

# Andover Today

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## GENERAL ELECTION

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### MEET YOUR CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR & COUNCIL

All candidates were requested to provide a 100 word statement.

MAYOR  
Vote for one



**BEN RIECHERS** 15844 Martin St. NW

My wife Katie and I have been married 38 years and are active in our Christian faith. We have 3 married sons, 6 grandchildren, 4 who live in Andover. I grew up on a dairy farm, served in the U.S. Army, graduated from UW-Platteville and enjoyed a 30-year career with Trane. In 1989, I was named the controller of a Trane division in Minnesota and we have lived in Coon Rapids or Andover ever since. I am a fiscal conservative. I believe local decision-making is less partisan and that debt can make spending today easy at the expense of tomorrow.



**JULIE TRUDE** 13862 Holly St. NW

(Incumbent) I enjoy serving as your Mayor and seek your vote to affirm Andover is moving in the right direction. We have new restaurants, a housing boom, quality parks, a successful community center and new trails. Economic growth has increased our tax base, allowing us to cut the tax rate in 2017. I lead "Heart Safe" volunteers and encourage youth leadership. Our updated strategic plan incorporates resident input and addresses growth. My 16 years' Council experience, leadership experience and legal skills prepare me to negotiate projects that enhance our city and preserve Andover's unique character. Married, parent of three.  
[www.julietrude.com](http://www.julietrude.com)

COUNCIL - Vote for two



**SHERI BUKKILA** 13517 Swallow St. NW

Current City Council Member for 8 years. Serve on the Anoka County Fire Protection Council and on the boards for the Fire Relief Association and Economic Development Authority. As a wife and mother of school aged children, my core values are personal accountability, loyalty and honesty. I advocate for lower taxes, property rights, quality sustainable housing and business development. As a career law enforcement officer my strengths are patience, problem solving and ensuring a transparent and consistently fair process is followed to meet our goals. I'm working hard to protect your investment in our community.



**TIMOTHY A. DAVIS SR.** Andover, Minnesota

Revitalizing neighborhoods, making streets and parks safe, renewing playgrounds, libraries and community activities as well as promoting youth sports, arts and recreational programs will be my priority. I learned how to speak from my heart and listen to the concerns of my community with my work as a small business owner, Associate Pastor at New Mercy Church, U.S. Coast Guard, Third Class officer and a member of the Charter Commission of Brooklyn Park. I hope to provide a voice for every citizen in our community. I was born to serve.



**MIKE KNIGHT** 4660 - 175th Ave. NW

As a forty year resident of Andover and a long term member of your city council I have worked to keep city services up and to maintain the good quality of life our citizens enjoy. Andover is ranked highly as a good place to live in the metro area and I have worked hard to keep spending and taxes down. We have good facilities, athletic fields, open space and trail system, a good community center, and city services. We are a young and steadily growing city and I will work hard to keep that ongoing.

# ANDOVER CITY OFFICIALS

## MAYOR

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j.trude@andovermn.gov

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Fax Number .....(763) 755-8923  
1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW

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**POLICE & FIRE**  
All Emergencies...911  
Police...(763) 427-1212  
Fire...(763) 755-9825



**CITY OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED  
THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday & Friday, November  
24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
& Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**



# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Jim Dickinson

## 2017 Proposed Property Tax Levy:

Very shortly you will receive your proposed 2017 property tax statement from the county. If you have questions regarding your property's valuation on that statement, call the number on the statement. The Anoka County Assessor's Office will walk you through explanations unique to your property.

Relative to the proposed 2017 City of Andover property tax levy, the City Council adopted at the September 6th Council meeting a Preliminary 2017 levy of \$11,938,555. The 2017 Proposed Property Tax Levy is estimated to reduce the current City tax rate by close to 2% but will generate additional tax revenue through growth identified in the City's tax base, a 2.97% increase in the gross tax levy. The Council has the right to reduce or keep constant this levy until the final certification date of December 28, 2016. State Law requires cities to schedule a meeting at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input will be allowed prior to the final budget and levy determination, that meeting will take place on December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The proposed 2017 Budget again focuses on providing excellent basic services such as Public Works and Public Safety and a continuing commitment to preserving existing City infrastructure and facilities. Questions related to the property tax and spending should be directed to City Administration.

