



**FALL 2011
RECYCLE
NEWSLETTER**

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**FALL RECYCLE DAY SET FOR
SAT. OCTOBER 15**

From 8am—Noon
In the St. Francis Middle School Lot
located at 23026 Ambassador Blvd.
St. Francis, MN.
(enter parking lot off of Ambassador
Blvd.)



CITY OF ST. FRANCIS

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Hours: 7:00 am - 5:30 pm
Monday -Thursday
(closed Fridays & Holidays)

Message from the Mayor

Dear Family, Friends and Neighbors,

Every year about this time the city council decides how much to raise taxes, if any. I am happy to report that for the second year in a row, the city plans a ZERO % tax increase. This is going to mean that we tighten our belts even more than we have in the past. We will do everything we can to keep within budget. However, it might mean that we may have to cut some of the services that we now offer. Right now it has not been decided where to make these cuts. But I will be sure to inform you as soon as I am able.

I want to let everyone know that the City of St. Francis is going to host a town hall type meeting at the Anoka County-Rum River North Park October 11, 2011 from 6pm-8pm. Around 7pm, we will have an informational session focused around the planned construction of the new public works/public safety building. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who wishes to learn more or to have their questions answered. This is a great time for you to get involved and let us know how you think we are doing.

Last of all, I am happy to report that the school year started off without a hitch. It's great to see so many pedestrians using the new Pederson Path. Just a friendly reminder if you have kids that walk to school, please remind them to push the cross walk buttons and cross ONLY when safe to do so. By pushing the buttons, it will help to stop oncoming traffic and our kids can get home safely.

More information is posted on the city's website www.stfrancismn.org. And remember to make yourself heard.

Sincerely,

Jerry Tveit, Mayor

TOWN HALL MEETING

When: October 11, 2011

Time: 6pm-8pm

Where: Anoka County-Rum River North Park
(23100 Rum River Blvd.)

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



These important reminders about saving water is brought to you by The Minnesota Rural Water Association. For more easy tips to save water in Minnesota, visit www.mrwa.com.



A pound of phosphorus can generate 100 pounds of algae in Minnesota lakes. Limiting phosphorus leaking into our surface waters limits algae growth in lakes. Phosphorus is the primary nutrient polluting Minnesota surface waters. Purchase lawn fertilizers and laundry detergents that are free of phosphorus.

On-site septic systems are also a source of phosphorus pollution; use only low phosphorus or phosphorus-free detergents and soaps in the home. Ask your local car-wash to use only low or phosphorus free detergents. Keep your food garbage out of the water. Food waste is



Remember that broom in the corner of the garage? Reach for this instead of the hose to clean the driveway and you'll save 8-10 gallons a minute!



Efficient water use can have major environmental, public health, and economic benefits. Keep a gallon of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold water.



A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of water each year. Replace old toilets with models that use 1.6 gallons or less per flush. Follow these steps to discover if your toilet leaks:

1. Lift the lid off your toilet tank.
2. Place 3-4 drops of food coloring into the toilet tank.
3. Do not flush or disturb the toilet for one or two hours.

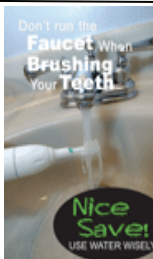
4. After one to two hours, observe the toilet bowl. If the color you placed into the tank shows up in the bowl, you have a leak. See your hardware dealer or plumber to obtain a replacement valve or kit.



Scrape, rather than rinse, dishes before loading the dishwasher; wash only full loads. You can conserve water by replacing your inefficient dishwasher with a low water use model. This can add up to a 4% water savings as well as Energy cost savings.



Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Leaky faucets can be reduced by checking faucet washers & gaskets for wear & replacing them if necessary. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners more than 10 percent on their water bills.



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VANDALISM IN OUR CITY PARKS

This summer our parks have been repeatedly vandalized. Over 75 trees were damaged and had to be removed. The replacement value of those trees alone is estimated at \$27,000.00. This estimate does NOT include staff or contractor time to clean up the damaged trees or the repair of turf areas damaged by ATV's and dirt bikes. Damage like this on top of the storm damage incurred this year is NOT budgeted for. Adding to and improving ANY of our parks is very difficult if not impossible when we are constantly trying to recover from vandalism. Residents need to understand their tax dollars are paying for damage caused by vandalism. Please call 911 to report vandalism.

WATCH OUT FOR OUR TRICK & TREATERS THIS HALLOWEEN

Motorists, please take extra precautions as trick & treaters head outside to gather candy this Halloween. To promote safety for both drivers and children, families are urged to begin trick or treating as early as possible.



Consider bright colored costumes for your children, and/or use reflective tape or vests with dark-colored costumes. Avoid costumes that obstruct a child's view, and have your children carry flashlights and stay on sidewalks.

Adults should always escort children during trick or treating, and children should only go to homes that have lights on.

The Public Works employees are now preparing for winter and the upcoming plowing season. Watch for our winter reminders in the Winter Newsletter

FALL RECYCLING DAY

WHEN: Saturday, October 15
TIME: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
LOCATION: St. Francis Middle School Lot located at 23026 Ambassador Boulevard, St. Francis, MN.



