

# City VIEW

## SUMMER 2025

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## Anoka Cannabis Company



In May, the City of Anoka hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the construction of the building that will house the Anoka Cannabis Company, a city-owned cannabis dispensary. Construction is now underway at 839 East River Road, adjacent to the city-owned

and operated Better Values Liquor store. The City is working with Oertel Architects and RJM Construction on the project.

Given Anoka's long history in the liquor sales business since 1937, along with the introduction of low dose cannabis beverages and edibles at the liquor store in July of 2023, the decision to establish and manage a cannabis dispensary seemed a natural progression. Earlier this year, the City Council approved the project by a 4-1 vote.

Revenue from the dispensary has the potential to be directed to help fund city parks, improvements to Green Haven Golf Course, reduce the levy, and more—depending on the City Council's direction.

Unlike the city-owned liquor operation, the City will not be allowed to have a monopoly on adult use cannabis per state law; the City will have to allow for one privately owned business due to its population.

Anoka is guaranteed a license and as we await the state license, the building will be under construction with planned completion in December 2025.

The new Municipal Cannabis Dispensary Manager, Stephanie Rietz, came to Anoka from Colorado with more than six years of experience managing dispensaries. She has already hit the ground running and is very excited for this opportunity.

The City is dedicated to providing safe and effective distribution of the products while ensuring the dispensary is a welcoming, safe, and secure environment for all.

As the project progresses, more information will be provided at [anokaminnesota.com](http://anokaminnesota.com).



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Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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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  
Residential Recycling . . . . . 763-576-2725

**Editor**

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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](http://qctv.org) for complete schedule and for video streaming.

**City Offices Closed**

Friday, July 4 . . . . . Independence Day

Monday, September 1 . . . . . Labor Day

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## City Assessor Insights

Summer is here and as discussed in the prior edition the quintile time is here for the assessment staff. To recap, the assessor's office is required by State law to physically review your property at least once every five years and record any changes in property characteristics since their last visit. This process is known as the quintile review. During this time, we're also reviewing the sales for the current year's sales study.

The sales study is an annual process the assessor's office handles. This important function reviews the sales from October 1st of the year prior (in this case 2024) through September 30th of the current year (2025) to determine the market adjustments for values as of January 2nd of the forthcoming 2026 year. The years mentioned above roll for each year going forward. For example, to set the value on January 2nd of 2027 we will use the sales from October 1st of 2025 through September 30th of 2026. The assessment staff follow the market trends based on the sales each year. Our adjustments are based on market trends.

We review each sale to determine if it is a quality arms-length transaction between a willing buyer and seller. Any sale that doesn't match that qualifications of a "good sale" or are rejected are omitted from the study. These sales are then used as data and reference points to set that value for the property which residents will find on their valuation notices each spring. If you have questions, please contact Ted Anderson, City Assessor, at 763-576-2731 or email [tanderson@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:tanderson@ci.anoka.mn.us).

## 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 have an online application and payment portal for some permits.

Learn more and find out if you need a permit for your project at [anokaminnesota.com](http://anokaminnesota.com) or call 763-576-2720.

**ADOPT  
A STORM  
DRAIN**



## Adopt A Storm Drain

Help the Lower Rum  
River Watershed

Management Organization (LRRWMO) achieve clean lakes and rivers by adopting a drain to help keep your neighborhood clean and protect local waterways. Sign up at [mn.adopt-a-drain.org](http://mn.adopt-a-drain.org), which includes a map of adoptable drains in your neighborhood. The LRRWMO is a joint powers organization including the cities of Anoka, Andover, and Ramsey. If questions, call the LRRWMO at 763-434-2030.

## Congrats to the Class of 2025!

Watch Andover, Anoka, and Champlin Park High School graduation ceremonies at [www.QCTV.org](http://www.QCTV.org) or on our YouTube channel!



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# 2024 Financial Highlights

## Government-wide Highlights

The net position of the City of Anoka increased by \$5,661,146 in 2024. The primary elements for the increase in net position were a combination of decreased expenditures in Highway 10 and the new water treatment facility due to substantial completion of those projects, the sale of one liquor store building, and decreased purchased power costs due to lower electrical consumption. A small portion of the City of Anoka's net position, 4.9 percent, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position of \$14,068,752 may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Net investment in capital assets increased \$5,048,696, or 3.5 percent due to capital projects completed in 2024 and the decrease in debt associated with the assets. Net position restricted for tax increments increased \$83,476, net position restricted for debt decreased \$409,606, and other restricted net position decreased \$746,785. These other amounts include park dedication fees, police forfeiture funds, certain police aid funds, and remaining abatement bond funds not already restricted for other purposes. Total restricted net position decreased \$1,072,915 largely due to decreased debt service fund balances and spend down of police aid funds.

