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FALL 2025

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Our vision for the future - result of the 2024 feasibility study

Anoka Rum River Dam - Public Survey

The City is working to reimagine the Rum River Dam for the next 100 years



We are seeking public input regarding the proposed Rum River Dam Reconstruction and Modification Project. The goal of the project is to modernize the dam in an effort to improve its functionality and operations, positioning it as a regional river feature. These modernized improvements include a recreational whitewater feature (e.g. river surfing), automated spillway crest gates, a recreational boat navigational lock, a pedestrian bridge crossing, and a fish passage. Take the survey by scanning the QR code to the left, visit anokaminnesota.com, or call Public Services for more information at 763-576-2980.

Seasonal Reminders

The Streets Department is busy sweeping leaves to prevent blocking catch basins and the storm sewer system. It is illegal to sweep, rake, or blow leaves or snow from your property into the street. Please remember that storm drains provide a direct route for pollutants on streets to flow into our rivers, streams, and lakes. *“Only Rain Down The Drain.”*

Winter Policies for a Safer Season

Please help to keep the sidewalks near your home open for pedestrian traffic. After a 3-inch snowfall, or consecutive snowfalls with an accumulation of 3 inches of snow, the city

will assist with the removal of snow from the walks as quickly as possible. Property owners are responsible for sidewalk ice control. The city is here to assist property owners and this assistance does not relieve property owners from this responsibility.

If a fire hydrant is located near your home, please clear a small path from the sidewalk or curb to the hydrant after a snowfall for emergencies. The Water Department will widen the area around the hydrant as time allows.

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Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center 763-576-2970
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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 – 7:00 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

- Tuesday, November 11 Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 28 Day after Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve
- Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day



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Snow Plowing

The Streets Department clears the roadways. We use the “2-inch rule” to warrant full plowing operations. In the event of a 2-inch or greater snowfall, City crews will plow all the streets in town. Any car left in the street will be towed at the owner’s expense, plus the owner will receive a ticket for blocking the street.

- Garbage and recycling containers must be placed **BEHIND** the curb, not in the streets.
- To avoid postal interruption, clear an area in front and on each side of your mailbox.
- It is unlawful to push, shovel, blow, or place snow onto public streets or walks. Snow storage is to occur on your property and boulevard. The Police Department will be contacted if crews observe residents or businesses doing so.
- Think **safety first!** Please do not build “snow forts” in the snow banks along the streets. They are dangerous, especially when the plow operators are plowing and moving snow.
- After plowing, salt and/or sand is applied as needed to control icing problems. Call 763-576-2922 if severe icing problems develop.
- While every effort is made to avoid damage to adjacent areas, the City will not be liable for damage to obstacles placed within the City right-of-way. The City assumes liability for mailboxes damaged during plowing operations **ONLY** when it is determined that the plowing unit made direct contact with a mailbox. In general, the right-of-way extends to the house side of sidewalks or 8-to-12 feet from the curb where there is no sidewalk. Delineating the curb with wood laths just behind the curb helps guide plow drivers and may reduce damage to the boulevard. Wood laths should be four feet long with the top four-to-six inches painted fluorescent orange. They are available at lumber retailers.

Don't take the plowed-in driveways personally! To efficiently plow streets, the plows must maintain a constant speed and blades cannot be lifted for driveways. Thank you.

If you have questions, please contact Public Services:
763-576-2980 | email: publicservices@ci.anoka.mn.us

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RESIDENTIAL AREAS



Safe Road Zone

Reminder: Speed limits in residential areas are **30 mph**.

These reduced speeds help keep our community and residents safe, especially in school zones and other areas with a lot of activity and heavy foot traffic. We recently added extra signs and patrols to help curb the issue of speeding, but we need your help, too.

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Anoka Receives Financial Reporting Awards

Financial Reporting: Comprehensive Report

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Anoka for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2023. This was the 44th consecutive year the City qualified for the award.

The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Financial Reporting: Popular Report

The City of Anoka also received GFOA's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2023. This award is evaluated and judged on items such as reader appeal, understandability, and creativity. The City has applied for and received this award for eight consecutive years.

Financial Reporting: Budget Report

The GFOA also awarded the City of Anoka the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget for fiscal year 2025. The award represents a significant achievement by the City, and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principals of government budgeting. In order to receive the budget award the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines that assess how well the budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication device. This was the 19th consecutive year the City has achieved this award.

