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Housing & Redevelopment Authority



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- Anoka Senior Deferred Loan

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Not sure where to start? Schedule a FREE Remodeling Advisor Visit. This free visit can help you identify and prioritize your improvements. To schedule your visit, call 612-335-5856.

Curb Appeal Residential Enhancement (CARE) Grant Program

The City of Anoka Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is offering a grant program aimed at curb appeal enhancements to homes.



Curb Appeal Residential Enhancement (CARE) Grant Program provides grant money for exterior enhancements made by homeowners to the street side of their home to increase curb appeal. There are no income limits to participate.

Program details:

- Grant amounts of \$1,000 to \$5,000 are available. Homeowners must pay at least \$4,000 of their own funds to receive the minimum grant of \$1,000 from the city.
- 15% grant for basic improvements (siding, roof, windows, soffit/fascia, etc.).
- 25% grant for beautification improvements (brick, stone, shakes, covered front porches, exterior lighting, landscaping, new front doors/garage doors, driveways, etc.).
- Each application must have at least one beautification project to be eligible. See website for further details.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, please visit anokaminnesota.com/710/CARE-Grant-Program and complete the online application. Online applications will be accepted through February 28, 2026. Recipients will be chosen by lottery drawing to be held on March 2nd, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Contact Darin Berger at 763-576-2724 or email dberger@ci.anoka.mn.us with questions.

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



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

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Greg Lee 763-576-2711

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Administration 763-576-2740
Animal Containment Center 763-576-2850
Anoka Municipal Utility (AMU) 763-576-2903
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Anoka Senior Center 763-576-4661
Anoka Aquatic Center (seasonal) 763-421-7730
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Better Values Liquor Store 763-421-3070
Community Development 763-576-2720
Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance 763-576-2716
Planning, Zoning & Building Permits 763-576-2720
Finance 763-576-2770
Fire Non-Emergency 763-576-2900
Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center 763-576-2970
Housing & Redevelopment 763-576-2724
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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

- Thursday, January 1 New Year's Day
- Monday, January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, February 16 Presidents' Day

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Changes to Northstar Commuter Rail

More frequent and flexible bus service begins January 5, 2026

T Metro Transit Metro Transit will transition from commuter rail to expanded bus service. The last day of Northstar Commuter Rail service will be January 4, 2026, with special event service provided for the final Minnesota Vikings' regular season home game.

Beginning Monday, January 5, more frequent and flexible bus service will begin along the corridor between downtown Minneapolis and the Big Lake Station area.

With this transition, the Northstar corridor will see a tenfold increase in trips – from about 40 train trips per week today to nearly 400 weekly bus trips. This expanded service is designed to better match current travel patterns, offering more flexibility at a lower cost to operate.

Beginning January 5, 2026:

- **Route 888** will serve existing Northstar stops in Ramsey, Anoka, Coon Rapids, and downtown Minneapolis. Route 888 will provide trips every 30 minutes arriving downtown during a.m. rush hours (6:30–8:30 a.m.) and leaving downtown in p.m. rush hours (3–5 p.m.). Additional hourly trips will serve reverse commutes and provide midday travel in each direction. Three southbound and three northbound trips will also be provided on Saturdays and Sundays.
- **Route 882**, as part of a two-year pilot, service will be provided between Big Lake, Elk River, and downtown Minneapolis on weekdays. Metro Transit will operate this service under an agreement with MnDOT. Route 882 will have three southbound trips in the morning and three northbound trips from downtown Minneapolis.

Visit metrotransit.org/northstar for the final schedules for routes 888 and 882. Stop locations (except in Fridley), will be at existing Northstar Park & Rides, with downtown Minneapolis stops on Marquette.

This transition allows to better meet the needs of more riders, more often, at a lower cost.

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2026 City Budget

The City of Anoka provides a full range of services, including police and fire protection, construction and maintenance of highways, streets, and other infrastructure, electric, water and sewer services, recreational activities, and cultural events. The municipal budget is intended to reflect the goals, objectives, and priorities established by the City Council with input from the residents and taxpayers of Anoka. It fairly represents the revenues and expenditures necessary to provide the services and programs desired by the community. The budget adoption is a significant way in which the City Council expresses their leadership. The established budget goals are accurately reflected in this budget.

2026 Budget Objectives

- Maintain a balanced city budget and continue to identify and eliminate excessive taxing and spending.
- Sell city property held for resale and redevelop Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts to maximize use of tax increment revenues and improve tax base.
- Work with Anoka County on a mutually agreeable solution for an upgraded jail facility.
- Enhance public infrastructure and amenities, with appropriate funding levels for maintenance and replacement.
- Optimize profitability of enterprise funds.
- Increase and enhance communications with citizens.

