



City of
St. Francis

NEWSLETTER

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Property Visits and the 2022 Review Area

State law requires Assessors to physically visit and review each property within the city once every five years. This year, starting in May, the Assessors, Erik Skogquist or Chris Larson, will be visiting and reviewing all properties in the area outlined below:



If your property is in the review area, here's what you can expect:

The Assessor will come to the property and knock or ring the doorbell. An inside review may be requested if an adult is present, depending on the last time a full review was done. The Assessor will also walk around the outside of all buildings (if accessible) to verify exterior characteristics.

If no one is there when the Assessor stops by, they will leave an orange door

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Message from your Mayor

The calendar said spring began on March 20. I appreciate spring showers as the rain is needed to replenish the aquifers. As we all know, Minnesota will go from cold to hot in a flash.

I want to let everyone know that we have a new City Administrator. Her name is Kate Thunstrom. If you made a call to the Community Development Director, you are already familiar with her since she has been in that position since 2015. Kate went through an intense interview process with other outstanding applicants, but she clearly came out of it as the best choice for the City Administrator position. We appreciated her service in the past and look forward to her leadership moving our city into the future.

Recently WSB, our consulting firm, met with local business owners and MnDOT to discuss the changes proposed for Highway 47. It has been a very long process, but I'm hopeful at the end, those discussions and planning will make Hwy 47 safer and a benefit to our city. We will keep you posted.

I also want to bring to your attention the preliminary plat, final plat, and PUD approval for the Vista Prairie St. Francis Senior Living Development. It will be located north of the Bottle Shop between Highway 47 and Ambassador Boulevard on 17.9-acres. The proposed facility includes 65 units of

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Visit us on social media!



Become an Election Judge

Election judges are temporary, paid employees of local election officials trained to handle all aspects of voting at the polling place. Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn about elections and excellent service to the community.

TRAINING

You must attend a required training that will be roughly two hours long. Classes are online.

WORKDAYS

Workdays are the primary and general elections. A smaller workforce is usually needed for the primary. In some cases, you can ask to work the general election in November only.

WORK DAY SCHEDULE

A typical schedule on Election Day is from 6:00 a.m. to around 9:00 p.m. In some cases, you can ask to work a half-day.

High school student trainees

16 and 17-year-old students can work as election judge trainees, receive training, and be paid for their work. It's a great way to learn about elections and voting and earn cash at the same time!

You cannot be asked to work past 10:00 p.m. You will be assigned the same duties as other judges, except for tasks requiring party affiliation, and will need to attend and complete the same training as other judges.

To qualify, you must be 16 or 17 on or before Election Day, be a U.S. citizen in good academic standing at a Minnesota high school (or homeschooled), and get permission from your parents and school.

The City is looking for election judge workers to work the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 9, and the General Election on Tuesday, November 8. Compensation is \$15 per hour.

To become an election judge, stop in at City Hall and fill out an application, contact Jenni Wida at 763-235-2303, or visit the City's website at www.stfrancismn.org/cityclerk/page/election-judge-job-description-and-application

Why is it so important to pick up after your pet?

During rainfall, pet waste left on lawns, parks, beaches, trails, and sidewalks washes into storm drains. These wastes and pathogens they contain (bacteria, parasites, and viruses) may flow directly into streams and lakes, where they can harm human health and the environment.

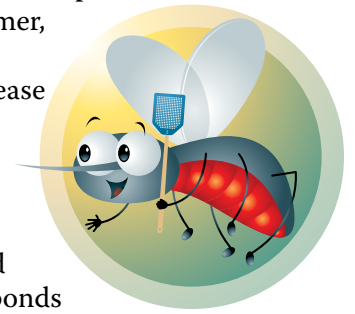
As pet wastes decompose, they demand a high oxygen level from water, and this demand can kill fish and plant life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to them. The contamination can make people sick with sore throats, intestinal problems, rashes, nausea, and eye and ear infections.

Do YOUR part to keep our Parks and Waters clean. Pick up after your pet! It's as easy as bring a bag, clean it up, and dispose of it properly (toilet or trash).

