor Store

Support your City-owned Liquor Operation

As a city-owned liquor operation, we take pride in engaging with community-focused events alongside our vendor partners to contribute to the betterment of our local area.

This year, we will be participating in three impactful events:

1. **Miller Lite Pet Drive** (April): All donations will go toward supporting a local pet shelter.
2. **Coors Firefighter Promotion** (August - September 11): All proceeds will benefit the Anoka/Champlin Fire Department's community outreach programs.
3. **Miller Lite Food Drive** (October - November): We will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations to support the ACBC Food Shelf in Anoka. Please help us make these events a massive success!

Spring Wine Sale

From March 22-April 12, 2025, enjoy **22% off all regular-priced wines**. It's the perfect time to stock up! For more details on in-store specials, monthly promotions, tastings, and new arrivals, follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/bettervaluesliquor](https://www.facebook.com/bettervaluesliquor).

On-going Promotions

- **Military Discount Day** (Monday): All current and former military personnel receive 10% off non-sale liquor, beer, and wine.
- **Senior Day** (Tuesday): Customers 55+ enjoy 10% off non-sale liquor, beer, and wine.
- **Wine Day** (Wednesday): Get 10% off non-sale wines.
- **THC Day** (Thursday): Save 10% on non-sale low-dose THC products.
- **Monthly Specials**: Find exclusive offers on our Facebook page and the City of Anoka website.
- **Unadvertised Specials**: Look for hundreds of unadvertised deals throughout the store each month!

Save the Date

Our annual Halloween Tasting Event will take place on Thursday, October 23, 2025, under the big white tent at Anoka City Hall parking lot. This exciting evening of wine, spirits, and beer tastings is one you won't want to miss! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for ticket information. Purchasing in advance ensures early event entry.

Better Values Liquor is proud to be a city-owned and operated business, with 100% of profits staying within the community.

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Community Organizations



ACBC Food Shelf Served Record Number

In 2024, ACBC Food Shelf saw a 30% increase in demand for food assistance from 2023, distributing nearly 1.5 million pounds of food across 23,106 household visits.

The organization has opened the ACBC Thrift Store to the public offering clothing, books, and small household goods. Vouchers are available for individual with their food shelf market shop appointment. The ACBC Thrift Store hours:

- Monday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Tuesday: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Thursday: 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

ACBC expects another record-setting year and encourages community involvement through volunteering, donating, or spreading the word on social media (Instagram: @acbcfoodshelf, Facebook: @AnokaCountyBrotherhoodCouncil).

ACBC Food Shelf is located at 2615 9th Ave N., Anoka. For more details, visit acbcfoodshelf.org or call 763-422-0046.

HOPE 4 Youth Fundraiser

Support HOPE 4 Youth at our largest fundraising event of the year, A Night 4 HOPE! Join us on Saturday, May 3 from 5-10 p.m. at Bunker Hills Event Center for an unforgettable evening. A Night 4 HOPE consists of a social hour with games, dinner with a program, live and silent auction, live music, and so much more! It is an amazing night spent sharing inspirational stories and coming together to change lives. We hope you will come alongside us in our mission to provide pathways to end youth homelessness. Learn more and purchase tickets at give.hope4youthmn.org/ge/an4h2025 or call 763-323-2066.



Head Start Program Accepting Applications

The Anoka/Washington County Head Start-Early Head Start program is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 program year. Programs are free for eligible families with children from birth to age five and pregnant women. Our Head Start center-based preschool option offers students a 6.5-hour day, 4 days per week.

The program provides education, nutrition, mental health, school readiness and parent engagement services. Visit accap.org/head-start/enrollment-4 or call our enrollment hotline at 763-783-4314.

Home Improvement Programs



Spring is Around the Corner – Get Your Home Ready!

As winter fades away and spring begins to bloom, it's the perfect time to start planning home improvement projects. Whether it's upgrading your kitchen, replacing your roof, or installing new windows, now is the time to make those changes a reality.

The City of Anoka offers financing options to help homeowners get the job done with low or no monthly payments and flexible terms. Visit mncee.org/anoka to explore the loan options that fit your needs.

Home Improvement Ideas You Can Tackle

- Remodel your kitchen
- Redo your driveway
- Replace your roof
- And much more!
- Install new windows

Don't wait—funding is available while it lasts! To apply, visit mncee.org/anoka or call 612-335-5884.

