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Meet the New City Administrator



Matt Look comes to us from Anoka County, having served 14 years as a County Commissioner representing District 1, which consists of Anoka, Ramsey, Nowthen, and portions of St. Francis. You might recognize him from his signs advertising his prior elections. Prior to his time as a Commissioner, he served 4 years as a Ramsey City Councilmember.

In 2000, Matt started his own company, catering to candidates seeking office. From campaign management to fulfilling printed materials, he has worked with hundreds of candidates, ranging from Presidential, Congressional and US Senate, to State Senate and State Representatives, all the way down to local races. This private business experience has allowed him to be effective at lobbying on behalf of the City of Ramsey and Anoka County. These lobbying efforts were more recently seen in the successful funding completion of US Federal Highway 10, a \$300-million highway project that removed stop lights and installed grade separated interchanges over the BNSF train tracks.

Early on, Matt was interested in politics, which lead him to complete a 4-year degree in International Relations through Bethel College (now Bethel University). Later in life, he pursued a Masters Degree in Public Administration through Grand Canyon University (where his oldest son attends). While the Masters degree proved beneficial to his work at the County, his longer-term sights were set on utilizing his business skills and political experience as a City Administrator. As timing would have it, the City of East Bethel was going through transitional leadership and conversations ultimately lead to accepting a position as our City Administrator.

Matt grew up in the City of Anoka after being born in Paris, France and spending 8 + years of his life in Congo, Africa, where his father was a missionary dentist. He is trilingual as a result of that life experience. He moved from Anoka to Ramsey and started a family. He lives there today.

He enjoys hunting, fishing, spending time at the cabin with his trusted canine "Maggie," and golfing on occasion. Outdoors is where you typically find him.

Night to Unite 2024 By Anoka County Sheriff's Office

Night to Unite is always the first Tuesday in August - August 6 in 2024 - and we look forward to seeing everyone out celebrating that night! Through N2U we work to:

- Build strong, safe, and united neighborhoods
- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Strengthen police-community relationships



Planning an event for your neighborhood can be as simple as turning on the outside lights, locking your doors and inviting your neighbors over to your front yard. For more information on Night to Unite, or to register your party with the Sheriff's Office, go to:

www.anokacounty.us/1979/Night-to-Unite



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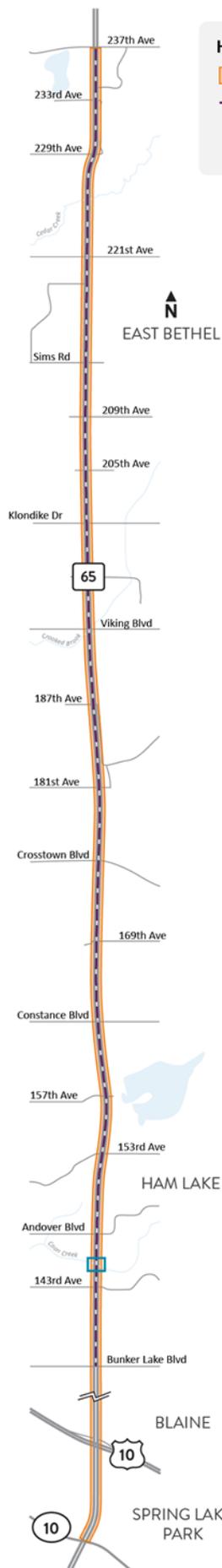
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Highway 65 County Road 10 in Spring Lake Park – 237th Ave. in East Bethel

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will repair, resurface and replace bridges on more than 19 miles of Hwy 65 from Co. Rd. 10 in Spring Lake Park to 237th Ave. in East Bethel. The work includes resurfacing nearly 16.5 miles of highway, full-depth pavement repair to correct areas of settlement and installation of cable median guardrail between Bunker Lake Blvd and 237th Ave. The project also includes replacement of bridges over Coon Creek in Ham Lake and the culverts south of Viking Blvd. and north of Constance Blvd. along with drainage improvements and curb ramp and sidewalk improvements at several intersections.