Source: https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/files/tbsd_pet_waste.pdf

Mosquito Control Near You

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) trucks, helicopters, and staff will be out in neighborhoods and parks this spring and summer, working to reduce mosquito-borne disease and annoyance. Every spring, after the snow melts and as temperatures rise, we begin to find mosquito larvae in ponds and wetlands around the Twin Cities. The MMCD will be conducting surveillance and treatment activities in your community to reduce the risk of disease and annoyance in an environmentally-sensitive manner.



Each year the field staff at MMCD monitors and treats wetlands that breed mosquitoes with a fleet of trucks and helicopters. Many of our seasonal staff begin working in April. The residents of the seven-county metro area may notice the green or white trucks with the MMCD logo or staff wearing brightly colored "Mosquito Control" shirts on bikes or on foot.

At times MMCD employees may need to cross private property for access to check and treat areas for mosquito larvae. MMCD management asks the community to please stay several feet away from field staff and ensure children and pets are kept at a distance. If you have questions about mosquito control activities or concerns about an employee, please call the MMCD front desk at (651) 645-9149 or visit MMCD.org.

Some of the activities that MMCD may be doing in your community include:

- Wetland surveillance - determining if ponds or swamps have mosquito larvae present
- Catchbasin surveillance - pulling off grates and inspecting neighborhood catch basins to determine if mosquito larvae are present
- Ground larval treatments - applying control materials to a wetland with a hand spreader or backpack
- Helicopter larval treatments - applying control materials to a wetland via helicopter
- Catchbasin treatments - applying control materials to neighborhood catch basins
- Setting or collecting traps - surveillance helps MMCD determine where and what types of mosquitoes are active

Did you know?

It is illegal to put “free” items on the side of the road in hopes that someone else will take ownership of it/them.

Life has definitely taken its twists and turns in the last few years, but we are still ultimately responsible for our “items, stuff, collectibles, treasures that are now not usable to us.” What tends to happen is that the closest landowner will end up being “responsible” for the items or have to themselves pay for the items to be removed that you leave on the side of the road. Please think twice about your neighbor before leaving things for “free” on the side of the road.

A friendly reminder, here is what the City of St. Francis City Code is:

7-2-2. - Obstructions in streets.

- A. **Obstructions.** It is a misdemeanor for *any person to place, deposit, display or offer for sale, any fence, goods or other obstructions upon, over, across or under any street* without first having obtained a written permit from the Council, and then only in compliance in all respects with the terms and conditions of such permit, and taking precautionary measures for the protection of the public. An electrical cord or device of any kind is hereby included, but not by way of limitation, within the definition of an obstruction.
- C. **Dumping in Streets.** *It is a misdemeanor for any person to throw or deposit in any street any nails, dirt, glass or glassware, cans, discarded cloth or clothing, metal scraps, garbage, leaves, grass or tree limbs, paper or paper products, shreds or rubbish, oil, grease or other petroleum products, or to empty any water containing salt or other petroleum products, or to empty any water containing any other injurious chemical thereon.* It is a violation of this Section to haul any such material, inadequately enclosed or covered, thereby permitting the same to fall upon streets. It is also a violation of this Section to place or store any building materials or waste resulting from building construction or demolition on any street without first having obtained a written permit from the City.

Anoka County Library St. Francis Branch

Did you know that you can check out board and video games, baking pans, telescopes, WiFi hotspots, and so much more from the library for free? The



St. Francis branch of

Anoka County Library was recently remodeled and reopened with extended hours. The library is now open Monday through Saturday year-round. We also have lockers that you can use to pick up your holds 365 days a year. Come in to pick up books, movies, music, and more, or visit us online for resources like homework help, craft classes, and genealogy research. Beginning Wednesday, June 1, adults and youth can complete challenges, track reading minutes, and share reviews as part of our annual Summer Adventures program. Register online at anokacounty.beanstack.org. Kids get a free book for registering—weekly prize drawings for all ages. Youth can read down fines through August 14. Stop by and check it out!

2021 Consumer Consumption Report

The 2021 Consumer Consumption Report is now available at www.stfrancismn.org/publicworks/page/annual-water-reports

Please contact Public Works at 763-235-2300 if you have questions about St. Francis’ drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Gopher State One Call
Local: 651-454-0002
Toll Free: 1-800-252-1166
www.gopherstateonecall.org



PROPERTY VISITS *Continued from page 1*

hanger with instructions if there are questions.

Characteristics of the property that affect market value are age, square footage, quality of construction, condition, basement finish, recent remodeling, location, etc.

