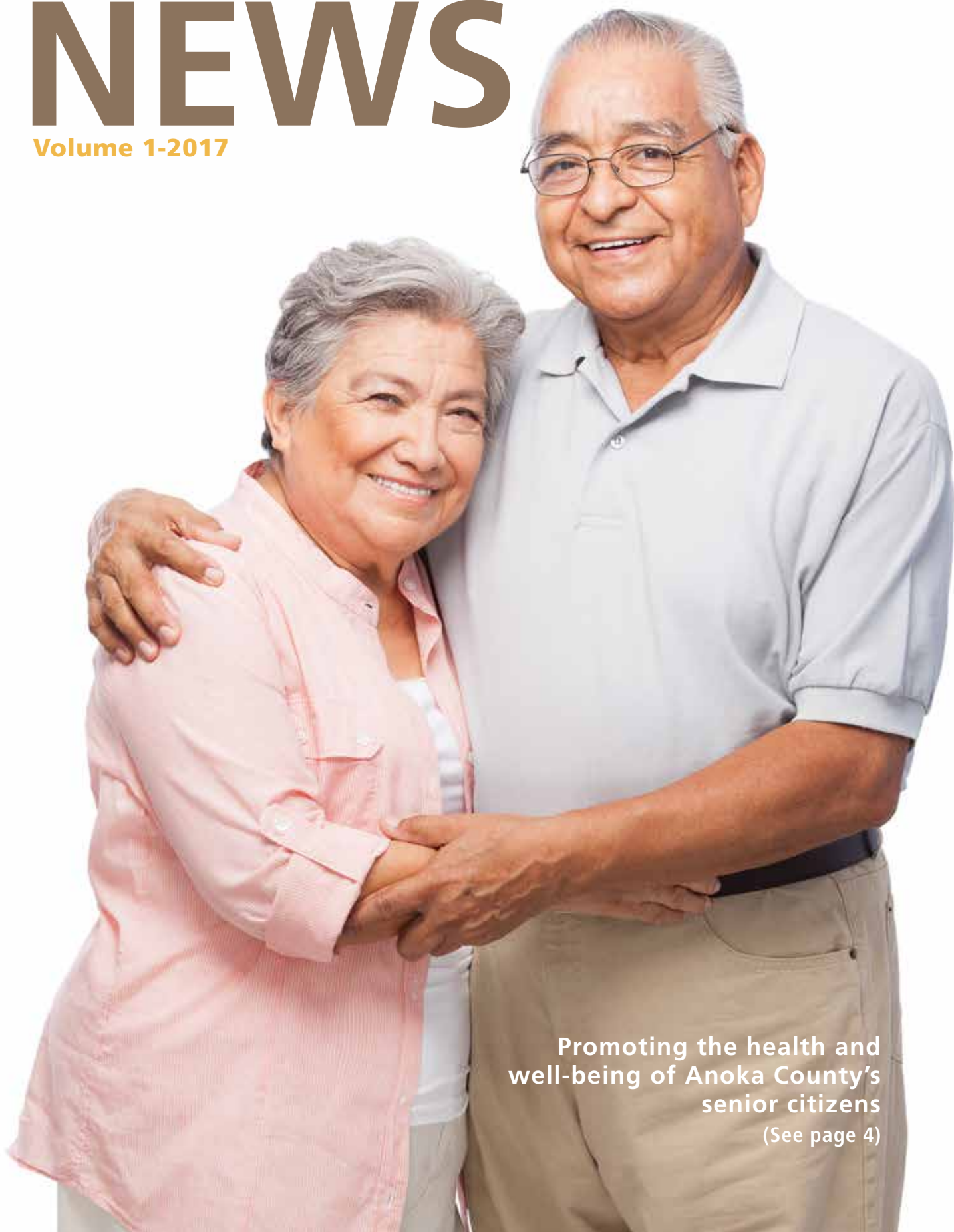


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Promoting the health and
well-being of Anoka County's
senior citizens