All awards are valid for a period of one year only. We have submitted the current reports for financial reporting of 2024 business and believe they continue to meet the GFOA requirements for award. The 2026 budget document will be submitted for award review in early 2026.

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Safe Drinking Water Fee Approved

The 2025 Minnesota State Legislature passed a bill increasing the safe drinking water fee to help all public water systems get the support they need to provide safe drinking water everywhere in Minnesota. The fee is now set at \$15.22 per water service connection per year.

Drinking Water Protection (DWP) activities supported by the fee include inspections, technical assistance, required **Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** and other sample collection and analysis, training and other support to enhance water systems' capacity to meet SDWA requirements. The fee increase accounts for the significant inflation that has occurred since the last increase in 2019, projected and potential deep reductions in federal funding, increased lab costs for drinking water testing, the need for drinking water data updates and improvements, and the numerous changes in the Safe Drinking Waters Act (SDWA), including new rules and enforcement requirements that have occurred and are being planned in the next few years.

The fee increase will go into effect Jan. 1, 2026.

Municipal community water systems collect the fee from consumers and may divide this fee into monthly or quarterly installments.

While the \$15.22 is not divisible by 12 equal monthly payments, the Minnesota Legislature passed the fee amount and it cannot be changed. With monthly billing, Anoka city residents and businesses will now pay \$1.27/mo. vs. the \$0.81/mo. Please contact the Utilities Department with questions at 763-576-2750.

For more information from the State of Minnesota, visit health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/scf.html

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Pickleball and Bags Tournaments



Gruesome Twosome Pickleball Tournament

Who: Any combination of teams of two
What: Rated Pickleball tournament
 Pools as follows:
 3.0 3.5 4.0
When: Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025 (start time TBD)
Where: George Enloe Park
Cost: \$40/team

Medals awarded for 1,2,3 and for best costume.



Boos and Bags Tournament

Who: Any combination of teams of two
When: Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025 (start time TBD)
Where: Anoka City Hall Parking Lot – Anoka Lions' Tent
Cost: \$40/team

Prizes awarded for 1,2,3 in brackets.

For more information and to register, visit anokaminnesota.com or call 763-576-2980.

Ice Skating & Sledding

City rinks are open mid-December through mid-February (weather permitting). All rink locations have a warming house, lights, a general skating area, and at least one hockey rink. Not all hockey rinks are regulation size.

Rink Locations

George Enloe Park	631 Lund Boulevard
Lincoln Elementary School	540 South Street
Rick Sorenson Park	2015 State Street
Rudy Johnson Park	605 Polk Street
Wilson Elementary School	1025 Sunny Lane

Warming House Facilities

Warming houses are heated and equipped with first aid kits, phones, benches, and are supervised by a rink attendant, who oversees scheduling, safety, and operation.

Warming House Hours

Monday - Thursday	4 - 8 p.m.
Friday	4 - 8 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	Noon - 8 p.m.
Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve	Noon - 5 p.m.
Christmas Day & New Year's Day	Closed
School Release Days	Noon - 8 p.m.

Sliding Hill

George Enloe Park (631 Lund Blvd.); lit with supervision during warming house hours.

Other Winter Activities

Anoka Ice Arena	763-427-8163
Anoka-Hennepin Community Ed	763-506-1260
Anoka Area Hockey Association	763-427-9919
Anoka County Parks Dept.	763-767-2820

Ski Trails

Green Haven Golf Course – Anoka maintains a groomed trail for skate skiers and classic skiers on the golf course. The one-way trail includes double tracks for classic skiers and a 9' wide trail for skate skiers. The trails begin near the first tee box and wind through the rolling hills and trees winding back to the club house. Trail grooming will be done based on use and snowfall. Please park in the lot near the lower club house entrance and use the cart path to access the trails. Signage is in place each winter to help navigate the course. The building and restrooms will be available during regular business hours and special events. Concessions and refreshments may be available during special events.



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Anoka Nature Preserve – This multi-use trail is maintained for hikers, skiers and those who enjoy snowshoeing. No classic tracks will be set—please share the trail. Trail will be groomed as use and snowfall deems necessary. Total trail distance is approximately 3.5 miles. Please access trail from the parking lot and trail entrance on Parkview Lane.



CITY OF ANOKA SENIOR CENTER

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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 and games
- Writing club
- Exercise classes
- Knitting group
- Presentations and programs
- Driver improvement classes
- Foot care services
- Coffee and conversation

Stop by for information on upcoming trips and more.



