



Waste Reduction & Recycling Board
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Anoka City Hall @ 5:00 p.m.
Committee Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of September 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business
 - a. Fix It Clinic Update
 - b. Intern Projects Report
 - c. Park Benches Update
 - d. Fall Recycling Drop off Day Report
 - f. Light up the Night Halloween Parade Update
 - g. RAW Newsletter Update
5. New Business
 - a. Anoka Winterfest Sponsorship
 - b. Holiday Lights Collection
6. Communications
 - a. Anoka County Success Stories
 - b. Monthly Service Log & Tonnage Reports
 - c. 2016 Meeting Schedule
7. Miscellaneous
 - a. November Agenda
8. Adjournment

Memo

To: Waste Reduction & Recycling Board
From: Pam Bowman, Communications/Recycling Coordinator
Date: October 5, 2016
Re: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 Agenda

1. **Call to Order.** Call to order at 5 p.m. in the Committee Room of Anoka City Hall.
2. **Roll Call.** I will record the names of those present at the meeting.
3. **Approval of September 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes.** I recommend approval with any corrections and/or additions. **(Attachment 1) Action: Approve minutes.**
4. **Old Business.**
 - a. **Fix-It Clinic Update.** Vice Chairperson Thurston will provide an update. **Action: Update.**
 - b. **Intern Projects Report.** Deanna Kelly will provide a final report on her projects. Copies will be distributed at the meeting. **Action: Receive report.**
 - c. **Park Benches Update.** The park benches have not yet been installed, but will be in October. Plaques will be ordered once installed. **Action: Update.**
 - d. **Fall Recycling Drop off Day Report.** I will provide tonnage information that I have received to date. **Action: Receive report.**
 - e. **Light up the Night Halloween Parade.** Please see attached information sent from the parade organizers. **(Attachment 2) Action: Review and discuss final details.**
 - f. **RAW Newsletter Update.** The newsletter was mailed last week. A copy is attached. **(Attachment 3)**
5. **New Business.**
 - a. **Anoka Winterfest Sponsorship.** We will discuss the potential sponsorship of ArtStart at Anoka Winterfest. **Action: Vote to approve sponsorship of ArtStart at Winterfest.**
 - b. **Holiday Lights Collection.** The collection begins at City Hall on Nov. 1 through January 30, 2017.
6. **Communications.**
 - a. **Anoka County Success Stories.** Please see attached success stories about local businesses who received help from Minnesota Waste Wise Foundation. **(Attachment 4)**
 - b. **Monthly Service Log & Tonnage Reports.** I hope to have both reports by the time we meet.
 - c. **2016 Meeting Schedule.** Attached is the 2016 schedule. **(Attachment 5)**
7. **Miscellaneous.**
 - a. **November Agenda.** Determine items for next agenda.
8. **Adjournment.** Let's plan to adjourn by 6:30 p.m.



**CITY OF ANOKA
WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – September 14, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Committee Room of Anoka City Hall.

ROLL CALL Board members present: Chairperson Vicki Violet, Vice Chairperson Thurston, Member Marijo Hain. Absent: Members Tim Aberwald, Jan Call, and recycling intern Deanna Kelly. Staff present: Pam Bowman, Recycling Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION to approve the July 13, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Member Hain and SECOND by Vice Chairperson Thurston. All in favor, MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Fix It Clinic Update. Vice Chairperson Thurston said the event is set for Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. – Noon. She said they will take their last customers at 11:30 or so. Ms. Bowman said advertising including the City View, social media, and she thanked Chairperson Violet for the QCTV interview she did for the event. Ms. Bowman said she also advertised it through the Discover Anoka outlets (e-subscribe, newsletter, etc.). She said she would also look at the cost of an Anoka Shopper ad. Ms. Bowman said the flyer will be handed out at the fall recycling event.

Member Hain said she attended the Minnesota State Fair and visited the Fix It Clinic. She said the person at the booth suggested we include “no hazardous fluids (gas, oil, etc.)” in our advertising.

Vice Chairperson Thurston asked if the forms for the event could be updated and reprinted. Ms. Bowman said she would give them to Deanna Kelly to prepare. She also asked about signage, supplies (power strips, extension cords, etc.) and refreshments. Ms. Bowman said she would prepare signage and order refreshments. She asked Vice Chairperson Thurston to prepare a list of supplies she will need for the event and Ms. Bowman would find or purchase whatever is necessary. She asked if some of the supplies were already in the kit. Vice Chairperson Thurston said she would review the kit. Vice Chairperson Thurston said she is seeking 6-7 volunteers. She said she will also contact Good Will to ask if they have any items they need fixed.