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It's a sure sign
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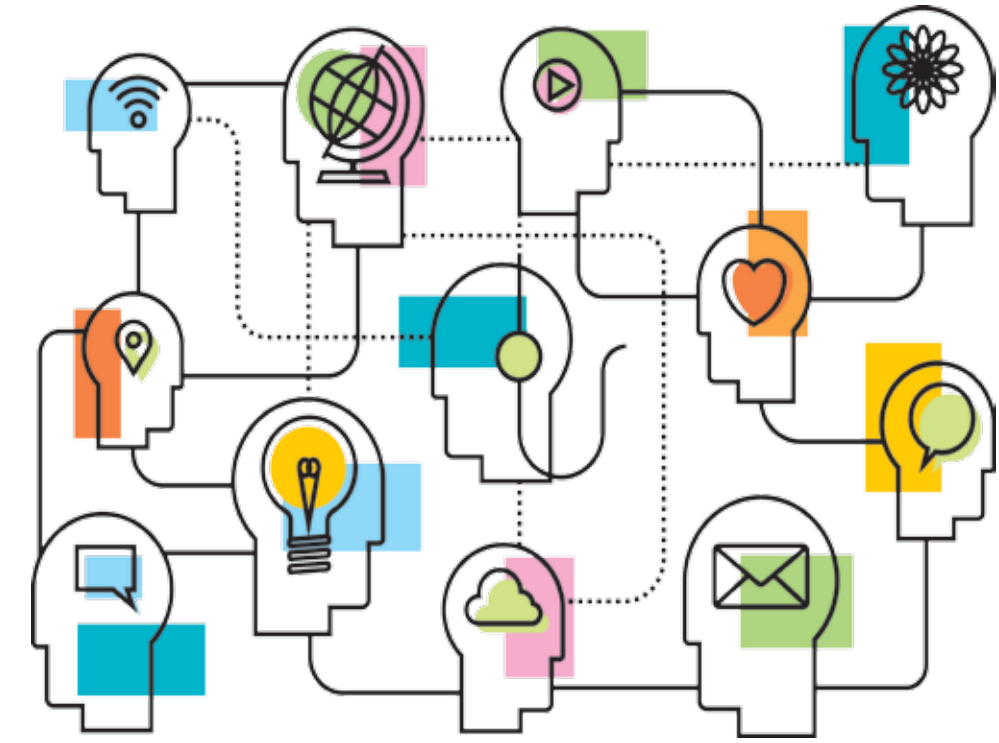
CONNECTING WITH OUR CUSTOMERS

Anoka County's website receives more than 2.5 million visits each year. Our customers are going to anokacounty.us to find information about programs and services; find a phone number, address, or email for a county department or staff member; look up property information; or conduct other business with Anoka County.

The most visited pages on the county website are:

- Inmate locator
- Library
- Jobs
- Property Information
- Parks, Court Records, Passports, Compost Sites

Of course we're also communicating with our customers in more traditional ways. The main phone number for the Government Center in Anoka (763-421-4760) receives more than 3,200 phone calls each month. Analytics showed that more than a third of those calls go to two areas: Economic Assistance and Property Records & Taxation. Further analysis found that it takes 45-60 seconds to answer each call, determine the reason for the call, and then transfer it to the appropriate area. To save time and serve customers in the best way possible, we recently introduced an automated phone tree system to more efficiently guide callers to their des-



tinuation. Callers to the main county line now hear a greeting and then are prompted to select "1" for Economic Assistance, "2" for Property Records & Taxation, and "3" for everything else. Callers who select 1 or 2 are automatically redirected to those departments; callers who select 3 are sent to county operators for assistance.

We're also in the process of replacing the county's entire phone system. "The existing system has reached the end of its reliability; some components of the infrastructure are more than twenty years old," said Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look. "In addition, replacement parts for the system are becoming almost impossible to find, and maintenance fees are no longer cost effective for the county." The existing phone system was also not designed for a modern workforce where employees require mobility, increased functionality, and the means to communicate with our constituents quickly and effectively.

The new phone system, more accurately described as a "unified communications system," will give county workers new tools to boost efficiency and provide better service by enabling more collaboration opportunities, messaging functionality, desktop sharing, and other remote communication tools. Under the new system, all existing county phone numbers will be replaced with new numbers with a common 763-324 prefix. We are aiming for a seamless transition between the old and new numbers, with the old numbers still working for a period of time after the new system has been implemented. Watch for information at anokacounty.us.

However you choose to find information or communicate with Anoka County, know that we are committed to providing you, our customer, with the best possible service using the most efficient and cost effective means available.

BE WELL. STAY SAFE.

Working to ensure the well-being of Anoka County's growing senior population



By the year 2030, nearly one in four Anoka County residents will be age 65 or older. (MN State Demographic Center)

Helping those seniors stay safe in their home and community is a top priority for Anoka County. "There are multiple resources available to keep seniors safe and living independently," said Anoka County Commissioner Julie Braastad. "Our social workers can help seniors and their families access those services and navigate the often overwhelming rules and requirements for Medical Assistance, Social Security, Medicare, and more."