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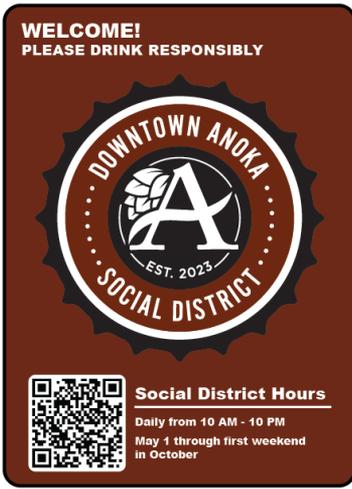
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Anoka Social District



2025 Dates:
Thursday, May 1 -
Sunday, Oct. 5
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

What is a Social District?

A “social district” is a specific area which allows adults 21 and older to purchase and drink beer, wine, and cocktails from a licensed business and walk through a defined area of the city including public spaces

such as a sidewalk or street to allow for participation in a district event/activity.

Window Clings

Businesses within the social district will have a window cling on their business window near entrances indicating if they are a licensed social district business “sold here.” Other businesses may have a “no drinks permitted” or “drinks welcome” sign displayed.



Signage

Signage will be displayed within the social district defining the boundaries and listing rules and regulations. Some signs will have a QR code to scan for more information.

Recycle Social District Cups

Customers will be served in a recyclable, plastic social district cup. That cup may travel with the customer outdoors within the district boundaries. Customers will receive a new cup with each alcoholic beverage purchased and may not bring the cup into another establishment that sells alcoholic beverages.



Please use the recycling receptacles throughout the social district to properly dispose of the recyclable cups.

Busker Permits

Musicians and performers are invited to busk or host a pop-up event to share their talents and perform for the social district audience at any of the designated locations.

Buskers must pre-register and abide by all rules and regulations. Busking locations are first come and performances are limited to two hours between 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily.

For more details, visit anokaminnesota.com/764/Anoka-Social-District or call Public Services at 763-576-2980.

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.

CITY OF ANOKA SENIOR CENTER

1500 6th Avenue
 763-576-4661

Enjoy a Delicious and Nutritious Lunch

Join us at the Anoka Senior Center for a tasty and healthy lunch, available Tuesday-Friday for a suggested donation of \$5.00. Each meal includes milk, coffee, and dessert. To reserve your meal, please call 763-427-6646 at least one week in advance.

Stay Active and Engaged with Our Programs

The Senior Center offers a variety of fun activities to keep you engaged and entertained, including:

- Exciting Trips and Events
- Cards & Games
- Writing Club
- Exercise Classes
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- Entertainment
- Driver Improvement Classes
- Foot Care Services
- Coffee and Conversation

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The package includes round trip airfare, all transportation, hotel stay, meals, entrance fees, and more.

For all the details or to sign up, call Melissa at 763-576-4661 or stop by the Senior Center.



Emerald Ash Borer

Four Years Later

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive and destructive pest that attacks and kills Ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.). EAB was confirmed in the city of Anoka in 2021 by the MN Department of Agriculture.

The City's Management of EAB

Anoka staff has been actively managing EAB on public property and working with homeowners to manage Ash trees on private property. Managing this destructive pest has been a feat; the City is grateful for its partnership with the MN Department of Natural Resources, and the multiple grants that have been received to not further burden the tax payers in managing EAB on public-owned land.

How to Help

We strongly encourages residents to reach out to the city arborist, shade tree inspectors or other independent tree care professionals to evaluate private ash trees for the potential of treatment or advice on management (as well as, other tree or plant pests/diseases).

The City is striving to replace each Ash tree removed with a new tree, and residents are encouraged to do the same.

Community Tree Planting – April 25

Anoka hosts a community tree planting event annually in celebration of Arbor Day and its continued efforts to remain recognized as a Tree City USA for 44 years.

This event will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Green Haven Golf Course. To sign up as a volunteer to help plant trees, please email mbrual@ci.anoka.mn.us or call Public Services at 763-576-2980.



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City Assessor News

Board of Equalization Meeting

Minnesota law requires the City of Anoka to annually hold a Board of Equalization meeting to review assessments established by the assessor. Each year the assessor is responsible for estimating the market value of all taxable and exempt properties located within the city. The 2025 estimated market value located on your valuation notice approximates what the real estate would sell for if placed on the market. Changes to residential properties in Anoka will vary from property to property; however, the overall residential market in Anoka is projected to have an overall increase of about 2 percent.

The Board of Equalization will meet at:

Anoka City Hall
Monday, April 21, 2025
6 p.m.

