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**City Council Meetings**

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the ISD 15 Center Services Center, 4115 Ambassador Boulevard NW.

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**Message from Your Mayor**

Dear Friends and Neighbors;

The spirit of the school year is in the air. The Anoka County Corridor Project (roundabouts) on Bridge Street have been delayed. The installation will now take place in the summer of 2016. Roundabouts are designed to create a safer walking experience for students as well as a better traffic flow for drivers. The Saints Homecoming is September 25<sup>th</sup> vs. St. Michael. Check out the city or school district website for a list of game dates.

With fall comes many community events. September 12<sup>th</sup> will be an active day for the residents of St. Francis as this day holds the annual city-wide garage sale and Cornfest in Community Park. This is a great opportunity to bring your family out and meet your neighbors! I hope for good weather on this day to make these events successful. Mark your calendars for the second annual Fall Festival, put on by the St. Francis Women of Today in Community Park on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Some exciting advancements are taking place on the side of technology. The city website is currently being recreated for a more user-friendly experience. Options are also being considered to improve City Council meeting video output. Our goal is to keep the residents informed. If you are unable to make it to a Monday night meeting, we would like for residents to stay informed by having the ability to watch quality video from home during any day of the week.

In August, Council approved the creation of a new Community/Economic Development Director. This position will administer policies and procedures regarding business subsidies including City loans/loan funds, tax increment financing and districts, tax abatement, housing funds, and designated promotional activities. It will also oversee and direct matters of zoning administration, planning, code compliance, and economic development.

**QUARTERLY SPOTLIGHT: PUBLIC WORKS**

Mark's contributions to the City began in 1992 as a fire fighter. In 1998, Mark became employed by the City in the Street & Parks department. In the summer, you'll see him maintaining parks and ballfields and during winter months driving the plow truck and helping out the water and sewer departments. He is also our tree inspector. In Mark's career, he has seen the city grow from a population of 2,500 to 7,300. In 2014, he retired as a fire fighter but continues his services as a Public Works employee. In his free time, he enjoys trapping and just being outdoors.

I invite you all to "Like" us on Facebook, and please check in soon to view our new website!

Your Mayor, Steve Kane  
 skane@stfrancismn.org



## From the Street to the Streams

Blowing leaves from your yard to the street causes plugged storm drains and can potentially cause water backup when it rains. Although leaves seem natural and harmless, excess leaves also pose a threat to the health of our waters. Leaves in the gutter in the front of your house are on the fast track to our lakes and rivers. When it rains, leaves are washed into storm drains and directly into the nearest body of water. Once they are in the water they begin to decay, then release nutrients that contribute to the green stuff you see on the surface of the water. Excess algae makes recreation unpleasant, plus excess algae uses up oxygen in the water which in turn suffocates fish and other aquatic species in the water.

### Some watershed-friendly alternatives to blowing leaves into the street

- Compost leaves for a nutrient-rich fertilizer for you gardens
- Mulch leaves with a mower and leave directly on the yard
- Use chopped up leaves a winter mulch for your plants are gardens
- Drop off leaves at Anoka County Compost call for hours and prices (763-767-7964) 13285 Hanson Blvd Coon Rapids, MN 55448

The distance between your yard and water's edge is as close as the nearest storm drain. Keeping leaves out the street is an important act of protection for our waters.

## Enjoy the City Parks

Fall weather is just around the corner. Take the time to visit the many beautiful city parks that St. Francis has to offer.

Just a few of the amenities that the parks offer are walking trails, playground equipment and sports fields. Note that the city parks and other city facilities can be reserved for personal use by residents as well as non-residents for a fee. To reserve these city facilities, call City Hall at 763-753-2630. A list of these parks and city facilities is available on our website.

## Help Keep City Parks and Trails Beautiful

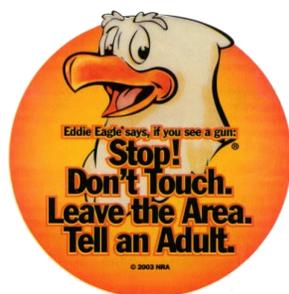
Let's all do our part to keep our city parks and trails clean. Clean up your trash and please clean up after your pets.

## Street Lights

Notice a street light or pole in need of repair or paint? Is the light out, blinking on and off, or is there damage to the pole or light fixture? We would like to ask residents to get the pole number (it is posted on the pole) and call Connexus Energy at 763-323-2608.

## LEARN GUN SAFETY WITH EDDIE EAGLE AND THE ST. FRANCIS POLICE

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015 4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**



The St. Francis Police Department will be hosting an hour long gun safety night for children who are currently in kindergarten and first grade. The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program was created by a task force that includes educators, school administrators, curriculum specialist, urban housing safety

officials, clinical psychologist, law enforcement officials and National Rifle Association firearms safety experts.

Officials estimate that there are over 200 million firearms in the United States. Studies suggest they're kept in approximately half of all households.

Whether or not a particular family owns firearms, chances are, neighbors and relatives do, making it likely that children will

encounter a firearm at some point. From their earliest awareness, children are exposed to guns through cartoons, television shows and movies. They're curious about firearms, and may have developed inaccurate perceptions of what a firearm is and does.