Senior Services Intake Line 763-576-2000

A call here is your first step to access needed services. Social workers in Anoka County Senior Services work with seniors and/or family members to offer assessments, information and referrals, and short-term case management to make sure seniors are getting the support they need to live safely. For example, families often need help obtaining home health care services or locating a suitable assisted living facility.

Senior Information Line 763-783-4707

Managed by the Anoka County Community Action Program (ACCAP), this is strictly an information and referral line that helps older adults connect with community resources. Call here to find information on housing,

transportation, chore services, and other needed support services.

Senior Outreach Line 763-783-4741

Relatives, neighbors, clergy, senior center directors – as well as seniors themselves – can call to request a visit by an outreach worker. The outreach worker visits with seniors in their home to identify needs and discuss what programs or services are available to meet those needs. Services may include:

- Meals On Wheels
- Congregate dining and senior clubs
- Public health nursing
- Economic assistance
- Energy assistance
- Help with household chores

Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC) 1-844-880-1574

This is the state-wide common entry point for reports of maltreatment of seniors and vulnerable adults, either by someone in the home or in a care facility. Anoka County Senior Services investigates allegations of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; caregiver or personal neglect; and financial exploitation.

Learn more at anokacounty.us/seniors.

Beware of senior financial scams

There are many scams and schemes designed to get money, property, and social security or credit card numbers from unsuspecting victims. Scam artists claim to represent legitimate organizations, such as the IRS or Medicare. Among the most common:

- Tech Support Scam: Someone claiming to be from your Internet provider calls to warn about a virus on your computer. They ask you to give them remote access in order to fix it.
- You've Won! Scam: You get a call, email, or letter saying you've won a cruise or sweepstakes. All you have to do is pay a tax or customs duty.

- IRS Imposter Scam: The "IRS" calls saying you owe back taxes. They threaten to sue you or arrest you if you don't pay immediately.
- Health Care Scam: "Medicare" calls because they need your social security number to issue you a new card.
- Grandparent Scam: "Grandma, I need money for bail!" The caller sounds like your grandson. He's in trouble and he needs your money right away. (But don't tell mom and dad!)

"Scammers are very clever and very persistent," said Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart. "They can even fake

caller ID to trick you into thinking a call is coming from a trusted business or government office."

Bottom line? When you get a suspicious call, hang up. Never give your bank or credit card information or access to your computer to someone who calls out of the blue. With the grandparent scam, take a moment to check it out. Call your grandchild or another family member for confirmation.

If you suspect a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Call 1-877-382-4357 or go to ftc.gov/complaint.

Stay safe at home

More than half of the crimes committed against seniors occur in or near their own home, according to Anoka County Attorney Tony Palumbo. "Desire plus ability plus opportunity equals crime," he said, "and the only part of that equation you can control is opportunity."

Follow these tips to prevent being a victim of crime in your home:

- Keep doors locked and the garage door closed when you are at home.
- Keep valuables in a safe deposit box.
- Use direct deposit for social security or pension checks.
- Don't hide extra keys under the doormat or flowerpot.
- Keep the yard maintained (driveway cleared of snow, grass cut, old newspapers picked up).
- Use only initials in apartment lobby directories.
- Don't put address tags on your keys.

"Above all, don't ever be afraid to call 911 when you see something suspicious," said Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart. "Trust your gut and report it when you see something that doesn't feel right."

APRIL 22 SATURDAY

2017 ANOKA COUNTY SENIOR EXPO

A free event for senior citizens & their families!

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 9 AM - Noon
LORD OF LIFE CHURCH
14501 NOWTHEN BLVD., RAMSEY

- FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- INFORMATION BOOTHS
- BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
- MINI MASSAGES
- ENTERTAINMENT
- HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Sponsored by The Alliance for a Violence Free Anoka County and the Anoka County Human Services Division. Questions? Call Mary at 763-323-6042



Trained volunteers are available to help senior citizens and people with disabilities apply for their homeowners/renters Minnesota property tax refund/Form M1PR. (See below for dates and locations. Please attend a session in the district where you live.)

You will need to provide:

- Federal Form 1040 (if you filed one) **OR** records showing your

- 2016 total household income
- Homeowners: Copy of your 2017 real estate tax statements
- Renters: Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP)

The State of Minnesota will mail tax credit refund checks to eligible renters in mid-August and to eligible homeowners in late September.