The City Council, through recommendations of city staff, is increasing the general fund operating expenditures by 6.78% or \$1,159,118 in 2026. The primary increases in expenditures are to contractual fire operations, employee services, and professional services. Employee services changes include 3% cost of living increases, changes to union contract wage scales, election labor services for the 2026 mid-term, increases to health insurance premiums and implementation of the new Minnesota Paid Leave law. There will also be additional seasonal positions available in summer 2026, and one full-time park and street maintenance position added. Professional service increases include allocations for IT services, central garage services, and insurance.

The General Fund operating expenditure increases are primarily a result of:

- Wages and Benefits \$842,233
- Professional Services \$282,280
- Contractual Fire \$147,385

The General Fund budget includes total expenditures in the amount of **\$18,257,612**.

The City Council voted to adopt the **final levy**, including debt levy, on December 15, 2025, in the amount of **\$12,137,912**, which is \$959,130, or 8.58% higher than the 2025 levy. Estimated annual City property tax increases for residential properties, based on 2025 market valuation, range from 5% to 10% depending on changes to property values. Estimated market value and

taxable market values for homes in Anoka increased 2.6% on average for 2026. The median home could anticipate increases of approximately 6.9% to the City portion of the annual property tax bill due to an increased fiscal disparity allocation.

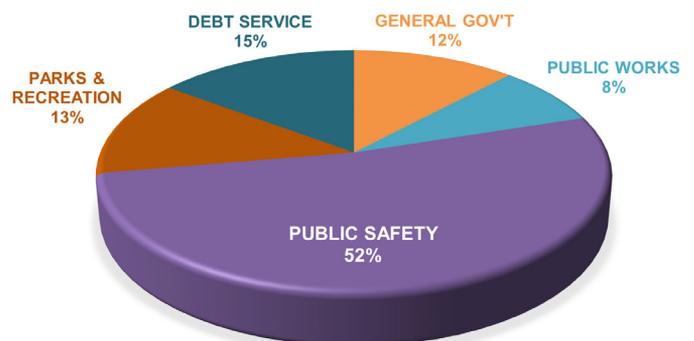
Below is a comparison of three homes and city taxes for 2025 and 2026:

2024 Value	2025 City Tax	2025 Value	2026 City Tax
\$207,900	\$ 756	\$ 210,700	\$ 809
\$305,200	\$1,201	\$309,300	\$1,283
\$419,500	\$1,724	\$438,800	\$1,907
\$665,800	\$2,969	\$692,500	\$3,124

My monthly taxes pay for:

General government <i>(City Council, Administration, Finance, Legal)</i>	\$9.99
Streets and building maintenance	\$8.64
Police and security services	\$48.99
Fire services	\$6.88
Recreation <i>(Aquatic Center, Event Center, Senior Center, Playgrounds)</i>	\$3.43
Park maintenance	\$10.45
Planning and community development	\$2.79
Debt service	\$15.78
Total per month	\$106.95

In the 2026 Budget, two new funds have been created. A special revenue fund to account for the Local Affordable Housing Aid funds administered by the Metropolitan Council, and an enterprise fund to account for cannabis operations. In addition to the new funds, a new department was added to the general fund to account for the revenues and expenditures related to the Anoka Social District.



2026 ADOPTED EXPENDITURES SUPPORTED BY TAX LEVY

The Anoka Cannabis Company is guaranteed a license from the State, and construction of the dispensary is on track to be completed as the license is approved. Grand opening ceremonies will be planned, including a ribbon cutting, and will be advertised on the City website and social media.

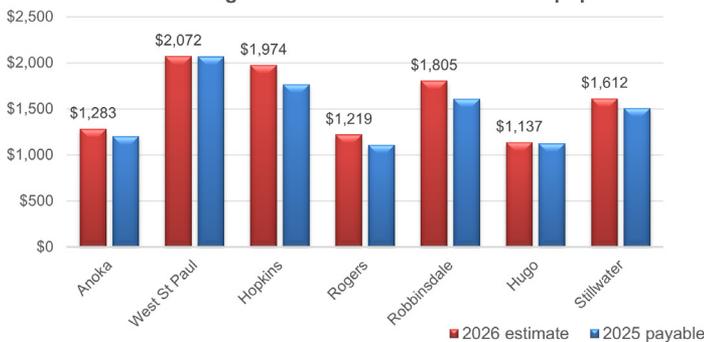
In 2026, emphasis on development and redevelopment throughout the city continues. Council signed a purchase agreement for detached townhomes along the golf course and Green Haven Parkway with construction to start early 2026. City staff continue to work with interested development groups for sites located at 2nd & Van Buren, 2nd & Harrison, 4th & Johnson, as well as others. Development and redevelopment continue to increase the tax base for the City of Anoka, thereby keeping tax rates lower for all property owners.

