

# Andover Today

## NEWSLETTER

### WYLAND FOUNDATION NATIONAL WATER CONTEST

Great Prizes! Sign up before April 30th!

Last year Andover won! Over 4,100 cities participated. Andover had the highest percentage of adult residents pledging to conserve, recycle and protect our environment in our population category (30,000 – 99,000). Andover residents won prizes. Do not delay because the last day to sign up is **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**How?** On your browser, type in: My Water Pledge. Enter, Andover, Minnesota. Select to sign in with your Facebook account or use your email account. Select responses for a few simple questions about reducing waste and conserving water and more. Now you are eligible for prizes and can help our city win a free landscape project. Sharing the link makes you eligible for prizes too. A Toyota Prius is awarded to one participant from a winning city. Andover participants were eligible last year!

Andover's success last year brought internationally acclaimed artist Wyland, Wyland Foundation board members and corporate sponsors Toyota, Toro and Conserva Irrigation (a local company), to Minnesota. At the Mall of America, the Wyland Foundation launched the 2017 contest, allowing Mayor Julie Trude the opportunity to share Andover's story of collaboration with high school students.



Wyland and Mayor Julie Trude with Prius to be awarded.

After our contest win, sponsor Conserva Irrigation began working with City and County staff to improve conservation of water when irrigating, by using "smart" irrigation controllers that account for the weather and soil moisture in determining if a sprinkler system needs to run. Many Andover homeowners are reducing their water waste and water bills by simply upgrading their control panels to smart controllers.

### ANDOVER'S 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

May 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday – Saturday) • Sale Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Maps will be available on the City's website and at City Hall by May 10<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to participate. Advertising will be on the City's website, Craigslist and other free sites. Disabled American Vets will be at the City Hall Hockey Rink parking lot with a truck on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for any unsold household items you may like to donate.



✂️ ----- **2017 CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION FORM** -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ W #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Items for sale (list up to 5 items): \_\_\_\_\_

Days of Sale: (Please circle that all apply)      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form to: City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW, Andover, MN 55304

# ANDOVER CITY OFFICIALS

## MAYOR

Julie Trude. . . . .(763) 862-2499  
j.trude@andovermn.gov

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sheri Bukkila . . . . .(763) 757-4808  
cm.bukkila@andovermn.gov  
Jim Goodrich . . . . .(763) 753-8648  
cm.goodrich@andovermn.gov  
Valerie Holthus. . . . . (763)753-3755  
cm.holthus@andovermn.gov  
Mike Knight . . . . .(763) 421-9247  
cm.knight@andovermn.gov

**CITY HALL**. . . . .(763) 755-5100  
Fax Number . . . . .(763) 755-8923  
1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW

## COMMUNITY CENTER

Main Phone: (763) 755-3238  
Email: accinfo@andovermn.gov

## POLICE & FIRE

All Emergencies...911  
Police....(763) 427-1212  
Fire....(763) 755-9825



**CITY OFFICES WILL  
BE CLOSED  
MAY 29<sup>th</sup>  
IN OBSERVANCE  
OF  
MEMORIAL DAY.**

## COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

For those considering renting a garden plot for 2017, it's too late. All garden plots have been sold. If you are interested in plots for 2018, look for information on renting a garden plot for next season in the newsletter later this fall.



# COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

*Sheri Bukkila*

Hooray for spring!!!

There is nothing I love better than warm weather with a bit of

sunshine after winter hibernation. It's finally time to get out and stretch those muscles and our backs with yard work, projects and plenty of play time. Over the years residents start emailing council members regarding code and ordinance complaints because they are finally getting out of the house and paying attention to what's going on around the neighborhood. Here are a few opportunities and helpful tips to be a more considerate neighbor and to enjoy the warm weather in our "Up North" feel City of Andover:

- ✓ Do sign up for the Mayor's Water Challenge!
- ✓ Do burn clean wood in your recreational fires
- ✓ Do keep a water source to extinguish recreational fires
- ✓ Do get permits for fences and accessory buildings
- ✓ Do mow your lawn before it reaches 8 inches high
- ✓ Do mow before the dandelions turn white and spread their seeds
- ✓ Do pick up after your pets especially in parks and along trails
- ✓ Do take your dog to the Dog Park by the Sheriff's Office
- ✓ Do call the Sheriff's Office (911) when you see something suspicious
- ✓ Do lock up your trailers, boats and campers on your property

- ✓ Do call the Sheriff's Office to do a "House Check" when you go on vacation
- ✓ Do clean up the house, garage and yard to have a garage sale, City Wide Garage Sale May 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Do go fishing at Crooked Lake and the Rum River
- ✓ Do explore the trails
- ✓ Do find a park you haven't been to yet
- ✓ Do discover the Open Spaces and walk the mowed trails
- ✓ Do take a kayak or canoe down the Rum River
- ✓ Do splash it up at Bunker Beach Wave Pool
- ✓ Do take in a horseback ride at the Bunker Hills Park Stables
- ✓ Do shoot a few arrows at the Bunker Hills Archery Range
- ✓ Do catch a movie at the Andover Cinema on a rainy day
- ✓ Do dine in one of our great restaurants; we have new ones!!
- ✓ Do volunteer with one of our community based organizations
- ✓ Do get out and meet with your neighbors
- ✓ Do be aware of severe weather and have a plan
- ✓ Do check out the Community Center for events and open gym times

**And lastly,**

- ✓ DON'T make excuses that there is nothing to do. Life is too short, get out and enjoy it!

## LIBRARY ON THE GO



**Anoka County LIBRARY**

*Ideas, Information, Inspiration.*

The following Anoka County library services are available to you at the Andover YMCA Community Center. This is an unstaffed Anoka County Library on the Go location. Contact the staff at the Rum River Library at (763) 576-4695 if you have any questions or need to report any problems while using the services at this location.

- **BOOK VENDING MACHINE** that dispenses books and DVDs with a simple scan of your library card.

- **SECURE BOOK LOCKERS** for picking up requested library materials (requires an email address associated with your library card).
- **E-READER KIOSK** that lets you browse and checkout the library's collection of ebooks available through the 3M Cloud Library service.
- **BOOK RETURNS** both indoors and drive-up (East entrance) for convenient return of library materials.

# PARK PLACE

Todd J. Haas, Assistant Public Works Director

Now that everyone is ready to get outside and start enjoying the parks again, there are a number of park projects under construction throughout the summer. Some of the 2017 park projects are as follows:

- Fox Meadows Park will be under construction soon if it hasn't started already. Two new fields for soccer/football/lacrosse will be installed. A new irrigation well will be drilled which will be used to irrigate both fields and around the playground/basketball/shelter area. The existing shelter will also be removed and a new shelter constructed by the end of fall. The existing parking lot will be expanded to accommodate additional vehicle parking and the driveway entrance to the park will be relocated slightly and paved to eliminate erosion issues. There will be a mowed trail around the park so residents can get out to enjoy wildlife that is available at the park and to get a little exercise. The park is anticipated to be completed by late summer or early fall. The fields will not be available for use until late 2018 to allow the grass to grow. The playground equipment and basketball court is still open throughout the summer season.
- Andover Lions Park will get a new playground structure this spring. And now that Bunker Lake Boulevard NW is under

construction, the City will be able to install a water service later on this summer to irrigate the ball field, area around the playground equipment and around a portion of the parking lot.

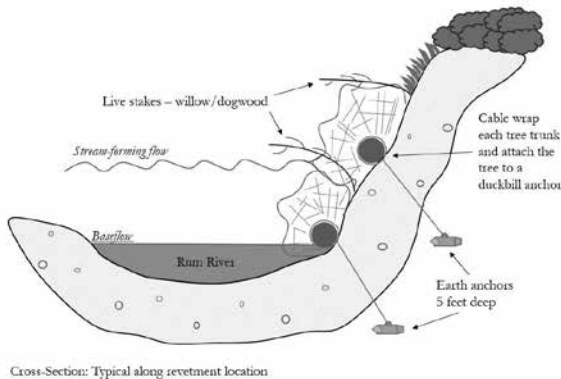
- Chesterton Commons Park will have a new playground structure installed this spring and should be ready for use by mid-summer.
- Shadowbrook East Park will have a new playground structure installed this spring and should be ready for use mid-summer.
- Nordeen's Park may be receiving a new basketball court. Public Works Department will be evaluating the site to determine the best location and will move forward in constructing the basketball court. This is anticipated to be ready later this summer.

To learn more about these projects, feel free to contact Todd Haas or Dave Berkowitz at (763) 755-5100. For a free park and trail map go to the City's website [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) or stop by City Hall. Another good source is <http://gis.anokacountymn.gov/go-anoka/>.

## RUM RIVER STREAMBANK STABILIZATION – GRANTS AVAILABLE TO LANDOWNERS

Landowners on the Rum River have access to funding to address riverbank erosion and improve water quality with a unique method – cedar tree revetments. Anoka Conservation District in partnership with Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District has secured funding from the MN Department of Natural Resources as part of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

Residents interested in having their riverbank evaluated for a cedar tree revetment should contact Leah Hall at the Anoka Conservation District (763) 434-2030 ext. 11; [Leah.Hall@anokaswcd.org](mailto:Leah.Hall@anokaswcd.org). Installation of revetments will occur in summer 2017 and continue in 2018. Most projects cost \$5,000-\$10,000. Landowners must provide 10% of that amount; the remainder is grant-funded.



## ANDOVER SPRING RECYCLING DAY

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Andover Public Works  
1785 Crosstown Blvd. NW

Recycle Appliances, Electronics, Mattresses,  
Tires, Carpeting for a fee

FREE document shredding

For more information, visit [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) or call (763) 767-5114



## THE ANDOVER Y FOREVERWELL PROGRAM IS A GROUP OF FITNESS, EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR BABY BOOMERS TO SENIOR ADULTS.

Monthly, we offer 40+ activities and programs. Y Membership is not required.

Bring a friend and join us on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for "Healthy Aging Day". Hear, see and experience what all the buzz is about! We'll have craft and bake sales and garage sale items in our Community Rooms.

You're welcome at the Andover Y, we have a hot cup of coffee and a warm smile ready for you!

Contact Jodi Blowers at (763) 230-6552.

## ASH INJECTION PROGRAM

You may be eligible for discount through City Program to save your ash trees

With Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) now officially confirmed in the City of Andover, and popping up in neighboring communities, including Blaine, Coon Rapids and Ham Lake; the City is taking a proactive approach to try and protect valuable trees on public and private property and slow the spread of the insect. Thus, a City contractor was hired to offer a discounted rate for injecting eligible ash trees.

For more information on this program and on EAB, go to Andover's website: [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) and click on the links "Your Government" "Natural Resources" "EAB."



# ANDOVER COMMUNITY CENTER

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 to participate in activities within these areas of the building. Specific dates and times of activities can be found on the Andover Community Center webpage under Activity Calendars.

As the seasons change, so do the activities at the Andover Community Center. Please remember to check the Monthly Activity Calendars on the Andover Community Center web page [www.andovermn.gov/acc](http://www.andovermn.gov/acc) for a complete list of activities and times offered.



## ACTIVITIES

### PICKLEBALL

The Andover Community Center offers weekday, weekend and evening pickleball times for all levels of play. Admission is \$4 per session 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. Check the pickleball activity calendar for our NEW Summer hours.



### INDOOR WALKING

Indoor walking hours are currently, Monday – Friday, 5:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Summer hours will begin, Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and indoor walking will be available Monday - Friday from 5:00 a.m. – 7:00 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.

### FOREVER WELL: ACTIVE OLDER ADULT ACTIVITIES

You do not need to be a member of the YMCA to participate in many of the active older adult activities at the Andover YMCA Community Center. Monthly activities include pot-lucks, cribbage, dime bingo, music jam sessions, educational seminars and classes, craft & hobby hours, fitness opportunities and more! Stop by for a copy of the monthly Forever Well activities newsletter or visit [www.andovermn.gov/acc](http://www.andovermn.gov/acc) and click on the Activity Calendars Tab. If you have specific questions, please contact Jodi Blowers at the YMCA at (763) 230-6552.

### OPEN ADULT HOCKEY

Drop-in Adult Open Hockey 18+ is offered most Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. through Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Community Center website for information on Summer Adult Open Hockey hours. Admission is \$5 per skater, goalies skate for free. Helmets and gloves are mandatory. Check the monthly activity calendars for dates and times.



### 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).



## PROGRAMS & CLINICS

### INTRODUCTION TO ICE SKATING 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. Weekday and evening classes available, visit the ACC website for more information and upcoming program dates and times.

### ICE SKATING LESSONS – ANDOVER SKATE SCHOOL

Summer Ice Skating Lessons for youth ages 3 and older will be held June 8 - 27 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6 sessions) \$75 per skater. Lessons include 30 minutes of instruction and 30 minutes of on-ice practice.

### SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

43 Hoops Basketball Academy will be offering a basketball camp at the Andover Community Center July 10-13 (Grades 4 - 8). For more information visit [www.43hoops.com](http://www.43hoops.com)

### ANDOVER PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Andover Pickleball Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Andover Community Center with tournament games beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Pickleball Tournament and tournament organizers are expecting more than 200 competitors at this year's event. Additional tournament information can be found at [www.andoverpickleballtournament.com](http://www.andoverpickleballtournament.com).



### ICE SKATING COACHES

The Andover Community Center is currently accepting applications for figure skating coaches who wish to join the Andover Skate School Coaching Staff. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have previous figure skating experience, available to work Saturday mornings and have experience working with children. Wage is \$15 - \$20/hr depending upon qualifications. If you are interested in this position, please contact Cindy at the Andover Community Center at (763) 767-5168.

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

With an estimated half-million visitors walking through the doors of the Andover YMCA Community Center each year, be assured that your advertising dollars are being well spent. The Andover YMCA Community Center includes an indoor ice arena, field house, food court, meeting rooms, YMCA Fitness Center and YMCA Aquatics. Choose the correct form of advertising that best meets your needs. Additional Ice Arena and Field House advertising information can be found at [www.andovermn.gov/341/Advertising-Opportunities](http://www.andovermn.gov/341/Advertising-Opportunities).

15200 Hanson Blvd. NW • Andover, MN 55304

Website: [www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC](http://www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC) • Email: [accinfo@andovermn.gov](mailto:accinfo@andovermn.gov) • Main Phone: (763) 755-3238

# CLEAN WATER STARTS AT HOME

## TIP #4: DOG DOODY

Every day at least 500 (licensed) dogs are doing their “doody” in Andover.

Be a clean water star and do your duty; pick up your dog’s waste and put it in the trash.

Dog waste, like other animal waste, contains bacteria which can end up in our ponds, creeks and rivers when washed away with the rain. In fact, Coon Creek and the Mississippi River are exceeding State bacteria standards.

It is also illegal as it is considered a stormwater pollutant under City Code Title 10, Chapter 7, Illicit Discharge Detection and Enforcement.

What to do? Pollution prevention is key. While government agencies are using best practices like retention ponds to help keep bacteria out of our waters, we need your help in reducing pollution.

Please do your dog doo duty. Future generations will thank you (so will your family and neighbors).

Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District. Photo & sign from [www.pooperscooper.org](http://www.pooperscooper.org).



## ANIMAL CONTROL

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 \$6.00 per year. Licenses are available at the front desk at City Hall.

Dogs or cats may not run at large and must be under effective control (City Code 5-1A-5).

Owners are required to clean up and dispose of their pet’s excrement (City Code 5-1A-5).

It shall be considered a nuisance for any animal to habitually or frequently bark or cry (City Code 5-1A-1).

Just a reminder that if you plan on visiting one of the City parks this summer with your pet, there is a Leash Ordinance that does apply. All domestic animals (dogs, cats and similar animals) must be kept leashed when visiting a City park as per City Code 8-4-1K.

Any questions feel free to contact Andover City Hall at (763) 755-5100.

## BIKE HELMET CLINIC

Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Anoka County Sheriff’s Office

We will help you fit the helmets you already own – or you can purchase a new helmet for \$10! We will have sizes from toddler to adult! Cash or check only. No appointment necessary.



## 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. Call (763) 783-4767 for more details.

## GOING BEYOND RECYCLING

Are you wondering how you can change your habits so you can reduce waste and make a positive environmental impact? Here’s a few ideas to get you started. Use reusable products as much as possible, such as cloth bags at the store, reusable water bottles and coffee cups and bring a lunch from home in a washable container. Buy items such as dish soap and laundry detergent in concentrate forms. Compost food scraps and yard waste.

Another great way to reduce waste is to donate. When you are done using something, consider donating it to extend its life cycle. Or consider fixing and maintaining an item rather than throwing away and buying a new one. If you see litter while walking in your neighborhood, throw it in the garbage or recycling bin and the whole neighborhood will thank you!

If you’d like more ideas on how to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle or Compost, please contact the Recycling Coordinator at (763) 767-5114 or [s.morgan@andovermn.gov](mailto:s.morgan@andovermn.gov).

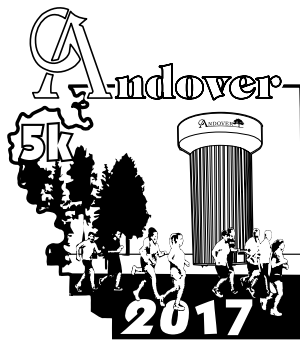


**Dunkin’ Donuts**  
13650 Hanson Blvd. NW  
Suite 114  
(763) 308-3387

## RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

The annual rabies vaccination clinic will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the Andover Public Works Building, 1785 Crosstown Boulevard NW. A variety of vaccinations will be given to both dogs and cats. Make sure your animals are restrained when you arrive. You do not need to be a resident of Andover to have your dogs or cats vaccinated.

City dog licenses (required in Andover) will also be for sale. The cost is \$18 for a 3-year license.



# ANDOVER'S 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN/WALK SATURDAY, JULY 8<sup>th</sup>

## HOW TO REGISTER:

Complete the registration form along with your check (payable to: Andover Family Fun Fest) and mail to:

**Andover Fun Run**  
City of Andover  
1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW  
Andover, MN 55304

**WHEN:** • 8:00 a.m. 5K Open (Certified Course, 3.1 miles)  
• 9:00 a.m. Kids Fun Run (.5 mile)  
Rain or Shine! The Kids run is free, no need to register, just show up.

**WHERE:** At the Andover City Hall Complex located at 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW - just west of Hanson Blvd. Take Hanson Blvd. north from Hwy. 10 in Coon Rapids. Turn left on Crosstown Blvd., Crosstown Blvd. is 1 1/2 miles north of Bunker Lake Blvd. (Co. Rd. 116).

**REGISTRATION ENTRY FEE:** 5K - \$20.00 (\$25.00 after July 5<sup>th</sup>) Race day registration 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.  
Online: [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) thru July 5<sup>th</sup>.  
The kids run is free, no need to register, just show up.

**PRIZES & AWARDS:** The first 500 5k registrants are guaranteed a Moisture Wicking t-shirt on race day. Later registrants can pick up t-shirts the following week. All registered participants are entered for door prizes drawing. Must be present to win. Trophy to first man and woman to cross finish line and age group awards.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Refreshments at finish.

**QUESTIONS:** • Call Cindy at (763)427-9451. • Email: [cmderuyter@comcast.net](mailto:cmderuyter@comcast.net).

### \*\*\* OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM \*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age on race day: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F T-SHIRT SIZE (circle one): **S M L XL**

Knowingly and at my own risk I do hereby apply to enter an athletic contest. I hereby agree that I release and discharge the City of Andover, Andover Family Fun Fest Committee, and other parties associated with the Andover Family Fun Fest 5K Fun Run/Walk from all claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action from all acts of active or passive negligence on the part of such corporation, organization, clubs, their servants, agents or employees, and hereby assume all the risks associated with my participation in the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name, likeness and voice, as well as any photographs, videotape, motion pictures, recordings and any other record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose including broadcast of the event, the reuse in any media of this broadcast and in advertising and promotion.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ CO-SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18)

## WATER RESTRICTIONS

The City has in place watering restrictions that will allow everyone to water their grass and shrubs and maintain an adequate water system. These restrictions start every year on May 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through August 31<sup>st</sup>. The City allows watering or sprinkling of lawns at homes with even addresses on even days, and homes with addresses that have odd numbers on odd days, but only outside the total afternoon ban time. Vegetable gardens may be watered any day, outside the full afternoon ban time. Bushes and flowers may be watered with a handheld hose as needed. New sod is exempt for the first two weeks from day, but not hour, restrictions. The restricted hours are from noon to 6:00 p.m. every day. Stiff fines are assessed for violations. For more information about the restrictions, please checkout the City web site at [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) - Summer Water Restriction Information - City of Andover Code 10-1-13 Deficiency of Water or call City Hall at (763) 755-5100.

## SOLICITORS

Solicitors, peddlers and transient merchants are required to carry a permit approved by the City. If someone approaches you at your home or if someone is selling on a street corner, you can ask if they have a permit from the City. If they do not, call the non-emergency police number at (763) 427-1212 to report them.

## PROTECT THOSE POLLINATORS!

*Andover Pollinator Awareness Project  
(APAP) kicking off third year with some more fun events*

The Andover Pollinator Awareness Project work group is in its third year and is proud to coordinate and endorse projects that benefit our pollinators. Below is a snapshot of some fun events and activities to occur this year. All the details for these and other events can be found on the city's website: [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) "Your Government" "Natural Resources" "Andover Pollinator Awareness Project".

**ENVIRONMENTAL FUN FAIR:** 9:00 a.m.- noon on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Springbrook Nature Center: This free, fun event will showcase environmental educators, informational booths, interpretive trail walks, presentations and youth environmental projects.

**PLANT SALE:** 9:00 a.m.- noon on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Andover City Hall Parking Lot: Vendors will be on hand selling native plants, vegetable plants and herbs.

**POLLINATOR FRIENDLY GARDEN/LANDSCAPE CONTEST:** Enter by July 10<sup>th</sup> to see if you have the garden/landscape that pollinators love most!

**GARDEN TOUR:** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> (map on website): Take a tour around the City and see various types of landscapes that are "pollinator-friendly" and are a great example of ways we can give back to our natural resources.

These events are just a few examples of APAP's mission to improve our environment to benefit pollinators, such as bees and butterflies and all species of wildlife. For additional information about APAP and its activities, contact APAP Chairperson Cheryl Seeman at (763) 427-2470 or [caseeman50@comcast.net](mailto:caseeman50@comcast.net) or Andover Natural Resources Technician Kameron Kytonen at (763) 767-5137 or [k.kytonen@andovermn.gov](mailto:k.kytonen@andovermn.gov).



# 2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2017 Water Quality Report or otherwise known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the year 2016 is now available on the City of Andover's website: [www.andovermn.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2290](http://www.andovermn.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2290).

If you would like a hard copy of the report you can get it by printing it off the website, stopping by City Hall to pick it up or by calling (763) 755-5100 and requesting a copy be mailed to you.

## 2017 CRACK SEALING & SEAL COATING PROJECTS

The City of Andover has an annual maintenance program that is completed on local City streets and parking lots to help prolong the life of the City's pavement infrastructure. Crack sealing and seal coating are two of these maintenance procedures.

Crack sealing involves routing and cleaning new pavement cracks so they are free of debris. The cracks are then filled with a flexible sealant and covered with a paper product to reduce tracking of the material. Crack sealing prohibits water and incompressible material from entering the pavement structure.

Seal coating includes spraying of an asphalt material on the roadway followed immediately by a layer of aggregate material (fine crushed rock). Within a few days of placement of the aggregate, street sweepers will remove the excess material from the roadways, or that which doesn't remain glued down. Seal coating protects the pavement from weathering and oxidation.

This work is contracted out to an independent contractor, but is supervised by City staff to ensure that the work is completed according to City specifications.

- The following areas are scheduled to be crack sealed in 2017 sometime between late April to late June: East half of Zone 7 (east of Hanson Blvd. NW, south of 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW, north of

Crosstown Blvd, NW & west of the railroad tracks), Country Oaks West, Country Oaks North, White Pine Wilderness, Grey Oaks, Fox Hollow, Catchers Creek, Hickory Meadows 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition and the areas that were overlayed in 2015 (Meadows of Round Lake and neighborhood west of the railroad tracks and south of Andover Blvd. NW). The following parking lots will be crack sealed this year: Lift Stations 1, 2 & 3; Wells 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7; Hidden Creek East Park; Water Tower 1 & the Recycle Center.

- The following areas are scheduled to be seal coated in 2017 sometime between mid July to late August: East half of Zone 7 (east of Hanson Blvd. NW, south of 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW, north of Crosstown Blvd. NW & west of the railroad tracks), Country Oaks West, Country Oaks North, White Pine Wilderness, Grey Oaks, Fox Hollow, Constance Corners, Nightingale Estates, Wittington Ridge, Nightingale Preserve, North Valley Ridge, Lund's Round Lake Estates, Indian Meadows 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Additions, Andover West, Fox Meadows, Xenia/Vintage St Neighborhood, Pine Hills, Timber Meadows 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, Foxberry Farms, Jonathan Woods, Old Colony Estates & Westview Industrial Park.

Questions relating to these projects can be directed to the Andover Engineering Department at (763) 755-5100. For maps of the 2017 project areas, please refer to the "Construction Updates" link on the Engineering Department's webpage under [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov).

## JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>: ANDOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AT THE ANDOVER FAMILY FUN FEST

*Lauren Bertilson, AFFF Committee Member*

We are excited to join with the Andover Fire Department to help them commemorate 40 years of service to our great community! The firefighters and their families will be celebrating throughout the weekend at the AFFF by being in the parade, judging the Classic Car Show, extending their fire truck display, and of course, selling their corn on the cob and root beer and operating their first aid booth as usual! Jerry Streich, Andover Fire Chief, is striving to build stronger bonds between the residents of Andover and the Fire Department: "I see the Fun Fest as a funnel for all of our community to come together and see one another. We have a common bond... we should be proud of where we live and the resources we all have in our area." On behalf of the AFFF Committee, thank you for all you do to keep our community safe and for engaging with and serving the residents!



Our spectacular event is coming together and we look forward to celebrating with you July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>! We are continually showcasing various parts of the Fun Fest and posting new information on our Facebook Page, so be sure to follow us to stay updated as the weekend gets closer. A full event schedule and map of the grounds will be posted as the event gets closer.

**We still need help** to make this year's AFFF run smoothly! Please send us a message on Facebook or call City Hall if you have an hour or two to spare during the AFFF and would be willing to help.

**Applications** for the parade, volleyball tournament, fun run, kids run, baby crawling contest, fundraising or community booths, and craft show are available at: [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) > Andover Family Fun Fest.



Andover Family Fun Fest  
#AFFF2017



Andover Family Fun Fest

ECRWSS  
RESIDENT  
Andover, MN 55304

**POSTMASTER: TIME SENSITIVE MAIL**



**DATED MATERIAL**

## IS YOUR HOME IRRIGATION SYSTEM SAVING OR COSTING YOU MONEY?

*Sam Bauer, Extension Turfgrass Educator [sjbauer@umn.edu](mailto:sjbauer@umn.edu)*

This spring, get the best “bang” for your water dollars by running a basic home lawn irrigation system audit. It’s a great way to maximize the efficiency of your home’s irrigation as systems are charged up for the growing season.

### **Step 1: Inspect your system**

Run each irrigation zone. Look for broken sprinklers, low water pressure and arcs or angles of water spray that put water where it isn’t needed (i.e. on streets). Replace sprinklers, correct water pressure accordingly, and correct spray angles.



REPLACE BROKEN AND LEAKY SPRINKLERS

### **Step 2: Performance test**

Place tuna or coffee cans on the lawn in an evenly spaced grid pattern throughout an individual irrigation zone. Place them roughly 5 to 8 feet apart for small area spray-sprinklers and 10 to 20 feet apart for large area rotor-type sprinklers. A minimum of 20 cans should be used for each zone—the more cans, the better the accuracy. Run the zone for a set amount of time (30-60 minutes). A longer run-time provides more accurate results. Next, measure and record the depth in inches of water in each can. Repeat for each zone.



PLACE CATCH CANS ON A GRID PATTERN

### **Step 3: Time for a little math**

To find out what the precipitation rate is in each irrigation zone, calculate the average depth of water in the catch cans for one hour of run time. For example, if the average depth of our 20 cans is 0.75 inches after 30 minutes, our precipitation rate is 1.5 inches per hour. To get more uniform



MEASURE THE DEPTH OF WATER IN EACH CAN

coverage as you irrigate your lawn, take the average depth of the lowest 25% of cans (in this case the five lowest cans) and divide by the overall average of all cans. For example, if the average of our five lowest measuring cans is 0.5 inches, divide 0.5 by 0.75 = 0.67%. Irrigation systems with lower than 60% “uniformity” should be adjusted for better coverage.

Once you have calculated the precipitation rate for each zone, you can set the run times. If your goal is to apply 0.5 inches in one irrigation cycle and the precipitation rate is 1.5 inches per hour, set the zone for 20 minutes.

U of M Extension Lawn Care: [www.extension.umn.edu/turfgrass](http://www.extension.umn.edu/turfgrass)