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	COMMISSIONER DISTRICT
Columbia Heights Senior Center Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill St.	April 24 May 1 May 8	9 AM-11 AM 9 AM-11 AM 9 AM-11 AM	District 4: Jim Kordiak
Fridley City Hall 6431 University Ave.	April 27	9 AM-11 AM	District 4: Jim Kordiak
Parkview Villa Senior High Rise 965 40th Ave., Columbia Heights	May 3	1 PM-3:30 PM	District 4: Jim Kordiak
Andover Senior Center/City Hall 1685 Crosstown Blvd. N.W.	May 4	9 AM-11 AM	District 1: Matt Look District 2: Julie Braastad District 5: Mike Gamache
Ramsey Municipal Center 7550 Sunwood Dr. N.W.	May 9	1:30 PM-3:30 PM	District 1: Matt Look
St. Francis City Hall 23340 Cree St.	May 10	1 PM-3 PM	District 1: Matt Look
Spring Lake Park Community Center 1301 81st Ave N.E.	May 15	1 PM-3 PM	District 3: Robyn West
Anoka County Government Center 2100 3rd Ave., Room 715, Anoka	May 16	1 PM-4:30 PM	District 1: Matt Look District 7: Scott Schulte
Mary Ann Young Senior Center 9150 Central Ave. N.E., Blaine	May 18	1 PM-4:30 PM	District 3: Robyn West District 6: Rhonda Sivarajah
Coon Rapids Senior Center 11155 Robinson Dr N.W.	May 22 June 12	8 AM-12 PM 8 AM-12 PM	District 5: Mike Gamache District 7: Scott Schulte
Circle Pines City Hall 200 Civic Heights Circle	May 24	1 PM-3:30 PM	District 6: Rhonda Sivarajah
Lino Lakes City Hall 600 Town Center Parkway	May 25	1:30 PM-3:30 PM	District 6: Rhonda Sivarajah
East Bethel City Hall 2241 221st Ave N.E.	May 31	10 AM-12 PM	District 2: Julie Braastad
Linwood Senior Center 22817 Typo Creek Drive N.E., Stacy	June 1	9:30 AM-11:30 AM	District 6: Rhonda Sivarajah
Ham Lake Senior Center 15544 Central Ave N.E.	June 6	9 AM-12 PM	District 2: Julie Braastad

Test private well water annually

Is the water from your private well safe? Well water should be tested annually to determine the presence of coliform bacteria and the concentration of nitrate-nitrogen, which can seep into private wells from septic systems, nitrogen fertilizers, animal feedlots, and landfills. Unsafe levels can pose an immediate risk to infants and pregnant women.

Pick up a well water testing kit at the Anoka County Environmental Services Unit, Suite 600, in the Government Center in Anoka, or at the following city/township offices:

- Andover
- Bethel
- Blaine
- Centerville
- Columbus
- East Bethel
- Ham Lake
- Lino Lakes
- Linwood
- Nowthen
- Oak Grove
- Ramsey
- St. Francis

Kits are also available at the Anoka Conservation District, 1318 McKay Drive N.W. in Ham Lake. Submit water samples to the Environmental Services Unit for analysis every Monday from 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m.-noon. There is a \$30 charge for coliform bacteria and nitrate-nitrogen analysis. For information about testing well water for other contaminants (arsenic, fluoride, lead, etc.), call the Environmental Services Unit at 763-422-7063. Learn more at knowtheflow.us.

Funds for well and septic fix-up

Low interest loans are available to property owners and businesses located in Anoka County to repair or replace private well and septic systems under a program offered by Anoka County and the Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture's Best Management Practices Program (AgBMP).

Loans up to \$100,000 are available for projects that pose a threat to groundwater quality. Property owners must be current on their mortgage payments and property taxes and the project must meet Anoka County guidelines to

be eligible. Loans are repaid via a special assessment on the property tax statement through Anoka County.

For more information or to obtain a loan application, go to anokacounty.us/cd or call 763-323-5722.



Funds available for first time homebuyers



Low interest loans for qualified first time homebuyers in Anoka County are now available through Minnesota Housing. "Homebuyers may use the loan to purchase a new or existing home valued at up to \$307,900," said Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte. "Additional loan funds may be available to assist with down payment and closing costs."

To be eligible, homebuyers must:

- Be a first time homebuyer or not have owned a home in the last three years;
- Qualify for a home mortgage from a Minnesota Housing-approved lender;
- Purchase a home that meets cost limits;
- Meet minimum credit score requirements;
- Not exceed a gross income limit of \$86,600 for a 1-2 person household or \$99,500 for a 3 or more person household. (Terms subject to change.)