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 \$15,760,529 or 77.3 percent, as a result of Highway 10 reimbursement grant funding for 2024. The project reached substantial completion in 2024, and only minor reimbursements are expected in 2025.
- Operating grants and contributions decreased \$764,752 or 47.5 percent, largely due to one-time Emerald Ash Borer mitigation grant funds and public safety aid received in 2023.
- Property tax collection increased by \$2,255,907 or 25.3, which is due to the tax levy increase of 22.3 percent for 2024.
- Charges for service decreased \$751,543 or 20.8 percent. Charges for services vary every year because they are based on projects occurring throughout the city. The largest decreases in 2024 were in Public Safety, for decreased fee collection for building inspection services, and in

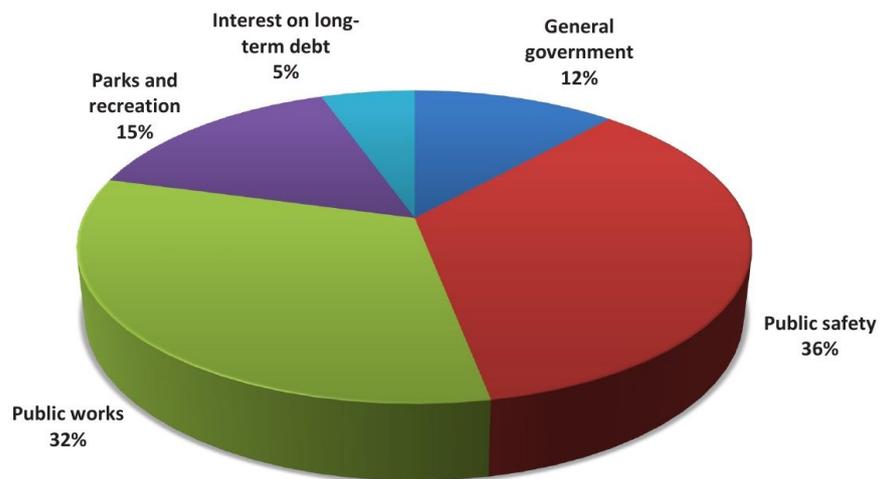
Public Works, for decreased collection of sewer and water access fees.

- Investment income decreased \$169,154 in 2024 due to fluctuating market conditions. The market value adjustment was (\$61,447) for 2024 compared to (\$328,704) in 2023.

## Business-type Activity Highlights

- The electric public utility accounts for 76.6 percent of the total charges for business-type activities. Charges for electric service decreased \$1,335,607 or 3.8 percent, in 2024, due to decreased consumption compared to 2023. The City will increase electric rates 2 percent in 2025 to cover ongoing operational needs and dedicated park capital transfers.
- Liquor operations decreased \$218,778 or 8.9 percent, compared to 2023. As a result of the Highway 10 roadway changes, one store was closed in 2023, and the building was sold in 2024. The City is working on a development plan to relocate the closed store.
- Sewer disposal costs from Metropolitan Council have increased more than 39.7 percent since 2021. In order to keep pace with the increased costs and to improve and maintain vital infrastructure, rates will likely increase each year going forward.
- Operating expenses for business-type activities decreased \$1,701,907 when compared to 2023. The largest decrease is in the electric utility. The decreased consumption in 2024 compared to 2023 resulted in lower revenue and associated purchased power costs.

