



FALL 2015

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City of St. Paul Park

The 2015 Canadian Pacific Holiday Train

The 2015 Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will be stopping in Cottage Grove on Thursday, December 10 at 5:45 p.m. with live entertainment. The Holiday Train will stop just south of 80th Street overpass on West Point Douglas Road. All cash and non-perishable donations collected at "our" stop go directly to our local Friends In Need Food Shelf; serving residents of St. Paul Park, Cottage Grove, Grey Cloud Island and Newport.

The Cottage Grove stop has grown to be among the largest stops of the Holiday Train U.S. Route. Last year the Holiday Train collected over \$105,000 in cash donations and 12,031 pounds of food and toiletries.

Cottage Grove • December 10 • 5:45 PM



**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS - NOV. 3, 2015
7 AM - 8 PM**

11th Annual Holiday Lights Contest

It's never too early to start thinking about the annual holiday lights contest when decorating your home and yard for the holidays.

For those who love to decorate their homes for the holidays, we welcome you to participate in this annual St. Paul Park tradition. For those who enjoy those holiday lights, we encourage you to nominate your favorite home. The contest entry deadline has been extended to 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 11.

Two prizes will be awarded by Anchor Bank. First Place is a \$100 MasterCard gift card and Second Place is a \$50 MasterCard gift card. Prizes will be awarded at the January 4, 2016 St. Paul Park Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

To enter or nominate a home in the contest, registration forms are available on page 23, the City website and at Anchor Bank, 1030 Hastings Avenue. Entry forms must be submitted to Anchor Bank by 4:30 p.m. Friday, December 11.

Judging will take place December 14 - 18, all lights must be on between 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Judging Criteria is quantity of lights, decorations, creativity and theme.

Contest is sponsored by Anchor Bank and City of St. Paul Park. For more information, please call Anchor Bank at (651) 459-0554 or visit the City's website.

Communications Corner

City of St. Paul Park
600 Portland Avenue
St. Paul Park, MN 55071
Phone: 651-459-9785
Fax: 651-459-6144
www.stpaulpark.govoffice.com

City Hall Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
City offices will be closed on the following days:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
President's Day
Memorial Day
Good Friday
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve (noon)
Christmas Day

City Council Members

Keith Franke, Mayor
Tim Jones
Sandi Dingle
Jeff Swenson
Jennifer Cheesman

Kevin Walsh, City Administrator

Frequently Called Numbers

City Hall	651-459-9785
City Hall Fax	651-459-6144
Fire	651-459-9918
Police/Emergency	911
Police/Non-Emerg.	651-459-9785
Police Dispatch	651-439-9381
Public Works	651-459-3730
After Hours	651-439-9381
Utility Billing	651-459-9785

Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 pm at City Hall, 1st and 3rd
Monday of the month, unless noted.

Planning Commission

7:00 pm at City Hall, 2nd Monday of
the month, unless noted.



STORE to DOOR provides services for Seniors

STORE to DOOR is a Twin Cities-based (seven County metro), volunteer grocery shopping and delivery service that provides seniors (60+) personal, reliable access to their choice of food and household essentials, so they can continue to live in their own homes. Seniors needing our services are paired with a volunteer order taker who call on a regular basis (bi-weekly or monthly) to take their order. Volunteer shoppers shop a person's order at one of six participating Cub Food locations. A STORE to DOOR paid driver delivers groceries into the home and receives payment. To learn more about STORE to DOOR call (651) 642-1892 or go to www.storetodoor.org.

If you would like to support seniors access to food as a volunteer shopper or work out of your home using your phone and computer to take orders, please email Carolyn@storetodoor.org.



Coffee & Cocoa
with the Mayor

**Sunday
Dec 13
Noon
City Hall**

School Crossing Guards Were Honored

On May 6, 2015 all crossing guards in the City of St. Paul Park were recognized for their continued commitment to the safety and well-being of our children. Mayor Franke proclaimed May 6, 2015 as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day and presented each guard with a copy of the proclamation. Thank you school crossing guards.



Outstanding Volunteer Nomination

Do you know a person who volunteers within the City? The City of St. Paul Park is seeking nominations of persons contributing to the betterment of the City through volunteering activities. These volunteers help improve the quality of life for everyone in our City.

Each year the City Council holds a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in April to recognize and honor people who have demonstrated a caring attitude through volunteer efforts, without expectations of rewards or recognitions.

Take a moment to nominate someone today. Deadline is February 28, 2016. Call City Hall (651) 459-9785 to request a nomination form or visit the City's website.

Volunteer Of The Year

Sheila Nitz

We are proud to announce the recipient of this year's "Volunteer of the Year" is Sheila Nitz. Sheila was instrumental in coordinating all efforts that made Heritage Days a success in 2014. Sheila put in countless hours to make the 2014 Heritage Days Festival a success. Sheila is an amazing woman—one of grace, good humor, and professionalism all rolled into one! Congratulations Sheila!

Seniors Can Receive A Discount On Their Water Bill

Those who are 65 years of age or older may be eligible for reduced water rates. Applications for reduced water rates for the year 2016 are still being accepted.

Qualifications:

- Head of household must be 65 years of age or older.
- Quarterly usage must not exceed 9,000 gallons.
- Discount does not apply to rental property or multiple family dwellings.

Discount

The water portion of your bill will be reduced 50%.

Application:

Submit the application at any time throughout the year when you become eligible.

If I submitted my application last year, do I need to re-apply?

Yes, renewals must be made each year during the month of October.

What happens if my water usage exceeds 9,000 gallons?

If your quarterly water consumption exceeds 9,000 gallons, the discount will not be applied for that billing cycle.

Volunteer Opportunities

You can make a difference, we need you

The City of St. Paul Park is seeking volunteers to serve on the following commissions:

Public Works Commission (2 positions)—meetings are held quarterly on the 1st Tuesday following the 1st Monday of March, June, September and December at 7 p.m.

Those interested in serving may call City Hall at (651) 459-9785 to request an application. Applications are also available on the City's website.

Dog Licenses Expire In December

All dog licenses for 2016 must be renewed by December 31, 2015

One, two and three year licenses are now available. Licensing fees are as follows:

One Year	Exp 12/31/16	\$10
Two Year	Exp 12/31/17	\$20
Three Year	Exp 12/31/18	\$30

A Certificate of Rabies Vaccination is required and must be current.

To obtain your license(s) you may come in to City Hall, mail your Rabies Certificate and check/money order, or drop the Rabies Certificate and check/money order in the "water bill box" located in the entrance of City Hall. City Hall is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Renewals Only: A late fee of \$5 will be added after January 1. A late fee of \$10 will be added February 1 or later.



What is an Open Book Meeting?

Notices to Arrive in March 2016

The purpose of an Open Book meeting is to review and correct the market value or classification of your property. Residents can expect to receive, during the month of March, their "Notice of Valuation and Classification for Taxes Payable in 2017". This notice will indicate the market value established on January 1, 2016 which is the basis for your 2017 taxes.

It is important for property owners to review this notice for two items:

1. Is the property classification correct?
2. Is the property valuation correct?

If the property information is not correct, if you disagree with the values, or if you have any questions about the notice, you are recommended to contact the assessor to resolve any issues. If your questions or concerns are not resolved, more formal appeal options are available. The notice will list Open Book Meeting(s), which are typically held in April, and contact information for the assessor's office.