Buyers must use a lender approved by Minnesota Housing. (Find a list of approved lenders at mnhousing.gov. Click on "Find a Lender" under the "Homebuyers & Homeowners" tab.) Learn more by calling Anoka County Community Development at 763-323-5764 or go to anokacounty.us/cd.

PARTNERS WITH A PURPOSE

Connecting the needs of kids to the community

The availability of traditional foster care has been declining steadily for the past several years. Experts point to changing family dynamics and an aging society as contributing factors. But while there are fewer providers available, the number of children in need of safe, loving foster homes continues to rise.

In an effort to address the critical foster care shortage, Anoka County has partnered with Eagle Brook Church, the YMCA, and *Safe Families for Children (SFFC)*, a faith-based volunteer organization that provides early intervention, parent mentoring, and supportive services for families in crisis. This creative partnership recently sponsored several foster care information sessions at two Eagle Brook Church locations. Attendees learned about the critical need for foster care and what individuals can do to become respite, host, and/or traditional foster care providers. Additional information sessions are planned in the coming months.

More than 350 people attended the first information events, which so far have yielded 82 new host families for *Safe Families for Children*, four foster care, and four YMCA youth transitioning host homes.

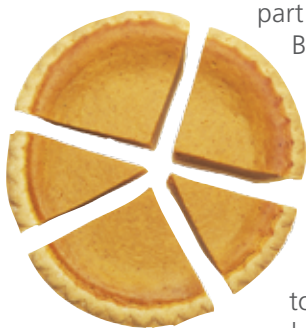
“The information sessions allow people to explore various options and commitment levels for providing care,” said Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah, chair, Anoka County Board. “Our unique partnership allows us to tap into an incredible community resource – the more than 20,000 members of Eagle Brook – and help them find ways to support children and families in our community.”

Go to anokacounty.us/foster to learn more about becoming a foster care provider or call Anoka County Community Social Services at 763-422-7144.



County video receives national recognition

The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, has recognized Anoka County's “Pie, With a Side of Property Taxes” video as part of the 2017 Bright Ideas in Government initiative.



Anoka County's video makes a complicated topic easy to understand. It uses

a simple pie concept to demonstrate how someone's “slice” of the overall property tax levy can change in size based on the number of slices being extracted from the pie, along with the value attributed to each slice. The video is posted on the county's website and also has been made available to area schools and other local government entities for use as an educational tool for citizens. (Find it at anokacounty.us/videos.)

The idea for the video came from an article written by Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah, chair, Anoka County Board, in which she likened

the state's property tax system to a pie, with the size of each slice of pie dependent on multiple factors.

“Public Information Specialist Erik Thorson and former Public Information Manager Martha Weaver took that ‘piece of the pie’ concept and created a video that is both entertaining and educational,” Sivarajah said. “It's an honor to receive this prestigious national recognition for our efforts to shed light on how our complex property tax system works. It's another tool we use in our efforts to be transparent about how we receive and spend taxpayer dollars.”

Springtime is tick time

Ahhh, spring: bluebirds are singing, tulips are blooming, and . . . ticks are biting.

Mid-May through mid-July is peak season for tick bites. “Anoka County is a high risk area for tick-borne diseases,” said Anoka County Commissioner Robyn West, “and in our area, most tick-transmitted diseases result from the bite of an infected black-legged tick (more commonly known as the deer tick).”

Deer ticks live on the ground in wooded, brushy, grassy areas. They do not jump or fly. Instead, the ticks grab onto people or animals that brush against vegetation and then crawl upwards to find a place to bite. A tick must be attached at least 24-48 hours to spread bacteria. Campers, hikers, hunters, farmers, and people in outdoor occupations are at higher risk.

Lyme disease is the most common

tick-borne illness in Minnesota. The signs of Lyme disease change over the course of the illness and vary among individuals. Symptoms may include a distinctive and expanding “bull's-eye” skin rash that may appear three to 30 days after a bite; fever; chills; headache; muscle and joint pain; and fatigue. If you suspect Lyme disease, contact a doctor immediately.

Here's how to minimize your risk of contracting Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases:

- Walk/run in the center of a trail to avoid picking up ticks from grass and brush.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into the top of your socks or boots.
- Keep lawns mowed short, remove leaves and brush, create landscape barriers between lawns and woods, and keep playsets or swing sets in sunny, dry areas of the yard.
- Use tick repellent products that



contain permethrin or up to 30 percent DEET.