Intern Projects Update. Ms. Bowman provided the following update for the intern, in her absence:

The **Paper Shredding Events** had approximately 25-30 customers per event; one held on a Monday night in July and one held on a Saturday in August. Ms. Bowman said the event held in August partnered with the Anoka High School Alpine Ski Team’s clothing drive. She said the clothing drive received fewer customers than the paper shredding. She said that the organizers of that drive were pleased that the WRRB partnered with them and said they felt that customer traffic will increase as they plan to continue to host the events. Ms. Bowman said the WRRB will partner with the ski team’s clothing drive in 2017 at the spring and fall recycling events. She said because the vendors had already been set for this year at those events, we were unable to partner with the ski team.

Ms. Bowman said that both paper shredding events took in about 1 ton of recyclable materials. She said that the cost for these 2-hour events was close to \$500 each and the members need to determine if they wish to continue with more in 2017.

The **Multi-Family Buildings** project is going well. Ms. Kelly has visited a majority of the properties to evaluate the program. She will provide a full report at the October meeting. Ms. Bowman shared a sample of the packet that was mailed to property owners/managers. The packet included an introduction letter and sample promotional pieces that could be used to assist in their recycling programs.

Senior Buildings - Ms. Kelly has attempted several times to connect with the building maintenance person at Walker Plaza, but has not yet heard back. Ms. Bowman said she also reached out, but has not received a response. She said she believes this is because they are in the midst of opening their new expansion and they may have little time. She said more attempts will be made because the gentleman had expressed interest when Ms. Bowman met with him in late 2015. She added that Ms. Kelly has a response from Bridge Square and will follow up. A full report will be provided at the October meeting.

Ms. Bowman added that Ms. Kelly's internship will end the week of October 17, noting she would be attending the Fix It Clinic and provide an update to her final report.

Park Benches Update. Ms. Bowman said the park benches will be installed in mid-September. She said she still has yet to order the plaques.

Recycling Winner Update. Ms. Bowman thanked Vice Chairperson Thurston for gathering addresses for the monthly winner selection. The winner was the homeowner at 2740 State Ave. A letter was mailed to the owner and the utility department was notified so they can apply the credit. Ms. Bowman reminded the members that this was the completion of the program. Members may determine next year if they wish to host it again in 2017.

Fall Recycling Drop off Day. Ms. Bowman provided a copy of the flyer for review and noted that all vendors are confirmed. Volunteers, refreshments, and other miscellaneous details were finalized.

Light up the Night Halloween Parade. Members looked over the parade application that Ms. Bowman had submitted to Anoka Halloween, Inc. A discussion was held about how to decorate the "float". Chairperson Violet said she will supply the pick-up truck. Ms. Bowman said she would make arrangements to get the can collection trailer from Anoka High School. Vice Chairperson Thurston and Member Hain said they would participate. Ms. Bowman said she would know at a later date if she will be available.

RAW Newsletter. Ms. Bowman said the articles were submitted to the newsletter and it is in draft stage. She said it would be mailed in late September.

NEW BUSINESS

Youth Board Member. Ms. Bowman reminded members that Chairperson Violet suggested a youth/student from Anoka High School join the boards meetings as a liaison to students in hopes of learning new ways to reach that population – or to get a student's perspective on the subject of recycling. Ms. Bowman said she inquired with the City Clerk about having a liaison on the board. She learned that because the WRRB is not established through City Code, it's resolution from 1998 states that to become a member, "*the person must be a resident and is expected to be interested in solid waste matters as they relate to overall general welfare and development of the community.*" She also learned if the WRRB wants to develop a voting seat, than we would have to wait for a vacancy or adopt a resolution increasing the membership number. If the WRRB wants a student to become an official member, then we would have to develop a resolution stating such; the resolution can state that the student is a non-voting member and serves only in the capacity of a liaison between the WRRB and school students. Learning this, the members discussed the options and determined to not change the number of members or create a resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairpersons Communication Board Report. Chairperson Violet said she attended the meeting, but said she did not take notes during the meeting because she believed notes would be taken by staff and distributed. Ms. Bowman apologized for any confusion.

Monthly Service Log & Tonnage Reports. Members reviewed the information. No comments.

2016 Meeting Schedule. Members reviewed the meeting schedule. Ms. Bowman said she would add the Fix It Clinic and the Light up the Night Parade.

MISCELLANEOUS

October Agenda. Ms. Bowman said she would refer to the schedule for topics. She reminded members if they ever have an item they would like included on an agenda, they need to let her know prior to the production of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on a MOTION by Vice Chairperson Thurston and SECONDED by Member Hain. All in favor; MOTION CARRIED.