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Lic #PM057244

Election Reminders... Election Day is November 3.

Election Judges Needed for 2016

The City of St. Paul Park is seeking election judges to staff the three polling locations in St. Paul Park.

Serving as an election judge is a great way to serve your community. You will learn more about the election process and ensure that elections are administered in a fair manner. Election judges are an essential part of our democracy and are needed more than ever.

Preference is given to applicants who are able to work the entire Election Day. However, if enough applications are received, Election Judges can work split shifts.

If you are interested in learning more about being an Election Judge, please contact Sharon Ornquist, City Clerk at (651) 459-9785 or sornquist@stpaulpark.org.

Curbside Voting

If you are unable to leave your car to enter the polling location, election judges will bring the voting materials to you to complete. This is referred to as “curbside voting”. This service is available on Election Day or during Absentee Voting.



Absentee Voting

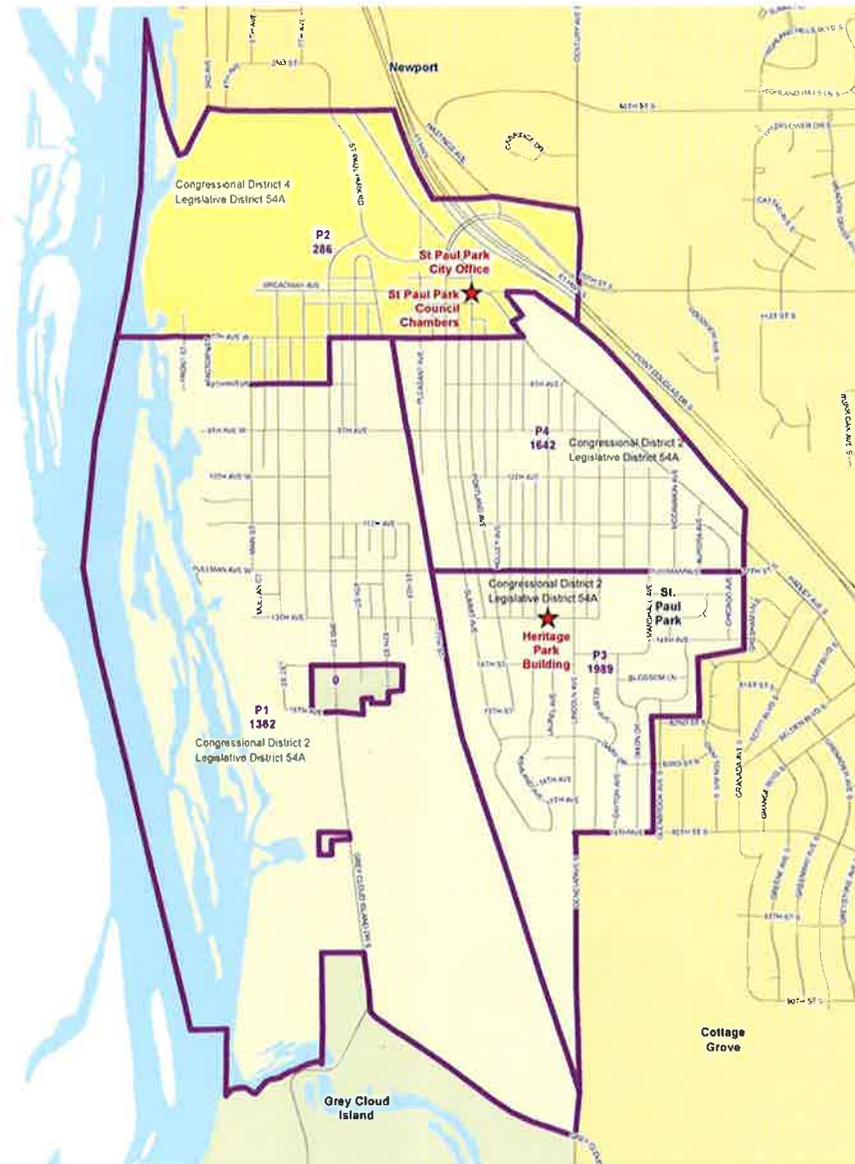
Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot can go the Washington County Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Parkway South, beginning September 18 through November 2, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The County Office will also be open for absentee Voting on Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Polling Places

Precinct 1
Council Chambers
600 Portland Avenue

Precinct 2 & 4
Community Room
600 Portland Avenue

Precinct 3
Heritage Park
1345 Laurel Avenue



Polling hours: 7 AM to 8 PM

Take Time To Secure Your Property

Police Officer Knudson

Many of us lead very busy lives these days and sometimes small personal security measures slip our mind. Unfortunately for all of us, thieves have also been very busy this summer and continue to be into the fall season.

In the past year St. Paul Park, along with other local communities, have suffered an unprecedented number of thefts from automobiles, as well as garage burglaries. In an overwhelming 90% of these cases one single factor contributed greatly: **THE CAR WAS UNLOCKED OR THE GARAGE DOOR WAS OPEN.** Suspects that have been arrested in these instances

have consistently shared that they checked numerous vehicles on a given night, if they encountered a locked one they immediately moved onto the next one. When they have found an unlocked vehicle they simply poked around to see what they could get—"the pickings were easy".

Please take a few seconds before leaving your car to make sure you are not leaving any valuables in it; then **LOCK IT.** It takes a thief seven or eight seconds to pick through your vehicle. The same goes for your yard, garage and home; don't leave anything valuable unsecured. Make

sure your garage door is closed and locked. Those small steps will go a long way toward significantly reducing your likelihood of being a victim of these criminals.

The single best crime prevention tool is alert neighbors. You know your neighborhood and what is out of the ordinary. If you see something suspicious notify Police immediately by calling 911. Put these would-be thieves on notice that people in your neighborhood are paying attention and make them reconsider plying their trade in your neighborhood.



Sign Up—Get Notified City Emergencies and General Information

The City of St. Paul Park has joined Washington County in the use of a mass communication notification system call CodeRED. This system will send important emergency messages and information to your home telephone, cell phone, or e-mail address. The emergency messages will provide notification of an event, measures to take to remain safe, and where to get needed assistance. CodeRED will also allow the City to notify citizens of general information such as road closings and watermain breaks. The

messages will be directed to the effected area of the City unless a City wide notification is necessary. The St. Paul Park Police and Fire Departments will use this system for emergencies requiring community notification.

To sign up and register to receive the mass notification messages go to the City's webpage at www.stpaulpark.govoffice.com and click on the CodeRED logo.

Residents without Internet access may visit any of the County public libraries to use a computer to register.

Worried about your next house payment?

Or your home equity payment?

Already missed one? Or two?

Losing sleep worried about your finances?

The Washington County HRA is a local, HUD-approved housing counseling agency. Specialists will answer your questions, offer advice at no cost and help you create a financial plan to get back on track.

Confidentially.

National Night Out

St. Paul Park hosted its 14th Annual National Night Out on August 4, 2015. Thanks to the many volunteers and supporters who contributed to making this year's National Night Out a success. National Night Out is an evening designated to get people outside, involved with their neighbors, and say goodbye to crime in their neighborhood.