- Check for ticks daily and remove them promptly using tweezers to grasp the head close to the skin. Pull the tick outward slowly, gently, and steadily.
- Avoid folk remedies to remove ticks such as Vaseline, nail polish remover, or burning matches. They aren't safe or effective.
- Shower soon after being outdoors.
- Call your doctor if you get a fever or rash.

For more information, call Anoka County Disease Prevention and Control at 763-422-6970 or go to the Minnesota Department of Health website: health.state.mn.us.



Compost sites warm weather hours begin April 1

Anoka County's two compost sites will increase their hours of operation beginning Saturday, April 1 (weather permitting). The sites are located in Bunker Hills Regional Park in Coon Rapids and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park in Lino Lakes.

The compost sites accept three different types of materials. Please keep each material separate because they are deposited in different areas of the compost sites.

BUNKER HILLS COMPOST SITE
 13285 Hanson Blvd. N.W.,
 Coon Rapids
 763-767-7964
 Monday through Friday:
 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. *
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m.
 *Or sunset if earlier

RICE CREEK CHAIN OF LAKES COMPOST SITE
 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes
 651-429-3723
 Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.*
 Thursday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.*
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m.
 *Or sunset if earlier

anokacounty.us/yardwaste



GRASS, LEAVES AND NON-WOODY YARD WASTE

New this year, **NO FEE** for the first 4 cubic yards of debagged yard waste. Each additional 4 cubic yards will be charged \$5 per vehicle. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, garden wastes, weeds, soft-bodied green plant materials, straw, pumpkins, pine cones and needles.



TREE WASTE

There will still be a charge for tree waste. The fee is charged by the cubic yard (envision a 3 foot x 3 foot x 3 foot cube) and is based on the amount and diameter of the material. Brush, logs, and stumps are accepted.



ORGANICS

There is no charge for county residents to drop off organic waste. Materials accepted include food scraps, most non-recyclable, uncoated paper, and Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified compostable products. For a complete list of acceptable materials or to sign up for the program (and get your free starter kit), go to AnokaCounty.us/organics.

Emerald Ash Borer found in Anoka County

The presence of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been confirmed in Anoka County. EAB is a wood-boring beetle that attacks and kills ash trees. It is spread through transported firewood. The adults are small, iridescent green beetles that live outside of the trees during the summer months. The larvae are grub or worm-like and live underneath the bark of ash trees. Trees are killed by the tunneling of the larvae under the tree's bark.

What to look for:

- Woodpeckers like EAB larvae; woodpecker holes may indicate the presence of EAB.
- Tunneling by EAB larvae may cause tree bark to split open, exposing distinctive S-shaped larvae paths.
- Consult a certified arborist to confirm the presence of EAB and determine treatment options. Spring is the best time to apply treatment.

"Residents can safely dispose of infested ash tree waste by bringing it to Anoka County's compost sites," said Anoka County Commissioner Jim Kordiak. "The compost sites chip waste wood, thereby destroying the habitat for the beetle."

Many cities license tree companies. Contact your city for more information or go to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture website: mda.state.mn.us and search for Emerald Ash Borer.



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Household hazardous waste facility warm weather hours

The Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility will switch to warm weather hours of operation beginning April 1 and running through October 31, 2017. Warm weather hours are:

- Monday/Friday/Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Wednesday 2 - 8 p.m.

Closed Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

The facility is located at 3230 101st Ave. N.E. in Blaine (off Radisson Road).

Residents dropping off materials must provide proof of county residency, such as a driver's license. Businesses, organizations, and schools may not bring hazardous waste to the facility.

Examples of waste accepted:

- Acids
- Aerosol cans with product remaining
- Drain cleaner
- Driveway sealer
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Liquid paint, stains, varnishes
- Liquid mercury
- Mercury thermometers
- Motor oil
- Oven cleaner
- Paint stripper
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Wood preservatives

Examples of waste NOT accepted:

- Ammunition
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Batteries
- Dried paint
- Electronics
- Empty containers
- Explosives
- Garbage
- Radioactive wastes
- Tires

For disposal options for unacceptable materials, call Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-323-5730.

Do you know a Recycling Champion?

Do you know an individual, group, or organization passionate about reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting? Nominate a friend, neighbor, or coworker today to be recognized as a Recycling Champion at the Recycling & Resource Solutions Department's annual recognition event in May 2017.