Snowmobile Corral

Anoka welcomes snowmobilers each winter by setting up a snowmobile corral for those eager to visit the many restaurants and shops in the downtown area. The corral is located just north of Anoka City Hall, adjacent to the Rum River in Riverfront Memorial Park (2201 2nd Ave.). Snowmobilers are encouraged to use caution and make sure conditions are ideal for snowmobiling when riding the trails leading to the corral.



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Anoka Municipal Utility

LED Light Bulb Giveaway

Are you aware that ditching those energy-sucking 60W incandescent bulbs for some sleek 8W LED light bulbs can save you a pretty penny, roughly \$18.00 per year? On average, US households use their lights for around 7.5 hours daily, which translates to a yearly savings of approximately \$18.02 per bulb, or a cool \$36.04 for two bulbs. And let's not forget, a 60W incandescent bulb has an average lifespan of 1,500 hours, whereas an 8W LED bulb can last a whopping 25,000 to 50,000 hours, resulting in some serious cost savings from reduced replacement frequency!

In light of these savings, Anoka Municipal Utility (AMU) is offering two free LED light bulbs to our customers, available starting October 1st until supplies last. You can collect your complimentary light bulbs at our AMU shop located at 501 Pierce Street, Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., or at Anoka City Hall, 2015 1st Avenue, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Please contact AMU with any questions at 763-576-2905.



Simulator Loft

As we slide into fall, we begin our transition from warm weather golf to cold weather inside golf. The Green Haven Simulator Loft has two state-of-the-art high definition golf simulators that allow you to play many of the best golf courses from around the world in a climate-controlled room. The simulators give an incredibly accurate representation of the results of your swing and high definition photographs paint the picture of the course you select. We have several leagues to join and opportunities to schedule your own league. Call 763-576-2972 or visit greenhavengolfcourse.com to book winter simulator tee times.

Ski Trail

Green Haven has a groomed 5K cross country ski trail. Both classic and skate trails are groomed (weather and snow cover permitting) several times per week to provide great skiing conditions.



Winter Disc Golf

As soon as the snow flies Green Haven installs disc golf baskets for our 18-Hole disc golf course. The Cedars at Green Haven is open once the golf course is closed and will remain open until we start getting ready for summer golf. There is no charge to play and the Tavern at Green Haven is open to provide some food and beverages for your round.



Tavern at Green Haven

Tavern at Green Haven is open this winter for your dining and banquet needs. The hours will be slightly limited in the winter, but they have some great features and specials all winter long. Call 763-576-2968 for reservations or banquet information.



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2026 Golf Season

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the golf shop at 763-576-2972 for more information. Find us at greenhavengolfcourse.com and on social media.

Housing & Redevelopment Authority



Financing Designed for Anoka Residents

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 and continuing to promote the valuable resources available to Anoka residents.

Did you know 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.

Anoka understands that financing needs are not one-size-fits-all. That's why multiple loan options are offered—with flexible terms—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 when funding becomes available again January 2026. Visit mncee.org/Anoka or call 612-335-5884 to explore your options.



C.A.R.E. Grant Program

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) funded their Curb Appeal Residential Enhancement (CARE) Grant Program for 2025. 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. The HRA is offering this program again in 2026, so watch for an announcement later this year. Application period will run January 1-Feb. 28, 2026.

SAFETY IS THE #1 CONCERN

Oversalting does NOT provide extra safety, but it does damage property and pollute water.

Snow & Ice Management Tips

SHOVEL EARLY AND OFTEN

SELECT THE CORRECT PRODUCT
Salt only works when pavement temperature is above 15°F. (use a temperature gun to check). In colder temperatures, use different products.

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Anoka-Champlin Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11th - Charge into Fire Safety!

This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, October 5-11th, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," works to educate everyone about using these batteries safely. The campaign stresses how important it is to BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY: 3 STEPS

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1. Buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.
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2. Charge devices safely. Always use the cords that came with the product to charge it. Follow the manufacturer instructions. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that is approved by the manufacturer. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it is fully charged.
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3. Recycle batteries responsibly. Don't place lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling containers because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling place near you.



Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

We have partnered with the American Red Cross to provide free battery-operated smoke alarms to all Anoka residents, if needed. Please contact the Anoka-Champlin Fire Department at 763-576-2900 to inquire about the smoke alarm program.