Thank You, *Officer Mike Knudson*



Call Today!
651-202-2822
www.wchra.com

Information For Dog Owners

Is a license required? Yes a license is required and is renewed annually.

Is there a limit to the number of animals I may own? Yes, no more than three (3) pets are allowed per residence.

Does the city have a dog park? Not at this time. However, dogs are allowed in the parks when under the control of their owner. Owners are responsible for the removal of dog excrement.

What if my dog is found running at large? Dogs are not allowed to run at large. If found the owner is charged

an impound fee of \$50 for the first occurrence; \$75 for the second occurrence and \$100 for the third occurrence. Additional boarding fees as well as a vaccination fee also applies.

Where are impounded dogs taken? Impounded dogs are taken to South Saint Paul Animal Hospital, 501 N. Concord Street, South Saint Paul.

How can I assist Public Works with meter readings? The Public Works Department reads the water meters around the 15th of the month and asks homeowners not to tie their

dog(s) close to the outside meter register or let the dog(s) run at large.

How can I be a good neighbor? Barking dogs is one of the biggest complaints. A barking dog is any dog that barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or barks intermittently for 30 minutes or more. The second biggest complaint is dog excrement. Owners are responsible for the removal of dog excrement on public and private property not owned by the dog's owner.

No Hunting Within City Limits

St. Paul Park City Ordinance Section 46-19 prohibits the discharge of weapons within the City limits. Hunters need to be aware of St. Paul Park boundaries due to the annexation of property

from Grey Cloud Island Township. The City limits include the center of the Mississippi River east from mile marker 827 to mile marker 830. Any questions, feel free to call Police Chief Monahan at (651) 459-9785.

Snowmobile Rules

(City Code Sections 66-132 and 66-133)

St. Paul Park City Code prohibits the operation of a snowmobile upon the roadway shoulder or inside bank or slope. The snowmobile may be driven on the streets between the residence of the operator and any public or private property upon which the operation of a snowmobile is permitted provided that the most direct route is used, the driver yields the right-of-way to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic and when driven upon the street the speed does not exceed 10 miles per hour. To drive upon a public street the snowmobile must be equipped with at least one headlamp, one taillamp, muffler, and brakes that conform to state standards. Hours of operation are between the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and only between 7 a.m. to 12 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. The only exception to time limitation will be for the purpose of returning to the residence of the operator by the most direct route at a speed not exceeding 10 miles per hour.

Do You Know Who's Drinking At Your House Tonight?

The City Council recently passed a Social Host Ordinance to discourage underage drinking by holding persons who host an underage drinking party criminally responsible. The new Ordinance No. 685 is on the city website for viewing.

How to be a responsible host

To protect your guests, yourself and others and reduce your exposure to alcohol-related liability, if you are hosting a party where persons under 21 years of age are

present, you should verify the ages of guests and ensure that alcohol is not served to those under age 21. Control access to alcohol. Control the quantity of alcohol served to adults. Supervise persons under 21 years of age. Refuse entrance to uninvited people, especially the ones who arrive at the door with alcohol or are already intoxicated. Call the Police for assistance with uninvited people.



Yielding to the right of way



Yield to the car on your right

Who has the right of way? The law gives the right of way to no one, but it does state who must yield (give up) the right of way. Every driver, motorcyclist, moped rider, bicyclist, and pedestrian must do everything possible to avoid a crash. When you yield the right of way to another vehicle, you are letting them go before you in the traffic situation.

One of the most frequently asked

questions pertains to uncontrolled intersections. Minnesota law states "When two vehicles enter an uncontrolled intersection from different highways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right."

Pedestrians must always be yielded the right of way at intersections and crosswalks. Bicycles, since they are considered "vehicles" are subject to the same rules as other drivers; they are not always granted the right of way.



NOTICE: Feeding feral/stray cats

Do not feed stray/feral cats outside. This causes large numbers of cats/kittens in neighborhoods that can lead to disease and illness. St. Paul Park Animal Control can provide a trap to you to remove feral/stray cats from your property. You are responsible to take the captured cat to an animal shelter.

Keep sidewalks clear

Many people rely on sidewalks to get where they need to go. Keeping sidewalks clear of snow and other objects such as recycling bins ensures safe travel for everyone. The City asks that all residents and business owners help in keeping public sidewalks free of fresh snow, as well as any snow that may be deposited as a result of snow removal from streets and driveways.

EDA NEWS

Welcome New Businesses

The St. Paul Park Economic Development Authority would like to welcome the following businesses:

Balance From Within, 445 Broadway Avenue

Technical Difficulties, 545 Broadway Avenue

Opening a Business?

The following is *required prior* to doing business in the City:

- Submit Building/Zoning Permit application packet & fee for a Certificate of Occupancy inspection
- Occupancy inspection completed & approved
- Submit Business License application & fee

Questions? Contact City Hall at 651-459-9785.

2016 PROPERTY TAX & BUDGET

Proposed 0.75% Levy Increase

The St. Paul Park City Council recently approved a preliminary 2016 budget that will increase the total gross levy by less than 1%. The proposed levy of \$2,006,188 includes \$1,660,688 to fund general operating expenses and \$345,500 for debt repayment. The general operating levy is increasing for the first time since 2013 and the debt levy (for the required payment of bond principal and interest) is set to decrease by \$130,000 due to 2010 bonds that matured earlier this year.

By law, the final levy adopted in December can be less, but not more, than the preliminary amount.

YEAR	PROPERTY VALUE	CITY PROPERTY TAX
2013	\$150,000	\$740
2014	\$152,500	\$629
2015	\$179,200	\$722
2016	\$175,100	\$718

= \$60/month
or \$2/day

Property Tax Impact

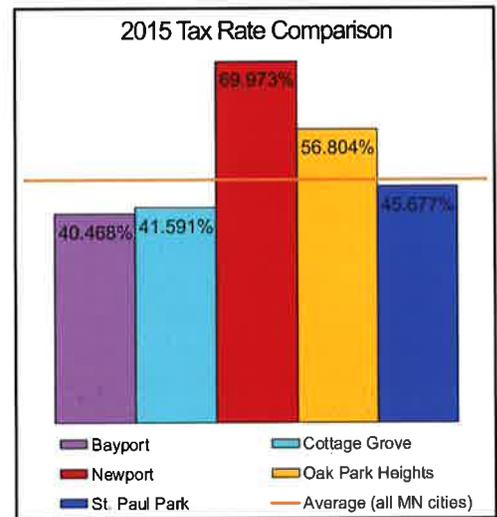
With the overall proposed tax levy increase, Washington County is estimating that residential property owners who own a home currently valued at \$179,200 will have a \$5 decrease in city property taxes. Though, due to the various factors affecting property tax, a homeowner could experience an increase. An example of the average change in property value and city taxes for a home that was valued at \$150,000 in 2013 is provided in the exhibit.

General Fund Budget Highlights

The general operating revenue budget for 2016 is proposed to increase by slightly more than \$122,038 (or 4.2%). This is primarily due to an increase in the general operating levy. General operating expenditures are also budgeted to increase, by approximately 6.3%. The largest change in the expense budget is for Public Safety related to salary and benefits, required training, and equipment (police squad replacement).