SUMMARY OF WORK

- Resurface Hwy 65 pavement
- Full-depth roadway reconstruction in areas to correct settlement issues due to sandy soils
- Replace Hwy 65 bridges over Coon Creek with box culverts
- Traffic signal replacements at 85th Ave. and 93rd Ave.
- Replace culverts south of Viking Blvd. and north of Constance Blvd.
- Upgrade sidewalks and curb ramps at intersections to meet ADA requirements
- Replace culverts beneath driveways along Hwy 65

BENEFITS

- Restore aging pavement to provide a smoother ride and extend pavement life
- Improve safety for motorists on Highway 65
- Increase accessibility and safety at pedestrian/bicycle crossings
- Lessen traffic congestion and improve traffic flow
- Improve drainage

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

April through November 2024

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Motorists will encounter temporary lane closures, access closures, and head-to-head traffic conditions along Hwy 65 during construction. Local access will be maintained. Information about upcoming traffic impacts will be shared as staging plans and other details are developed.

COST

\$39.9 million (estimated)

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www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy36roseville-littlecanada/index.html

EAST BETHEL BOOSTER DAY

PARTY

IN THE PARK



JULY

20

- **Pancake Breakfast**
- **Car Show**
- **FREE Inflatables**
- **BINGO**
- **Talent Show**
- **K9 Demo**
- **Vendors**
- **Artisan Market**
- **Petting Zoo**
- **Food Trucks**
- **and more!**

BOOSTER PARK WEST
East Bethel, Minnesota
8:00am to 10:00pm



Free DANCE featuring The Express Band!
6:30 pm | Fireworks at Dusk

More details and schedule at eastbethelboosterdays.com

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Route 65 Pub | Aggressive Hydraulics | Ham Lake Lions

Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce | North Country Concrete

Goldeman's Greenhouse | Kwik Trip | Innovations Plus | Advantage Construction

Connexus Energy | Northway Sports

5D Wellness | BrittneyKayte Builds | Neat-n-Clean | EJ's Bottle Shop & Bar | Smokeys Pub n Grill

Public Works Update

By Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager

2024 Road Construction and Maintenance Projects

The following road construction and maintenance activities will take place during the 2024 construction season:

- Reconstructing Davenport St and the connections to Highway 65 at Sims Rd and 209th Ave.
- Bituminous overlays in the Breezy Point, Vickers St and Edmar Ln neighborhoods.
- Restriping 150,000 linear feet of road markings and crack sealing 100,000 linear feet of asphalt cracks.



- Gravel road maintenance consisting of reshaping and resurfacing the road with new class 5 will take place on Xylite St, Zumbrota St, and Kissel St.
- MnDOT is planning to resurface nearly 14.5 miles of Hwy 65 between County Road 10 in Spring Lake Park and 217th Avenue in East Bethel. Work will include box culvert installation, culvert replacement, reconstruction of

settled pavement, installation of cable median guardrail, drainage improvements and curb ramp and sidewalk improvements at several intersections.

2024 Park Projects

Proposed park projects for 2024 include new playground equipment at Coon Lake Beach Park, upgrades to Maynard Peterson Park, new skateboard park structures at Booster West Park and new shade structures for Booster West Park.



Storm water Protection

When mowing grass and fertilizing lawns, please keep in mind that any material left on hard surfaces (roads, driveways, sidewalks) can end up contaminating local waters and eventually accumulating and concentrating in the St. Croix and Rum Rivers. The high phosphorus levels can cause excessive algal blooms and other problems to the quality of our waters.