The Salvation Army will be at St. Francis Foods parking lot from 10am—3pm this day taking donations of furniture (no rips, stains or pet hair), clothing, misc. household and domestics. No TV's, Exercise equipment or computers are accepted (flat screen monitors are accepted).



The following items will be accepted at NO CHARGE:

- BATTERIES:** Automotive batteries only.
- SCRAP METAL:** Rubber, plastic, glass and wood parts must be removed from the item. Fuel tanks and crank cases must be drained.
- SHREDDING:** Shredding will **NOT** be offered again until our Spring Recycle Day.
- LEAVES:** All debris found with leaves will be rejected. Due to state laws, leaves cannot be burned or buried.

The following items will be accepted for a CHARGE:

APPLIANCES:

JR's Advanced Recyclers accepting the following items for a recycling fee of **\$10 per item:**

- refrigerators
- freezers
- washers
- dryers
- dishwashers
- ranges
- microwave ovens
- residential furnaces
- hot water heaters
- dehumidifiers
- trash compactors
- garbage disposals

CITY CURBSIDE PICKUP FOR APPLANCES IS OCTOBER 13 & 14.
Sign up at city hall for this

The City will pick up your appliances at the curb on **Oct. 13 & 14**. The cost is **\$20.00** per appliance except water softeners and air conditioners are **\$40.00**. **Prepayment is required at City Hall.** If you have questions regarding this, please call City Hall at 753-2630 Mon.- Thurs. 7am—5:30 pm.

ELECTRONICS:

E-Cycling Solutions will be here to accept Electronics:
 Computer towers (CPU) FREE
 Notebook computers FREE
 Computer monitors \$10
 TV's 22" and smaller \$10
 TV's larger than 23"-32" \$20
 TV's larger than 32" & Consoles \$30
 Home and small office all in one printers & faxes \$10
 Computer keyboards, speakers (pr.), home phones \$2
 Wires, cords & cables, cell phones are FREE.
 Electric motors are FREE.

The following are \$5
 Small printers
 Scanners
 Faxes
 Typewriters
 VCR's
 DVD players
 Satellite receivers
 Stereo components
 Boom boxes

Fluorescent bulbs:

Straight four foot and under \$.50 ea.
 Over four foot \$1 ea.
 Round, U-tube, plug-in \$1ea.

TIRES: Lehne's Tire Service will be accepting tires at the following prices: Prices will be determined by the attendant.
 car tires (with or without rims) \$3
 truck tires without rims \$7.50 truck tires with rims \$10
 tractor tires small \$15, medium \$25, large \$35

CURBSIDE PICKUP FOR BRUSH SET FOR OCTOBER 11 & 12

The City will pick up brush at the curb in the water and sewer district on October 11 & 12.

The brush must be piled with the cut ends towards the street. Branches cannot be more than 4" in diameter and 8' in length. Only piles 3' high and 4' wide will be taken. If you exceed this limit, please call City Hall at 763-753-2630.

WASTE ITEMS (for St. Francis residents only):

The City will be accepting household waste at a cost of \$25.00 per load. A load is any amount equal to or less than a level pickup box or equivalent sized trailer. *Oversized trucks or trailers will be charged extra.* Household waste includes such items as: old carpet, broken toys, plastics and general trash. These items fall under the same restrictions as your local refuse hauler.

ITEMS WITH SPRINGS: ACE Solid Waste will be here to accept couches, chairs, recliners, hide-a-beds or other items with springs for a recycling fee of **\$15.00 per item**. Mattresses and box springs will be accepted at a recycling fee of **\$15.00 per item by PPL Industries.** (this is a change from the past)

Recycling Items that are accepted by your curbside recycling vendor, will also be accepted during this event.



NO HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED Hazardous waste includes such items as oil filters, herbicides, pesticides, paints, solvents, fuel and any undefined liquids, powders or solids. The containers these items are stored in are considered hazardous waste as well. **For hazardous waste drop off sites or further information, please call Anoka County at (763)323-5730.**

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**REMINDER OF THE "FIRE PREVENTION"
FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST
OPEN HOUSE & BLOODMOBILE**
(free will donations)



Saturday, October 15 from 8am—Noon
at the St. Francis Fire Department
(3740 Bridge Street, across from Subway)
This event is sponsored by the St. Francis
& Oak Grove Lions. The Blood Mobile will
be there from 8am-12:00pm.

There will be lots to do for both children & adults.



**National Fire Prevention Week
is October 9-15, 2011**

**THIS IS THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER
OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS**

It is distributed to all residents and
businesses in the city. Past copies of the
city newsletters are available on the website.

As always, feel free to communicate issues
that you would like the City Council to observe.

Comments may be directed to

city@stfrancismn.org

or by calling city hall at 763-753-2630.

BE INVOLVED AND MAKE YOURSELF HEARD!

Check the City website regularly for updates at:

www.stfrancismn.org