City of Anoka  
2024 Governmental Fund Expenditures by Activity



**CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

December 31, 2024

	Primary Government		Component Unit	
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	HRA
<b>Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>				
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	<u>17,950,664</u>	<u>38,916,164</u>	<u>56,866,828</u>	<u>3,678,715</u>
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	<u>133,057,293</u>	<u>65,419,476</u>	<u>198,476,769</u>	<u>966,516</u>
Total assets	<u>151,007,957</u>	<u>104,335,640</u>	<u>255,343,597</u>	<u>4,645,231</u>
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
	<u>7,625,914</u>	<u>752,582</u>	<u>8,378,496</u>	<u>20,795</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$158,633,871</u>	<u>\$105,088,222</u>	<u>\$263,722,093</u>	<u>\$4,666,026</u>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position</b>				
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	<u>7,405,513</u>	<u>4,583,054</u>	<u>11,988,567</u>	<u>98,977</u>
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	<u>43,074,759</u>	<u>16,844,667</u>	<u>59,919,426</u>	<u>1,666,804</u>
Total liabilities	<u>50,480,272</u>	<u>21,427,721</u>	<u>71,907,993</u>	<u>1,765,781</u>
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
	<u>7,503,842</u>	<u>3,339,670</u>	<u>10,843,512</u>	<u>24,705</u>
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	<u>100,649,757</u>	<u>80,320,831</u>	<u>180,970,588</u>	<u>2,875,540</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	<u>\$158,633,871</u>	<u>\$105,088,222</u>	<u>\$263,722,093</u>	<u>\$4,666,026</u>



## Music in the Parks

### Rockin' on the Rum Concert Series

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and picnic basket Wednesday evenings for free, family-friendly musical entertainment at Riverfront Memorial Park, 2201 2nd Ave. Local area musicians with varying genres of music will perform. Food and beverage vendors will be on site. Wednesday concerts run through Sept. 24, from 6-8 p.m.

### Sundays in July Concerts Series

Join us the following Sundays in July at George Green Park, 1498 6th Ave. (adjacent to the Aquatic Center) from 6-7:30 p.m. for the following performances.

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

For all concerts information visit [anokaminnesota.com](http://anokaminnesota.com) or call 763-576-2980.



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### Open Swim Hours

<b>Regular Season</b>	<b>Jun. 7 - Aug. 17</b>
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.

<b>Post Season</b>	<b>Aug. 18 - 24</b>
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 at [anokaminnesota.com](http://anokaminnesota.com), at the Aquatic Center, or call 763-421-7730.

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

### Little Splashers

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 29	9-11:30 a.m.
July 13 & 27	\$3.00/child*
August 10	\$2.00/child* Non-Residents with 2025 season pass \$2.00/Additional Adults (past 1/child)

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\*If non-resident, all children (infant-5) must pay regardless of a 2025 Season Pass.



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## 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](http://anokaminnesota.com) or call the Public Services Department at 763-576-2980.

- **Archery Deer Hunting** – Anoka issues permits to archery hunt for the 2025 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 shot gun and purchase all applicable licenses and stamps. Volunteers provide ammunition, blinds, decoys, dogs for retrieving, and a field lunch following each hunt.



## Anoka-Ramsey Celebrates 60 Years of Student Success

Anoka-Ramsey Community College will mark 60 years of student success in 2025. From innovative undergraduate research to excellence in the arts and athletics, the college is proud to be the start for so many bright futures.

Visit [AnokaRamsey.edu](http://AnokaRamsey.edu) to learn more about how our campuses in Cambridge and Coon Rapids will celebrate this milestone throughout 2025 and 2026.

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## ACBC Offers Summer Food Support for Community

With the increasing costs of groceries, rent, and other expenses, many households in the Anoka community are experiencing economic hardship. With children home from school for the summer, the need is greater than ever.

### Find Help

- Schedule a food shopping appointment at [acbcfoodshelf.org](http://acbcfoodshelf.org) or call 763-422-0046.
- Attend a free Community Produce Distribution 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., July 27, August 22, and September 26 at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park (9750 Egret Boulevard, Coon Rapids).
- Shop for low-cost clothing in the ACBC Thrift Store.

### How You Can Give Back

The Open Your Heart Summer Challenge fundraiser takes place in July. Financial donations made to ACBC Food Shelf will provide the organization with a matched proportional grant. The Summer Challenge is provided through a partnership with Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless.

Donations to ACBC are accepted online, via mail, or in-person.

- Online: [acbcfoodshelf.org](http://acbcfoodshelf.org)
- Mail: ACBC Food Shelf, PO Box 774, Anoka, MN 55303

Learn more at [acbcfoodshelf.org](http://acbcfoodshelf.org), email [support@acbcfoodshelf.org](mailto:support@acbcfoodshelf.org), or call 763-422-0046. ACBC Food Shelf is located at 2615 9th Ave N. in Anoka.