Some tips to keep in mind:

1. Refrain from blowing grass clippings into the roadway while mowing grass
2. Use phosphorus free fertilizer
3. Clean excess fertilizer off of hard surfaces after application to prevent runoff into the storm water system
4. Keep grass clippings, leaves and other organic material away from wetlands and shoreline areas

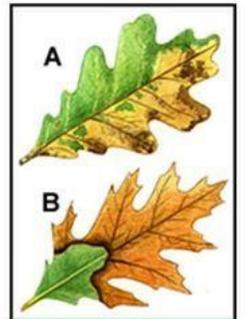


Storm water Maintenance

The City of East Bethel is responsible for inspecting and maintaining the municipal storm water system as part of the MN Pollution Control Agency's MS4 permit requirements. The inspection and maintenance activities occur throughout the calendar year and include checking and cleaning drain swales and catch basins, cleaning storm water pipes and pipe outlets, grading and digging storm water ponds and ditches and the removal of woody brush and trees growing in storm water ponds and ditches. The work crews will remain within the drainage and utility easements, some of which may be on or adjacent to your property. Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions.

Oak Wilt

Oak wilt is a common fungus in East Bethel that kills hundreds of mature oak trees annually. New infection sites occur when oaks are damaged, cut, or pruned during the months of April, May, June and July. Once a new infection site is established, the fungus will spread to neighboring trees through their root systems. It is important to remember not to cut or prune any oak trees during these months and limit activities around these trees that could result in damage to the tree. Trees that are infected with oak wilt should be removed the following winter and chipped, burned, or sealed with plastic to limit the number of fungal spores available during the spring months. Infected wood should not be moved offsite which could potentially create new infection centers.



Symptoms of oak wilt in
A. white oak and
B. red oak.

If you have any issues or need to report a public works related problem please call Nate Ayshford at 763-367-7876.

We depend on and encourage your assistance in reporting any safety or maintenance matters and will respond to any of your comments or concerns in a timely manner. Thanks for all your help.

2024 Elections in East Bethel

By Carrie Frost, Elections Coordinator

In conjunction with the State General Election, the City of East Bethel will hold its municipal election on November 5, 2024. Voters will elect two Council members and the Mayor at this election.

Regular terms for the Council positions are four years, beginning at the first meeting in January, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028. The term for the Mayor position is two years, beginning at the first meeting in January, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026.

Residents interested in running for office in East Bethel must file an affidavit of candidacy.

RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL OR THE MAYOR'S SEAT

The Candidate filing period for these offices will open on Tuesday, July 30. The last day to file for candidacy will be August 13. Anyone interested in running for office must file an affidavit of candidacy in-person at City Hall during this time. The filing fee in East Bethel is \$5.00.

To hold elective city office, individuals must be qualified city voters, at least 21 years of age on the date of taking office, U.S. citizens, and residents of the city for at least 30 days before the election. An individual who has been convicted of a felony under either state or federal law cannot hold elective office in Minnesota unless the individual's civil rights have been restored. If you have questions about running for office in East Bethel, please contact City Hall, or the Anoka County Elections Office at 763-324-1300.



PRIMARY ELECTION

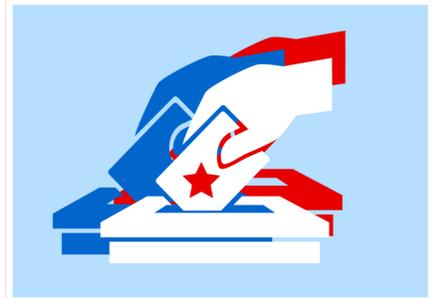
Before the general election in November, we will have the primary election in August. A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election.

For example, five candidates from one political party might run for governor, but only one candidate can be on the ballot in November. The winner of the August primary election will represent their party on the November election ballot. There may be two kinds of offices on your primary ballot: partisan offices and nonpartisan offices.

Partisan offices: Partisan offices will list a political party next to a candidate's name on the ballot. All state and federal offices—such as U.S. representative or Minnesota senator—are partisan offices. Partisan candidates will be listed in columns on the front side of the primary ballot. For example, one column will list the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party candidates, and the other column will list the Republican Party candidates.

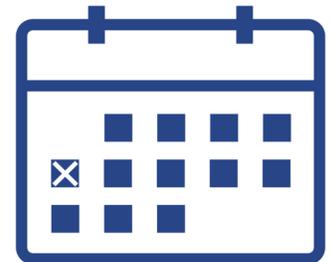
You can only vote for candidates from one political party. If you vote for candidates from two or more political parties, your votes will not count. You decide which one of the parties you will vote for—Minnesota does not have political party registration.

Nonpartisan offices: Nonpartisan offices will not list a political party next to a candidate's name on the ballot. For example, county, city, township and school board offices are nonpartisan. Nonpartisan offices will be listed on the back side of the primary ballot. You can vote for any candidate. The candidates who get the most votes will be on the November general election ballot.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

- June 28: Absentee voting begins for Primary Election
- July 23: Pre-registration deadline for Primary Election
- July 23: Public Accuracy Test of Election Equipment used in East Bethel polling places
- July 30: Candidate Filing begins for General Election
- Aug. 10: Saturday Absentee Voting for Primary Election (City Hall only, from 9 AM until 3 PM)
- Aug. 12: Last Day of Absentee Voting for Primary Election (City Hall only, until 5 PM)
- Aug. 13: PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
- Aug. 13: Last Day of Candidate Filing for General Election (City Hall only, until 5 PM)



SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW ELECTIONS WORK

The best way to learn about the system is to see how it operates from the inside! County and city governments are always looking for qualified applicants. It's a great service to the community (and you get paid). Contact the Elections Coordinator to apply.

Before every election, local election officials test all equipment to be used in that election. For the preliminary testing, ballots are marked with assistive voting devices, a set of pre-marked ballots is fed into the ballot tabulators, and the machine's totals are compared with the pre-determined results. Some equipment is also tested at a Public Accuracy Test shortly before the election. Public Accuracy Tests are open to the public—come in to City Hall during the time and location of our next scheduled test!

Minnesota Election Facts

FACT: It takes around **30,000 election workers** to hold an election in Minnesota.

mnvotes.gov/facts



Senior & Low Income Property Tax Refund Assistance Program

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will provide in-person Property Tax Assistance on a first come-first served basis at the following sites to July 17, 2024:

- Mary Ann Young Center (Blaine) July 17th, 9 to noon
- Coon Rapids Senior Center July 8th, 8 to noon
- Ham Lake Senior Center June 27th, 10 to noon
- Fridley Community Center July 16th, 9 to noon

Limited virtual appointments will be available for individuals unable to attend in-person locations.

These appointments will be held on July 23 and July 24, 2024.

Clients may schedule their virtual appointment by leaving a message on the Appointment line at 763-324-1480.

Now Accepting Applications for the 2024-2025 program year!

By Anoka County ACCAP

The Anoka/Washington County Head Start-Early Head Start program is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 program year. Programs are free for eligible families with children from birth to age five and pregnant women. Our Head Start center-based pre-school option offers students a 6.5-hour day, 4 days per week.

Anoka/Washington County's Head Start-Early Head Start program provides education, nutrition, mental health, school readiness and parent engagement services to children and families from income eligible households. Our approach is to provide high-quality educational curriculum while connecting families with growth and learning opportunities. To learn more or apply, visit our website at <http://www.accap.org/head-start/enrollment-4/> or call our enrollment hotline at 763-783-4314.



National Check the Chip Day

August 15

MICROCHIP YOUR PET



Microchips don't replace a tag and collar, but they can make all the difference when it comes to getting your pet back.

Did You Know?



1 in 3 family pets will get lost



Microchipped dogs are more than twice as likely to be returned to their owners.



But only about **6 out of 10** microchips are registered



Microchipped cats are more than 20 times as likely to be returned to their owners.

Successful Reunions



Gidget, a dog from Pittsburgh, PA, was found more than **2500 miles** away in Portland, OR



George, a cat in California was reunited with his family after **13 years**

When a microchipped pet isn't returned home, it's usually due to incorrect or missing owner information in the microchip registry.

City Ordinances Regarding Dogs

By Nick Schmitz, Code Enforcement Officer

Several times a week, City staff receives calls from concerned residents that while out on a walk, a dog or dogs may run off a property towards them exhibiting aggressive behavior “barking and/or growling”. We would like to remind residents that if this happens to immediately contact the Anoka County Sheriffs dispatch 911 or (763) 427-1212.

We would also like to remind dog owners that you may keep a maximum of two dogs on your property. Owners that would like to keep more than two dogs are required to have a private kennel license (Ord. sec.10-54) approved by the City. The application for the private kennel license may be obtained from the City Community Development Department.

Currently, there is no fee associated with a dog license from the City of East Bethel. It takes about five minutes of your time at the front counter in City Hall. If your dog is picked up by the City, you must provide proof of ownership, vaccination records, your dog must be currently licensed, and all fees/fines must be paid before they are released.

Licensing your dog is the quickest and easiest way to recover your lost dog. All stray dogs are checked for identification tags, City dog tags, and microchips. A dog is more likely to be returned to the owner if it can be identified.

The following ordinance sections are just a few examples of City ordinances that apply to dogs.

Sec. 10-21. Running at large.

No dog shall be allowed by its owner to run at large. The police or agent of the City shall pick up and impound any dog found in violation of this section.

(Ord. No. 101b, § 6, 3-6-2002; Ord. No. 101D, § 6, 5-16-2007)



Sec. 10-23. Dog excrement.

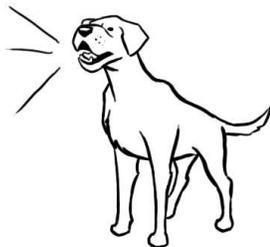
Whenever a dog is taken off the property of the owner, the handler of the dog must pick up the dog excrement, unless the handler of the dog has the express approval of the property owner to leave the excrement. The police or agent of the City shall pick up and impound any dog found in violation of this section.

(Ord. No. 101b, § 8, 3-6-2002; Ord. No. 101D, § 8, 5-16-2007)



Sec. 10-24. Disturbing the peace.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, have in possession, or harbor any animal which frequently and habitually howls, yelps, barks or otherwise causes serious annoyance or disturbance to persons or to the neighborhood; provided, however, that the provisions of this article shall not apply to duly authorized hospitals or clinics established and operating for the treatment of small animals. No person shall be prosecuted under the provisions of this article except under the evidence from 50 percent of the adult residents living within 300 feet of the property line of the residence of



the animal complained about, or from two adult persons from different households living within 500 feet of the property line of the residence of the animal complained about, whichever is less. (Ord. No. 101b, § 9, 3-6-2002; Ord. No. 101D, § 9, 5-16-2007; Ord. No. 12, Second Series, 8-5-2009)

Sec. 10-89. Vaccination.

(a) No license shall be granted for any dog that does not have a valid vaccination against rabies for the calendar year in which the license is to be issued. A valid vaccination shall be deemed to be for one year, except the period of immunity may be extended to no more than 36 months for dogs vaccinated with an appropriately labeled killed vaccine upon written certification by a licensed veterinarian in the state stating that the immunity is in excess of the periods herein stated. The veterinarian shall state on the certificate of vaccination the type of vaccine used. If not stated, it shall be assumed that the vaccine is a killed viral vaccine.

(b) Vaccinations shall be performed only by a doctor qualified to practice veterinary medicine in the state in which the animal is vaccinated. A veterinarian who vaccinates an animal to be licensed in the city shall complete a certificate of vaccination in triplicate. One copy shall be issued to the animal owner for affixing to the license application, and one copy shall be retained in the veterinarian's file.

(c) All commercial kennel licensees, when accepting dogs for boarding, shall require from the dog owner evidence of rabies vaccination. If such evidence is absent, the dog shall be vaccinated according to the standards stated in this article.

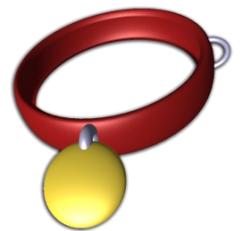
(Ord. No. 101b, § 12(b), 3-6-2002; Ord. No. 101D, § 12(b), 5-16-2007)

Sec. 10-91. Individual dog license (required).

(a) Application; No owner shall keep a dog within the City without a license issued by the City. Application for a dog license shall be made to the City upon a form furnished by the City. The applicant shall furnish the information required by the form. The annual fee for a dog license shall be as established by resolution. It shall be the duty of each owner of a dog to pay the license fee (if required) to the City on or before December 31 in each year, or upon acquiring ownership or possession of the dog or upon establishing residence in the City. No refund shall be made of any license fee because of death of the animal, or because of leaving the City by the owner prior to expiration of the license. No prorating of license fees will be granted for a license period of less than one year.

(b) Display; upon the payment of the license fee, the owner of a licensed dog shall be furnished a receipt, together with a suitable tag. The owner shall cause the tag to be affixed by a permanent fastening to the collar of the dog so licensed in such a manner that the tag may easily be seen by the officers of the City. The owner shall see that the tag is constantly worn by the dog. Tags are not transferable from one dog to another.

(c) Duplicate; In case any dog tag is lost, a duplicate may be issued by the City upon presentation of a receipt showing the payment of the license fee for the current year. A charge in the amount established by resolution shall be made for each duplicate tag.



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(d) Counterfeit tags; It shall be unlawful to counterfeit or attempt to counterfeit tags provided for in this section or take from any animal a tag legally placed upon it by its owner, or to place such tag upon another animal.

(e) Authorization of police to enter premises. To enforce this division, the police and any agent of the City are authorized to enter upon any private premises where they have reasonable cause to believe there is an unlicensed dog.

(Ord. No. 101b, § 14, 3-6-2002; Ord. No. 201, § 3, 12-7-2005; Ord. No. 101D, § 14, 5-16-2007)

Remember that a dog is a pack animal and needs companionship. Using ropes, chains or any form of a tether and leaving a dog alone outside can make for an unsociable or destructive dog. Although you may not mind your dog's bad behavior, do not expect that your neighbors must tolerate it.



Did you know?

Firefighters can't help if they can't find you.

Your safety in an emergency depends on responders' ability to find you quickly.

Saving lives and property can come down to a matter of seconds.

Emergency vehicles need to be able to see your address day or night.

ADDRESS SAFETY TIPS

- **House numbers should be visible from the street.**
- **If your house is set back, affix numbers to a mailbox or post that can be seen from the public road.**
- **Trim any greenery and remove decorations that may block clear view of your address.**
- **If possible, post your address near a porch light, or at least use reflective numbers.**
- **House numbers should be at least 4 inches tall.**



Station #1 - 2751 Viking Blvd NE, East Bethel MN 55011
Telephone: 763-367-7885

East Bethel Seniors

The City East Bethel Seniors meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Senior Center for a meeting and lunch. If you are looking to get out and have some fun, meet new people and have more involvement in your community this is the place to be. Membership is for ages 55 and up with an annual fee of \$10.00. Here are some of the activities the Seniors have planned for 2024:

- Monthly dance on the first Friday of every month. A live polka band performs from 1-4. Snacks and coffee provided at a cost of \$10.00.
- Crafts group that meets every Monday or Tuesday from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Senior Center. Some past projects have been quilts, diamond dot and macramé.
- Trips to the casino
- 2024 Booster Day pancake breakfast
- Fun Day trips made available to sign up for through **Come Travel with Me**

If you have some talents you can share and want to be a part of this group, contact 612-300-2627 for more information.

East Bethel Lions

Below are just some of the ways the CEB Lions give back to the community with proceeds from the EB Recycle Center:



- Year-round \$150 Monthly DONATIONS to 3 LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS benefiting EB students
- Give a yearly SCHOLARSHIP to a student from the Forest Lake High School and the St. Francis High School
- St. Francis High School – Donate to the all-night party
- NACE Food Shelf – give a donation of both money and time
- Cars for Neighbors donation. This is an organization that helps people in our local community with car repairs
- EB Booster Day – set up and run the minnow races and “Beat the Car” events
- Sponsor local families in need with Christmas gifts. In 2022 we shopped, wrapped, and delivered gifts for 45 people
- Host a Christmas luncheon at the Senior Ctr for local seniors
- East Bethel Fire Department Open House – purchase, cook and serve the hot dog/chili dog dinner
- Individual Donations to people in our community for a variety of needs

Like to Dance?

Come join us for Polka, Waltz and Square Dancing.
All ages welcome.

Every **first Friday** of the month, from 1pm-4pm
East Bethel Senior Center
2241 221st Ave. NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

Only \$10 gets you in, includes refreshments (example cookies, popcorn and coffee). There is water and soda for sale also.

No reservations needed.

Feel like dancing, come join us!



Watch Some Baseball!

Come enjoy some baseball as the **East Bethel Bandits** play in their 20th season! Admission is FREE for all regular season home games.

- 6/26, 7:30 PM vs. Ogilvie Orioles @ St. Francis High School
- 6/28, 7:30 PM vs. St. Francis Silverbacks @ St. Francis High School – **FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT!**
- 6/30, 3 PM vs. New Richmond Millers @ East Bethel Booster Park West
- 7/8, 7:30 PM vs. Mora Blue Devils @ St. Francis High School



New players interested in joining the Bandits may contact Manager Dallas Jelmberg. Please see our team website for more details.

Facebook: East Bethel Bandits

Twitter: @EastBandits

Web: www.HTOSports.com/EastBethelBandits

East Bethel Fire Department

By Jill King, East Bethel Fire Department Training Officer

The East Bethel Fire Department would like to welcome our newest members Jack Olson, Rachel Phoebe and David Bailey. We are excited to have them as part of the team, Jack and Rachel are currently in training and will be fully certified firefighters before the end of the year. David comes to us already certified as a firefighter and EMT with many years of experience in the fire service.



We would also like to congratulate Paul Karpinski on his retirement. Paul has been a valuable member of the Fire Department for over 20 years and his dedication and hard-working attitude was respected by all. He will truly be missed. Thank you for your service “Karp”!

Have you ever thought about being a firefighter? Want to know what it takes to be a part of this exciting career? Contact us today (763) 367-7885



Master Gardener Volunteer Program



Does your plant or tree look sickly? Are you curious about a mystery plant, weed or insect?

Plant & Insect Diagnostic Clinic

Wednesday, July 17 • 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Bunker Hills Activities Center
550 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW
Andover, MN, 55304



Bring up to 3 samples or photos with you and let our Master Gardeners assist you in identification or diagnoses of your problem and to offer best practice recommendations for your garden or landscape concerns.

The clinics are open Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 PM, June 26th through August 14th (with the exception of July 3rd).

Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinics are a free service for Anoka County Residents



Anoka County Master Gardener Events:



More information: https://z.umn.edu/ACMG

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Storm Water Pollution: Illicit Discharge

What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from rain or snow that flows across our yards, driveways, and streets and into the storm drains and ditches. These drains and ditches then direct the water directly into our waterways. Anything besides storm water in these drains is considered an illicit discharge.



What is Illicit Discharge?

An Illicit Discharge is any contaminant that enters the City of East Bethel's storm sewer system. Examples of Illicit Discharge include: yard waste, pet waste, trash, sediment from construction sites, chlorinated pool water, paint, commercial car wash wastewater, gasoline or oil, and sewage.

Why is Illicit Discharge harmful?

