



# ANDOVER TODAY NEWSLETTER

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GREAT GIFT IDEA?

Memorial engravings are the perfect gift! The Veterans Memorial, located at the corner of Veterans Memorial Boulevard NW & Nightingale Street NW in Andover features personalized granite memorial plaques to honor those who have served in the military for our country. Refer to the Veterans Memorial Policy on the City’s website at <https://www.andovermn.gov/488/Veterans-Memorial> for more information, eligibility and cost.



## 2023-2024 ICE SKATING RINKS AND 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

### SLIDING HILL

Andover Station North	1823 - 139 <sup>th</sup> Lane	Lighted
Prairie Knoll	595 - 146 <sup>th</sup> Lane	Lighted

## WARMING HOUSE HOURS OF OPERATION AND RINK ATTENDANTS

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - (Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association), 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday – 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Friday – 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 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-Friday 1:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

### CITY HALL

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# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

## JIM DICKINSON

**2023 Proposed Property Tax Levy:** Very shortly you will receive your proposed 2024 property tax statement from Anoka 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 2024 City of Andover property tax levy, the Council did adopt at the September 5<sup>th</sup> regular Council meeting the 2024 Preliminary Levy certification. This certification is the outcome of budget workshops held with the Council over the summer. The Preliminary 2024 Budget proposes a total property tax levy of \$18,097,274: \$11,731,126 (64.83%) operational levy, \$3,891,710 (21.50%) debt service levy, and \$2,474,438 (13.67%) other levies.

The 2024 Proposed Property Tax Levy is estimated to increase the current City tax rate by 3.72%. That rate will be applied to the City's growing tax base and reflect a 6.00% increase in the gross tax levy. The focus of the 2024 Budget and Levy is to address inflationary items, capital replacements, an infusion of funds into the mill and overlay program and to address staff retention. The Council has the right to reduce or keep constant this levy until the final certification date of December 28, 2023.

Questions related to the proposed property tax levy and spending should be directed to City Administration.

### **Property Tax/ Homestead Credit Refund Programs (portions from Minnesota Department of Revenue):**

As calls come to City Administration relative to the property tax levy impact on Andover residents, and not knowing everyone's current financial situation, I always recommend that each property taxpayer check to see if they qualify for the State of Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund Program.

You may be eligible for a refund based on your household income and property taxes paid on your primary residence in Andover. There are two refund opportunities, the first is called the Regular Property Tax Refund, a state-paid refund that provides tax relief to homeowners whose property taxes are high relative to their incomes. If the property tax exceeds a threshold percentage of income, the refund equals a percentage of the tax over the threshold, up to a maximum amount. A homeowner can qualify with household incomes of up to \$128,280 and the maximum refund that one can qualify for is \$3,140.

The other refund opportunity is called the Special Property Tax Refund and this refund has no income limit and the maximum refund is \$2,500. To qualify you will need to have

lived in your home on January 2<sup>nd</sup> of two back to back years, your net property tax on your homestead increased by more than 6%, the increase was at least \$100, and the increase was not due to improvements you made to the property.

To receive the refund, you need to file Form M1PR with the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Information is available at the following link: <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-refund>

*Note:* There is no income limit for the special refund. You may qualify for the special refund even if you do not qualify for the regular refund.

**Strategic Planning:** During May and June of this year, the Andover City Council and Staff Leadership Team convened work sessions for the purpose of updating its long-term vision, organizational values, external values, and short-term goals.

The process examined three primary levels of strategic planning - long-term vision, organizational and external values, and short-term goal setting. The group considered long-term vision elements and updated its community slogan and vision statement, which provide a summary statement of the City's long-term objective. The Council and Leadership team additionally evaluated the present status of the City and organization as part of a process to develop a goals list for Council and staff consistent with that vision. The participants engaged in discussion around a series of questions to consider areas of strength and weakness, along with potential impacts and opportunities on the horizon.

The City Council based on the results of the sessions did adopt a City of Andover Strategic Plan. The results from the process are available on the City website: <https://www.andovermn.gov/DocumentCenter/Index/49>

**Opt-in City Alert Notification:** Residents interested in receiving email and text notifications on city news and alerts can sign up through the City website [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) by following the "Stay Informed" link on the home page.

