



# City of St. Anthony Newsletter *April 2010*

## FROM THE MAYOR

**Senior Citizens of St. Anthony:** Are you taking advantage of all the good and neat things at the Seniors Citizens complex at the City Building? Rides to and from the complex, good meals, fun games, and a great time to meet people and spend time together. There is pinochle on Mondays, bingo and entertainment on Wednesdays. And you don't need to be 60 to enjoy. Your donations are always welcome and so are you. So, get out of the house and come join the group. For more information call the Senior Citizen Center at 624-3458.



**Bridge street project:** Spring is almost here and it is time to start some major street repairs. In talking with the State Highway Department it looks like the Bridge Street Project will begin as soon as the weather will permit. They are hoping for the middle of April to the first of May. They have come to City Council and asked for permission to work on this project through the night, which will speed up the project considerably. However, the larger grinder they will be using to take up the old asphalt will be quite noisy and we are hoping those living along Bridge Street will be kind enough to let the contractor continue working at night even though it may be a bit noisier than normal. The plus side to the whole thing is that when finished we will have a beautiful new street.



**East Main Project:** This project will also be starting soon. We will be replacing some sewer lines in a portion of this project before doing the street replacement; this will be done in early April followed by the street. We don't know when the contractor (H-K Contractors) will be coming to begin but we are hoping no later than May.



**Census 2010:** Citizens of St. Anthony this is your chance to be counted. By now you should have all received in the mail a 2010 Census form, please take the time to fill it out and send it in. If you didn't get your form, come to the city, we have extras. Census data affects how federal dollars will be spent as well as frame the future of our country and our community for the next 10 years. In the last census, St. Anthony returned 76% of the forms. Let's get the number up to around 90%. We can do it! It's only 10 questions and shouldn't take more than 10 minutes to fill out. I have challenged Ashton and Sugar City by telling them that St. Anthony will fill out and send in more forms than they will and the loser will treat the winning mayor and wife to dinner. **Please St. Anthony, don't make me buy dinner for those guys!**

# Make the Census Count for You

**It's easy.** One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The individual in whose name the housing unit is rented or owned should complete the form on behalf of every person living there, both relatives and nonrelatives.

**It's important.** Census data are used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. Information from the census helps determine locations for child-care and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, schools and community centers.

**It's safe.** By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.



## PARKS AND RECREATION

If you live in St. Anthony, you know this is the best city in the world to raise your family. It is the kind of place where neighbors know each other and are there to lend a hand. It is a place where the people are friendly and kind. People have morals and values. Because of this we teach our youth to be responsible and contribute to society. Our youth spend hundreds of hours cleaning the Greenway and parks because of what you, as families, have taught them.

We have a wonderful skate park, which was built with the same love and values for the youth of our city. As of late, it has become a place that city residents would not be proud of. It is littered with not only household waste, but with vulgarity and graffiti. Good families are afraid to take our youth to enjoy this park, fearing what they will see and hear. Please, all of us take the time to sit down with your families and explain how great this city and our parks are. Explain that our parks are not only great because of their beauty, but because of the people that use them. Parents will also find it interesting to drive down to the skate park and watch our youth and the talent they have. It is not only supporting our youth, but quite entertaining.

The city thanks all of you for your help. It will make a difference and help make our parks enjoyable for all.