2026 Monthly Service Costs for Average Residential Property of \$309,300

\$ 106.95	Taxes (includes debt service)
4.00	Gas franchise fees
20.67	Water distribution, average use
30.44	Sewer collection, average use
6.01	Storm sewer drainage
5.30	Recycling
\$ 173.37	Total

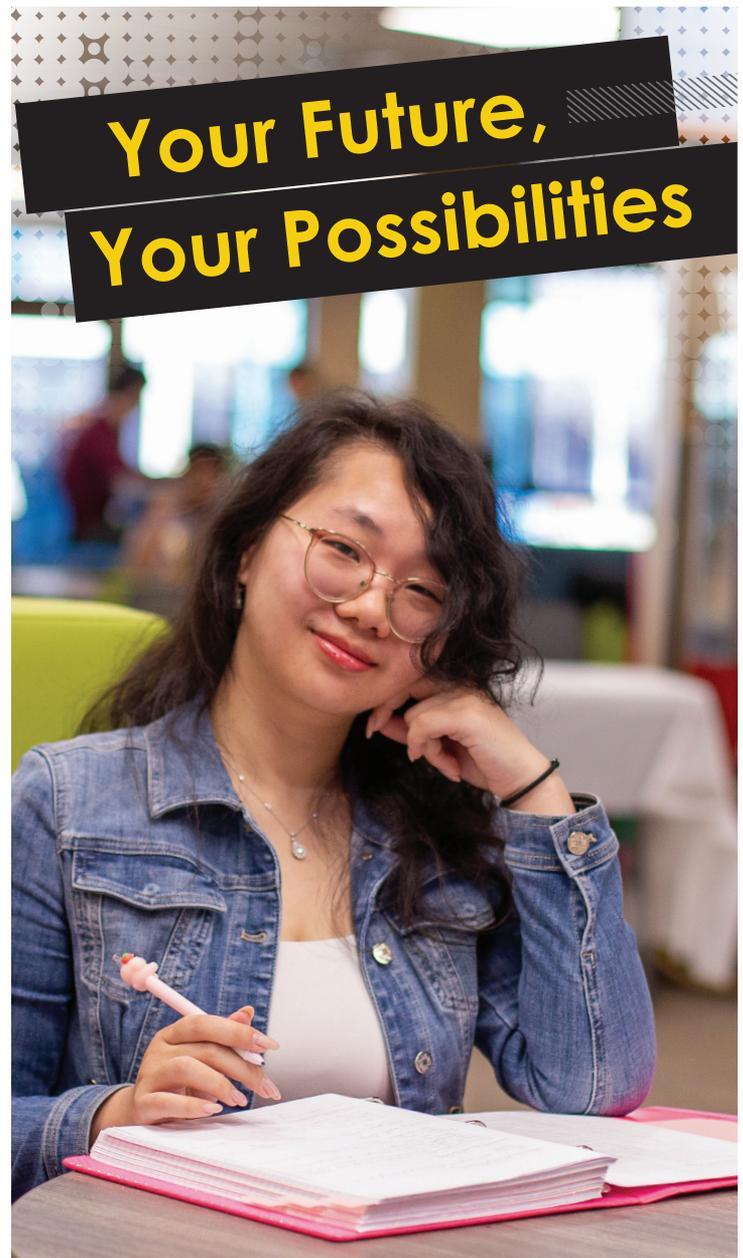
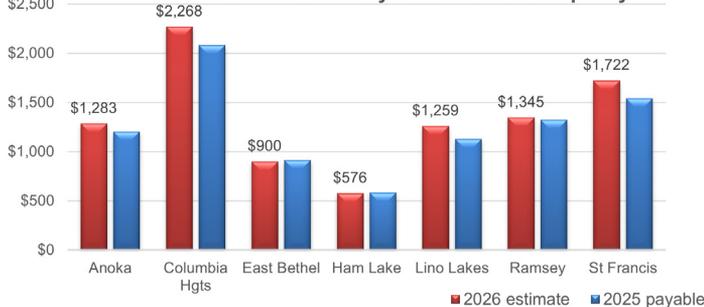
How does the City of Anoka compare with other suburban cities across the metropolitan area with populations around 18,000?

2026 City taxes for homes with market values of \$309,300 in cities categorized as suburban with similar populations



How does the City of Anoka compare with cities in Anoka County with similar adjusted tax capacity values of around \$30 million?

2026 City taxes for homes with market value of \$309,300 in cities in Anoka County with similar tax capacity



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City rinks are open through mid-February (weather permitting). Rink locations have a warming house, restroom (indoor or portables), lights, and an attendant when open. They also have either a general skating area, a hockey rink, or both. Not all hockey rinks are regulation size. Please park in the designated, plowed parking areas only and do not drive on the ice.

- Public Services employees work hard to provide the best skating facilities possible.
- Rinks are typically flooded Monday-Friday when temperatures are below 30 degrees.
- Rinks will not be cleared of snow until city roadways and sidewalks have been cleared.