Halloween Greetings Parade Participants,

We would like to thank you in advance for participating in the Anoka Halloween's **'Light up the Night'** evening parade on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

Staging time begins at 5:00 pm at 1st Avenue and Monroe Street (see map). The parade begins at 7:00pm, sharp.

It is very important that your float and all representatives are there **before 6:15 pm** as the roads will begin to close. There are no exceptions getting thru the roadblocks.

In order to make our parade a success, we ask that you abide by the following rules:

- 1) **NO CANDY OR GIVEAWAYS ALLOWED.** (By Order of the Police Department).
- 2) **NO CAMPAINING IN OR ON PARADE ROUTE.**
- 3) All animal units **MUST PROVIDE PROMPT CLEAN UP.**
- 4) To insure that the parade runs on schedule, we ask that all units maintain a forward movement **AT ALL TIMES.** Please keep small children inside or on vehicles/floats.

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BY ORDER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No persons without a valid driver's license will be allowed to drive in the Parade.

No one will be allowed to march in, or participate in, the parade while under the influence of alcohol or substances.

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Please remember your line up number notated in subject line. This will help our Fire Department and Parade Marshal's position your float.

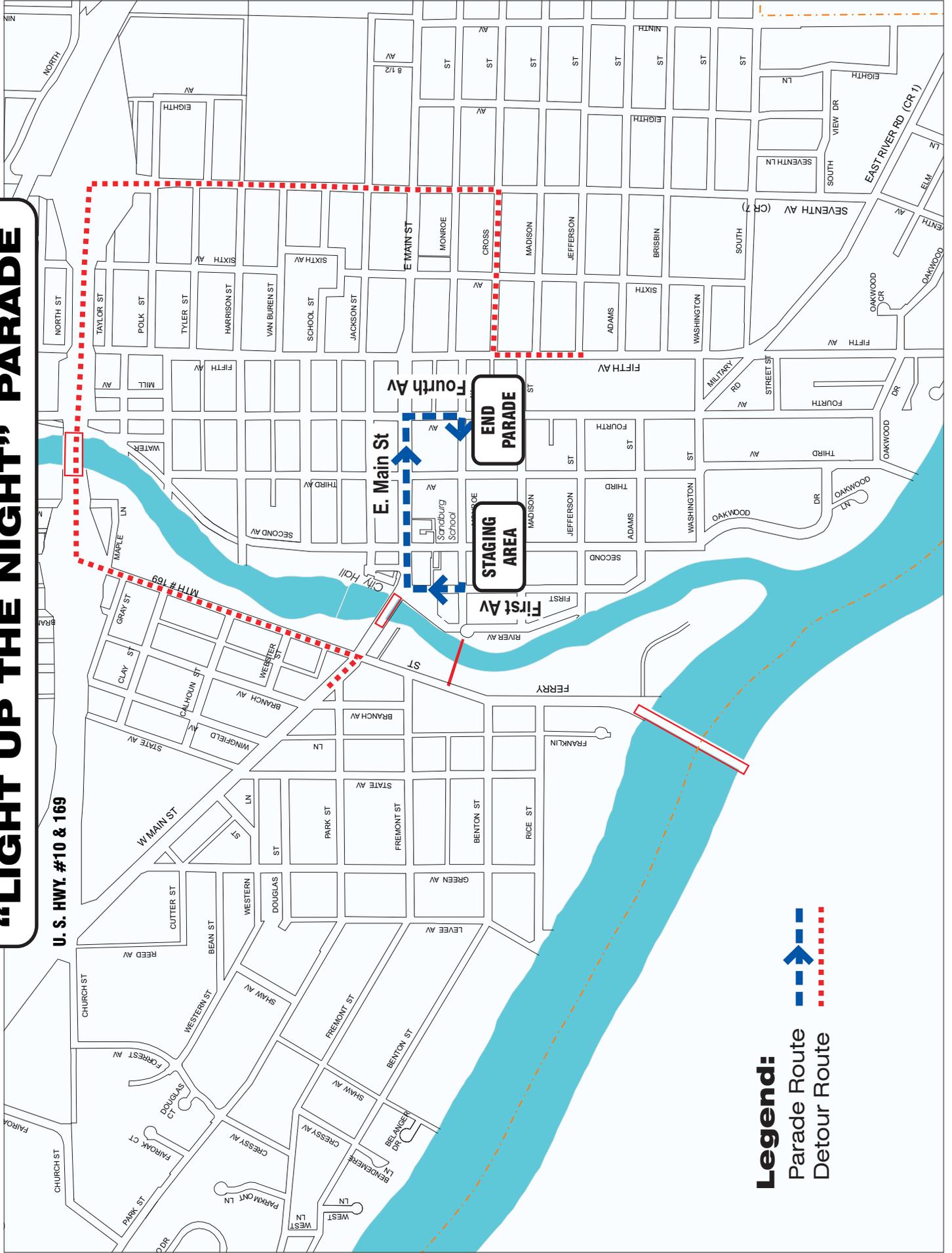
TO AID IN SMOOTH STAGING, PLEASE DRIVE AS FEW VEHICLES INTO THE STAGING AREA AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONGESTION. ONCE IN THE STAGING AREA, YOU MAY NOT LEAVE UNTIL THE PARADE HAS ENDED.