The Assessor will be wearing an official identification badge and carries business cards.

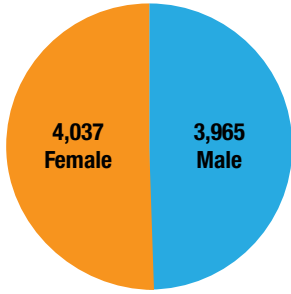
In addition to the five-year review area outlined above, the Assessors will visit new construction, permit, and remodeling work in all City areas.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this year’s assessment review.

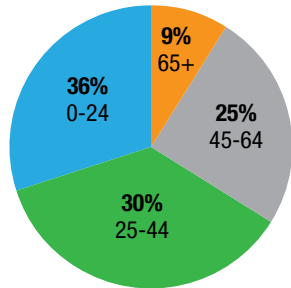
The Demographics of St. Francis

Demographic information is collected in many ways, including every ten years by the U.S. Census and your daily shopping activity. Data is used to provide insight into the age, gender, marital status, education, household composition, employment, and income of a community allowing businesses to speak to a specific audience. It is also reviewed by developers considering building housing, retail, and restaurant establishments. Each community is a little different, explaining why some cities have more shopping or restaurants than others. Here is the demographic information of the City of St. Francis. Data sources include U.S. Census, Ersi forecasts, and consumer spending data.

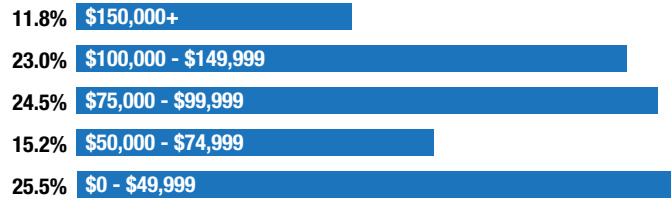
Total Population - 8,145



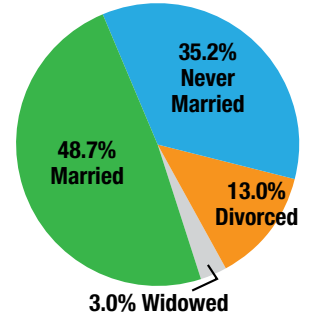
Population by Age
Median Age 34.4 Years



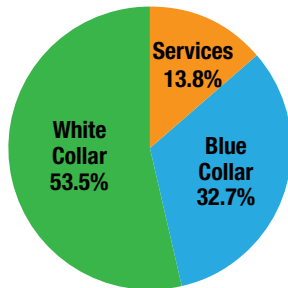
Household Income
Percentage of households in each income bracket