Seeking Skate Donations

Please consider donating gently used ice skates for shared use at Rudy Johnson Park's warming house. Skates may be dropped off at Anoka City Hall during business hours or at the warming house when open. Thank you.



Warming House Facilities

Warming houses are equipped with first aid kits and benches. They are supervised by an attendant with authority to enforce rules and regulations posted in the facilities. Rink attendants are responsible for overseeing rink scheduling, safety, and general operation during open hours. Facilities with free use of equipment must be checked out by the rink attendants during open hours.

Warming House Hours

Monday - Friday	4-8 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday	Noon-8 p.m.
All School Release Days	Noon-8 p.m.

Hours may vary, please check anokaminnesota.com for updates.

Additional 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 Department	763-757-2820

Location	Address	Hockey Rink	General Rink	Snowshoes (Free)	Skates (Free)
George Enloe Park	631 Lund Blvd.	✓	✓		
Rick Sorenson Park	2015 State St.	✓	✓		
Rudy Johnson Park	611 Polk St.		✓	✓	✓
Wilson Elementary School	1025 Sunny Ln.	✓	✓		

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Waterfowl for Warriors

Last fall, the Waterfowl for Warriors program completed its 12th annual season of hunting in the Anoka Nature Preserve. Annually, the program provides five waterfowl hunts, one of which includes a hunting experience for youth that are the children of veterans and active service members.

Anoka is proud to offer these hunts as a way to say thank you to our nation's heroes by providing them the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. This program provides a quality hunting experience for approximately 60 veterans and active service members each year.

Thank you to Waterfowl for Warriors organizers, the more than 30 volunteers, and to Federal Premium Ammunition, The Weaver Brothers Company, Big Dog Duck Calls, Mike Haste LLC, and Polaris/Kolpin for their ongoing support of the hunts.



Cross Country Ski Trails

Whether you cross country ski for sport, exercise, or fun, the groomed trails at Green Haven Golf Course and the Anoka Nature Preserve are sure to meet your needs. City crews will groom these trails as weather permits. A minimum of six inches of snow is needed to prepare the trails. Trails will be groomed based on snowfall amounts and use.

Anoka Nature Preserve (4299 Parkview Lane): Provides nearly five kilometers of partially wooded trails with moderately flat terrain for skiers. Trails will be groomed for multi-use to be shared for skiing, snowshoeing, and walking/hiking. A groomer will be used to smooth trail surfaces, but will not be setting classic ski tracks. Classic skiers wanting to ski in groomed tracks are encouraged to use the trail at Green Haven. Please keep all dogs leashed and clean up after them.

Green Haven Golf Course (2800 Green Haven Road): Provides approximately two and a half kilometers of trail winding around the north and east side of the course loop. Classic and skate skiing trails provide flat and hilly terrain challenges for beginner and intermediate skiers. To protect the greens and fairways, skiers must stay on the groomed trails and only use the cutbacks provided to get back to the parking lot. Please keep all dogs leashed, off the classic ski tracks, and clean up after them.

Visit Parks and Recreation at anokaminnesota.com.

Community Gives Back

Thank you to the organizations and individuals who participated in our Adopt-a-Park and Pick-a-Park programs, and the many people who have donated benches for the city parks and trails. Adopt-a-Park participants are recognized with signage at their adopted park. For information about these programs, call Public Services at 763-576-2980.

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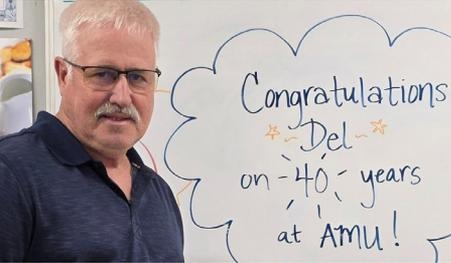
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Electric Utility Director to Retire



Anoka Municipal Utility's Electric Utility Director, Del Vancura, is trading in his hard hat for a fishing hat come February 2026. Del has been a dedicated, hard-working employee for the City of Anoka for the past 40 years. He has had a

distinguished career, initially serving as a lineman for 27 years, then as Operations Superintendent for 9 years, and currently as the Electric Utility Director for the past 4 years. Furthermore, Del was a 26-year veteran of the Anoka-Champlin Fire Department.

Interestingly, Del's professional journey began with a humble role washing dishes at a local restaurant, where he recalls that Mother's Day would be "crazy busy." When questioned about the pivotal moment in his career, Del referenced his summer help position at Lakefield Municipal in Lakefield, Minnesota, where he started by painting fire hydrants and eventually helped install underground electric cables, setting him on the path to becoming a lineman. He derives great fulfillment from his work as a lineman, particularly in restoring power to customers.