### Anoka/Washington County Head Start



The Anoka/Washington County Head Start-Early Head Start program is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 program year. Programs are free for eligible families with children from birth to age five, and pregnant women. Learn more and apply at [accap.org/head-start/enrollment-4](http://accap.org/head-start/enrollment-4) or call 763-783-4314.



## Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center

Summer at Green Haven Golf Course and Event Center is in full swing, and there's no better place to soak it all in. The course is in great shape, the tee sheet is buzzing, and the patio at Tavern at Green Haven is open for you to grab a burger, sip a cocktail, or enjoy a relaxing dinner.

Reserve your tee times online at [greenhavengolfcourse.com](http://greenhavengolfcourse.com) up to 21 days in advance, or make a tee time up to seven days in advance by calling 763-576-2972.



## Better Values Liquor

### Ongoing Promotions

- **Military Monday:** All active and retired military personnel receive 10% off all non-sale items.
- **Senior Day:** Every Tuesday, all customers 55 years of age and older receive 10% off all non-sale items.
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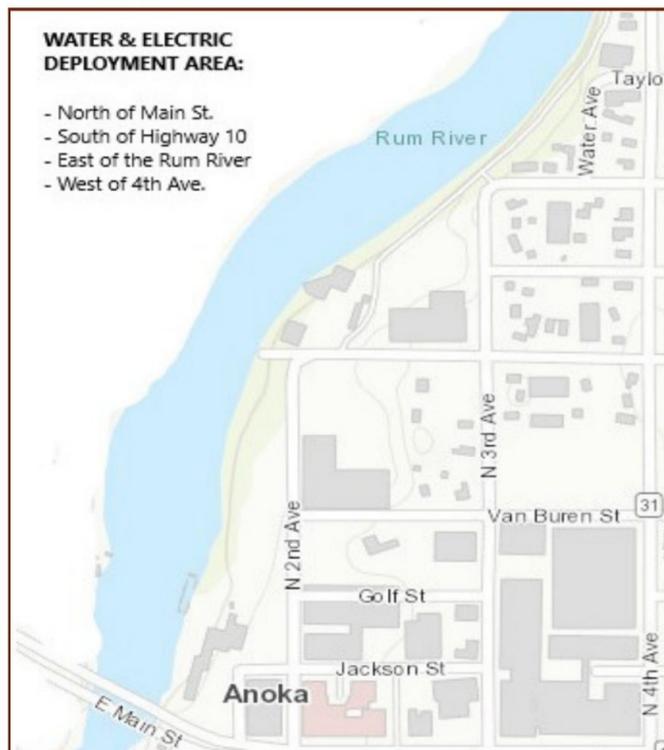


Anoka, get ready for some upgrades! We have launched the rollout of AMI Meters in a limited area and wish to keep you informed. The map below illustrates the area where the initial AMI meters are being installed. Further information will be provided as we continue to install the new AMI meters until the project's completion.

Also, visit our website and explore the new AMI information page! [anokamunicipalutility.com/848/Advanced-Metering-Infrastructure-AMI](http://anokamunicipalutility.com/848/Advanced-Metering-Infrastructure-AMI) As this project progresses, please check back regularly for periodic updates and the latest developments.

If you have any questions, please contact AMU at 763-576-2750.

### ▼ Initial Deployment Area (IDA)



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Anoka County Veteran Services is here to assist in applying for any veterans benefits.

Call **763-324-4500** to discuss benefits or schedule an appointment with one of our Service Officers

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[anokacountymn.gov/veterans](http://anokacountymn.gov/veterans)

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# Water & Sewer Department

## 2024 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, 2024. To view the full, animated report, please visit [anokaminnesota.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://anokaminnesota.com), City Code, Chapter 66, Article IV, Section 66-131, or call the Public Services Department at 763-576-2980.

## BE PREPARED—Sanitary Sewer Backup OR Water & Sewer Line Damage

Are you prepared AND insured against a sewer backup or necessary repair for water or sewer line damage?