Just as Smokey Bear teaches children not to play with matchbooks, Eddie Eagle teaches them not to play with firearms with a simple, memorable four-part plan:

If you see a gun: **STOP! Don't Touch. Leave the Area. Tell an Adult.**

It is important for children to understand that only with a parent or with parental permission and adult supervision should a child be around firearms.

- Snacks provided for students
- Free to attend
- Class size limited

**Please contact the St. Francis Police Department at (763) 753-1264 to register your child for the event or any questions.**

**Buckle Up:  
Seat belts are a priority!**

## Building Permits

In 2015, a new Building Code was adopted by the State of Minnesota. Increased attention has been given to home insulation and sealing requirements, as well as general safety with fire suppression in larger homes.

Homes built this year and after have a more stringent insulation requirement, making new homes more energy efficient. Because of this, newer homes will also have warmer, drier basements.

In addition to the increased energy efficiency, certain homes are now required to be protected with a fire suppression system. All townhomes, as well as single family homes over 4,500 square feet, need to have a system installed to protect the occupants in the event of a fire. Although the details are designed

differently than that of a commercial structure, it will afford the occupants a level of protection as they escape in the event of a fire. This provision was and still is contentious as the Builders Association of Minnesota has been working to repeal the provision. Currently it is a part of the State Building Code and we are compelled to implement these requirements.

Additional Modifications: Detached accessory buildings not exceeding **200** square feet do

not require a permit. (previously 120 square feet)

In an effort to make the State Building Code more accessible, it is now available online. The State of Minnesota and International Code Council who publishes the reference material has teamed up to make this possible. Go to <http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/codes15.asp> to find all codes that have been adopted and which are applicable throughout the state.

If there are any concerns or questions regarding building permits and application of these requirements, contact Andy Schreder, Building Official at 763-235-2317 or email at [aschreder@stfrancismn.org](mailto:aschreder@stfrancismn.org).

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**  
**Gopher State One Call**  
**Metro: 651-454-0002**  
**MN toll free 1-800-252-1166**  
[www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org)

## Wine Wednesday

15% off non-sale single bottles  
20% off non-sale cases

**At the Bottle Shop**

## Meter Reading

Please help the meter reader by keeping the path to your water meter, gas meter and electric meter clear. Help them out by making sure they have access and the reading devices are not behind a locked gate. This saves time and money. Please call 763-233-5200 to schedule an appointment to have your water meter touchpad moved.

## Reminder to all residents:

Please remove your trash and recycle containers from the road right-of-way after your hauler comes through.



## Fire Prevention Week

*"Hear the beep where you sleep: Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm"*

Open House and Breakfast

October 10<sup>th</sup> - 8am to noon

St. Francis Fire Department (3740 Bridge St.)

Free-will breakfast put on by the St. Francis and Oak Grove Lions

**Activities for all!**



## Protect Your Home From Sewer Backup

Materials such as diapers, rags, mopheads, and personal cleansing wipes are being flushed down the toilet causing wastewater system equipment to clog up. These materials are not meant to be flushed down the toilet as they don't break down properly.

**THE ONLY ITEMS YOU SHOULD FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET ARE:** bodily wastes & toilet paper.

### REMEMBER

Flush 3: Poop, Pee & Toilet Paper

Everything else goes in the trash. Your toilet is NOT the trash bin. Thank you!

## From the Water Treatment Plant to your Home

City of St. Francis Drinking Water Characteristics

Iron = 0.02mg/l or ppm

Manganese = 0.011mg/l or ppm

Total Hardness = 12.8 gpg (Grains per Gallon) or 218.9 mg/l or ppm

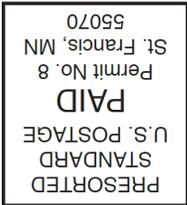
PH = 7.4-7.6

Fluoride = 1.0 mg/l or ppm

Sodium = 11.9 mg/l or ppm

[www.KnowTheFlow.us](http://www.KnowTheFlow.us)

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## Fall 2015 Calendar of Events

### September Events

- September 4: Friday Nite Rally Car Show @ SF City Centre Mall 5PM
- September 8: School Starts!
- September 8: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- September 11: Friday Nite Rally Car Show @ SF City Centre Mall 5PM
- September 12: City-Wide Garage Sale
- September 12: Corn Fest @ Community Park 10AM
- September 16: Planning Commission Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 7PM
- September 21: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- September 25: Saints Homecoming Football Game @ SFHS 7PM

### October Events

- October 5: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- October 10: Household Hazardous Waste Collection @ Anoka County Fairgrounds 9AM - 1PM
- October 18: Fall Festival @ Community Park 11AM - 4PM
- October 19: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- October 20: Eddie Eagle Gun Safety @ Police Department 4:30PM - 5:30PM

### November Events

- November 2: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- November 16: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- November 18: Planning Commission Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 7PM

### Signage

Please remember to remove your signage after your garage sale or event. Signs are not to be placed on public property, in the road right-of-way or on electric/telephone poles.

### E-Newsletter

Would you like to receive the newsletter by email?

Contact us today!

Phone: 763-753-2630

Email: [city@stfrancismn.org](mailto:city@stfrancismn.org)

### Pay Your Utilities Online!

Now you can pay your water bill and view statements online!

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