Find nomination forms and details at AnokaCounty.us/recycle.



Anoka County Library offers a free *Books by Mail* service. "The *Books by Mail* program provides ready access to Library resources to county residents who are unable to visit a library in person due to temporary or permanent disability," said Anoka County Commissioner Mike Gamache. "Available materials include books, audiobooks, movies, and magazines."

To use the service, simply fill out a short application form that includes your reading preferences. Items are mailed directly to your home, and arrive complete with everything you need to send them back to the Library. Some patrons request specific books and materials; others leave it up to librarians to send an assortment of titles, based on their reading interests.

The reading interests and information needs of *Books by Mail* patrons vary widely, from large print best sellers to historical nonfiction and everything in between. One patron with severe macular degeneration requested an enlargement of the Gettysburg Address. She estimated that if each letter were an inch tall she could read it without a magnifying glass. That famous 272-word speech formatted with a one-inch font equals 11 pages of 11 X 17 paper. She called a week later to recite it by memory!

For more information or to register for the service, contact the Outreach Librarian at 763-576-4695 ext. 5239.

Find help with auto repairs anytime, anywhere

Want to show your car some love? April is National Car Care Month; give your sweet ride a little tune-up with the Anoka County Library's newest automotive database, Chilton Library. This database compiles all the knowledge found in Chilton's auto repair manuals into a single searchable online source.

Whether you're looking for wiring diagrams, vehicle bulletins, or step-by-step instructions for repairs, we have you covered with the Chilton Library. Beyond repair instructions this service also features valuable information for anyone who operates a vehicle. Chilton Library includes more than 85,000 Technical Service Bulletins. You can check to see if any service bulletins or recalls have been issued for your vehicle.

As with most library resources, the Chilton Library can be accessed anywhere free of charge with your library card number and PIN. Find it at anokacountylibrary.org.

anokacountylibrary.org



Talking about Alzheimer's

Approximately 91,000 Minnesotans age 65 or more are living with Alzheimer's. According to one projection, the number of people living with Alzheimer's or other types of dementia will triple by 2050. The Anoka County Library, in partnership with Anoka County Caregiver Connection and ACT on Alzheimer's Anoka, is offering *Dementia Dialogue*, a book and film discussion program that explores dementia through stories, both real and fictional.

Caregivers and others can share experiences and gain an understanding of how Alzheimer's and other types of dementia affect families, friends, and our communities. Check with any Anoka County Library or the Library's website for topics to be discussed. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't read or watched the selected titles.

When: 3rd Tuesday of the month, now through May, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Where: Rum River Library, 4201 6th Ave., Anoka



Library tech tutors offer technology help



Do you have a new tablet or smartphone? Stumped by the security settings in your social media accounts? Need to know how to back up all those photos? We all have more to learn about computers and technology; it can be hard to keep up!

Anoka County Library is here to help. The Library is launching "Book a Tech Tutor," a new approach to technology instruction. The program begins during National Library Week, April 9-15, and expands on the computer instruction already offered at all branch libraries.

Sign up for a personal 30 or 60 minute session with one of our Tech Tutors on a variety of topics, including Online Safety, Microsoft Word, and Computer Basics. More topics are coming; contact your library with suggestions. Visit anokacountylibrary.org for a list of topics or to request an appointment.



FREE PARKING!
Learn more at
mncourts.gov/AnokaLawDay2017

ANOKA COUNTY LAW DAY 2017

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 • 9 AM - 3 PM

Anoka County Courthouse & Government Center

FREE legal service clinics!

- Family law
- Record expungement
- Immigration law
- Child support
- Conservatorship
- Driver's license reinstatement
- General civil
- Criminal warrant

CAMPS

SUMMER



CARDIO CLUB



Come walk against the Lazy River current at Bunker Beach for a low impact workout. Water shoes are recommended.

\$3 per session

Free to regular season pass holders

Cardio Club Season Pass - \$40

Buy your pass online bunkerbeach.com

EARTH DAY



APRIL 22, 12:30 - 3 PM
WARGO NATURE CENTER

Join us for a free, fun-filled family Earth Day celebration complete with a climbing wall and light refreshments. Learn about Wargo's unique offerings and activities, make your own earth art project to take home, listen to live music, explore the trails, and enjoy the lovely spring weather! Also, be sure to visit the Earth Day Fair, where local organizations will provide information and businesses will showcase earth-friendly products. FREE

Come before the celebration to help with Earth Day Cleanup 10 AM - 12 PM. Call 651-429-8007 to sign up.