Storm water is not treated before entering our lakes, rivers, and streams. All the contaminants in storm water affect aquatic life. For example, yard waste is a source of phosphorus, which contributes to algal blooms. Sediment clouds our waters, making it difficult for sunlight to reach native aquatic plants. Pet waste contributes to harmful bacteria, and chlorinated pool water can be lethal to some aquatic species.

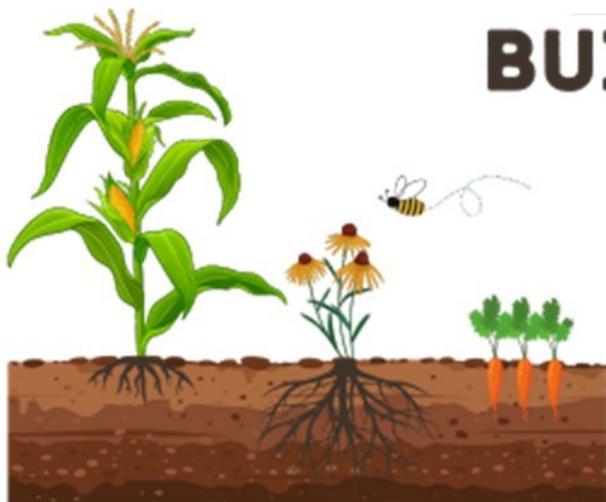


How do I know an Illicit Discharge is occurring?

Possible indicators of an occurring illicit discharge include: unusual color or cloudiness, strong pungent or musty odor, floating debris, surface scum or foam, oil sheen, and dead fish.

What Should I do if I see Illicit Discharge?

Please call the East Bethel City Hall at 763-367-7840, and describe what, where, and when you saw the illicit discharge.



BUILD BETTER SOIL

Funding available to help landowners improve soil health and productivity.

The Anoka Conservation District has funding for landowners interested in trying practices such as cover crops, pollinator plantings, reduced-till, no-till, and others that support soil microbial activity and reduce erosion. Offerings include 1-3 year contracts and flat rate per-acre payments.

Contact Logan Olson at
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Events



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**City Hall will be closed for
the following holidays:**



INDEPENDENCE DAY
Thursday, July 4

JULY:

- 5 • **Senior Dance**, East Bethel Senior Center 1—4 pm
- 9 • **Lunch with a Scientist**, CCSR 11:30 am—1 pm
- 10 • **Booster Day Volunteer Meeting**,
East Bethel City Hall 6:30 pm
- 11 • **Chamber of Commerce Mtg**, Garphish Brewing 4 pm
- 20 • **Booster Day**, Booster Park, activities begin at 8 am
- 27 • **Drop-Off Saturday**, East Bethel Recycling Center 9 am—Noon

AUGUST:

- 2 • **Senior Dance**, East Bethel Senior Center 1—4 pm
- 6 • **Night to Unite**, Activities May Vary by Neighborhood
- 8 • **Chamber of Commerce Mtg**, Minnesota Fresh Farm 8 am
- 13 • **Primary Election Day**, Polls are open 7 am—8 pm
- 31 • **Drop-Off Saturday**, East Bethel Recycling Center 9 am—Noon

City Meeting Schedule

City Council, Second & Fourth Monday each month,
7:00 pm at East Bethel City Hall

EDA, Third Monday each month,
7:00 pm at East Bethel City Hall

Park Commission, Second Tuesday each month,
6:30 pm at East Bethel City Hall

Planning Commission, Fourth Tuesday each month,
7:00 pm at East Bethel City Hall

To confirm meeting details, call City Hall at
763-367-7840 or visit the City's website at
www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us

A sneak peek at Local Events in 2024...

LINWOOD FAMILY FUN DAY
Saturday, Sept. 7

SHERIFF'S DEPT OPEN HOUSE
Sept: Date to be determined

HAM LAKE Farmer's & Artisan Market
Every Wednesday, 3-7 PM

FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSE
Oct: Date to be determined

GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, Nov. 5

FALL TOWN HALL MEETING
Nov: Date to be determined



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