Cost Management

It is a priority of City leaders to ensure the City's ongoing ability to provide quality services at a reasonable price well into the future. The City utilizes various financial management plans updated on a regular basis to develop long range views on the City's revenue and expenditure trends, capital improvement projects and capital equipment replacement and/or purchase needs. City leaders strive to establish a budget that allows for providing excellent municipal services, while at the same time meeting the City's objectives established during the budgeting process including a balanced budget, maintaining existing levels of service, and protecting our infrastructure.



Public Input

The City of St. Paul Park always welcomes public input regarding the budget. City Council and staff members encourage comments from the community prior to the December 7th City Council meeting. For additional information on the proposed budget, please refer to the City's website at www.stpaulpark.govoffice.com. Specific questions regarding the City property tax or budget can be addressed to Finance Officer, Kim Sommerland or City Administrator, Kevin Walsh at 651-459-9785.



The City Council will approve the final 2016 property tax levy and budget during their meeting on December 7, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Utility Bill Payments

The City of St. Paul Park is pleased to announce that residents will now be able to pay their utility bills using the ACH Debit payment option.

By signing up for the ACH Debit payment option, residents will authorize the City to withdraw the amount of their utility bill directly from their checking account. This transaction will happen automatically eliminating the need for the resident to pay their utility bill using the conventional methods of mailing in the payment or dropping it off at City Hall.

To sign up for this payment option, please fill out the form and attach a voided check from your checking account. Turn in the completed form & voided check to City Hall.

Benefits Include:

- No check, stamp or money order fees
- Avoid late payment penalties
- Payments are made even when you are away from home

Frequently asked questions:

Q: How will I know my payment has been made?

A: You will see an itemized entry on your bank statement that describes the payment you have made to the City of St. Paul Park.

Q: What happens if I change my bank or want to discontinue participation?

A: To stop participation or change your banking information, just fill out a new form and mark the appropriate change that you are making.

Q: Why does the City ask for a voided check?

A: The City uses the account numbers which appear on the bottom of your check to set up the ACH Debit transaction. These numbers can be difficult to read, so sending a voided check ensures that your payment will be processed properly.

Halt the Salt This Winter

For those of us that live in the colder climates, like Minnesota, winter time and ice can prove to be anything from a nuisance to a hazard. As the winter season approaches, we'll soon seek relief from salt to reduce the dangers of ice and snow on our driveways and sidewalks. While it's essential to keep safe in the wintertime, it's important to note that salt doesn't just disappear when the snow and ice eventually melts. Instead, it can cause irreversible damage as it washes into our lakes and streams and seeps into our groundwater supplies.

Rock salt, also known as sodium chloride, is the most common salt used for deicing. This type of salt also releases the highest amount of chloride when it dissolves in water. As it dissolves, chloride can damage concrete and metal. It can also pollute our water resources and harm aquatic plants and wildlife, which is why it's imperative to limit rock salt use. Once it reaches surface water, there is no way to remove chloride from the system.

Fortunately, you can help prevent salt pollution by limiting the amount of deicers you use on your driveways and sidewalks. Try to avoid using salt altogether if possible. However, if safety concerns require you to control ice, consider following these simple tips to limit salt use:

1. **Shovel.** In order to limit the amount of deicer needed, try to keep your driveway and walkways free from snow when it first falls.

2. **Skip the salt** if the pavement temperature is below 15 degrees. Most salts are not effective below this temperature. Instead, use sand for traction.

3. **Use salt sparingly.** Try to use no more than one pound of salt for 250 square feet. For reference, one heaping coffee mug is about one pound of salt and 250 square feet is roughly the size of two parking spaces.

4. **Adding extra salt** does not mean more melting. If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement, it is no longer working and will be washed away. Sweep it up and use it somewhere else or throw it away.

5. **Tell a neighbor!** They may be over-salting too.

There are a variety of materials that you can use if you're considering a salt-free approach to manage your slippery paths, including: sand, wood ash, sawdust, wood chips, or straw. Use these materials on the most slippery places where there is a lot of traffic. None of these materials will actually melt the ice, but they will at least make for a safer walkway.

While the application of rock salt to our driveways and sidewalks is a very important tool to help combat our extreme winters, it is important that we also understand the impact of using too much salt. By following these salt use tips, you can maintain safety and help reduce the amount of sodium chloride from entering our valuable lakes, wetlands and streams.



CITY OF ST PAUL PARK

600 Portland Avenue St. Paul Park, MN 55016

UTILITY BILL

ACH DEBIT AUTHORIZATION FORM

***** A VOIDED CHECK MUST BE ATTACHED TO ENROLL OR CHANGE BANK ACCOUNTS *****

I wish to: ENROLL WITHDRAW CHANGE BANK INFORMATION

CUSTOMER NAME(S) as they appear on your bank account

MAILING ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

PROPERTY ADDRESS

UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBER

I (We), the undersigned, hereby authorize the City of St. Paul Park, herein called CITY, to initiate debit entries and/or correction entries to our checking account at the bank/depository named below, herein called DEPOSITORY, to credit the same such account. The ACH Debit Transaction will take place on the 20th day of the month in which the utility bill is due. If the 20th should fall on a weekend or holiday, the ACH Debit Transaction will take place on the next business day.

BANK/DEPOSITORY NAME

BRANCH ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

BANK ROUTING NUMBER

ACCOUNT NUMBER

This authorization is to remain in full force until CITY has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford CITY and DEPOSITORY reasonable opportunity in which to act.

SIGNATURE

DATE

SIGNATURE

DATE

We must receive this form 30 days prior to the next scheduled ACH debit transaction date.

Composting in St. Paul Park

Washington County and St. Paul Park have developed a compost site where you can recycle the leaves and grass you take off your lawns. The deposited leaves and grass are pushed into large piles and left to decay naturally into finished compost. Turned into the soil, compost makes an excellent soil amendment for lawns and gardens.

HOW

Bring your leaves and grass to the site in bags, truck, trailer, or any other container you prefer, and a site monitor will show you where to empty the material onto the pile. Plan to bring your containers back home and use them again, or fill them with finished compost.

The brush operation is sponsored by the City of St. Paul Park and, therefore, is available only to St. Paul Park residents. Please do not be offended when we ask you to show your drivers license as proof of St. Paul Park residency. It is the only way we can control this service that will be paid for by you, the taxpayer. If you can not prove residency, permission to dump will be denied.

Special note:

- Compost Site and Tree Disposal Site are not open to commercial haulers.
- Absolutely no trash of any kind will be accepted.
- No logs or stumps allowed.
- No limbs larger than 4" in diameter will be accepted.
- No sod accepted.

LOCATION

The compost site is located at 13th Avenue & 1st Street. Take 3rd Street to 13th Avenue and then to 1st Street. All residents will be charged a fee for dropping off yard waste.

BUCKTHORN DISPOSAL

Buckthorn disposal will be accepted free of charge. All buckthorn must be separated from other brush. Please inform the compost operators, and they will assist you with disposal area.

COMPOST SITE FEES

Cars:

- Leaves/Grass/Garden Waste (\$3/trip)
- Brush or pruning (\$6/trip)
- Buckthorn (No charge/must be separated)

Cars w/trailers or pickup trucks:

- Leaves/Grass/Garden Waste (\$6/trip)
- Brush or pruning (\$10/trip)
- Buckthorn (No charge/must be separated)
- Upcharges for oversized loads.
- The St. Paul Park compost site is for use by St. Paul Park residents only - violators will be prosecuted.
- No commercial dumping allowed.
- Strict enforcement of fees with payment made at the time of dumping.
- Charges are per trip.
- Every individual using the site must provide a valid driver's license showing St. Paul Park residency.
- License plates of all user vehicles will be recorded.

**Closing Day
2015 - Nov. 8**

2015 HOURS OF OPERATION

**Opening Day: April 4
Closing Day: Nov. 8**

Weather & Daylight Permitting:

**Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:30 - 5:00 pm**

2016

**Opening - April 9
Closing - Nov. 13**

Curbside Yard Waste Pick-up

It is illegal in Minnesota, to place yard (grass, leaves, small brush and plant materials) and tree waste in with your household garbage.

St. Paul Park residents who are unable to take advantage of the City's compost site can have their yard waste picked up curbside by calling their waste hauler.

Contact your waste hauler to schedule weekly or bi-weekly yard waste pickup or a special one-time pickup. Your hauler will let you know how to prepare your yard waste and fees associated with pick-up.

Seasonal

Container Size:
Charge for extra bags:
Period:

One Time Pick Up:

(prices subject to change)

Waste Mangement

64 gallons-\$7/per month
\$0/bag
April - November
\$5/bag

Tennis Sanitation

Refused to
provide
information

Troje's Trash

Refused to
provide
information

Trash/Recycling Price Comparisons

Trash Pickup (taxable)

Smallest container

Recycling Pickup (tax exempt)

Largest container

Taxes and Fees

CEC--35%

SWM--9.75%

Total Monthly Cost

Waste Management

32 gallon \$15.00

96 gallon \$5.00

\$5.25

\$1.95

\$27.20

Tennis Sanitation

30 gallon \$8.50

90 gallon \$10.83

\$2.98

\$1.88

\$24.19

Troje's Trash

30 gallon \$14.00

68 gallon \$0.00

\$4.90

\$1.37

\$20.27

CEC = County Environmental Charge
SWM = MN Solid Waste Management Tax

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Unwanted chemicals are considered household hazardous waste (HHW) when their disposal poses an environmental or health threat. People who dispose of HHW in the trash, down the drain, or on the ground, can contaminate our water and soils, or harm trash collectors. If you can't use up hazardous household chemicals or give the items to someone who will, then take these items to the Washington County Environmental Center.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Single sort is one of the easiest methods of recycling. There is no need to sort your recyclables by item. Simply place the recyclables together in your bin or container. Place your recycling container at the curb to be picked up by your licensed hauler.

Get Caught Recycling and you could win \$50. Winners are chosen weekly from residents participating in the city's curbside recycling program.

Stone Soup Thrift Shop

To my friends and neighbors in St Paul Park, I wanted to let you in on a little secret. Did you know that your community has a thrift shop? It's called Stone Soup Thrift Shop but it's so much more than your average used merchandise store. I'm writing this letter to tell you about all the wonderful services Stone Soup provides.

Stone Soup Thrift Shop's mission statement is as follows: "To engage the community in supporting families and individuals by providing access to quality used clothes, household items and furniture in a convenient, dignified manner." Doing business for the past 18 years, they accomplish this in a number of ways. For example, did you know Stone Soup offers a free furniture pick-up service every other week? That's right! You can call the store to arrange a pick-up date for your gently used furniture and one of the board members will pick them up and deliver them to the store. What other thrift store does that?

Another amazing service that the store offers is free bread and seasonal produce. Imagine walking into the shop to browse for a few household goods and walking out with some fresh Panera bread and/or tomatoes straight from your local Growing Together Community Garden. Anyone is welcome to take something home and Stone Soup has been so encouraged to see that nothing gets left over at the end of the day. Clearly, that shows a need in our community and a gap Stone Soup is happy to fill.

While Stone Soup is open to the general public for purchases, they also provide vouchers through a referral partnership with community and social service organizations. These vouchers offer free goods to families and individuals who lack the necessary funds to obtain the household merchandise they need. In fact, over half of the merchandise they receive from donations is given away via the voucher program, and no government or other assistance is received for this service.

Another goal at Stone Soup is to continue recycling efforts in order to reduce landfill waste and renew resources. The store is committed to recycling and is always seeking new ways to process damaged or unsold items. Did you know that from 2004 thru 2012, Stone Soup recycled 204,155 bags of clothes, (value \$431,944) and 18,024 pounds leather (value \$5,401.00). Too, unusable leather goods and shoes weighing 13,643 lbs. were reprocessed by a local recycling company.

There are many other ways Stone Soup helps your community. You may be asking yourself, how you can help, and there are many, many ways. You can volunteer! The store is always looking for folks to help sort clothing, stock shelves, price items, assist with drop-off donations...and yes - shop. You can also help by attending the annual Stone Soup-er Bowl fundraiser. This is a huge effort made by board members, staff, volunteers and your participation (and monetary donations) is critical to the ongoing operations. You can also "like" on Facebook at Basic Needs Inc. of South Washington County d/b/a Stone Soup Thrift Shop. Share updates with your friends. Help us get the word out!

If you have additional questions about Stone Soup, please call the store at (651) 458-9786.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cheesman
City Council Member



Welcome, Curtis Bangerter

On August 17, 2015 Curtis Bangerter joined the Public Works Department as a Maintenance Worker. Curtis was previously employed by Oak Meadow Landscaping. Curtis brings with him landscaping and irrigation knowledge as well as welding and mechanical skills.



New Compost Attendant, Bruce Zenner

On April 4, 2015 Bruce began working as the newest compost attendant. Many of you may recognize Bruce as a volunteer firefighter with St. Paul Park Fire Department. Welcome Bruce.



Welcome, Michael Anlauf

On September 23, 2015 Michael Anlauf joined the St. Paul Park Police Department. Michael is the fourth Michael currently on the Police Department (4 out of 9 police officers). Michael is originally from Braham, Minnesota. He has college degrees from Hamline University and Metropolitan State University. Michael lives in the metro area and was a member of the St. Paul Park Police Reserves. Welcome, Michael.



Best Wishes, Van

The City of St. Paul Park would like to wish Marlyn Van Schoonhoven "Van" the best in his recovery. Van began working for the City as a compost attendant in 2008.

Best Wishes, Jeff Domagala

Jeff Domagala started his career with the City of St. Paul Park in 2001 and worked as a Public Works Maintenance Worker for 13 years. Jeff is now employed with the City of Roseville using his talent of vehicle repair and maintenance. Best Wishes, Jeff.

Thank You to all who support Heritage Days

This past August, it was "Back to the Future" on Broadway as Heritage Days celebrated its 31st annual festival. Thanks to the St. Paul Park Newport Lions Club, Heritage Days committee members, volunteers, local businesses and sponsors for their support to make this year's Heritage Days celebration a great success. A complete list of sponsors is listed on the City's webpage.

Are you prepared for a sewer backup?

Sewer backups happen. If you've ever experienced one, you know there's a lot of time and money spent to correct the damage caused by the backup. Sanitary sewer line blockages are typically caused by roots, grease, and improper disposal of items. Tree roots can enter the sanitary sewer system at joints and cracks in the sewer service lines and main lines. Grease can solidify in the sewer lines and restrict other waste from flowing through. The lines can be blocked by disposable diapers, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, washing machine lint, or similar items that might get flushed down the drain or toilet.

As a resident, you play an important role in keeping the City's main sewer line and your own private sewer line clean and clear of blockages. The

following items should be disposed of in your trash can, NOT in the sanitary sewer system:

- Diapers
- Sanitary napkins
- Rags or shop towels
- Garage waste products such as oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze
- Household waste such as ashes, corrosives, glass, metals, paint, poisons, or solvents
- Yard waste such as sand, soil or mud

If a sewer backup occurs on your property, the City encourages you to take the following steps:

[1] Call the City immediately at (651) 459-3730 or (651) 439-9381 to report the sewer backup. The City will work with you to identify the location of the blockage. If the blockage is in one of the City's main sewer lines, the City will attempt to clear the blockage.

[2] Make arrangements for the blockage to be cleared if it is determined to be in the individual sewer line to your property. Remember, you are

responsible for scheduling and paying for service to clear such a blockage.

[3] If you have homeowners or another type of property insurance coverage, notify your insurance agent of the sewer backup to see if such a claim is covered.

[4] Clean the entire contaminated area in a safe and professional manner. It's a good idea to use the service of a reputable company experienced in cleaning up after sewer backups.

[5] Document the actions you take (calls, contacts, costs) in response to the sewer backup.

If you have further questions, please call the Public Works Department at (651) 459-3730.

Clean your sewer lines regularly

Cleaning your home's sewer lines on a regular schedule will help prevent your sewer from backing up and causing major problems within your home. Call your local plumber for help and prevent costly backups with a preventative maintenance program.



City Telephone Listings

From time-to-time incidents occur in the City after normal work hours. Those incidents include, but are not limited to, water freeze ups, broken water mains, sewer problems, and a variety of other issues related most often to the Public Works Department. If something occurs that you, as a resident, feel needs the immediate attention of the Public Works Department, please call the non-emergency dispatch number for the City of St. Paul Park and report your problem to the dispatcher who, in turn, will direct the call to the appropriate individual who can resolve the issue.

Public Works Hours: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

Weekend/After-Hours Dispatch: 651-439-9381

This call will be answered by the same people who dispatch our police and fire personnel and should only be called after normal business hours and on weekends. At all other times, the appropriate numbers to call are:

City Office	651-459-9785
Email	city@stpaulpark.org
Public Works	651-459-3730
Police (non-emergency)	651-459-9785

Rake Now To Keep Water Clean Next Summer

The Freshwater Society is teaming up with local communities and neighborhoods across Minnesota this fall to clean up streets for clean water. You can help by organizing a community clean-up in your neighborhood this fall.

Although leaves and grass clippings are natural, they contain high levels of phosphorus. When rain and melting snow carry yard waste off the street and into nearby lakes, rivers and streams, it causes algae to grow out of control. Just five bags of leaves and clippings can grow up to 500 pounds of smelly green algae! When you clean up and compost leaves, seeds, twigs and clippings during the fall, you help to ensure that our favorite swimming holes and fishing ponds will stay clear and clean next summer.

How to organize a community clean-up:

- Pick a date and invite your friends and neighbors
- Rake and bag the leaves and organic debris settled against the curb and in the street in front of your home. Also, rake and bag any debris covering the nearest storm drain inlet.
- Count the number of bags you fill. If you compost leaves directly without bagging, please provide your best estimate of the equivalent number of bags.
- Report this number online at www.Freshwater.org. Just click the “community cleanups” button and then click the “share

your results” link.

- When you’re done, compost what you rake or take it to a drop-off site. Find one near you at www.co.washington.mn.us under “Info for Residents” > “Environment” > “Composting and Yard Waste.”

City ordinance prohibits yard waste being deposited on city streets.



Burning Leaves And Grass Is Illegal

In accordance with St. Paul Park City ordinance, it is illegal to burn leaves or grass clippings anywhere within the City limits. The burning of leaves often produces excessive and noxious smoke which can be a nuisance to your neighbors and according to the EPA, can

be harmful to one’s health and the environment. Also, burning leaves can create a significant fire hazard. Do not be tempted to burn the leaves or grass clippings in your yard. Take advantage of the compost facility located at 13th Avenue and 1st Street.

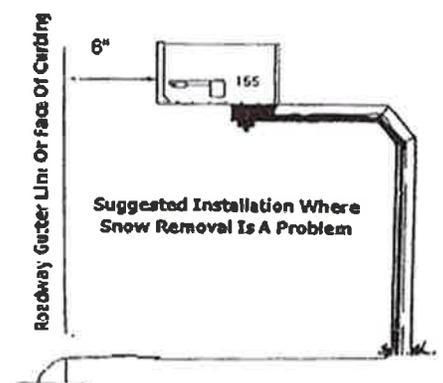
Will your mailbox survive the heavy snowfall?

Here’s an item to add to your fall outdoor maintenance checklist: Inspect your mailbox to make sure it can stand up to the rigors of the next winter plowing season.

- Make sure the posts and supports are sturdy and haven’t deteriorated.

Conduct regular inspections and perform routine maintenance on your mailbox, just as you would for other parts of your property.

- Verify that your mailbox conforms to postal and City standards. That means the bottom of the box is 45 to 48 inches above the street, and the mailbox is mounted so the door, **when closed is 6” behind the curb face.**



Water Saving Tips

Residents should check their toilets for leaks. A running toilet can dramatically increase your water bill in no time at all.

A leak the size of a lead pencil head at 50 lbs pressure uses 200 gallons of water in 24 hours!

Check for leaks by putting food coloring (red or blue) in tank. DO NOT flush. Check periodically to see if color has migrated to the bowl. If it has, replace worn or defective parts.



Ice Rink Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Friday	4 - 8 pm
Saturday	1 - 8 pm
Sunday	1 - 8 pm
Christmas vacation hours:	
Monday-Friday	1 - 8 pm

Rink will be closed:

Christmas Day
New Year's Day
President's Day

These times are all weather permitting. Also, please be aware of soft ice on warm days. Skate blades cut deeply into the ice resulting in damage to the rinks. Please keep off soft, wet ice.

Rink Rules

The warming house will be closed when it is in the best interest and safety of the community. Situations where we may close the warming house include:

- Warm temps have softened the ice
- Wind chill is -20 or colder
- Heavy snowfall has not yet been cleared

Install water saver shower heads in your tub and bath. This will save gallons every time you shower.

Remember, be water conscious.

Is your water softener operating efficiently? Water softeners and water heaters should be drained and cleaned yearly; this provides efficient operation. Water softeners with salt tanks not cleaned regularly could result in low water pressure in your home. If you should need assistance, call your local plumber or water softener company for assistance.

Meter Readings And Dogs Don't Mix!

The City of St. Paul Park Public Works Department has encountered several problems with dogs during meter readings. The report of several close calls has caused many changes and heightened our concerns with meter readings and dogs. The City is requesting your help in resolving this problem.

[1] Do not let your dog(s) run at large.

[2] Do not tie your dog(s) close to your outside meter register.

[3] Make sure your dog(s) are current on their license and shots.

[4] Meter readings are most commonly done around the 15th of the month. Please watch for meter readers.

[5] Any meter we cannot read safely will be estimated.