If property owners have questions or concerns about their 2025 estimated market value, they are encouraged to call the assessor at 763-576-2730. Concerns that cannot be resolved and involve their 2025 estimated market value should be brought before the Board. Please note, the Board cannot adjust the payable 2025 taxes, as those taxes are based on the previous year's value that was established on Jan. 2, 2024. Find the formal appeal process on the back of your "Valuation and Classification Notice." Those forms will be mailed with your tax statement during mid-March. Visit anokaminnesota.com for additional information.

Reminder - First Half Property Taxes Due May 15

Property owners are reminded that the first half of the 2025 real estate taxes are due May 15, 2025. Call 763-323-5400 with questions.

Your property tax payments should be made to:

Division of Property Records & Taxation
Anoka County Government Center
2100 - 3rd Ave., Anoka, MN 55303

2024 Homestead Credit Refund

For Homeowners and Renters Property Tax Refund

During mid-March, residents should have received their payable 2025 property tax statements. A reminder, the State of Minnesota has a program that provides a refund to property owners and renters who meet certain guidelines. The **regular property tax refund** is available to homeowners whose household incomes are less than \$139,320 and renters whose household incomes are less than \$75,390. Homeowners may receive a refund of up to \$3,410; renters are eligible for a refund up to \$2,640.

The **special property tax refund** offers relief to property owners, **regardless of income**, whose taxes go up more than 12 percent and at least \$100 from 2024 to 2025. There is no income limit and the maximum refund is \$1,000.

For more information on property tax refunds, rebates, and credits, review the 2024 Homestead Credit Refund for Homeowners and Renters Property Tax Refund Instructions at revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-refund.

Property tax refund applications should be received by the Department of Revenue by Aug. 15, 2025.

Assessing Staff to View Properties in "Quintile" Area

The assessor values all property in the city for property taxation purposes. State law requires the assessor to physically inspect all properties every five years. To accomplish this, the assessor's office views approximately one-fifth of the existing parcels each year. The area designated for review is commonly referred to as the "quintile." The location of the "quintile" this year is identified on the map on page 13.

Appraisers from the assessor's office are working in this area and will continue through early fall. These reviews will help determine the Jan. 2, 2026 estimated/taxable market values for property taxes payable in 2027.

When appraisers visit a home, they verify the accuracy of information used to determine market values for properties. This includes a home's size, age, style, condition, amenities, etc. By inspecting both the interior and exterior of a home, appraisers can do their best job of making a thorough and equitable appraisal of each property. City appraisers carry picture identification cards

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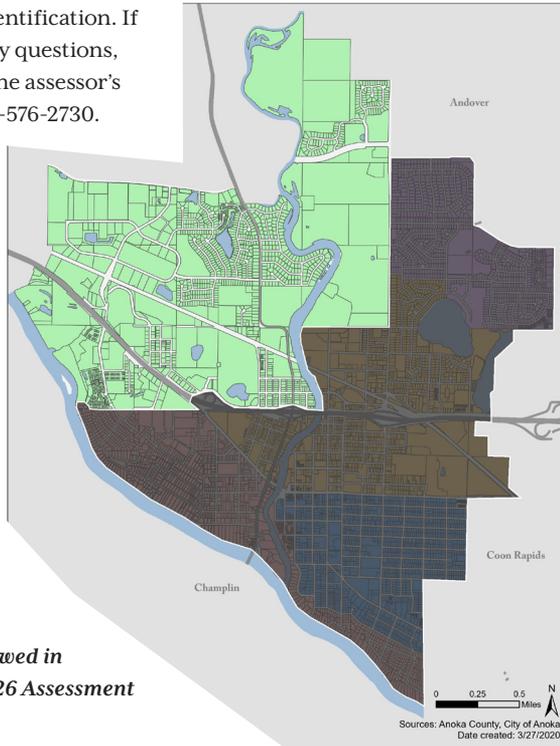
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and drive vehicles with City of Anoka identification. If you have any questions, please call the assessor's office at 763-576-2730.



Quintile Viewed in 2025 for 2026 Assessment

Door-to-Door Sales

Individuals traveling door-to-door selling products or soliciting for commercial business purposes (for-profit solicitor) in Anoka must be licensed/registered by the city. Details at anokaminnesota.com/181/Licenses.

Upon City approval, individuals are issued a city badge with the City seal embossed on it to be worn on the outside of their clothing. If a solicitor comes to your door and is not wearing a city-issued badge, please call 763-576-2740.