GOLF LEAGUES



REGISTER TODAY
Spaces fill up quickly.

Call or visit us online for more information.

chomonix.com
651-482-8484

Wargo Nature Center Summer Day Camps are all about exploring our world, having fun, and getting dirty outside! This summer we are offering brand new day camps for children pre-K through 7th grade. We even have camps that include grandparents! Small groups allow us to provide individual attention to each child. Hands-on activities and great resources let participants explore the natural world around them. Day camps are held in beautiful Anoka County parks that offer ecologically diverse forest, meadow, and wetland habitats. Our naturalists are college graduates and professional educators who are experienced working with kids in the outdoors. They are also certified in First Aid, CPR and AED. Nature is our guide and we look forward to sharing an amazing world of wonder with your child!

CONNECT WITH NATURE ALL AGES WELCOME!

Camps are specifically designed and organized by grade levels so each participant can fully enjoy their experience.

- Grandparents Camp
- Preschool Camps
- Grades K-2
- Grades 1-3
- Grades 3-6
- Grades 4-6
- Grades 5-7

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL DAY CAMPS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
651-429-8007 OR REGISTER ONLINE AT
ANOKACOUNTYPARKS.COM

REGISTER EARLY & SAVE!

Register by May 7, 2017, and save \$5 per participant on Preschool Camps and Grandparent Camps and \$10 on School-Aged Camps. *Discount does not apply to Adventures With Tom and Huck Camp*
Offer Expires: May 7, 2017

WORK IN THE PARKS WE'RE HIRING



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY VISIT
ANOKACOUNTY.US/SUMMERJOBS

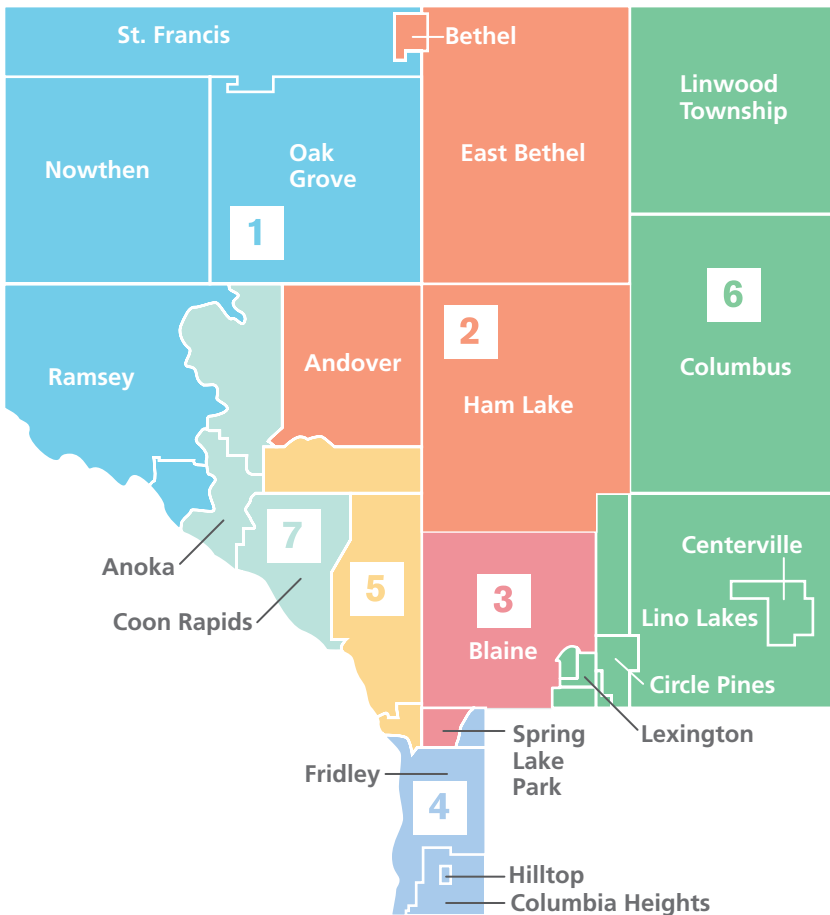
Openings for Bunker Beach Water Park, Chomonix Golf Course, Park Services, and Park Maintenance.



Visit our website!

ANOKA COUNTY LEADERSHIP

763-323-5700



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DISTRICT 1
COMMISSIONER



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As elected officials, the County Board, County Attorney, and County Sheriff set policy and direction for their areas of responsibility.

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