Del's leadership has been marked by his commitment to excellence, as evidenced by his expertise in project design, safety control, and team management. As director, he has ensured the provision of affordable and dependable electric services to AMU customers. During his tenure, he promoted a quality work environment that values employee input and collaboration, where everyone's voice is heard, and problems are solved together as a true team. A notable achievement under his leadership was the successful completion of the Highway 10 Development Project. He will be greatly missed by all and remembered always with a smile!

Del in 1992 ▶



City-Owned Liquor Store

Better Value Liquors is proudly owned and operated by the City of Anoka.

One-hundred percent (100%) of the profits that are generated benefit the community of Anoka.

Events and Promotions

- **Spring Wine Sale** – Thursday, March 19, 2026, through Saturday, April 11, 2026. Every regular priced wine item will be on sale for 22% off.
- **Military Discount Day** – Current military and veterans, on Mondays save 10% off your entire purchase of regular priced liquor, beer, and wine items.
- **Senior Discount Day** – Seniors 55 and over, on Tuesdays save 10% off your entire purchase of regular priced liquor, beer, and wine items.
- **Wednesday Wine Day** – Every Wednesday, all non-sale wine will be 10% off.
- **THC Thursday** – All non-sale, low-dose THC edibles and beverages will be 10% off.

Exciting News! Be on the lookout for our new online ordering platform along with the ability to have products delivered from our store to you from DoorDash. We are excited to have these options available beginning in January 2026. Follow us on Facebook for updates @bettervaluesliquor.

We carry a huge selection of low-dose edibles and beverages. If you are looking for a specific item, and we do not have it, please ask us.

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Regular Store Hours:
Monday- Saturday: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sundays: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Enjoy the products we sell in moderation and please don't drink and drive.

Anoka Cannabis Company Update

Construction of the Anoka Cannabis Company is complete. The City is awaiting the final inspection and the operating license from the State of Minnesota. Once received, a ribbon cutting and grand opening event will be planned. Please stay tuned to the City's website and social media platforms for an announcement.



Find Anoka Cannabis Company on social media:

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Call 763-576-2972 or book online at greenhavengolfcourse.com.

Looking to host an event? Rent a private room for your company outing, bachelor party, or birthday celebration, and enjoy delicious food delivered straight from the Tavern at Green Haven.

Cedars at Green Haven – Winter Disc Golf Course

Don't put away your sporting spirit just yet! Our 18-hole winter disc golf course, The Cedars, is open once again, offering a fun and challenging way to enjoy the outdoors. This course features Rubber Mat Tees, ChainStar Pro Targets, and is cart-friendly for an easy, enjoyable round. Best of all, The Cedars is completely free to play! So, whether you're an experienced disc golfer or new to the sport, come out, enjoy a quick round, and then relax with a delicious meal at the Tavern.



Ski Trails

Our cross country ski trails are groomed and ready for skiers as weather permits. See Parks & Recreation (page 7) for full details.

Golf Leagues

We offer the following leagues:

- **Men's Club** – Whether it is a club championship, season long match play, 18-hole or 9-hole league, there is an option to fit every golfer.
- **Women's Leagues** – Tuesdays with an 18-hole league in the morning and a 9-hole league in the afternoon. Both are seeking golfers.
- **Senior League** – Wednesday mornings; open to male golfers over the age of 50. Formats vary weekly.
- **Business Leagues** – There are a few limited openings for evening corporate or group golf leagues.

Learn more at greenhavengolfcourse.com or call 763-576-2972.

Tavern at Green Haven – Winter Dining

This winter don't let the cold weather keep you from enjoying a delicious meal. The Tavern at Green Haven will be open for dining, offering a cozy atmosphere and a menu full of your favorite dishes. Visit greenhavengolfcourse.com for hours of operation and the latest updates. We look forward to serving you this winter!

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Community Happenings



Anoka Winterfest – 6 Days of Winter Fun January 12 - January 16, 2026

Join us for a flurry of activities at Anoka Winterfest, our multi-day event will appeal to all age groups! Experience a variety of outdoor (and indoor) activities.

Enjoy the great outdoors and all that Anoka's parks system has to offer.

January 12 – Speed Puzzle Competition (pre-registration required)

- 5:30 p.m. Speed Puzzle Competition at Anoka City Hall, 2015 First Ave.

January 13 – Rumriver Art Center Winterfest Crafts

- 12:30 p.m. Craft at the Anoka Senior Center, 1500 6th Ave.
- 6-7:30 p.m. Rumriver Art Center, 2665 4th Ave. #103

January 14 – Luminary Walk at Green Haven Golf and Event Center

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Luminary ski, snowshoe, fat tire bike, or walk groomed trail at Green Haven Golf Course, 2800 Green Haven Rd.