Carbon monoxide detectors are also on a 10-year replacement plan and should be replaced if older than 10 years. CO alarms should be located outside of all sleeping rooms.

Tips from Anoka-Champlin Fire Department

- Look for places fires could start.
- Listen for the sound of smoke alarms.
- Learn two ways out of every room.
- Be aware of the common causes of fire.

If a fire starts in your home, you have two to three minutes to get out. A working smoke alarm can buy you the precious seconds you and your family need to escape. Don't forget to change the batteries twice a year and establish a meeting place a safe distance away from your home where everyone can gather after escaping a fire.

Fire Department Open House

Join us for our Open House on Saturday, September 27th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. with the Anoka Police Department at the Public Safety Center, 275 Harrison St., Anoka.



Now Hiring

The Anoka-Champlin Fire Department is seeking to find paid on-call firefighters. Are you 18 years or older? Do you want to be a part of a team that gives back to the community in which they live? Applications are available at anokachamplinfire.org.



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Anoka Police Department

Anoka Community Anti-Crime Commission

The Anoka Community Anti-Crime Commission Annual Fundraiser Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, 7:29 a.m., at Green Haven Golf Course and Event Center. If you would like to attend, please contact Julie at 763-576-2830.

In the fall of 1991, a group of concerned Anoka area citizens came together to form what would become known as the Anoka Community Anti-Crime Commission. They recognized that crime is a community problem and not just a police problem. Because of the rising crime rate and increased police service demands, the Commission chose to become involved in several crime prevention programs. Their initial objectives were to raise funds for “reward” money and to fund crime prevention programs and equipment not allowed in the Police Department budget.

The Commission has learned that the most effective programs are the collaborative efforts among business, education, and faith communities working with law enforcement. In October 2022, the Anoka Community Anti-Crime Commission was awarded the 2022 Crime Prevention Team of the Year award from the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association.

Overnight Parking

A parking ordinance prohibits parking on any city street from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. every day. Short-term exceptions can be made

by calling the Anoka Police Department at 763-576-2800. No exceptions are granted during city snowplowing or within 24 hours of a predicted snowfall.



Halloween Parades Reminder

Parade attendees, please be aware of the following seat-saving rules:

- Chairs, blankets, ropes, tarps are not allowed to be placed on public property along the parade route prior to 4 p.m. for the Light Up the Night Parade (Oct. 18th) and prior to 4 a.m. for the Big Parade of Little People (Oct. 24th) and the Grand Day Parade (Oct. 25th).
- Spectators must remove their own items from public property within 3 hours following the conclusion of the parades. Unclaimed items will be deemed abandoned and discarded.
- The City is not responsible for damaged property.



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City Assessor News



Important Dates and Reminders

Property Taxes Due

Property owners are reminded that the second half of the 2025 real estate taxes are due Oct. 15, 2024. Payments or questions should be directed to: Division of Property Records & Taxation, Anoka County Government Center, 2100 3rd Ave, Anoka, MN 55303, or call 763-323-5400.

Special Assessments

Were you part of the **2025 Street Renewal Project**? If so, you have until Nov. 14, 2025, to pay your assessment in full, interest free, at Anoka City Hall. Partial payments of \$100.00 or more may be made prior to Nov. 14, 2025 and would reduce the amount certified to taxes.

In fact, **all** outstanding special assessment balances may be paid off in **full** prior to Nov. 14, 2025 without accruing additional interest. **All payments received after November 15th will include interest on the outstanding balance through December 31st of the succeeding year.** The annual installment plus interest (for the entire year) will be certified to Anoka County for collection with your 2026 property taxes. If you have any questions, please call the City Assessor at 763-576-2730 before November 14th.

Certification of Delinquent Service Billings

Anoka City Ordinances and Minnesota Statutes allow for the annual certification of delinquent service billings, which may include: costs associated with eliminating weeds, removing diseased trees, and removal of public health hazards from private property. City of Anoka utility accounts that are delinquent as of August 1st will also be collected utilizing special assessments. Delinquent accounts that remained unpaid as of Sept. 1, 2025 will be assessed against the property and collected with the property taxes payable in 2026. An administrative fee plus interest will be charged. Property owners with closed accounts and delinquent billings will be mailed notices during September.

To avoid receipt of a notice of delinquent service billing and avoid additional costs, payments must have been received by the City of Anoka by Sept. 1, 2025. Senior citizens and permanently and totally disabled persons may apply for deferment of assessments by contacting the City Assessor at 763-576-2730.