## Economic Development Authority (EDA) Activity:

The City and the Economic Development Authority (EDA) continue to seek ways to improve our tax base through commercial development on parcels being redeveloped within the community. The City EDA's Andover Station North development area welcomes two new business this year, an Acapulco restaurant that opened in September 2016 and the Andover Animal Hospital anticipated to open late 2016. The EDA also through a 2016 land sale is welcoming at the intersection of Crosstown Drive and Bunker Lake Boulevard the construction of ReMax of Andover's 12,000 sq foot office building.

## Wetland Restoration Project:

A frequent question I receive is what and when is something going to happen with the former Woodland Creek Golf Course. Well this fall we are starting to see the transformation from an unkept golf course to a wetland restoration project; dirt work will start on the property this fall with anticipated final completion by July of 2017. That construction project includes the wetland restoration and creation of nature trails.



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Precinct #1	Hope Lutheran Church 16180 Round Lake Boulevard NW	Precinct #6	Prairie Oak Community Church 1657 161 <sup>st</sup> Avenue NW
Precinct #2	Grace Lutheran Church 13655 Round Lake Boulevard NW	Precinct #7	Andover Community Center 15200 Hanson Boulevard NW
Precinct #3	Riverdale Assembly of God Church 3210 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW	Precinct #8	Andover Community Center 15200 Hanson Boulevard NW
Precinct #4	Crooked Lake Elementary School 2939 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW	Precinct #9	Bunker Hills Activity Center 550 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW
Precinct #5	Andover Christian Church 16045 Nightingale Street NW	Precinct #10	Andover Elementary School 14950 Hanson Boulevard NW

If you are unsure of where you vote, you can access the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) to find your correct polling place or call City Hall at (763) 755-5100. For more information about elections, go to the City's website or [www.anokacounty.us/elections](http://www.anokacounty.us/elections).

If you have not voted in Andover or have moved, you must first register before voting. A valid driver's license with your new address will allow you to register and vote. Please take care of this before Election Day. Minnesota State Law requires you to update your license within 30 days of moving.

# ANDOVER BECOMES A HEART SAFE COMMUNITY

A volunteer-led group has been organizing, hosting and leading free Bystander, compression-only CPR and AED training for residents in order to save lives of those suffering from a sudden cardiac arrest in our city. The efforts of bystanders in the first few minutes, before emergency services arrives, are critical to a victim's survival. In a ceremony at the October 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the Minnesota Department of Health presented traffic signs for display, indicating Andover is now a **Heart Safe Community**. Goals met included hosting many large training events with over 25 in attendance, locating and mapping AEDs in Andover and defining future goals to continue a sustainable program, training many more residents.



The volunteer leadership team includes Mayor Julie Trude, RN Susan Stone, Patrick Popehn, Tom Boshart, Kris Lien and Blair Buccicone. In support of continued CPR/AED training, YMCA

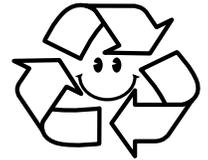
aquatics staff regularly offers training at the community center. Free public Heart Safe training events are publicized in the Sheriff's Office "Friday Updates." Residents may sign up for, or view the Friday Updates on the Sheriff's website. There is a Heart Safe Andover Facebook page. A City web page describes the program. Support for training events has been provided by Laura Landes along with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, the Andover Fire Department, the Andover City Council and the Explorers working with the Sheriff's office. A special thanks to Mercy/Unity Foundation for donating the training equipment used and to the Andover Football Association and Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association for adding a total of 5 more AEDs at our sports facilities.



## MONTHLY RECYCLING

On the second Saturday of each month, there is recycling for a charge: Appliances, Electronics, Fluorescent bulbs, Mattresses. And also free shredding for paper. The next dates are November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Andover Recycling Center, 1825 Crosstown Boulevard NW. Call (763) 767-5114 with questions or email [recycle@andovermn.gov](mailto:recycle@andovermn.gov).



## COMMISSION VACANCIES

Individuals seeking to fill the vacancies must have interest in public policies, willingness to learn, problem solving and communication skills and be able to contribute to positive decision making. The Commission members are compensated.

Advisory Commission applications may be obtained at City Hall or on the City website at [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) Deadline is 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2016. Applicants will be interviewed by the City Council in January.

### Park & Recreation Commission

The City is seeking individuals to serve 3-year terms on the Park & Recreation Commission. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and reviews matters concerning park and recreation programs, park dedication requirements for new developments and proposed new park construction projects. The Park Commission meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month in the evening. For more information, please contact Todd Haas, Assistant Public Works Director at (763) 767-5131.