Please join us after the parade at our bonfire event. You can find us at the River Plaza (Old City Hall). Located on 1st Ave N and Main Street, just across the street from the start of the parade! Enjoy food, music and lots of fun.

Liz McFarland
Anoka Halloween Parade Chair
100% Volunteer Organization
anokaparades@gmail.com

“LIGHT UP THE NIGHT” PARADE

U. S. HWY. #10 & 169



Legend:
Parade Route
Detour Route



Please challenge your family to increase recycling efforts.

America Recycles Day
Nov. 15

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FALL 2016

Pick-A-Park Program

Under the City's Pick-A-Park program, residents and members of Anoka's Waste Reduction & Recycling Board tackled clean-up of two city parks this summer; John Ward Park and Grey Ghost Fields. Trash was cleaned up off the grounds and placed in garbage bags, while recyclables that were collected were placed in the recycling containers at those parks.

If your group is interested in the Pick-A-Park program to help keep our city parks clean, please call the Parks Department at 763-576-2980.



CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDE:

Can I recycle it?

YES

NO

<p>METAL</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and beverage cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint cans • Aerosol cans • Containers that held hazardous products, such as paint thinner or automotive fluids • Aluminum foil or trays
<p>PAPER</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail, office and school papers • Magazines and catalogs • Newspapers and inserts • Phone books • Paper towel/toilet paper cores <p>Boxes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardboard • Cereal, cracker and pasta boxes • Shoe, gift and electronics boxes • Toothpaste, and other toiletry boxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza boxes or boxes soiled with food • Egg cartons • Refrigerator or freezer boxes • Paper towels, napkins, plates or cups • Gift wrap or tissue paper <p>Food Box Guidelines:</p> <p>If the box is from your refrigerator or freezer, it is not recyclable. Beverage (milk, juice) cartons are an exception, they are recyclable.</p>
<p>CARTONS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk cartons • Juice cartons • Juice boxes (remove straws) • Soup, broth and wine cartons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream cartons • Egg cartons • Plastic straws
<p>PLASTIC</p> 	<p>Bottles and jugs (caps on):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water, soda and juice bottles • Milk and juice jugs • Sauces and salad dressing bottles • Dish soap bottles and detergent jugs • Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles <p>Cups, tubs and containers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups • Clear plastic cups • Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese and other tubs (lids on) • Clear deli, berry and produce containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Styrofoam™ cups, plates, or packaging • Containers that held hazardous automotive and yard products, such as motor oil or pesticides • Plastic bags or plastic wrap* • Toys or kiddie pools • Garden hoses • Black food trays or containers • Plastic utensils • Containers larger than an ice cream pail/bucket <p>*Plastic bags and wrap that are clean and dry are accepted at many local grocery and retail stores for recycling.</p>
<p>GLASS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and beverage bottles and jars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking glasses, mugs, dishes, cookware, pottery or vases • Window or mirror glass • Containers that held hazardous products, such as nail polish or hobby paints • Light bulbs

Compostables Collected at Ice Cream Social

The City's Annual Ice Cream Social on July 4th was a perfect opportunity for the Waste Reduction & Recycling Board to incorporate organic products to use for the root beer floats. Introduced were compostable plastic cups, spoons, and straws. Along with those, attendees were able to place their food scraps and other compostable materials (paper plates, napkins, etc.) into the containers. With over 1500 root beer floats served, that many cups, spoons, and some straws were diverted from the garbage, helping to reduce the overall garbage volume at the event. Thank you for your efforts!



Fix It Clinic

October 15, 2016
9 a.m. - Noon
Anoka City Hall
Community Room – Lower Level



Why fix it? Bring your broken items back to life!
Our Free Fix It Clinic brings many benefits to you, including

- Saving you money.
- Meeting new people.
- Preserving old items that may be of value to you.
- Reducing waste in the community.

Bring in your broken small household appliances, clothing, electronics, and more. We will provide free guided assistance to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix your item. No pre-registration required. Items must be carry-in and weigh less than 40 pounds. No oversized items. Please, no items containing any fluids (gas, oil, etc.). For more information, please visit www.ci.anoka.mn.us or call 763-576-2725.

Aluminum Can Recycling Collection Cage

Last year, the Waste Reduction & Recycling Board donated a collection cage and trailer to Anoka High School for the recycling of aluminum cans. The cage was constructed by the City's lead mechanic in the Public Services Department. The donation was made possible via a recycling enhancement grant through Anoka County. All proceeds received from the recycling of the aluminum cans support Anoka High School activities. The City will receive the tonnage information after each collection is recycled and record it to help reach the annual recycling goal of approximately 1500 tons. Please consider donating your aluminum cans to this collection site. The trailer is located just west of the tennis courts on the south side of Anoka High School.



Go Green with AMU!



Sign up today to view your monthly utility bill via our online document center. Visit www.ci.anoka.mn.us, click on the AMU logo on the right-hand side of the page and information can be found on the left side of the AMU home page. It's fast and simple and can make a positive impact on our environment. While there, check the customer service page to learn about our Automatic Bank Pay program (have your utility payment automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account on the due date each month). You will still receive a utility bill noting the amount deducted. Call 763-576-2750 with any questions.

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Anoka, MN 55303

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#AnokaRecycles

When you are doing your part to reduce, reuse, or recycle, take a picture and post to social media with #AnokaRecycles. We'd love to see the ways in which you are doing your part to reduce waste in the Anoka community!

Recycle Your Holidays!

Beginning Nov. 1, 2016, there will be a collection box in the lobby of Anoka City Hall for the recycling of old holiday lights. This program is offered through the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM).

Please drop off your holiday lights Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the lobby of Anoka City Hall, 2015 First Avenue North. The collection will continue through the month of January 2017. Please call the recycling coordinator at 763-576-2725 with any questions.



Christmas Tree Recycling

The Bunker Hills compost site, located one-mile north of Main Street on Hanson Boulevard in Coon Rapids, will be open during the winter with limited hours of operation. Residents may bring Christmas trees and wreaths to the compost site to be properly disposed after the holidays.

Bunker Hills Compost Site
13285 Hanson Blvd, Coon Rapids, MN 55448
2016 Winter Hours: December - March – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Please remove all wire, garland tinsel, ornaments, and stands. Christmas trees (decorations removed) are accepted for recycling for \$1.00/tree. Christmas wreaths are accepted for \$5.00/wreath. Please visit www.anokacounty.us/recycle for additional details about fees for other yard waste and preparation details.

Most garbage haulers offer Christmas tree collection as part of their service. Contact your garbage hauler directly for their details.

Anoka County Organics Program

A new county program has begun! An organics recycling drop-off program. This program allows residents to drop off their organics for recycling at each of the county yard waste sites in Lino Lakes and Coon Rapids.

What are organics? Organics refer to all food scraps, such as leftovers, peelings, and spoiled food; soiled, non-recyclable papers such as paper towels, napkins, delivery pizza boxes; and certified compostable products such as plastic food ware and bags labeled with a Cedar Grove Composting or Biodegradable Products Institute logo.

Anoka County residents now have an option to recycle organics from home through the Anoka County Organics Recycling Drop-off Program.



The program works by having residents collect food waste and other organic materials in a kitchen pail lined with compostable bag liners. Once full, the bag liners are tied off and brought by the resident to either county compost site and placed in the organics collection dumpster.

Residents who sign up for the free program will receive a complimentary kitchen collection pail and compostable liner bags for easy collection. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please call Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-323-5730 or visit anokacounty.us/recycle.



Garbage & Recycling

On your service day, your garbage and recycling containers must be placed behind the curb, not in the streets. If they are placed in the streets, it slows down the plowing of all city streets. By keeping your containers behind the curb, it allows city workers to efficiently plow streets because plows must maintain a constant speed and blades cannot be lifted for driveways.

Learn More

To learn more about recycling and reducing waste, visit:
www.anokacounty.us/recycle www.ci.anoka.mn.us
www.epa.gov www.recycleminnesota.org
www.reduce.org www.rethinkrecycling.com

Questions? Please contact . . .

Republic Services 952-941-5174

- Questions on single sort recycling
- Pick up service
- Missed service
- Service schedule
- Request additional recycling container (no charge)

City Recycling Coordinator 763-576-2725

- General recycling questions



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**Anoka County Success Story:
Central Power Distributors**



Central Power Distributors (CPD) in Anoka Minnesota is a wholesale distributor of engine parts, lawn and garden parts, and other equipment and accessories. Samantha Thum, the Inside Sales Coordinator for CPD, first contacted Minnesota Waste Wise because she was interested in starting a single stream recycling program and wanted professional assistance. Following an on-site meeting in June of 2014, Waste Wise laid out a plan for implementation of a new recycling program and provided CPD with the tools to be effective immediately. Walters Recycling and Refuse was able to add recycling service without hassle and with the addition of recycling bins and informative signage, CPD was able to divert significant volumes of recyclable material.

Although they haven't yet realized cost savings, CPD is excited to be doing the right thing for the environment. Samantha was proud to report that their 4 yard recycling dumpster was full at every pick-up, resulting in an estimated 57,800 pounds of recyclable materials being diverted from their waste stream annually. Waste Wise is encouraging CPD to continue to monitor their trash levels to see if they can reduce service levels in the future and save money.

Assisting in the addition of a successful recycling program is the first step in what Waste Wise hopes will be an ongoing relationship. As a distributor of heavy equipment and tools, CPD has other unique opportunities for waste diversion including significant amounts of plastic film. Waste Wise is eager to assist CPD in finding a responsible outlet for this material that isn't cost prohibitive, and continue aiding CPD in their goals of reducing waste and having a positive impact on the environment.



Highlights

What: Implementation of a single stream recycling program.

Why: To reduce the amount of material in their trash and have a positive impact on the environment.

How: Partnering with Waste Wise and Walters to secure recycling services and strong internal collection procedures.

Results: Diverting an estimated 57,800 lbs. of mixed recyclables annually.

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Anoka County Success Story:
Avant Garden

Minnesota Waste Wise contacted Avant Garden, a local espresso bar nestled along the charming Main Street of downtown Anoka, MN, to provide waste consulting services as part of the Anoka County business recycling and waste reduction outreach contract. The result: an expanded recycling program that now includes mixed plastics, glass, aluminum and other recyclable containers that the café was previously discarding into the trash to be landfilled.

The owner, Judy Cheslock, expressed interest in working with Waste Wise right away. The business was currently recycling their coffee grounds through a local farmer, but only had cardboard recycling through a shared service with the neighboring businesses.

During the initial meeting at the café, Waste Wise reviewed with Avant Garden what items were being disposed as trash and identified that a significant portion of the waste stream could be recycled, namely the plastic syrup containers, milk jugs, aseptic soy cartons and soda cans. Waste Wise then referred Avant Garden to various service providers, and the coffee shop added a 96 gallon recycling cart collected every other week for mixed recyclables with ACE Solid Waste.

Inside the coffee shop, a recycling bin was originally placed in the front of house, but Judy found that the program was easier to manage by keeping the mixed recycling in the kitchen and have customers bus recyclables up to the counter along with their dishes. With the new program, Judy explained, "Our customers are excited that they are now able to recycle at the coffee shop." Three months after implementation, the program is proving to be so successful that the 96-gallon cart is filling up in a

couple of days. Based on the current service levels, Avant Garden will divert an estimated 1,300 pounds of additional recyclables a year, with the opportunity to increase their diversion potential by increasing the current collection capacity.

Avant Garden has expressed interest in continuing their partnership with Waste Wise to incorporate the commingled recycling program with the other businesses sharing the garbage and cardboard collection.



Highlights

What: Expanded recycling program by adding mixed recycling service.

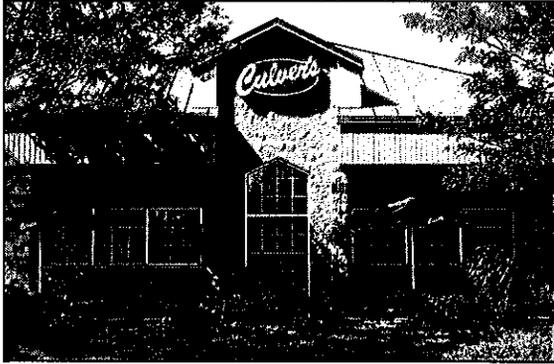
Why: To increase recycling and meet demands of staff and customers.

How: Added mixed recycling service.

Results: Diverting an estimated 1,300 pounds of additional recyclables annually with the opportunity for more growth and waste diversion.

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Anoka County Success Story: Culver's of Anoka



Culver's on West Main in the city of Anoka has long been a responsible and charitable community member. It is with these values that owner Amanda Braml decided to make some environmentally conscious improvements. Along with a freshly remodeled restaurant, Culver's chose to begin recycling all of the organic waste generated at the restaurant. Furthermore, Culver's implemented single stream recycling that allows its employees to recycle many of the materials that are generated during food preparation. The result of all of this great

work is that every year over 60,000 pounds of recyclable material is now being diverted from the landfill or incinerator. This material is now being used to create new products and also provide compost for farms, gardens and public works projects. Perhaps the best part of these improvements is that Culver's is now saving nearly \$2,000 annually because they have been able to reduce the frequency of their trash pick-ups. Since trash is taxed and recycling is not, reducing trash service allows businesses to save money on monthly waste and recycling bills.

When the Minnesota Waste Wise Foundation first met with Culver's in Anoka, the only material that was getting recycled was cardboard. However, owner Amanda Braml was eager to improve on the status quo. Waste Wise connected Braml with her existing service provider Aspen Waste Systems to add single stream recycling, and facilitated a new relationship with Waste Management for organics recycling.

With hauling services in place, Culver's now needed to update their outdoor waste enclosure to make room for the new recycling streams, add internal collection bins for customers and employees, create custom signs and purchase compostable bags to line the organics recycling bins. Waste Wise worked with Culver's to obtain a Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Business Environmental Sustainability Finance Program award in the amount of \$4,000. This award helped to significantly offset the costs of Culver's improved waste and recycling infrastructure.

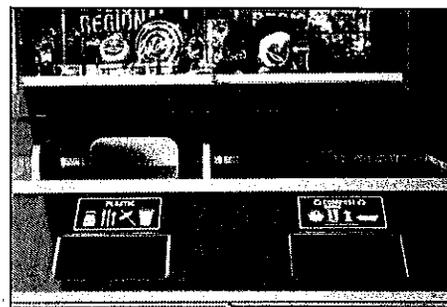
Highlights

What: Adding single stream recycling in the "back of house" and organics recycling throughout the restaurant.

Why: To extend their commitment to their community to the environment as a whole.

How: Worked with Waste Wise to connect with service providers and create effective internal collection procedures.

Results: Diverting 52,000 pounds of organics recycling and 10,400 pound of single stream recycling from the landfill and saving \$1,920 every year.



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The additional recycling streams have not been a burden on Culver's staff or management. "It has been going much better than I had anticipated," said Braml, "our guests are beginning to understand the program, and it is a lot less stressful than I thought it would be." Most importantly, the new program has significantly reduced Culver's' waste. "We have gone from 2,000 pounds of trash each week to only 600 pounds. To see this change so quickly is remarkable," commented Braml.

Braml has implemented this same recycling program at her restaurant in West St. Paul and hopes to make improvements at her Savage location as well.



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Anoka County Success Story: Anoka County Brotherhood Council

Highlights

What: Adding single stream recycling and increasing food waste recycling by adding service with Barthold Farms.

Why: To make the most responsible and caring decisions when it comes to waste and conservation.

How: Worked with Waste Wise to identify opportunities for recycling improvements and utilized Anoka County grant funding to get all of the bins, signs, and educational tools in place to collect various recyclables.

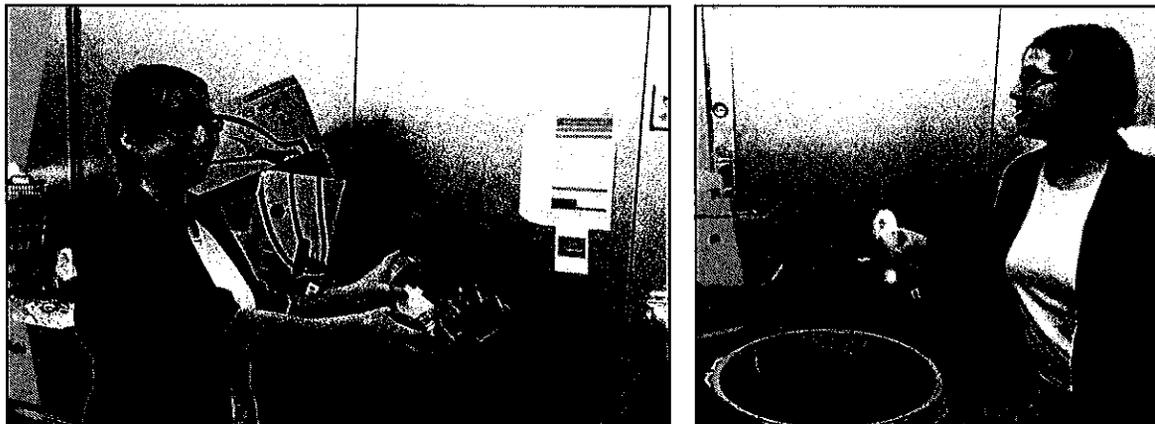
Results: Diverting an additional 28,314 pounds of waste from the landfill every year.