January 15 – Glow Disc Golf at the Cedars at Green Haven & Get Out and SKATE with Anoka Area Hockey Association at the Anoka Ice Arena

- 6:00 p.m. The Cedars at Green Haven Disc Golf Course, 2800 Green Haven Rd.
- Open Skate at the Anoka Ice Arena (4111 7th Ave. N) (pre-registration required; bring your own skates & helmet)

January 16 – Glow Skate/Sled All Ice Rink & Warming House Locations

- 4-8 p.m. – All ice rink locations

Visit anokaminnesota.com/683/Anoka-Winterfest for all updated times, details, and registration links or call Public Services at 763-576-2980.



North Suburban HOME SHOW

All Things Home Improvement

26th Annual
North Suburban
Home Show
March 7, 2026

The North Suburban Home Show will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Andover Community Center, 15200 Hanson Boulevard NW. Whether you're a seasoned homeowner or embarking on your first project, this year's event promises something for everyone, with over 100 exhibitors showcasing the latest in home improvement and design.

This event is your one-stop shop for everything related to home enhancement. From money-saving tips to cutting-edge features, you'll find inspiration and expert advice on a wide range of topics, including:

- Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling
- Backyard and Landscaping Ideas
- Custom DIY Projects
- Flooring, Fixtures, and Windows
- Roofing, Gutters, Siding, and More

Whether you're looking to remodel your kitchen, upgrade your landscaping, or simply get inspired by the latest trends, you'll find the resources and expertise to help bring your vision to life.

Giving Back to the Community

Admission to the Home Show is FREE, but attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items or make a monetary donation to benefit ACBC Food Shelf. Donations will be collected by the Boy Scouts of America.



This event is sponsored by the cities of Andover, Anoka, Coon Rapids, and the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce. For more details, visit northsuburbanhomeshow.com or call 763-767-5168.

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Lyric Arts

Hold on tight, Anoka—the most talked about cult musical is rolling into town! *Ride the Cyclone* tells the story of six teenagers who board a

roller coaster only to find themselves in limbo, competing for a second chance at life. Through a mix of dark comedy, heartfelt emotion, and an unforgettable pop-rock score, this one-of-a-kind musical explores fate, identity, and what it truly means to live. Both hilarious and deeply moving, it's a show that keeps audiences laughing one moment and wiping away tears the next.

Performances run Jan. 17 – Feb. 8, 2026. For tickets, visit lyricarts.org or call 763-422-1838.



Providing Pathways to End Youth Homelessness

HOPE 4 Youth

We provide resources and support to youth ages 16-24 who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness including access to food, hygiene, clothing, showers, and laundry. Additionally, we provide the opportunity to engage in one-on-one case management to work towards education, employment, housing, and personal goals.

As the need continues to rise, support is needed through donations, fundraising, sponsorships. Please spread the word.

Visit HOPE4YouthMN.org and follow us on social media to learn more.

City Employees Give Back

We thank the members of the Anoka Employees Club who choose to give back to the community in which they work. Since its inception, the Anoka Employees Club has donated close to \$161,000 to local programs including Chores & More, Anoka High School's Caring and Sharing Fund, Toys for Joy, Salvation Army Heat Share, ACBC Food Shelf, Alexandra House, and has also donated funds to local schools to assist students in need with supplies and registration costs. Plus, congratulations to Anoka High School students Emerson Phelps and Leia Sanicharra who each were awarded \$500 scholarships.

Employee members make a one-time donation or specify a donated amount to be taken out of each paycheck during their membership. Many also volunteer time in various ways. Thank you, members!



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Round Up for Change Program



Anoka Municipal Utilities program, Round Up for Change, began in January 2012. Voluntary “round up” contributions provide financial assistance to organizations that provide basic human needs to help improve the lives of families, children, and seniors right here in our community.

Since inception, AMU utility customers participating in the program have given back approximately \$495,000 to local

charitable organizations including ACBC Food Shelf, Alexandra House, Anoka Community Mission, CEAP, and CROSS Services.



To take part in this community giving program, please call 763-576-2750 and ask to add Round Up for Change to your utility bill. The total cost will never exceed \$.99 a month, or \$11.98 a year. The average Round Up participant donates \$5.98 per year.

Together we are making real change with a little space change in our community.

Thank you!



Street Surface Improvement Program

Reconditioning: 2026 Street Surface Improvement Project



The Street Surface Improvement Program (SSIP) began in 2009 for city streets showing accelerated deterioration in order to create longer term benefits than just with roadway maintenance. Since this program began, over 2,360 properties have benefitted and 25.4 miles of city roads have been resurfaced or 34% of the 84.6 miles of city roads. To date, the total investment in Anoka’s roadway system with this program is approximately \$17.4M.