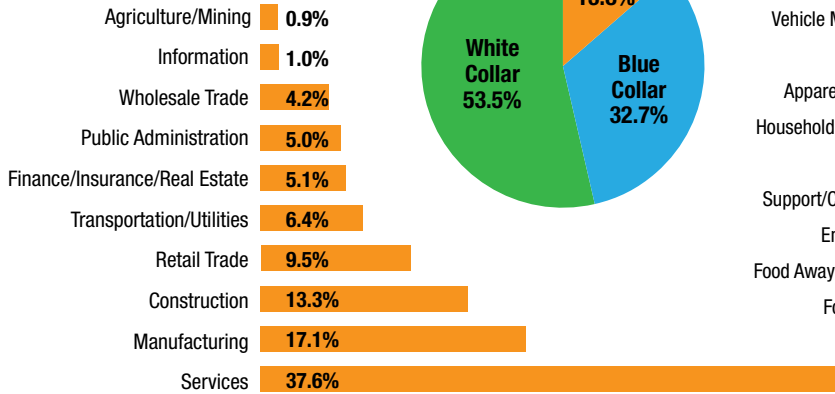
Marital Status



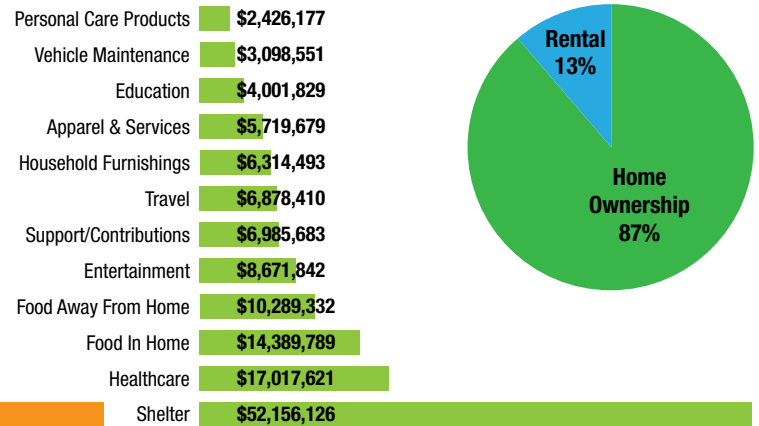
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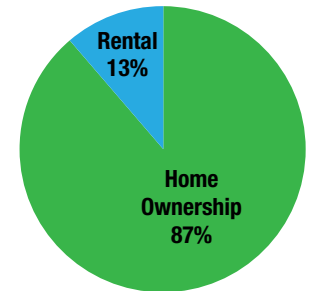
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2021 Consumer Spending



Housing Type



Enrolling for Fall!

The Anoka/Washington County Head Start-Early Head Start program is enrolling for the 2022-23 program year. Programs are free for eligible families with children from birth to age five and pregnant women.

Our Head Start center-based preschool option offers students a 6.5-hour day, four 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.

To learn more or apply, visit our website at www.accap.org/head-start/enrollment-4 or call our enrollment hotline at 763-783-4314.



Curfew Laws

Juveniles must abide by city curfew laws. Laws are enforced weekdays, Sunday through Thursday and weekends, Friday and Saturday.

- Juveniles must abide by city curfew laws.
- Juveniles under 12 years of age must be home by 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 p.m. on weekends.
- Juveniles 12 to 14 years of age must be home by 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 p.m. on weekends.
- Juveniles 15 to 17 years of age must be home by 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends.

Exceptions to the curfew laws apply when the juvenile is attending, going to, or returning from school, church, or community-sponsored athletic, musical or social activities.

Fire Safety Tips Around the Home

Inside the home

- Check and clean your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check your fire extinguishers.
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords.
- Prepare for storm-related outages. Ensure your flashlights and portable radios have batteries and that other supplies such as bottled water are stocked and available.
- Practice exit drills with your family, so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency.
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents.
- Pull the refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils.
- Recycle: get rid of old newspapers, magazines, and junk mail. These items tend to pile up and can contribute to the severity and spread of fire.
- Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit.
- Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in the event of an emergency.

Outside and around the yard

- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street.
- Clean up yard debris. Cut back dead limbs and grasses.
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances.
- Get your BBQ grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.
- Keep 100 feet of garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready for use.

In the garage or shed

- Clean up and properly store paints, pool and yard chemicals
- Check fuel containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored.
- Have all power equipment cleaned, serviced, and ready for use.
- Let power equipment sit for approximately 30 minutes before placing it inside.

The City is changing the utility billing platform to make it easier and more convenient to pay your utility bill. Watch for updates in the future.



Recycle Smart

Keep household hazardous waste out of your recycling cart.

763-324-3400
AnokaCounty.us/RecycleSmart

Recycle Smart! Keep household hazardous waste out of your recycling cart.



No Hazardous Waste

Find where to bring items labeled caution, warning, danger, or poison
@AnokaCoRecycles

Mayor

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independent senior living, 42 units of assisted living, and 32 units of memory care/care suites totaling 139 units with additional opportunities for future expansion. Staff and developers have been working on this project for two years. If all goes forward as planned, the project owners hope to break ground in the fall. The Council and I believe this facility will be a real asset to the city.

Other projects are working their way through our developmental process, and as they are approved and ready for building permits, I will bring them to your attention.

I am working on food trucks for the spring, summer, and fall. Dates, times, and locations will be posted on the city website in the spotlight window, on the City's Facebook page, and on the Community Park digital sign.

I hope all of you have a great summer enjoying the outdoors. Please be safe, alert, and careful.

Respectfully,
Mayor Feldman

Illegal dumping - stormwater

Although grass or yard waste can seem natural and harmless, excess grass clippings and yard waste threaten our water's health. Once they are in the water, they begin to decay and then release nutrients that contribute to the green stuff or algae (toxic algae blooms) you see on the water's surface. An excess of algae will use up the oxygen in the water, suffocating any aquatic species living in the water, and can also be very toxic to your pets.