[6] Citizens will receive citations for violations to City Code 10, Article I and II regarding animals.

Fall Is Tree Trimming Time

Public Works will continue the yearly trimming of boulevard trees along with alley trimming in the fall.

Boulevard Trimming

The City maintains a 15 to 20-foot boulevard easement behind the curb line or asphalt edge. The trimming of boulevard trees is necessary for several reasons:

- Prevents damage to snow removal equipment.
- Promotes healthy and proper tree growth.
- Lessens tree disease.
- Lessens City liability during storms.
- Lessens tree damage during storms and promotes attractive boulevard trees.

Alley Trimming

The City maintains a 20-foot right-of-way in all alleys. Tree trimming in alleys prior to winter provides for more efficient snow removal and also lessens damage to City equipment.

Why a more aggressive approach?

The City has taken a more aggressive approach to trimming for these reasons:

- Storm related problems with broken branches and downed trees.
- Being more aggressive lessens the return trips for more trimming the following years.

The Public Works crews will attempt to contact property owners prior to trimming publicly owned trees, shrubs or brush in front of residents' homes. If contact cannot be made, a bright green notice will be placed on your door or advance warning street signs may be placed on your block explaining activities. The Public Works Department appreciates your patience, cooperation, and understanding during this process. For concerns or clarifications, feel free to call Public Works at (651) 459-3730.

Snow Removal Winter Preparation for Fire Hydrants

Homeowners with fire hydrants located by their homes are asked to help the Fire Department and Public Works Department to keep them clear of snow. It may save precious time in case of a fire. Your neighbors and City will appreciate and thank you for your effort.



Street & Utility Improvement Project proposed for 2016

The City of St Paul Park is considering a street reconstruction project in 2016. The proposed project area includes: **10th Avenue** (from 1st Street to 3rd Street), **11th Avenue** (Main Street to 1st Street and 2nd Street to 3rd Street) and **2nd Street** (Pullman Avenue to 9th Avenue). The proposed reconstruction project will include roadway reconstruction, storm drainage work and installation of new utilities. The City Council has ordered the preparation of plans and specifications with the anticipation of seeking bids in December.

Water Meter Upgrade Program

The City of St. Paul Park has started a three year replacement plan to upgrade all of the water meters within the city. Many of the existing water meters in service are outdated and not providing accurate readings and some of them are original meters from when the first public water system was installed. The new water meters will allow city crews to remotely take your reading versus walking up to all residential and commercial accounts in the city to obtain readings. The new meters are also equipped with technology that will help determine small leaks and will help simplify the utility billing process. The upgrade program will take place in certain geographic zones each year and account holders will be notified by mail when their area is scheduled to be upgraded.



Winter Snow Tips from the Public Works Department

The Public Works Department asks for your cooperation regarding the following items:

- Keep the snow piles at the end of your driveway to a minimal size to promote good visibility for yourself as you back out of your driveway.
- Prohibit your children from constructing tunnels and snow houses in the snow banks along the roadway, as the snowplow driver will not be able to distinguish this construction and could possibly end up burying the children in the snow.
- Drive carefully on the snow-compacted streets as ice and snow buildup can make them slippery from time to time.

Rest assured we will make every effort to have the snow removed from the streets as soon as possible after a snow fall event.

We are constantly monitoring the slippery conditions and will always address that issue when the need arises. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining a clear path to their mailbox even if snow was piled there by City plowing equipment. Have a safe and enjoyable winter.

Parking Ban for Snow Removal begins November 1st. The Police Department will be enforcing the snow removal parking ban. Between November 1 and April 1 no vehicle shall be parked on City streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day.

At all other hours, between November 1 and April 1, on street parking shall be permitted only when parking does not interfere with the removal of snow and ice from City streets. Please follow these rules to allow clear snow removal operations.

Garbage cans in street make it very tough for snow removal. The Public Works Department is asking homeowners not to place trash or recycling containers in the street on collection day. Please keep trash and recycling containers in the driveway or clear out a spot on the boulevard.

Visit the City website to view the snow removal policy and for more information.

Winter Survival In Your Car



Survival Tips

Everyone should be cautious about traveling in extreme winter weather. Cold, snow and ice are demanding on cars, drivers and passengers. Cold affects metal, rubber and other materials in your car. It can reduce the effectiveness of your vehicle's battery by at least 50 percent. It can freeze tires and keep them flat on the bottom for at least the first half-mile of travel. It can thicken your car's lubricants, making the engine work too hard. Most importantly, extreme winter weather can threaten your life. Follow these tips to stay safe as you drive in Minnesota.

Plan Before You Travel

Simple planning can save you trouble and even save your life.

Prepare Your Vehicle

Be sure your vehicle is in good winter driving condition. Take along the emergency equipment referred to in this booklet and keep it accessible. Keep your gas tank at least one-half full.

Be Aware of the Weather

Listen to forecasts, road reports and storm warnings. Dress appropriately. Pack extra scarves and mittens. Allow extra time for trips in severe weather.

Make Yourself Easy to Find

Tell someone where you are going and the route you will take. Report your safe arrival. If you stall or get stuck, tie a colored banner (from your winter survival kit) to your antenna or hang it out a window. At night, remove the cover from your dome light and turn the light on. Road crews or rescue units can see a small glow at a considerable distance. To reduce battery drain, use emergency flashers only if you hear approaching vehicles. Keep one person on watch; don't let everyone rest at the same time.

Stay in Your Vehicle

Walking in a storm can be very dangerous. You might lose your way or become exhausted, collapse and risk your life. Your vehicle is a good shelter.

Avoid Overexertion

Shoveling snow or repositioning your car by pushing it takes a lot of effort in storm conditions. You could risk heart attack or injury. Take it easy!

Keep Cool — Two Ways

1. Calm down and think. The storm will end and you will be found.
2. Don't work enough to get hot and sweaty. Wet clothing loses insulation value, making you susceptible to hypothermia.

Keep Fresh Air in Your Vehicle

It's much better to be cold and awake than comfortably warm and sleepy. Wet or wind-driven snow can plug your vehicle's exhaust system and cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to enter your vehicle. Don't run the engine unless you are sure the exhaust pipe is free of snow. Keep snow off the radiator to prevent the engine from overheating.

Stay Warm Without Fuel

Keep your blood circulating freely by loosening tight clothing, changing positions frequently and moving your arms and legs. Huddle close to one another. Rub your hands together or put them in your armpits or between your legs. Remove your shoes occasionally and rub your feet.

Don't Expect to Be Comfortable

The challenge is to survive until you're found.

Winter Driving Tips

Be Able to See and Be Seen

Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, lights and reflectors. Equip your car with good wiper blades and keep an ample supply of windshield washer fluid. If visibility is poor, use headlamps.

Get a Feel for the Road

When you first start out, accelerate carefully to test wheel-spin and brake gently to test skidding.

Be Gentle

Use the accelerator and brakes slowly to maintain control of your vehicle. Fast acceleration can make wheels spin on ice and snow. Brake with a gentle pumping action. Stepping too hard on the pedal will lock the brakes and cause loss of steering control.

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Increase Your Following Distance

Ice or snow can multiply your stopping distance up to ten times.

Make Turns Slowly and Gradually

Heavily traveled intersections can become "polished" and slick. Brake before you come to a curve, not while you are in it.

Turn in the Direction of the Skid

If the rear of your car begins to slide, turn into the direction of the skid. Expect a second skid as the car straightens out, and be prepared to counter this sliding action.

Scattered Slippery Spots

Icy spots on the road surface can cause loss of steering control. Do not use your brake. Take your foot off the gas and steer as straight as possible until your car slows to a safe speed.

Avoiding a Collision

In an emergency situation, you can intentionally steer your car off the road and into a snow bank. You may get stuck, but you'll avoid a crash.

Making a Winter Driving Survival Kit

Use an empty three-pound coffee can or any similar container with a plastic cover to store the following items:

- Small candles and matches
- Small, sharp knife and plastic spoons
- Red bandanna or cloth
- Pencil and paper
- Large plastic garbage bag
- Safety pins
- Whistle
- Snacks
- Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter
- Plastic flashlight and spare batteries

Reverse batteries in the flashlight to avoid accidental switching and burnout. Warm batteries before using them. Store safety items in the passenger compartment when severe winter weather threatens in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut. Choose small packages of food that you can eat hot or cold.

Suggested food items:

- Raisins in small packets
- Semi-sweet chocolate in pieces for sharing
- Miniature candy bars
- Chewing gum
- Wrapped hard candies
- Food bars
- Canned soup, meat and poultry

Store bulky and heavy items in an accessible place:

- 30-foot cord to use as homing line when you must exit the vehicle
- Booster cables
- Basic tools
- Sand, cat litter or other grit in a plastic milk carton
- Shovel
- Tow cables or chain
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Road flares and reflectors
- Snowmobile suit and heavy boots

Emergency Phone Calls

If you become stranded in any part of Minnesota, and you have a cell phone, call 911 to summon help. In other states, you may be able to dial 911 or 0 to reach an operator. When you talk with authorities:

- Provide information on your location, condition of all persons in the vehicle and the problem you are experiencing
- Follow instructions; you may be told to stay where you are and wait for rescuers
- Do not hang up until you know who you have spoken with and what will happen next
- If you must leave your vehicle, write down your name, address, phone number and destination. Place the piece of paper inside the front windshield for someone to see



Happenings:**November**

- Fire Department Annual Ham & Turkey Raffle
- Compost closes
- Winter parking ban begins
- Last chance for seniors to apply for water discount for next year
- Last chance to pre-pay special assessments in full before certification
- Remember to Vote—7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Pre-Holiday Train events begin
- Holiday Lights Contest Nominations due

December

- Public Hearing on city budget
- Dog licenses expire
- Holiday Train event
- Annual Holiday Lights Contest
- Coffee and Cocoa with the Mayor

January**February**

- Outstanding Volunteer Nominations due

March

- Market Valuation Notices arrive in mailbox

April

- Fire Department Annual Ham & Turkey Raffle
- Open Book Meetings held this month
- Compost Opens
- Winter parking ban ends
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

May

- Registration begins for the Summer Rec. Program

Recently Adopted Ordinances

The City of St. Paul Park adopted/amended five ordinances in the past year that you may want to be aware of. Below you will find a brief summary. Please contact City Hall for a complete copy of the ordinance.

Multi-family dwellings must recycle

Ordinance No. 714 amended the city code requiring multi-family residential dwelling units to separate recyclables for pickup.

Residential Trash Haulers

The adoption of Ordinance No. 715 amended the city code requiring residential trash haulers to maintain a minimum of 50 accounts when applying for a new license or renewal.

Stormwater Permit required when disturbing areas greater than one acre.

Ordinance No. 715 amended the city code relating to Stormwater Management. This ordinance requires a stormwater permit for construction activities disturbing areas greater than one acre. For a complete copy of this ordinance, contact City Hall.

Property Rezoned to make way for Food Shelf

The adoption of Ordinance No. 717 amended the official zoning map to approve a rezoning for the St. Paul Park Refining Co. to rezone property from I-2 (General Industrial) to B-Retail Business to allow for the construction of the Friends In Need

Food Shelf. The food shelf is proposed to be located north of Broadway Avenue behind the businesses.

Truck Traffic prohibited on Broadway Avenue

The adoption of Ordinance No. 718 amended city code regarding traffic and vehicle weight. Broadway Avenue has been re-designated from an "all season" road to a five-ton road with restrictions. No commercial motor vehicle, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.011, subdivision 16, may travel on Broadway Avenue between Summit Avenue and 1st Street. The designated commercial motor vehicle route is St. Paul Park Road and Third Street. This restriction does not apply to commercial motor vehicles making deliveries to or picking up goods for shipment from any business or residence or residence located on Broadway Avenue within the restricted area, and any vehicle defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.87, which includes garbage/recycling trucks, school buses, etc. Commercial vehicles needing to operate in the restricted area should contact the City Administrator for a temporary permit.

RETHINK 
RECYCLING®

2015 Holiday Lights Contest Nomination Form

Presented and Coordinated by Anchor Bank and the City of St. Paul Park



Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominator's Name (optional): _____

Please share the story or a brief history of your holiday lights: _____

Return Registration Form by Friday December 11, 2015

Anchor Bank
1030 Hastings Avenue
St Paul Park, MN 55071



600 Portland Avenue
St. Paul Park, MN 55071

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit #7
St. Paul Park, MN
55071

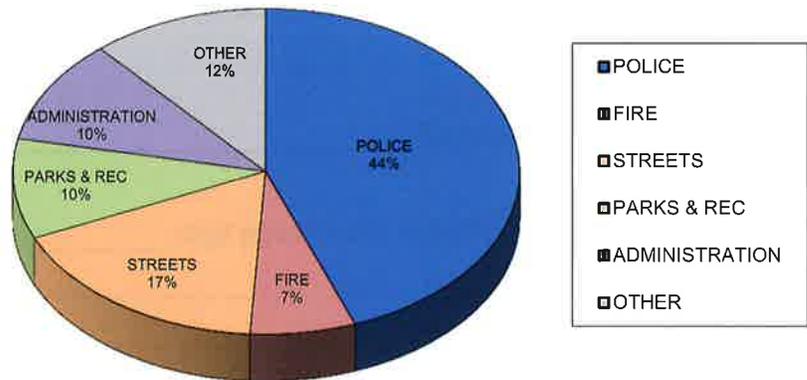
LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

BUDGET BRIEF

Each year, as mandated by state statute, the City must prepare a City budget. The budget process matches estimated revenue with projected expenditures to provide basic City services.

The proposed 2016 operating budget for the primary fund of the City, the General Fund, totals \$3,038,234. Tax levy is budgeted to fund 54% of the projected general operating expenditures, with the remaining balance funded by other revenue sources, such as state aids, grants, license and permit fees, and charges for various services.

PROPOSED 2016 GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENDITURES



ESTIMATED MONTHLY COST PER HOUSEHOLD FOR CITY SERVICES

Police Protection, Animal Control	\$22
Fire Protection	\$3
Street Repair & Maintenance, Snowplowing	\$9
Parks & Recreation	\$5
Administration, including Council & Commissions	\$5
Engineering, Attorney, Elections, Inspections, Compost	\$6

**Monthly cost based on the proposed 2016 budget for a home with a current taxable market value of \$179,200. Does not include cost of debt repayment.*