### Planning & Zoning Commission

The City is seeking individuals to serve 3-year terms on the Planning Commission. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and reviews matters concerning City planning and development issues. The Planning Commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the evening. For more information, please contact Stephanie Hanson, City Planner at (763) 767-5147.

### Open Space Advisory Commission

The City is seeking individuals to serve 3-year terms on the Open Space Advisory Commission. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and reviews matters concerning preservation of open space. Commission meetings are held quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month in the evening. For more information, please contact Kameron Kytönen, Natural Resource Technician at (763) 767-5137.

### Youth First Community of Promise Board

Seeking individuals to serve on the Youth First Community of Promise Board. Contact Jim Dickinson at (763) 767-5110 for more information.

### Andover Community Center Advisory Commission

The City is seeking an individual to serve a 2-year term as an At-Large Representative on the Andover YMCA Community Center Advisory Commission. The commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and reviews matters concerning the Andover YMCA Community Center. This advisory commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month with no compensation. For more information contact Erick Sutherland, Recreational Facilities Manager at the Andover Community Center (763) 755-3238.



# ANDOVER COMMUNITY CENTER

## ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY NIGHT OPEN VOLLEYBALL 16+

- Minimum Age 16+
- No Claiming Courts
- Play one game, rotate out and let waiting teams play
- Limit game scoring to 21 points
- \$3 Residents / \$5 Non-Resident
- I.D.'s Required



Refer to monthly gym activity calendars, as volleyball is not offered all Sundays.

### INDOOR WALKING

Indoor walking hours are Monday – Friday, 5:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. All walkers must sign in at the YMCA front desk each morning. Admission is \$1 day or purchase a season walking pass. YMCA members are required to scan their membership cards upon arrival.

### PICKLEBALL



New beginner and advance sessions have been added for Fall and Winter!! The Andover Community Center offers weekend, weekday and evening times for all levels of play. Admission is \$4 or save money by purchasing an ACC punch card. Bring your own paddle or a limited number of wooden paddles are available for use. Graphite paddles available to rent. If you've never played pickleball before, stop in on Monday mornings for some FREE pointers. Dates and meeting times are published on the Pickleball Activity Calendar.

### OPEN ADULT HOCKEY

Drop-in Adult Open Hockey 18+ is offered most Monday, Wednesdays and NEW Fridays from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 per skater, goalies skate for free. Helmets and gloves are mandatory. Check monthly activity calendars for dates and times.

### OPEN BASKETBALL AND OPEN ICE SKATING/HOCKEY

The Andover Community Center field house (gymnasium) and ice arena activities are open to the public, daily admission fees apply, you do not need to be a YMCA member. Specific dates and times can be found on the ACC Activity Calendars.

### ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS

A number of activities are available for active older adults to participate in while at the Andover YMCA Community Center. Pot-lucks, music jam sessions, cribbage, educational seminars and classes, bingo, craft & hobby hours, fitness opportunities and more! Stop by for an Adult Activities Calendar or contact Jodi Blowers at the YMCA (763) 230-6552. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA to participate in many of these activities.



### SKATE WITH SANTA

Ice Skating with Santa will be held Sunday, December 4th from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. at the Andover Community Center Ice Arena. Event admission is Youth \$4 and Adult \$5. Skate Rental available \$3/pr. Join us for holiday music, shopping and fun! Shopping and kids activities sponsored by Macaroni Kid.



### GROUP EVENTS, PARTY PACKAGES & FIELD TRIPS

The Andover Community Center is a great place to host your next group event, field trip, birthday party or bridal/baby showers. The Andover Community Center offers multiple activities for your guests. Ice skating (skate rental available), field house/gym space, meeting rooms and YMCA aquatics (slides & features).

*The Andover Community Center would like to thank the following organizations for their financial contributions.*

*Andover Football Association - \$500 donation towards purchasing new toys for the Tot Time Open Gym Program.*

*Andover Lions Club - \$300.00 donation towards the Reduced Program Fee Assistance Program for families who need financial assistance so that their children can participate in ACC programs.*

*North Metro Soccer Association - \$500 donation towards the Andover Indoor Soccer Program to assist with the cost of t-shirts for the program.*

*On behalf of the City of Andover, Andover Community Center and the hundreds of children who will benefit from these donations, Thank you!*

## PROGRAMS & CLINICS

### TOT-TIME OPEN GYM

Tot-Time Open Gym is a non-structured indoor playtime for youth ages 6 & under. No need to pre-register, attend when it works for you! Meet new friends, socialize and let the kids play with age appropriate toys and sports equipment. Special activities, including inflatable bounce houses, story time and crafts will occur throughout each month. Tot-Time open gym meets in the



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field house, where there is room to run and have fun! Tot Time meets most Mondays and Tuesdays at a new time this season, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Adult supervision is required, 1:4 ratio. Daily admission fees apply for children, save money by purchasing a punch card. Monthly Tot Time activity calendars are available on the website or in lobby racks. NEW Book Swap has been added for Tot Time participants. See calendar for details.

### INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER

The Winter Andover Indoor Youth Soccer Program will be held January 14 – March 4 (8 sessions) for boys and girls ages 4 - 9. This recreational program will focus on individual skill development and having fun. Teams will practice skills for the first 30 minutes then scrimmage against another team for the remaining 30 minutes of the program. This program is a great start for beginners and fun for those who have already played organized soccer. Registration fee is \$89 per player, which includes a team t-shirt and award. Teams will be organized into 4/5, 6/7 and 8/9 year old age divisions.



### INTRODUCTION TO ICE LESSONS

A great program to introduce the sport of ice skating to students ages 3 - 6 who have no skating experience. Each class is 30 minutes in length and features age appropriate, off and on-ice activities including games and music. This program meets for 3 sessions and the cost is \$30 per skater. Visit the ACC website for more information and upcoming program dates and times.



### ICE SKATING LESSONS – ANDOVER SKATE SCHOOL

The Winter ACC Ice Skating Lesson Program for youth ages 3 and older will be held January 7 – February 25 on Saturday mornings (8 sessions) \$95 per skater. Lessons include 30 minutes of instruction and 30 minutes of on-ice practice.



## JOB POSTING WARMING HOUSE ATTENDANTS

Rinks will open during the third week of December, weather permitting, through the end of February. The hours are: WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, 4:00 p.m. TO 8:30 p.m. and WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS, 1:00 p.m. TO 8:00 p.m. Work schedule will be shared by 2 attendants.

Must be 18 years old or older. Senior Citizens are encouraged to apply.

Wage: \$10.50/hour.

A city application form must be submitted. This position will remain open until filled

CITY OF ANDOVER  
ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES  
1685 CROSTOWN BLVD  
ANDOVER, MN 55304

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## 2016-2017 ICE SKATING RINKS & SLIDING HILLS

Listed below are park ice rinks that will be maintained by the Public Works Parks Department throughout the skating season.

PARK	LOCATION	WARMING HOUSE	HOCKEY RINK	SKATING RINK
Prairie Knoll	595 - 146 <sup>th</sup> Lane	X	X	X
Crooked Lake School	2939 Bunker Lake Boulevard	X	X	X
Hawkridge	18001 Verdin Street	X	X	X
City Complex East/West	1885 Crosstown Boulevard	X	X	X
Nordeens	15535 Juniper Street			X
Hidden Creek North	2620 Bunker Lake Boulevard			X
Hidden Creek East	2156 - 135 <sup>th</sup> Lane			X



### SLIDING HILL

Andover Station North	1823 - 139 <sup>th</sup> Lane	Lighted
Prairie Knoll	595 - 146 <sup>th</sup> Lane	Lighted
Pine Hills North	3535 - 161 <sup>st</sup> Avenue	Not Lighted

Warming house hours of operation and rink attendants are:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - (Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association), 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday – 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Friday – 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday – 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday – 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Holidays and District #11 school breaks warming house hours are:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday & Friday 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

# SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff James Stuart • Anoka County Sheriff's Office • 13301 Hanson Blvd. NW • Andover, MN 55304 • (763) 767-4664

## Holiday Crime Prevention

The holiday season is always a special time of year and it is coming up quickly. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared, or too aware. Opportunity is the criminal's key to crime.

We have broken down the crimes we see occurring during the holiday season and would like to offer some tips on preventing them. When shopping (both gift and grocery):

- Park in a well-lit area of the parking lot; if you are entering the store during daylight hours – think about how long you are going to be inside.
- Dress comfortably and use a cross-body purse or “fanny pack” to help keep your hands free.
- Only carry the credit cards that you will need; have a copy of your credit cards at home along with the 800# you need if you should lose a card.
- Limit the amount of cash you carry and do not display bundles of cash unnecessarily.
- If you are shopping with children, review what they should do if you become separated. Make sure they know their full name, your name (Mom/Dad doesn't count), and your cell number.

- When heading to your vehicle, focus on what you are doing and pay attention to your surroundings; don't be staring at your phone, checking off items on your task list, or digging for your keys.
- When loading your purchases into your car be aware of where your purse or wallet is; do not leave it in a shopping cart.
- Put packages out of sight; the trunk is the best place but if you don't have a trunk use something to cover your items.

A few tips for around the home:

- If you are having packages delivered to your home via courier, UPS, Fed-Ex – think ahead – either plan to be home, send them to a home where someone is always present, or send them to your work.
- Large displays of gifts should not be visible through the windows of your home.
- If you are going to be away for a longer period of time, let a trusted neighbor know and you can also schedule a “Vacation Check” request with our office by going to <http://www.anokacounty.us/2399/Vacation-Check>.

By staying alert and following a few crime prevention tips, you can ensure a holiday season that is happy and safe.

## SALVATION ARMY DONATION DROP BOX

The Salvation Army has placed a Donation Drop Box at the Recycling Center 1825 Crosstown Drive NW. Donate your gently used clothing and housewares. If you want a home pick-up for larger items, call (612) 332-5855. It is very important that all items brought are clean and in good condition.



## Acapulco Mexican Restaurant

13753 Ibis Street NW  
Andover, MN 55304  
(763) 323-8772

## DOG LICENSE REQUIRED

No person shall own, keep, harbor or have custody of any dog over six (6) months of age without first obtaining a city dog license, (City Code 5-1A-2). Licenses are issued upon presentation of a current rabies certificate and the license fee of \$6 per year. Licenses are available at the front desk at City Hall.



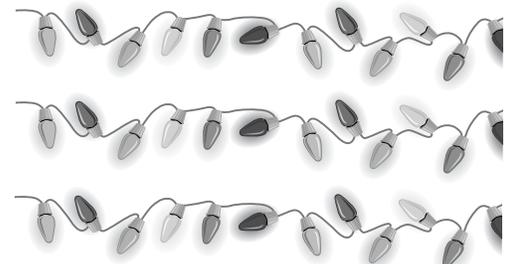
## ACCAP CHORES & MORE PROGRAM

One stop shopping for minor home repairs, housekeeping and seasonal chores for people 60 +. We utilize independent contractors and when available volunteer groups. Give a call for more details. New phone number and address, (763) 783-4767, 1201 89th Ave. N.E. Suite 345, Blaine, MN 55434.



## HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

Drop off unwanted light strings at Andover City Hall Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be a container in the lobby.



# WINTER REMINDERS FROM PUBLIC WORKS...

✓ **MAILBOX REQUIREMENTS** - The base of the box should be 48-50" above street level. The post should be 20" back from the curb. The face of the mailbox should line up with the curb. The snowplow wing needs the 48" height clearance to avoid hitting the box and the 20" from the curb to clear the post. The City does NOT assume liability for mailboxes damaged during plowing operations, unless it is determined the plow made direct contact with a mailbox that is properly installed using the standard 4 x 4 post and metal box requirements. Decorative mailboxes are not within the requirements and will not be replaced if damaged. The mailbox should be secured to the base and post and the post securely in the ground, no rotting wood. There should not be any plastic newspaper tubes or attachments to the mailbox below the 44" minimum height requirement. (See mailbox placement diagram on the City web site at [andovermn.gov](http://andovermn.gov)).

✓ **TRAILS** are plowed during the regular scheduled working shift with the exception of trails within a 2-mile radius of a school. These trails are plowed as soon as possible during regular plowing operations.

✓ **CUL-DE-SAC** streets are plowed by smaller snow removal vehicles. You may notice the large plow truck will clear one path while turning around in the cul-de-sac, but the smaller plows will clear the street curb to curb. Plow operators try to evenly distribute snow throughout the cul-

de-sac, but limited space makes it difficult. Reminder to keep cul-de-sacs clear of all sports equipment such as hockey nets and basketball hoops. Plow operators cannot leave the vehicle to move objects left in the road.

✓ **DO NOT plow, shovel or blow snow ONTO or ACROSS any public roadway.**

**Minnesota State Statute 160.27 -**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds everyone it is against state law to deposit snow onto a public roadway. Dumping or plowing snow onto a roadway can create a slippery area, frozen rut or bump, which has the potential to contribute to a motor vehicle or pedestrian accident.

MN Statute 160.27 and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling, or otherwise placing of snow from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots onto public roadways. The public is cautioned that violations are misdemeanors and civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person/company who placed the snow improperly.

✓ **GARBAGE CANS/recycle bins** should be placed approximately 2 feet behind the curb **IN** the driveway. Plow operators cannot leave the vehicle to move objects left in the road.

✓ **SPRINKLER SYSTEMS** placed in the curb right-of-way are not the responsibility of the City if damaged during snowplowing operations.

✓ **SOD DAMAGE** caused by the snowplow during plowing operations will be repaired in the spring by the Street Department with black dirt and seed. If you have damage and would like it repaired, feel free to call the Street Department at (763) 767-5178 to be put on a list for spring repairs.

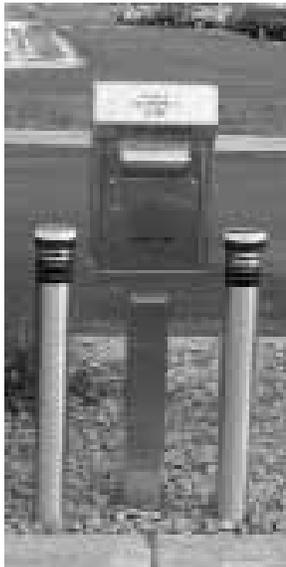
✓ **NO PARKING** on any City street after 2 inches or more snowfall until the streets have been plowed curb to curb. The City of Andover observes a parking ordinance during the winter months, which is **NO PARKING** on any City street between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Cars parked or left unattended in a City street during plowing operations will be tagged and towed.

✓ **CITY PARK** parking lots that are NOT required to stay open during winter months will not be plowed.

✓ **TREE TRIMMING** is done during the winter months when the Street Department is not busy with snowplowing. Fall and winter are the best times to prune or remove trees blocking signs, obstructing traffic visibility or in the right-of-way. Feel free to contact the Street Department at (763) 767-5178 with any questions or concerns.

## UTILITY PAYMENT DROP BOX

Now available at City Hall, a drive-up utility payment drop box. The drop box is conveniently located at City Hall at 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW on the north side of the main parking lot.



Please include the remittance slip with your check payment in a sealed envelope. Also allow 2-3 business days for your payment to be delivered to and processed by OPUS21, our utility billing service provider.

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### Wetland Restoration Project

City Administrator Jim Dickinson

It was in 2008 when the Woodland Creek Golf Course on South Coon Creek Drive ceased operations, the City while working with the owners of the property looked for proper repurposing of the parcel became aware in May 2013 of a Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) application for a Wetland Bank Road Program Conservation Easement. The City was successful in achieving a commitment from BWSR for inclusion into the Wetland Bank Road Program and subsequently acquired the property in October 2103. Under this program, approximately 64 acres of the property will be restored to a wetland by BWSR. Wetland restorations generate wetland credits, which are used to offset wetland impacts resulting from qualifying road improvement and rehabilitation projects in Minnesota. In 2014 and 2015, informational meetings were held with the neighboring properties of the former golf course, since that time focus has been on vegetation management, the proper restoration process and the planning for the creation of nature trails that will be open to the public.

In closing, Andover is experiencing some exciting times and I am honored to serve this wonderful community. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns you may have.

ECRWSS  
RESIDENT  
Andover, MN 55304

**POSTMASTER: TIME SENSITIVE MAIL**

**DATED MATERIAL**

## LIBRARY FOCUS: “BOOKS BY MAIL” PROGRAM

If you are homebound, you may want to make use of Anoka County Library’s “Books by Mail.” This program sends books and other materials to Anoka County residents, free of charge, along with prepaid postage and pre-addressed labels to make returning easy.

People who permanently or temporarily cannot get to the library—for reasons like disability, injury, loss of driving capacity, and surgical recovery—are eligible for this year-round program. Participants, both adults and children, may keep mailed items for six weeks. Also, beyond paperback and hardback books—including large print—the library can send CD books and music, DVDs, and magazines.

To help order more materials, we include a request form with each mailing. On that form, you may write what you would like sent

next, asking for specific titles, authors, and subjects. Or simply check the form’s general “please send me more” box and we will send a selection of things you might enjoy.

To sign up for “Books by Mail,” please speak to the Outreach Librarian by calling (763) 576-4695 and pressing “4.” For more on this and other library services, contact Rum River Library, 4201 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Anoka, (763) 576-4695, [anokacountylibrary.org](http://anokacountylibrary.org).



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### **HOMESTEAD FILING**

*New homeowners are reminded that December 15, 2016 is the deadline to file for Homestead Classification. You may file at City Hall or at the Anoka County Government Center. A copy of your deed is needed to file. If you have any questions, contact Michelle at (763) 755-5100.*