**Report a Problem:** Residents can also utilize the "Report a Problem" link on the home page to submit to the City a problem in the community you want brought to the attention of City Staff.

In closing, I am honored to serve this wonderful community, stay safe and please do not hesitate to contact me at (763) 767-5110 with any concerns or questions you may have.

# SHERIFF'S REPORT

During the last school year, newsworthy stories were published after dispatch centers around Minnesota and the Country received fake “swatting” calls saying that shootings were occurring in local schools. Upon arrival, emergency responders quickly determined the calls were a hoax. While these types of calls can happen in larger situations like this, it also happens to smaller businesses and homes across the country.

Swatting is the action of making a prank call to emergency services to bring about the dispatch of many armed law enforcement officers to a particular address. This act is dangerous for the people who are present at the location, in addition to the responding deputies. Individuals from all over the world can make these calls via Voice Over IP, or by “spoofing” a phone number to show the call is coming from a different person.

While every call received to Anoka County Emergency Communications – 911 is taken seriously and responded to, law enforcement pays very close attention to the calls to see if details were shared that would make the claims unlikely. They are well versed on the types of calls each community typically receives, as well as the people within the community. Therefore, they typically can suspect the call has high likelihood of being a swatting call before arrival. Federal and state agencies such as the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension also follow swatting call trends and alert law enforcement agencies, so they are aware of the potential calls coming into their area.

Understandably, it can be frightening for unsuspecting individuals to have sudden and large law enforcement presence at their location for no apparent reason. However, if deputies do respond to your residence or business due

to a swatting call, we will make every effort to explain the situation to the individuals inside so that they understand why law enforcement responded in such fashion.

## How to help protect yourself:

Many victims of swatting calls fall victim due to sharing too much about themselves when participating in online activities, such as video gaming with strangers. After innocently sharing personal information about themselves, the individual on the other end can search for and publish private or identifying information about the person on the internet, typically with malicious intent. This information gives swatters the information they need to place a fake call to emergency dispatchers with extreme claims.

This is one of the many reasons to avoid sharing personal information via the web. Avoid checking into locations on social media platforms, posting photos of your home online, or sharing your phone number or address on social media. Ensure that children and teenagers in your home are also following these safe practices when they are connected to the internet.

Enhance your online security by regularly changing and using unique and complex passwords to reduce the risk of your accounts becoming compromised, and an attacker gaining access to your personal information. Additionally, setting up two-factor authentication can improve the security of your accounts.

Whenever you are online, always stay alert and keep your guard up. By keeping your personal information off the internet as much as possible, you greatly decrease your chances of becoming a victim!



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**Working**  
**SMOKE ALARMS**  
**SAVE LIVES**  
Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

The advertisement features a cartoon fireman in a yellow helmet and jacket, pointing towards the text. To the right of the text are two smoke alarm devices.

Sunday, November 5, 2023, 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, November 5, 2023, 1:00 a.m. local standard time.

## 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 at a location (parking lot, 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.

Each approved solicitor is issued a City badge with the following information on the badge: license number, expiration date, company they are representing and their name. A current list of licensed solicitors is located on the City's website.



The City of Andover and the YMCA collaborated in 2005 to provide the community the Andover YMCA Community Center. The City of Andover operates the community center indoor ice arena, sports complex and fieldhouse, which requires no membership. The YMCA leases a portion of the building providing members use of the aquatics and fitness center. Listed below are Andover Community Center activities and programs. The Andover Community Center is open to the public.

## ACTIVITIES

### ADULT HOCKEY

Drop-in weekday Adult Open Hockey 16+. Gloves and helmets are required. Goalies skate FREE.

### BASKETBALL

All ages shoot hoops. No full court games, team practices or training equipment allowed. 1/2 court games allowed if space allows.



### OPEN SKATE

All ages welcome. Skate rental available for \$4 per pair, sizes available youth 8 - adult 13. Skate sharpening \$6 per pair.

### PICKLEBALL

Drop-in pickleball available weekday, evening, and weekend hours. Graphite paddles available for rent.