The Anoka County Brotherhood Council (ACBC) provides emergency food and clothing assistance to local individuals and families in need. In addition to extending excellent care to people, ACBC is focused on ensuring that they make the most of the donations that they receive and that they waste as little as possible. With this philosophy of care and responsibility in mind, ACBC met with the Minnesota Waste Wise Foundation in early 2016 to see if they could improve upon their current waste and recycling practices.

When ACBC's Director, Jerri Loughry initially met with Waste Wise, she was already making extra efforts to recycle their plastic bags, cardboard, and even a portion of their food waste with a local farmer. Following recommendations from Waste Wise, Jerri was able to take advantage of opportunities to expand their food waste recycling program and also add a single stream recycling program. The additional "Food to Hogs" recycling program with Barthold Farms ensures that nearly all of the food waste from ACBC finds a second life as animal feed. Additionally, the implementation of a single

stream recycling program means that much of the packaging that was containing this food waste is now being recycled too!

To make sure that their recycling improvements wouldn't incur large expenses, ACBC was able to utilize Anoka County business recycling grant funding to obtain the bins and signs that they needed to collect all of their various recycling streams and communicate their recycling programs to their volunteers. Jerri has been very pleased with the results stating that "all of our volunteers agree that recycling is



ACBC Employee, Breanne Nelson demonstrates how to utilize the new recycling

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important." Jerri has also noticed the benefit of having industry standard containers and labels commenting that "this makes it easier to recycle our food waste and plastic food containers."

All told, ACBC's recycling improvements have resulted in over 28,000 pounds of material being diverted from ACBC's trash stream into responsible recycling outlets. Jerri, her staff and volunteers are continuing to collect their plastic bags for recycling at local grocery stores and are actively seeking new opportunities for waste diversion. Jerri is excited to notice that her trash dumpster is considerably less full than it previously was and hopes to reduce service in order to save money on overall waste and recycling bills.





2016 WRRB MEETING SCHEDULE

(Agenda items tentative/change as needed)

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEMS
Wed., January 13	Oath of Office Election of Officers 2015 Accomplishments & 2016-17 Goals 2016 SCORE Agreement & Funding Spring Recycling Drop off Day Winterfest Sponsorship Service Report 2016 Schedule
Wed., February 10	General Updates & Service Reports July-Dec 2015 SCORE Report Spring Recycling Drop off Day Parks, MF, and Senior Bldgs., Special Events (Riverfest) RAW Newsletter Topics
Wed., March 9	General Updates & Service Reports City Council Report (April 18) Parks, MF & Senior Buildings Projects Special Events Recycling & Earth Day Event
Wed., April 6	<i>Chairpersons Communication Board</i>
Wed., April 13	General Updates & Service Reports Anoka Lions Appreciation Parks, MF & Senior Buildings Projects & Special Events Intern Update Adopt-A-Park/Pick-A-Park/Hwy Cleanup
Thurs., April 14	<i>Board Appreciation Dinner (5:15 p.m.)</i>
Monday, April 18	<i>Chairperson Report to City Council (7 p.m.)</i>
Tues., April 26	<i>Anoka Lions Donation Presentation (6:30 p.m.)</i>
Sat., April 30	<i>Spring Recycling Drop off Day – 8 a.m. - Noon</i>
Wed., May 11	General Updates & Service Reports Parks, MF & Senior Buildings Projects Republic Services Annual Report
Wed., June 1	<i>Chairpersons Communication Board</i>
Wed., June 8	General Updates & Service Reports Intern Introduction & Projects Update Parks – benches and Pick A Park Fix It Clinic
Wed., July 13 Electronics Collection at Apartment Bldg.	General Updates & Service Reports Intern Updates RAW fall newsletter topics
Wed., August 10 (Pick A Park cleanup) Electronics Collection at Apartment Bldg.	Pick A Park – split group up at John Ward & Grey Ghost Fields for clean-up.
Wed., September 7	<i>Chairpersons Communication Board</i>
September 14	General Updates & Service Reports Fall Recycling Day Halloween Parade Chairpersons Communications Board Meeting Update
Saturday, September 24	<i>Fall Recycling Drop off Day – 8 a.m. - Noon</i>
October 12 Sat., October 15 – FIX IT CLINIC Sat., October 22 – Light up the Night Parade	General Updates & Service Reports Anoka Winterfest – ArtStart Holiday Lights Recycling
November 9	General Updates & Service Reports Discuss 2017 Publications
Wed., December 7	<i>Chairpersons Communication Board</i>
December 14	2016 Accomplishments/2017 Goals

*Chairperson to attend CCB meetings or appoint another board member to attend.