- **ALWAYS call the City of Anoka FIRST** if you are experiencing a sewer backup affecting all of your home's drains, if you do not have water flowing, or if your sewer or water line is damaged. If your property's water line springs a leak or your sewer line becomes clogged or backed up, it is up to you to find a contractor to fix it and to pay the associated costs, which can escalate to thousands of dollars. The City can guide you in the right direction of selecting a contractor. During business hours, call 763-576-2923 or 763-576-2980. After hours, call 763-576-2860.
- **Get Insurance for a Sewer Backup or Repairs**—If you have concerns regarding the damage a sewer backup could do to your property or if your sewer or water line is damaged, **contact your insurance carrier and review your coverage.**
- **DO NOT** dispose of any inappropriate items into the sewer or water system.

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## Public Safety

### Anoka-Champlin Fire Department

#### Gas Grills – Fire Safety Reminders

Gas grills are used frequently during the summer. Familiarity with the 20 LP cylinders may cause many users to become complacent, so please read and heed the following safety tips:

- Never use or store cylinders indoors.
- Always keep cylinders upright.
- Always position cylinders so that connection between valve and regulator will not cause sharp bends in hose or tubing.
- Remember, these connector screw threads are backwards to what most of us are used to. To tighten, turn them left, or counter-clockwise only.
- Make sure this connector is free from any scratches or nicks which can cause leaks. If damaged, it should be replaced.
- If your connector has a soft, rubber seal on its tip, be very cautious not to over-tighten.
- Always check your hose connection for leaks with a very soapy water solution. If bubbles appear and further tightening of the connector does not resolve the problem, close the valve and call your propane dealer.

#### Regulations

Please be aware that the use and/or storage of barbecue-type cooking equipment, or the fuels for same are not permitted on balconies of stacked multi-residential buildings or on flat roofs on any structure within the city of Anoka.



#### Visit Our Website

The Anoka-Champlin Fire Department's website [anokachamplinfire.org](http://anokachamplinfire.org) includes meeting agendas, minutes, updates, and new information, as needed. Follow the department on Facebook @anokachamplinfire.

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## Anoka Police Department

### Upcoming Events

- **Night to Unite** – Tuesday, August 5. Neighborhoods are encouraged to participate to 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. Register online at [anokaminnesota.com/288/Night-to-Unite-National-Night-Out](http://anokaminnesota.com/288/Night-to-Unite-National-Night-Out).
- **Cook out with the Cops** – Thursday, August 28; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at John Ward Park (2400 Forest Ave.). Free hot dogs, chips, water and freeze pops for all attendees. Check out police vehicles on display and the information booth. This event is sponsored by the Anoka Community Anti-Crime Commission.

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

### Ride Side-by-Side

Anoka's adopted Golf Cart/Utility Task Vehicle 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, the 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](http://anokaminnesota.com).

### E-Bike, E-Scooter, and Onewheel Regulations

Electric mobility is revolutionizing the way people move, offering eco-friendly, efficient alternatives to traditional transportation. However, each type of personal electric vehicle—whether e-bikes, e-scooters, or Onewheels—comes with specific regulations that riders must follow. Understanding these rules ensures safety and compliance while enjoying the ride.



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## E-Bike Regulations

In the U.S., e-bikes are generally categorized into three classes:

- **Class 1:** Pedal-assist only, with a maximum speed of **20 mph**.
- **Class 2:** Throttle-assisted, with a maximum speed of **20 mph**.
- **Class 3:** Pedal-assist, with a maximum speed of **28 mph**, often restricted from certain bike paths.

Key regulations often include:

- **Helmet requirements** (usually mandatory for riders under 18).
- **Minimum age restrictions** (varies by state; often 14 or older).
- **Where they can be ridden** (bike lanes, trails, and streets, depending on local laws).



## E-Scooter Regulations

Electric scooters are widely used for short commutes, but riders should keep in mind:

- **Minimum age:** In Minnesota, riders must be **12 years old** or older.
- **Helmet requirements:** Riders **under 18** must wear a helmet.
- **Speed limits:** Often capped at **15 mph**.
- **Sidewalk restrictions:** Generally **prohibited**, except where local laws permit.
- **License & registration:** Not required, but riders must obey traffic laws.

## Onewheel Regulations

Onewheels operate like self-balancing electric skateboards, leading to unique regulatory challenges. While laws are still evolving:

- **Helmet laws:** Some states require helmets, particularly for younger riders.
- **Sidewalk restrictions:** Typically prohibited in busy pedestrian areas.
- **Traffic rules:** Riders must follow bicycle or e-skateboard laws where applicable.
- **Speed considerations:** No universal speed limits, but local laws may enforce restrictions.

## Safety and Compliance

Regardless of the vehicle, riders should:

- **Stay informed** about local regulations, as laws vary by state and city.
- **Wear protective gear**, even when not legally required.
- **Respect pedestrians and other vehicles**, ensuring safe interactions.
- **Obey traffic signals and signs**, as electric mobility devices are often subject to standard road rules.

As electric mobility continues to evolve, keeping up with regulations ensures riders can enjoy the benefits of these vehicles while promoting safety for all.

Please email [AnokaPolice@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:AnokaPolice@ci.anoka.mn.us) or call 763-576-2800 with questions.

A photograph of a young woman with dark hair, smiling and walking towards the camera in a brightly lit hallway. She is wearing a maroon zip-up hoodie with "ANOKA-RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE" printed on it, blue jeans, and blue sneakers. A backpack is visible on her shoulders. In the background, a sign above a doorway reads "COLLEGE SERVICES".

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# Community Happenings



## Anoka Classic Car Show – June into September

Classic cars will be cruising into downtown Anoka most Saturdays this summer into September at 4 p.m. 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](http://anokaclassiccarshow.org). The Anoka Classic Car Show is not within the Anoka Social District. No alcohol is allowed.



## Anoka's Farmers Market on the Rum – Wednesdays

Join local farmers and vendors at the Farmers Market on the Rum Wednesdays, 3-7 p.m., now through

September 24 at Riverfront Memorial Park (2201 2nd Ave.). Bring home fresh produce and more each week. Visit [anokaminnesota.com/516/Farmers-Market-on-the-Rum](http://anokaminnesota.com/516/Farmers-Market-on-the-Rum).

## 27th Annual Anoka Fireworks – July 3

Celebrating its 27th year, Anoka's Annual Fireworks, in celebration of Independence Day, will light up the evening sky on Thursday, July 3, at dusk (10 p.m.) from Castle Field, 600 Castle Field Blvd.

Individuals, community groups, businesses, etc. interested in making a donation to the 2025 fireworks, please call or email Pam at 763-576-2725 | [pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us). Sponsors will be acknowledged through city communications. Thank you.



## Anoka Riverfest & Craft Fair – July 12

Join us in celebrating the 26th year of Riverfest! Spend the day browsing

through over 150 vendors (100% juried artists) at one of the largest craft fairs in the Twin Cities, on Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in historic downtown Anoka. Free admission and free parking. Enjoy an expanded food court, plus buskers performing throughout the area with live entertainment, and more! This event is within the Anoka Social District. Learn more at [anokariverfest.org](http://anokariverfest.org).



## Anoka Sidewalk Sale – July 25 & 26

The Annual Anoka Sidewalk Sale is set for Friday and Saturday, July 25 & 26 in downtown Anoka (during general

business hours). Find great savings up and down the streets. Thank you for shopping and supporting local, small businesses! Full details at [DiscoverAnoka.com](http://DiscoverAnoka.com).



## Anoka Food Truck Festival – August 16

One of the Twin Cities most popular and delicious events – The Food Truck Festival – will invade downtown Anoka (City Hall River Plaza, 2015 First Ave. and Jackson Street) for its 8th year on Saturday, August 16 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. Details at [uptownfoodtruckfestival.com/anoka](http://uptownfoodtruckfestival.com/anoka).

## HopeFest – September 27



You're invited to Alexandra House's 7th Annual HopeFest on Saturday, September 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Anoka City Hall Plaza, a meaningful community event that leads into October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Join us at HopeFest to raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence, remember those we have lost, and honor the many survivors. The event features a short program, a 1+ mile walk, Kidz Dash, family-friendly activities, food, music, and a vendor and exhibitor fair. In the months leading up to the event, teams and individuals rally their communities to raise critical funds that help Alexandra House achieve its mission to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence and inspire social change through education, support, and advocacy. Learn more and stay informed about the event at [alexandrahouse.org](http://alexandrahouse.org).



## Anoka Social District

The Anoka Social District is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, through Sunday, October 5, 2025.

Look for signage throughout the district indicating the boundaries and rules.

Visit [anokaminnesota.com](http://anokaminnesota.com) for more information.