### TOT TIME OPEN GYM

A non-structured indoor playtime for youth ages 6 & under. Meet new friends, socialize, and let the kids play with age appropriate toys & sports equipment. Story time, make crafts, and enjoy visits from the Andover Fire Department throughout the season. Admission is \$5 per child. Tot Time is offered most Mondays & Thursdays; 9:30 am - 11:30 am, See monthly calendars for specific activity dates.

### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is for participants who are 14 years of age or older.

### WALKING TRACK

The indoor walking/jogging track is open daily, 6:30 am - 8:30 pm. Admission is free for Andover residents, however, those utilizing the track between the hours of 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday must check in at the information desk to show proof of residency. Create your household account at [www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC](http://www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC) for easy check-in. Individuals using the

track evenings and weekends are not required to check-in. Non-resident admission fees are \$2 per person, Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## WINTER PROGRAMS

### INTRODUCTION TO ICE SKATING

A great program to introduce the sport of ice skating to students ages 3 - 5 who have little to no skating experience. Classes held Sunday evenings and are 30 minutes in length and features age appropriate, off and on-ice activities. This program meets for 3-weeks, and the cost is \$54 per skater. Winter Session I will begin January 7<sup>th</sup> and Session II will begin January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### ICE SKATING LESSONS

Winter Ice Skating Lessons for youth ages 3 - 15 will be held on Sunday evenings, January 7<sup>th</sup> - February 11<sup>th</sup> (6 sessions) \$94 per skater. Lessons include 30 minutes of instruction and 30 minutes of optional on-ice practice. **Adult Ice Skating Lessons** will also be offered for Winter! Lessons are 30 minutes and the cost is \$64.

### SOCCER

The Winter Andover Community Indoor Soccer Program will be held Saturday mornings, January 13<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup> (7 weeks) \$95 per player. This recreational program is for youth ages 4 - 9 and focuses on individual skill development and having fun. All players will be organized into age-appropriate teams with each player receiving a team t-shirt and an award. 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.

### PICKLEBALL LESSONS & SKILLS AND DRILLS

Visit [www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC](http://www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC) for up-to-date information on pickleball lessons and skills & drills programs.

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY CALENDARS & PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Monthly activity calendars provide dates and times of all ACC drop-in activities. Activities are open to the public, no pre-registration required. Admission is \$7 per person unless otherwise noted. Cash, credit, ACC Punch Cards and Free Andover Resident Passes accepted for activity admission fees. All Winter programs require pre-registration. Calendars and registration links are available at [www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC](http://www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC)

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## MONTHLY RECYCLING

On the second Saturday of each month there is recycling for a charge: appliances, electronics, fluorescent bulbs and mattresses. FREE paper shredding also available.

Future dates are November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Andover Recycling Center  
1825 Crosstown Boulevard NW.

Call (763) 767-5114 with questions or email  
[s.morgan@andovermn.gov](mailto:s.morgan@andovermn.gov)

## HOLIDAY RECYCLING

Thank you to those who are utilizing our Recycling Center. We appreciate when you are able to break down your cardboard boxes as this ensures the containers do not overflow and make a mess. With the holiday season quickly approaching, here are a few tips on recycling special items: Holiday wreaths and trees can be brought to the Anoka County Compost Site, please call (763) 324-3400 for details. Holiday light strings can be brought to Andover City Hall (1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW) Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. throughout the year for recycling.

SAVE THE DATE!

North Suburban  
**HOME SHOW**

Saturday, March 9, 2024

[www.NorthSuburbanHomeShow.Org](http://www.NorthSuburbanHomeShow.Org)

Andover Community Center, 15200 Hanson Blvd. NW, Andover, MN



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

THURSDAY & FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 23 & 24

MONDAY & TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 25 & 26

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

# PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**TAKE A PUZZLE, LEAVE A PUZZLE!**

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 18,  
10 AM - 2 PM**

1685 CROSSTOWN BLVD.  
(ANDOVER CITY HALL)

From now until November 17, participants will drop off gently used puzzles at 1685 Crosstown Blvd. from 8-4:30, M-F, and receive a token for each puzzle. Participants will then return during our Puzzle Exchange event on Saturday, November 18, 10 am - 2 pm to exchange their tokens for new-to-them puzzles. Please only bring in puzzles with all the pieces included. (You may also bring puzzles to exchange at the event)

Call 763-767-5114 or email [s.morgan@andovermn.gov](mailto:s.morgan@andovermn.gov) with questions

\*Puzzles must be complete and in good condition

## COMMUNITY GARDEN 2024

The sign-up for this coming year (2024) starts **Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This will allow Andover residents only to come into City Hall and fill out the application and pay the required fee. **Only one plot per address can be purchased at this time.** The applications are also available on the City of Andover's website at [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov)

**Please Note Fee Increase:** The fee for each plot is **\$50** which goes towards the maintenance costs of the site. Also we have moved up the date to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> plot to March this year.



## HOMESTEAD FILING

New homeowners are reminded that December 15, 2023 is the deadline to file for Homestead Classification. You can file at the Anoka County Government Center. A copy of the deed and Certificate of Real Estate Value is needed to file. If you have any questions, contact Anoka County at (763) 323-5400.



# 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Every year the City prepares a 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which identifies various street improvement projects. The type of improvement is based upon the existing roadways age and condition. The improvements, along with on-going routine maintenance, are completed to maintain and extend the value and life cycle of the City's roadway infrastructure. Three key improvements are the annual street reconstruction, mill and overlay, and full depth reclamation projects. In accordance with the City's Assessment Manual, 25% of the project costs for a standard street section are assessed to properties fronting or addressed along these projects. In 2024 these three projects will improve approximately 8.6 miles of City streets. Further details on each project are presented below. An on-line viewer with location maps and additional project information can be accessed on the Engineering Department webpage here (<https://www.andovermn.gov/148/Project-Updates>) or by scanning the QR code. If you have questions regarding these projects, please contact David Berkowitz at (763) 767-5133 or Jason Law at (763) 767-5130 in the Andover Engineering Department.



## 2024 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Street reconstruction projects are completed where the existing pavement structure is beyond the point of a mill and overlay. These projects typically include extensive concrete curb and gutter replacement or construction to replace bituminous curb (unless there are ditches), replacement and/or maintenance of existing public utilities, and construction of a new bituminous street. Neighborhoods impacted by these projects will be invited by mailing to an informational meeting in late fall / early winter. The following two areas are slated for reconstruction beginning early spring with completion by late summer of 2024, totaling approximately 2.9 miles:

### Dehn's 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW Frontage Road

This project is located east of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and between 144<sup>th</sup> Lane NW and 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. The project will include maintenance of existing storm sewer systems, and construction of a sidewalk along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW from the south end of the frontage road to the 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW signalized intersection. The length of this project is approximately 0.6 miles.

### Andover West, Lund's Round Lake Estates and Indian Meadows 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition.

This project is generally located east of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW between 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW and 147<sup>th</sup> Lane NW east to Round Lake. Limited storm sewer/culvert replacements will be included with this project. The length of this project is approximately 2.3 miles.



## 2024 FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION PROJECTS

Full Depth Reclamation projects are completed on streets that are beyond the point where a standard mill and overlay is warranted. These projects are identified in areas with existing ditch sections or concrete curb and gutter where only limited amounts require replacement. Utility improvements in these projects are limited compared to street reconstruction projects. A full depth reclamation is anticipated to last 30+ years. An update letter and public hearing notice will be mailed to impacted residents in late fall / early winter once a hearing date is scheduled. The following two areas are slated for full depth reclamation beginning early spring with completion by late summer of 2024, totaling approximately 4.4 miles:

### Hills of Bunker Lake 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Additions

This project is located north of Bunker Lake Boulevard NW, east of Hanson Boulevard, NW south of Coon Creek and west of the railroad tracks. Limited curb and gutter replacement and deteriorated curb joint patches will be included with this project. This area includes approximately 4.1 miles of street improvements.

### The Meadows of Round Lake Cul-De-Sacs

This project is located east of Round Lake, and includes the following streets that end with cul-de-sacs: 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, 145<sup>th</sup> Lane NW, 146<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and 146<sup>th</sup> Lane NW. The cul de sac bubbles in these segments are in poor condition, and street improvements will extend from the cul-de-sac back to the next intersection. 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Eldorado Street NW and 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW thru this neighborhood were overlaid in 2015. This area includes approximately 0.3 miles of street improvements.