If you encounter any issues with a peddler/solicitor, please call the Anoka Police Department at 763-576-2800, or in case of an emergency, call 911.

Hiring Tree Care and Arborists Services

When hiring a tree service, tree care or arborist service, be sure to hire a company that is licensed by the City of Anoka. For a list of current companies licensed by the City of Anoka, visit anokaminnesota.com/183/Tree-Care-Licenses.

Anoka City Code requires these companies to obtain a license from the City prior to conducting work. Call 763-576-2740 or email rdodge@ci.anoka.mn.us with questions.



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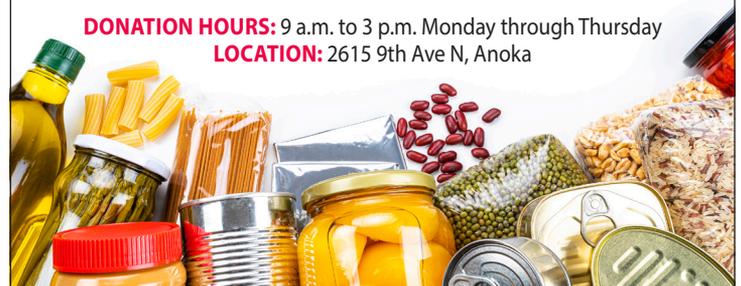
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Community Happenings

Discover Anoka

Downtown merchants have some fun events planned. Save the dates:

- April 12 – Diva Day
- May 10 – Mother’s Day Stroll

Learn more at DiscoverAnoka.com or call the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce at 763-421-7130.

3rd Annual Citywide Garage Sale

Anoka’s Waste Reduction & Recycling Board is hosting its 3rd annual citywide garage sale on May 16 & 17. If you plan to have a garage sale this spring, why not join us! Maps will be available to the public. Register your sale for free by May 1st at anokaminnesota.com. Call Pam at 763-576-2725 or email pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us with questions.



MN Twins Free Youth Baseball Clinic

The Minnesota Twins Community Fund is bringing a FREE youth baseball clinic to Anoka! Join us at Castle Field on Thursday, May 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. for a fun evening of baseball! All participants are asked to bring a glove and the Twins will bring the fun. Kids ages 6-12 can sign up for free at playballmn.com.



Memorial Day Service

The Anoka American Legion will honor Memorial Day with its annual tribute on Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. The public is invited

to join this meaningful event at Riverfront Memorial Park, located north of Anoka City Hall at 2201 2nd Ave. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating as we pay tribute to our fallen heroes. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the Anoka American Legion Post 102, at 400 W. Main St. For more information, please call the Anoka Legion at 763-421-0883.



Rockin’ on the Rum Concerts

Wednesdays – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Riverfront Memorial Park, 2201 2nd Ave.

Bring a lawn chair, sit back, or get up and dance! Food trucks will be on site selling scrumptious eats.

- June 18:** Axel & Betty
- June 25:** Salsa Del Soul
- July 2:** The Bill Koncar Band
- July 9:** Riverside All-Stars
- July 16:** The Cellar Kings
- July 23:** Pirates, Guitars, and Beachfront Bars
- July 30:** The Cyclones
- August 6:** Westwind Swing Band
- August 13:** Evolution of the Diva Dolly Parton
- August 20:** The Devon Worley Band
- August 27:** Hitchville
- Sept. 3:** Anti-Skip Protection
- Sept. 10:** Shane Martin
- Sept. 17:** Sam Lacari and the Sweet Tease
- Sept. 24:** Southern Express Band

Sundays in July

6:00-7:30 p.m.

George Green Park Bandshell, 1498 6th Ave. S.

- July 6:** North Suburban Concert Band
- July 13:** Women’s Drum Center
- July 20:** Harmonic Relief
- July 27:** Matt & Laurel

Thank you Rockin’ on the Rum Sponsors:

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- Anoka Ice Arena
- Anoka Lions Club
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- Random Hippie
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- Rise Inc.
- RumRiver Art Center
- The Mad Hatter
- The Mill Site – Events on the River
- The Weaver Brothers Company

REMINDER – This park is within the Anoka Social District, therefore, only alcoholic beverages sold by licensed social district establishments may be brought into the park in the social district cups (do not bring your own alcoholic beverages). The Anoka Lions will be on site selling beer and seltzers.



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Anoka Farmers Market on the Rum

The City of Anoka is planning a fresh season of the farmers market with a plentiful amount of produce and a

great selection of cottage foods, farmstead products, flowers, etc. Selection will grow as the season grows.

Wednesdays, 3-7 p.m. | June 18 - September 24, 2025
Riverfront Memorial Park | 2201 2nd Avenue

Interested Vendors

Vendor applications are available online at anokaminnesota.com or via mail by calling Public Services at 763-576-2980 or email: marketontherum@ci.anoka.mn.us

Anoka Classic Car Show

The Anoka Classic Car Show is revving up for another exciting season in downtown Anoka! Taking place from 4-8 p.m. on select Saturdays, this beloved event will cruise through the summer months from June to September. Whether you're a car enthusiast or just looking for a fun outing, the show offers a great opportunity to admire classic vehicles and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere. For more details and event dates, visit anokaclassiccarshow.org.

July 3 Annual Fireworks

Fireworks will light up the night sky in a dazzling display to celebrate Independence Day, creating an unforgettable experience for all. Join us on Thursday, July 3rd, at 10 p.m. at Castle Field, 600 Castle Field Blvd.

Come watch the Legion Alumni game scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Concessions will be available.

Sponsors Needed

Would you, your business, or organization be interested in sponsoring this year's fireworks display? Sponsors are needed to help make the fireworks experience a success! All sponsors will be recognized through city communications, including the website, social media, and the City View newsletter. Please call Pam at 763-576-2725 or email pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us to learn more. Thank you.



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Lead and Copper Rule Revision

Phase II

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) altered its drinking water standards related to lead and copper. This is called the Lead and Copper Rule Revision. The rule was enhanced to protect property owners by reducing their exposure to lead and copper. Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body.

The drinking water provided to residents from the City of Anoka does not contain lead. However, lead can enter the drinking water from lead service lines and plumbing fixtures made with lead components through the corrosion process. These materials were commonly used before 1986.

Inventory of Water Service Lines

As part of the new requirements, the City of Anoka is required to inventory the water service lines and the type of materials used (lead, galvanized pipe, non-lead or unknown). The water service line is the pipe that connects the residence to the City's water main in the street.

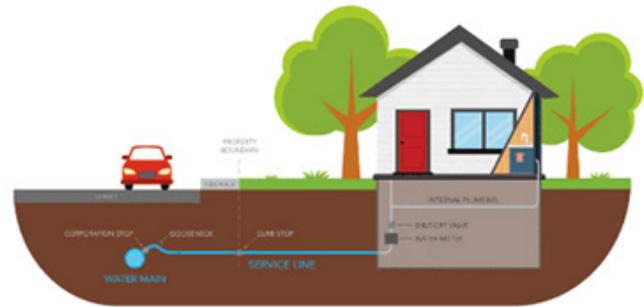
What We Are Asking of Residents

The City of Anoka will continue to use different methods to inventory these pipes, including historical records, service line replacements, physical inspections, and the help from residents via an online survey application.

1. If you did not participate in Phase I of this program in 2024, please locate your water service line in the lower level of your home. An example of the line is shown in the graphic below.
2. Fill out a quick online survey at anokaminnesota.com or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



If you cannot locate your service line or need assistance identifying the pipe material, please do not hesitate to contact us at 763-576-2923. City personnel will come to your residence at no charge and assist in identifying your service line material. **This is a simple, quick, and no cost program!** Thank you.



Irrigation System Up To Code?

In Minnesota, all automated irrigation systems are required to have a bypass moisture sensor installed such as a soil or rainfall sensor. Additionally, "smart" irrigation controllers are available, which adjust watering based on recent and forecasted weather conditions. The purpose of these devices is to prevent unnecessary watering, which helps conserve valuable groundwater and reduce water bills. It is important to inspect your soil or rain sensor yearly to make sure they are working properly.

Water is essential for maintaining a healthy lawn and the best lawn watering strategy is deep and infrequent irrigation. To encourage deeper root growth and improve drought-resistance, water no more than once per week to wet soil to a depth of six inches. If rainfall has met this need, additional irrigation is unnecessary. In areas where turfgrass is not required, consider transitioning to unmowed native vegetation.

Summer irrigation is the primary reason water usage in our communities triples compared to winter months. Since groundwater is a limited resource, its decline is a growing concern locally. By adopting efficient irrigation practices, we can conserve water and protect this vital resource.

For more information, visit UMN Extension's Lawn Care website: z.umn.edu/8tnq

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