Refrain from dumping leaves and grass clippings, etc., into any Stormwater Pond near your home. Please make sure your lawn care services are also aware of this law. The City will incur costs to clean up any illegal dumping, and it could potentially raise your stormwater fees and result in a citation for illegal dumping.

City Code/Summary: 10-93-12. – Illicit Discharge

No person shall throw, deposit, place, leave, maintain, or keep nor permit to be thrown, placed, left, maintained, or kept any refuse, rubbish, garbage, leaves, grass, or any other discarded or abandoned objects, articles, accumulations, or pollutants, in or upon any street, alley, sidewalk, storm drain, inlet, catch basin conduit or drainage structure, business place, or upon any public or private plot of land in the City, so that the same might enter public water, except in containers, recycling bags, or other lawfully established waste disposal facility.

If you see anyone violating this City Code, please contact the Public Works Department at 763-233-5200 to report them.

Thank you for your cooperation. Keeping grass and yard waste out of the streets and stormwater ponds is essential for protecting our waters.

Fireworks Do's and Don'ts

The St. Francis Police Department understands the desire to show patriotism through the use of fireworks. Please remember, consumer fireworks may not be used on public property (i.e., parks, roads, alleys, schools, government property, etc.). Purchasers of consumer fireworks must be at least 18 years old. Explosive and aerial fireworks are prohibited for public sale, possession, and use. Prohibited fireworks include firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars, and shells. Several violations can be enforced in regards to possessing or displaying unlawful fireworks. It is unlawful for any person to use or discharge legal fireworks between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. in the city limits.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the St. Francis Police Department at 763-753-1264.



St. Francis Police
Department
sponsored



BIKE RODEO

Tuesday, June 9
5:00-7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Police Department
4058 St. Francis Blvd. NW, St. Francis

- Free giveaway bags
- Safety tips along with fire trucks, squad cars, bike course
- Drawings for two free bikes (one girl and one boy) and also three tie-dye T-shirts
- Free hot dogs, chips, and water
- Phat Phil's Mini Donut truck and more
- Bike helmets are mandatory for the safety skills course

**All
ages are
welcome!**



All are welcome to join the
city staff for a party in the park,
Tuesday, August 2, 4:00-7:30 p.m.

For more information follow the
Police Department's Facebook page at
www.facebook.com/STFrancisPD

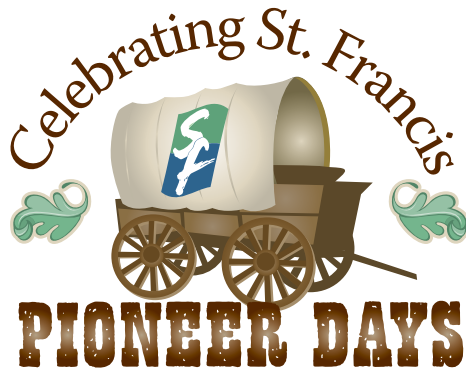
Construction season is in full swing throughout the City, and the police department would like to remind residents to report any suspicious activity in and around construction areas immediately.

The police department could provide extra patrols. Please call 763-753-1264

St. Francis Pioneer Days

Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5

presented by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce



Medallion Hunt

Medallion Hunt begins Monday, May 30, with clues posted on the Chamber website and Facebook page

Business Expo in the Park

Friday–Sunday in Community Park

Businesses, crafters, food vendors, non-profits will have exposure to thousands of people attending St. Francis Pioneer Days

LIVE Entertainment All 3 Days!

Get Involved

Personal and Business Donations are being accepted to make these Pioneer Days the best ever. If you would like to make a monetary donation or help sponsor an event, go to stfrancischamber.org/pioneer-days

Volunteers are needed all weekend!
It's a great way to fulfill service hours and give back to your community.

Schedule subject to change. Find the complete schedule with updates and all other Pioneer Days information visit, stfrancischamber.org/pioneer-days



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 3

- 2:00-4:00 pm **FREE Ice Cream Treat at Village Bank**, sponsored by Village Bank
- 5:00 pm **Petting Zoo and Pony Rides by Joah's Ark** in Community Park
- 5:00 pm **Carnival rides, games, crafters, exhibitors and food booths** in Community Park
- 5:00-9:00 pm **St. Francis Lions Club Beverage Garden** in Community Park with Garphish Brewing Co., sponsored by North Lake Brewing
- 7:00-9:00 pm **Live DJ by Party Patrol DJs** in the tent at Community Park, FREE
- 10 Minutes after Dusk **FIREWORKS** at St. Francis High School football field, sponsored by St. Francis Bottle Shop

Saturday, June 4

- 8:00 am **All Day St. Francis Lions Club Softball Tournament** in Community Park, sponsors North Lake Brewing & Beef 'O' Brady's
- 10:00 am **Carnival rides, games, crafters, exhibitors and food booths** in Community Park
- 10:00 am **Petting Zoo and Pony Rides by Joah's Ark** in Community Park
- 11:00 am-9:00pm **St. Francis Lions Club Beverage Garden** in Community Park with Garphish Brewing Co., sponsored by North Lake Brewing
- 1:00-2:15 pm **2022-23 Miss St. Francis Ambassador Coronation** in the tent at Community Park, admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 5-17, under 5 are FREE
- 2:30 pm & 3:30 pm **The Wonderful World of Woody - Live Music, Singing, Juggling and Magic** in the tent at Community Park, FREE
- 3:30-4:30 pm **University of Minnesota Raptor Center Show** at Community Park *Pending the level of rising cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
- 4:30-8:30 pm **University of Minnesota Raptor Center Meet-and-Greet Booth** at the Community Park *Pending the level of rising cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
- 6:00-10:00 pm **Live Music by The Only** in the tent at Community Park, FREE linktr.ee/OfficialTheOnlyMusic

Sunday, June 5

- 8:00 am **All Day St. Francis Lions Club Softball Tournament** in Community Park, sponsors North Lake Brewing & Beef 'O' Brady's
- 10:00 am **Community Worship Service** in Community Park, sponsored by Living Hope Church
- 10:00 am **Carnival rides, games, crafters, exhibitors and food booths** in Community Park
- 11:00 am-4:00 pm **St. Francis Lions Club Beverage Garden** in Community Park with Garphish Brewing Co., sponsored by North Lake Brewing
- 11:00 am **Petting Zoo and Pony Rides by Joah's Ark** in Community Park
- 11:00 am **St. Francis Fire Department Water Ball Tournament** at the corner of Rum River Boulevard and 227th Avenue
- 12:00 pm **Kids Pedal Tractor Pull** in Community Park, All Tractors & Equipment Furnished by Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pulls
- 1:00-4:00 pm **Live Music by Mason Shields** in the tent at Community Park, FREE Instagram: @musicman218

Family Fun Shows

Greg and Gail Hughes began Family Fun Shows in 1996, after a history of working and managing carnivals since 1969. With the help of their children, family and friends, they have become a carnival their family and yours can feel safe and comfortable around. The Hughes are proud to offer one ticket per ride, keeping your carnival experience simple and affordable.

Community Park
22825 St Francis Blvd NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

For more information and how to get involved, visit stfrancischamber.org or call 763-438-5163



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St. Francis, MN 55070

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Events Calendar

Visit the City’s website www.stfrancismn.org for calendar updates during COVID-19 restrictions.



Watering Restrictions

Due to high water use during the summer, the City of St. Francis will be enforcing an odd-even watering ban. Odd addresses may water on **odd** days only, and **even** addresses may water on even days only. The day **begins** and **ends at midnight**, and you may not sprinkle between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Restrictions start on May 1 and run through September 30.

New sod and seed are exempt for 30 days only. You **must** notify the Public Works Department at 763-233-5200 prior to sod/seed installation.

City Council Meetings

First and third Monday each month at 6:00 p.m.
(If a holiday, the meeting will be Tuesday.)

Planning Commission Meetings

Third Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m.
Meetings are held at

St. Francis Area Schools District Office
4115 Ambassador Boulevard NW

Agendas and minutes online: www.stfrancismn.org

City Hall Location

23340 Cree Street NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

Hours Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Contact Us city@stfrancismn.org 763-753-2630
Website www.stfrancismn.org

City Council

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Councilmember Sarah Udvig 763-235-2311
Councilmember Robert Bauer 763-235-2312
Councilmember Kevin Robinson 763-235-2313
Councilmember Joe Muehlbauer 763-235-2314