## 2024 MILL OVERLAY PROJECTS

Mill and overlay projects are completed on streets that are structurally sound and are generally between 15-20 years in age. Mill and overlay projects are anticipated to extend the life of the roadways another 15+ years before a full depth reclamation or reconstruction would be considered. The projects include milling off the existing bituminous surface and paving a new bituminous wearing course over the remainder of the existing in-place roadway. Minor utility repairs and limited curb and gutter replacement and joint patching will also be completed where necessary. An update letter and public hearing notice will be mailed to impacted residents early this winter once a hearing date is scheduled. The following areas are slated for mill and overlay beginning early spring with completion by late summer of 2024, totaling approximately 1.3 miles:

Areas identified include: Bunker Lake Village (0.3 miles), Bunker Lake Boulevard NW Frontage Road (Rose Street NW to Heather Street NW) (0.6 miles), and Bunker Lake Boulevard NW Frontage Road/Grouse Street NW (Jay Street NW to Station Parkway NW) (0.4 miles).



# WINTER REMINDERS FROM PUBLIC WORKS



**SNOWPLOW OPERATIONS** – The City of Andover follows the Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy as closely as possible. This policy can be found on the City of Andover website [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) Snow accumulations of 2” or more will warrant full snowplowing operations. This includes all streets, cul-de-sacs and trails. There are times when plows will be sent out for snow falls less than 2” if there is a potential of drifting or icing that could create hazardous driving conditions. Commencement of Snow and Ice operations will normally start as close to the end of the snow event when possible. Typically, this is in the early morning hours when traffic is at a minimum. At times, main heavily traveled streets will be plowed daytime hours during the storm to keep them passable with a full plow to follow overnight. For the safety of everyone, we do not typically plow between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm due to the heavy traffic on the roadways. This also allows us to utilize limited staffing most efficiently to ensure we have enough drivers to do a full plow in a timely, safe manner.

**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 website at [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov)).

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

**CUL-DE-SACS** 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 Statue 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 Statue 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.

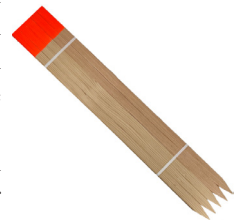
**SPRINKLER SYSTEMS** placed in the curb right-of-way are not the responsibility of the City if damaged during snowplowing operations.

**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 in the winter will not be plowed.

**STAKING CURBS FOR SNOWPLOWING** – During the first couple snowfalls it can be very difficult for the plow drivers to determine where the edge of the road is. Placing wooden stakes along the edge of the curb helps guide the plow operator to establish where the edge of the street is.

Stakes should be wood with the top 4 inches painted orange. (NO STEEL POSTS) Place stakes no more than 6 inches behind the curb, approximately 25 feet apart. The City is not responsible for damage to items placed in the right-of-way including, but not limited to, sod, landscaping, irrigation systems and other such items. The right-of-way is there to place snow as it is plowed off the street. Stakes will be available at City Hall from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October until November 30<sup>th</sup>.



**OUTDOOR ICE RINKS** are cleared and maintained as quickly as possible after a snow event. Plowing streets and trails is our priority before we clear the outdoor rinks. During heavy snow, or multiple day events rinks will often remain closed. Please help us maintain them easier by not shoveling piles of snow against the boards. The piles freeze into place making it difficult to clear them in an efficient and timely manner. Check the City of Andover website for up-to-date information on the status of the ice rinks and warming houses. [www.andovermn.gov](http://www.andovermn.gov) Thank you.

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RESIDENT  
Andover, MN 55304

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DATED MATERIAL

## 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. 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 15, 2023. Applicants will be interviewed by the City Council in January.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** - The City is seeking individuals to serve 3-year terms on the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and reviews matters concerning City planning and development issues. The Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the evening. For more information, please contact Joe Janish, Community Development Director at (763) 767-5140.

**Nature Preserve Commission** - The City is seeking individuals to serve 3-year terms on the Nature Preserve Commission. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and reviews matters concerning preservation of "open space" issues. Commission members are compensated and meetings are held on the second Wednesday of selected months in the evenings. For more information, please contact Kameron Kytonen, Natural Resources Technician at (763) 767-5137.

**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. 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 and meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month in the evenings. For more information, please contact Jason Baumunk, Parks & Streets Operations Manager at (763) 767-5178.

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