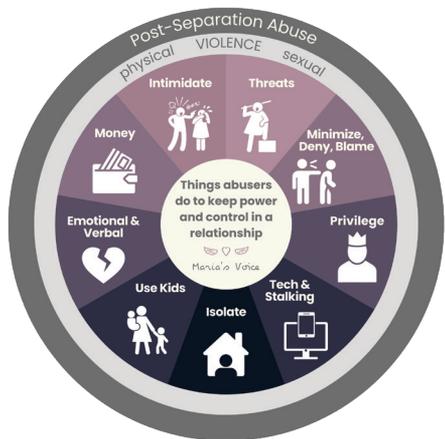
The main construction component of the Street Surface Improvement Program is the reconditioning/resurfacing of city roads. Reconditioning of a road comprises of a full depth reclamation of existing bituminous pavement and paving a new bituminous asphalt surface.

The 2026 project is proposed to be approximately 1.0 mile of street resurfacing for the neighborhoods Mineral Ponds and Sandra Terrace. The estimated cost of this project is \$1.3M. This project is anticipated to begin in the spring 2026, with final completion in fall 2026. Contact Public Services with questions at 763-576-2980.



Maria's Voice

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Contact us to educate your business, organization, or faith community

www.MariasVoice.org Angie@MariasVoice.org

The City of Anoka Joined Maria's Voice to Prevent Domestic Abuse in 2024

Lower Rum River Water Management Organization



The Lower Rum River Water Management Organization (LRRWMO) is a joint powers special purpose unit of government including the cities of Andover, Anoka, and Ramsey. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the committee room at Anoka City Hall. Storm and surface water issues are discussed. Meetings are open to the public. Contact Ben Nelson at 763-576-2980 with questions.

Sewer & Water Department

Hot Water Heater Problems

Many complaints about water are due to problems that originate in the home. If you detect an odor in your hot water, it could be due to your water heater. A harmless type of bacteria can contaminate a water heater and convert natural sulfate to hydrogen sulfide gas, which has a pungent odor. This problem is made worse if you are away from home for long periods of time and the water heater stands idle. Flushing the water heater can help; consult your owner's manual for instructions. Other remedies include replacing the magnesium anode with an aluminum one or increasing the temperature setting to 160 degrees (high setting) for a few hours. **CAUTION: Make sure the water tank has an operable pressure relief valve before attempting this remedy and remember to lower the setting after about three hours.**

If you notice small white particles in your faucet aerators, check to see if they float. If they do, your water heater dip tube may have disintegrated into small pieces. The dip tube is an extension of the cold water, extending nearly to the bottom of the tank. This prevents the incoming cold water from diluting the temperature of the hot water. Few homeowners have the tools to know how to replace a dip tube; it is best to have a plumber perform this repair.



Winterizing Your Home's Water System:

- Fill in foundation cracks
- Wrap exposed pipes with insulation
- Keep basement or crawl space warm enough to prevent freeze-ups
- Detach hoses from outside faucets
- Store lawn furniture more than three feet from utility meters
- Clear snow away from nearby fire hydrants

Please call the Anoka Water Department at 763-576-2923 with any questions.

BE PREPARED—Sanitary Sewer Backup Information

Are you prepared AND insured against a sewer backup?

ALWAYS call the City of Anoka FIRST if you are experiencing a sewer backup affecting all of your home's drains or if you do not have water. During business hours, call 763-576-2923 or 763-576-2980. After hours, call 763-576-2860.

- **Get Insurance for a Sewer Backup**—if you have concerns regarding the damage a sewer backup could do to your property, contact your insurance carrier and review your coverage
- **DO NOT** dispose of any inappropriate items into the sewer system

Visit anokaminnesota.com for more sanitary sewer information.



Blight & Container Placement Reminders

A friendly reminder from the Code Enforcement Division: In accordance with city codes, we ask all residents to help keep your neighborhoods clean and welcoming. Please remove any blight from your property and store garbage, recycling, and yard waste containers out of public view.

- *City Code Section 50-135 & IPMC (2015)* Causes of blight – Exterior storage of wood, metal, appliances, automotive parts, construction materials, brush, garbage, junk, and debris are prohibited.
- *City Code Section 70-81* – Garbage / Recycling containers are not allowed to be stored on the front side of a house unless kept in an enclosure or screened from the street.

If you have questions, please contact the Housing & Code Compliance Inspector at 763-576-2719.



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Public Safety

Anoka-Champlin Fire Department

Winter Safety Tips

Winter is here, and with colder weather comes increased fire risks. Keep your home and family safe with these simple tips:

Heating Safety

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything flammable
- Never leave heaters or fireplaces unattended
- Make sure your chimney is clean and your fireplace is in good condition

Cooking Safety

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking—most home fires start here
- Keep towels, mitts, and other flammable items away from heat

Holiday Safety

- Check lights for damage before use
- Never leave candles unattended
- Water your fresh tree regularly to prevent it from drying out

Fire Hydrant Safety

- Clear snow around hydrants—leave at least a 4-foot path to help firefighters respond quickly

Smoke & CO Alarms

- Test alarms monthly and replace any over 10 years old
- Free battery-operated smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are available to qualifying residents through our partnership with the American Red Cross and Kidde

Radon Testing

- Free radon kits are available from the fire department

For more winter fire safety tips, visit the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's website at dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/fire-safety/fire-safety-tips

Contact Us:

Anoka-Champlin Fire Department
763-576-2900

Stay safe and warm this winter!