Proposed Property Tax for 2026

Anoka County will be mailing the parcel specific notices during mid-November. Property owners will be able to compare the actual payable 2025 tax to the proposed 2026 tax. Property owners are reminded that the proposed tax for 2026 is based on proposed levies provided to the County Auditor on or before Sept. 30, 2025.

Homestead

New homeowners are reminded that December 31st is the deadline to qualify for the homestead classification for the 2025 assessment for taxes payable in 2026. Owners of property (and qualifying relatives-see below) currently classified as non-homestead are eligible to file if they own and occupy their property as their primary place of residency on or before Dec. 31, 2025. Applicants should apply before December 31st at the Office of Property Records & Taxation in the Anoka County Government Center 763-323-5400. Applications are also available from the City of Anoka Assessor's office. If you have any questions regarding the homestead classification and the application process, call the City Assessor at 763-576-2730.

Relative Homesteads

Property, which is the primary residence of a qualifying relative, may qualify as a homestead for property tax purposes. To qualify, the property must be the residence of any of the following relatives: child, stepchild, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, parent, stepparent, parent-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew. If you feel you may be eligible or have questions, please call the City Assessor at 763-576-2730.

New Construction

Appraisers from the Assessor's office will be inspecting all new construction within the city. New homes, additions and remodels will be physically inspected and valuations determined as of the assessment date of Jan. 2, 2026. Any construction which is not complete will receive a partial value based upon the percent of completion as of January 2nd. These properties will be re-inspected in the following year(s) until the project is complete so that an accurate estimate of value can be determined.

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Breaking News

This September we will launch our very own private label low-dose THC beverage and gummies. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

Wine & Beer Tasting Events

- **Halloween Tasting Event** – Held in the Anoka Lions tent (adjacent to City Hall) on Thursday, October 23, 6-8 p.m. Entry into the event at 5:30 p.m. for tickets purchased online by October 21st. Look for tickets on sale around Sept. 1, 2025.
- **Fall Wine Sale** – Thursday, October 23rd - Saturday, November 8th. Every regular priced wine item will be on sale for 22% off.

Regular Store Hours:

Mon. – Sat.: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sun.: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Holiday Hours:

Day before Thanksgiving: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Christmas Day: **Closed**
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Community Happenings



Anoka Vintage Fest

Over 100 vintage and antiques vendors will fill the streets and areas near Anoka City Hall River Plaza with the coolest vintage

treasures on Saturday, October 4th from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Find all the details at anokavintagefest.com.

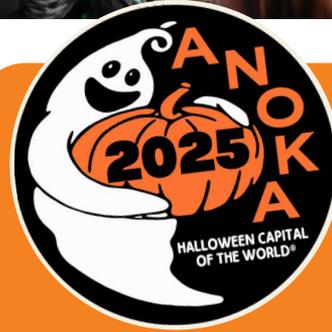


Ghost Tours

The Anoka County Historical Society will explore the History and Mystery of Anoka with intriguing ghost tours this September and October. These hour-long events reveal the hidden history and folklore of the area as experienced by the homeowners

themselves. As participants walk through Anoka, they hear captivating stories about the town's early settlers, ghostly apparitions, and eerie occurrences that have left many locals both fascinated and unsettled.

The ghost tours are a popular activity for those looking to get in the spirit of the holiday. Thank you to our Premier Sponsor, Connexus Energy of Ramsey. Learn more and purchase tickets at AnokaCountyHistory.org.



Anoka Halloween Festivities

Anoka Halloween, Inc. is planning many Halloween festivities throughout October – below is a peek.

- October 5 – Giant Pumpkin Expo
- October 6 – Blood Donor Drive
- October 13 & 20 – Bingo Night
- October 18 – Preschool Costume Contest & Children's Pumpkin Carving Contest
- October 18 – Light up the Night Parade & Bonfire
- October 19 – Medallion Hunt
- October 24-25 – House Decorating Contest – Public Viewing
- October 24 – Big Parade of Little People
- October 25 – Grande Day Parade
- October 25 – Ambassador Coronation

Find the full list of events and details including hours, locations, etc. at anokahalloween.com.

Anoka Halloween, Inc. is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that coordinates the Halloween festivities in Anoka each year.

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Gray Ghost 5K Run and One Mile Fitness Walk

The Gray Ghost Run has been an Anoka Halloween tradition since 1985. Whether you're a serious runner or just want to have some fun in front of more than 25,000 Grand Day Parade spectators, the Gray Ghost is serious fun! Join the fun run on Saturday, October 25th. Learn more and register at GrayGhostRun.com.



Toys for Joy Collection

Anoka City Hall is a drop-off location for Toys for Joy. Make a child smile this holiday season by donating toys for infants through teens. Drop new, unwrapped toys off Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from November 10–December 5. Thank you! Learn more at toysforjoymn.com.

Discover Anoka Events

Discover Anoka is hosting a variety of fall and winter events including Wicked Windows Walkabout, Fab Fest, Pink Friday, Black Friday, Holiday Stocking Stroll, and many more! Don't forget to shop small on Small Business Saturday, November 29th. Find details at discoveranoka.com.



Artisan Delights Winter Market

Shop Anoka's lovely artisan market hosted at The Mill Site – Events on the River, 111 Harrison St. just north of City

Hall, on Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th (10 a.m. – 6 p.m. both days). Stroll through the beautiful, historic building and find local artisans showcasing their original hand-made designs, artwork, and baked goods. This is a great gift-buying opportunity! Full details at anokaminnesota.com.



Anoka Annual Tree Lighting

Bring your family and friends to the annual Anoka Tree Lighting event at City Hall River Plaza, 2015 First Ave. No., from 3-7 p.m. on Saturday, December 6th. Enjoy free horse-drawn trolley rides, holiday music, warm bonfires, merriment, and visit Santa Claus in the Santa Shack! Learn more at anokaminnesota.com.



Hometown Holiday Celebration

Join local small businesses of Anoka from November 28–December 24 for a Hometown Holiday Celebration filled with events, giveaways, and the spirit of the season! Discover what Anoka has to offer, and find special gifts for yourself and those on your lists. Learn more at discoveranoka.com.



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Anoka Cannabis Company Est. 2025

Welcome to the City of Anoka owned and operated adult recreation marijuana retail

dispensary, Anoka Cannabis Company. The building is under construction at 839 East River Road, adjacent to city-owned Better Values Liquor store. Construction began in May 2025 and is scheduled to be completed in December 2025.

The goal for our dispensary is to provide a safe, secure, warm and welcoming environment where all are welcome. From the guest that would like to spend 20-30 minutes consulting with a retail specialist, to the person that knows exactly what they want, and everyone in between.

The city recently hired Dispensary Manager Stephanie Rietz and Assistant Dispensary Manager Jamie Croyle. Both bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and professionalism to their



positions and look forward to serving the citizens of Anoka along with everyone else that visits the dispensary. As we get closer to the completion of construction, the process of hiring retail specialists/budtenders, and receptionists will begin.

Anoka Cannabis Company is excited to announce that we are the official sponsor of the 2025 Anoka Vintage Fest on Saturday, October 4, 2025, and will be at various industry festivals throughout the Twin Cities promoting our retail dispensary. Look for the team and if you see them stop and say "hello".

Look for updates and announcements at anokaminnesota.com and on social media.



Volunteer Tree Planting

The Anoka Conservation District is seeking volunteers to help plant trees at Kings Island, 6012 W Hwy 10, in Anoka on Saturday, October 25th, at 10:00 a.m..

Ash trees impacted by Emerald Ash Borer were cut and removed near the main trail and duck blinds in January 2024 to ensure public safety and to create space for a diversity of new trees. Since then buckthorn and other invasive species have been treated. We will plant 11 different tree species in areas where Ash were removed to create a diverse forest habitat.

If you would like to volunteer, please RSVP via email to Carrie.Taylor@AnokaSWCD.org or call 763-434-2030 x 190.

Upcoming Recycling Events

Mark your calendar for the following fall recycling opportunities. Find full details on both events, including prices, in the fall edition of the RAW newsletter or online at anokaminnesota.com.

Fall Recycling Drop-off Event

Saturday, September 27th | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. | 501 Pierce Street

Curbside Recycling Event

Tuesday, November 4th

Household appliances and electronics only (fees apply)

Residents will sign up with and pay JRs Advanced Recyclers

Pumpkin Smash – DIY Activity

Drop your pumpkins off for composting during daylight hours anytime from November 1st – 9th at Rick Sorenson Park (2015 State Ave.). A dumpster will be provided. Please remove all decorations, candles, and please don't add painted pumpkins to the mix.

Questions?

Call 763-576-2725 or email pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us



These events are funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) funds.