# Housing & Redevelopment Authority



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Anoka Home Loan Programs – Plan Ahead for 2026

While funding for 2025 has been fully exhausted, the City of Anoka remains committed to supporting homeowners through a variety of housing programs. We're looking ahead to 2026.

The City of Anoka offers home loan programs designed specifically for Anoka residents. Whether you're tackling home improvements or enhancing curb appeal, these loans can help bring your vision to life.

Financing needs are not one-size-fits-all. That's why multiple loan options with flexible terms are offered to help you find the best fit for your home and budget. Funds are limited each year, so it's never too early to learn more and prepare for 2026. Visit [mnccc.org/Anoka](http://mnccc.org/Anoka) or call 612-335-5884 to explore your options.

## Need help getting started?

Anoka homeowners can take advantage of a FREE Remodeling Advisor Visit. This no-cost, no-pressure service includes a home visit, personalized advice on your project plans, and help reviewing contractor bids. Call 612-244-2470 to schedule an appointment.



## C.A.R.E. Program Results 2025

The HRA funded their Curb Appeal Residential Enhancement (CARE) Grant Program for 2025.

The program pays 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.

A total of 98 applications were received. Thirty applicants were initially chosen to receive grants of up to \$5000, with another 50 applicant added to the waiting list. Watch for an announcement for the 2026 program. Contact Darin Berger, HRA Executive Director at 763-576-2724 with questions.



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## Summer Recycling Drop-Off Event

Anoka's Waste Reduction & Recycling Board is partnering with Recycle Technologies, Inc. to offer a summer recycling event for city of Anoka residents. Here are the details:

- Location:** Recycle Technologies, Inc.  
10040 Davenport St. NE, Blaine
- Directions:** From Hwy. 65 – North on Hwy. 65/Central Ave. NE  
Turn right on 99th Ave. N. Enter off 99th Ave. N.
- Date:** Saturday, July 26, 2025
- Hours:** 9 a.m. – Noon
- Questions:** 763-559-5130 (Recycle Technologies) | 763-576-2725 (City of Anoka – Recycling Dept.)



*The coupon to the left will allow you to recycle ONE appliance, electronic, mattress or box spring for FREE! Must present and surrender coupon at time of drop-off. City of Anoka residency identification required.*

### FEES – ACCEPTED MATERIALS (PRICE PER EACH – CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO RECYCLE TECHNOLOGIES)

#### Appliances

- \$6 – small/medium – stereo, radio, toaster, VCR, curling iron, coffee maker, etc.
- \$12 – major – refrigerators, stoves, washer, dryer, vacuum cleaner
- \$15 – water heater & water softener (empty of water and salt)
- \$23 – dehumidifier; \$15 – humidifier or microwave
- \$25 – water heater & water softener (not empty of water and salt)
- \$30 – air conditioners; window a/c, \$20

#### Electronics

- \$10–\$35 – small to large printer/copier
- \$20 – TV and monitor up to 17”
- \$30 – TV and monitor 18” to 31”
- \$55 – TV and monitor 32” and over
- \$85 – console TV and rear projection TV
- \$20 (additional) – broken TV and CRT
- \$150 – organ/piano

#### Mattresses & Box Springs

- \$25 – crib–queen size
- \$30 – king, pillow top, and extra thick

#### Other

- \$1.75/lb. – batteries (alkaline, nickel, cadmium, lithium ion, nickel metal hydride)
- \$6.75/lb. – batteries (lithium)
- \$.50–\$.75 (based on size) fluorescent bulbs (do not tape together)
- \$5 – hard drives to be shredded
- \$25 – treadmill; standard; \$40 – electric

#### Tires

- \$7 – car (with rim add \$2.25/tire)
- \$9 – SUV/truck (with rim add \$2.25/tire)

#### Free – Accepted Materials

- Computer tower, laptop, cell phone, tablet without hard drive
- Cord, cable, wire, keyboard, and mouse

*Event funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) Funds.*

## CITY OF ANOKA SENIOR CENTER

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Enjoy a delicious and nutritious lunch Tuesday

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- **8 meals:** 5 breakfast and 3 dinners.
- **Plus admission to:** the stunning Ark Encounter, the famous Creation Museum, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio, and much more.

Call Melissa at 763-576-4661 or stop in for information and flyers on this trip and the many other trips and activities the Anoka Senior Center offers.