Anoka Police Department

Overnight Parking

The City of Anoka's 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 Police Department at 763-576-2800. No exceptions are granted during city snowplowing or within 24 hours of a predicted snowfall.

Crime Prevention Tips

- ALWAYS lock all windows and doors to your vehicles and home, especially securing rear sliding doors and basement windows.
- Put interior lights on a timer for when you are on vacation.
- Install motion detecting exterior lights that will illuminate driveways and back doors.
- Never leave keys in your vehicle when you leave the vehicle, even for a few minutes.
- When you drive, keep the doors locked and windows up. Park in well-lit busy areas.
- Don't leave packages or other tempting articles in view in a locked vehicle.
- If you have car problems, be especially wary of strangers who offer help. Stay in the car and ask them to call a service truck and law enforcement.
- Be suspicious of anyone who offers you a chance for quick and easy wealth.
- Don't give any details about your social security number or credit card numbers to phone solicitors, even if they offer you gifts, a free vacation, or a sweepstakes prize.
- Be vigilant! If you notice unusual activity around your home or in your neighborhood, please call 911 immediately!

Anoka Police Annual Review

The 2025-2026 edition of the Anoka Police Annual Review will be published in the summer of 2026. For 39 years, the Anoka Police Department and the Anoka Police Federation have teamed up to create this informative magazine. Funds raised by ads sold in the magazine stay in the community and are focused on youth activities and scholarships.

The 2024-2025 Anoka Police Annual Review is available now. The Review includes crime statistics and articles about the Anoka Police Department.

If your company is interested in placing an ad in the next edition or if you would like a copy of the current publication, please call Julie Splettscoesser at 763-576-2830.

Coffee with a Cop

Building relationships. One cup at a time. Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together to discuss issues and learn more about one another, while enjoying a warm cup of coffee. Watch our social media pages for upcoming dates and times.





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1500 6th Avenue
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Anoka Senior Center

Enjoy a Delicious Lunch and Fun Activities

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

Stay Active and Engaged with Our Programs

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

- Exciting Trips and Events
- Cards & Games
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- Knitting Group
- Presentations & Programs
- Driver Improvement Classes
- Foot Care Services
- Coffee and Conversation

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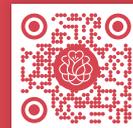


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Anoka Tree Lighting Sponsors

The City of Anoka wishes to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the local sponsors whose generosity enhanced the 35th Annual Anoka Tree Lighting event. Their support added to the magic of the occasion, creating lasting memories for everyone who attended. We encourage you to show your appreciation by supporting these businesses and organizations throughout the year.

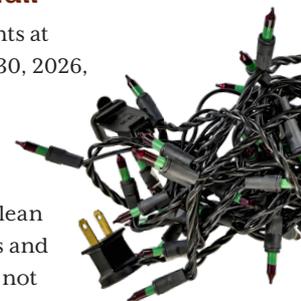


Residential Recycling

Recycle Holiday Lights at City Hall

Recycle your old, unwanted holiday string lights at Anoka City Hall, 2015 First Ave., through Jan. 30, 2026, M-F, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays).

Please only bring string lights, no rope lights or any holiday decorations. Collection boxes are in the lower level of City Hall. Place your clean bag/box of string lights in the collection boxes and we will properly recycle them. Remember, do not put the lights in your curbside recycling cart.



Natural Wine Cork Recycling Program

Anoka's Waste Reduction & Recycling Board and **Better Values Liquor Stores** are working together as a **ReCORK** Collection Partner to collect **NATURAL** (not plastic) wine corks for recycling! Just drop off natural wine corks at Better Values Liquor Store (847 East River Road) during regular business hours and drop them in the wine cork barrel.

We will ship the collected natural corks directly to ReCORK, where they will be ground down, added to their recycling batch, and made into new material. The new material is used to replace petroleum-based foams and plastics in consumer products, and can be collected and recycled again! Learn more recork.com.



WASTE REDUCTION
— & RECYCLING BOARD —

**2026 Save
the Dates!**

Spring & Fall Recycling Drop-off Events

Our annual spring and fall recycling events will take place at 501 Pierce Street, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.:
Saturday, April 25, 2026 | Saturday, September 26, 2026 (always the last Saturday of April and September)

Anoka's Citywide Garage Sale: May 15 & 16

Get ready to clean out your closets, declutter your home, and participate in or shop at Anoka's Annual Citywide Garage Sale! Full details will be shared leading up to all of these events at anokaminnesota.com and in future City View publications.

Anoka's recycling and reuse opportunities are funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE funds (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment).