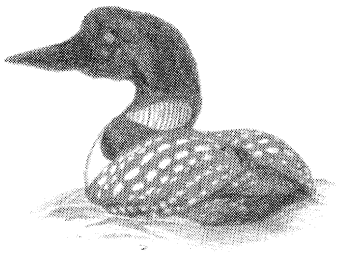

Dear New Resident/Business:

Welcome to the City of Ham Lake. Listed below is general information about the City.

City Council Meetings are open to the public and are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Ave. NE.

Property Taxes: Questions concerning your property taxes should be directed to the Anoka County Assessor's Office at (763) 323-5400.

Dogs: All dogs older than six months must be licensed with the City of Ham Lake. The license is valid for as long as the rabies vaccination is current. To obtain a dog license, you must present a copy of the proof of rabies vaccination certificate. Two dogs are allowed per household. A private kennel license is required for three or more dogs. No dogs are allowed to run at large and must be on a leash or under the immediate control of a competent person.

Parking: No parking is allowed within the right-of-way of any city street between the hours of 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m. from October 1 to April 30. In addition, no parking is allowed in the daytime hours or after a two-inch snowfall or until the streets have been plowed after the snowfall.

Refuse/Recycling Service: All residents in the City of Ham Lake are required to have refuse/recycling service provided by Ham Lake Haulers (763) 427-3112. The City of Ham Lake has a recycling center that will accept all materials that are allowed in your recycling containers at curbside. The Recycling Center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Discharge of Firearms: The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 500 feet of any residential structure, school or church, the outside perimeter of all City of County parks, the traveled portion of any public road, or on any private land area inside a Shore Impact Zone, or upon or over the surface of any water within the normal high water mark of Coon Lake, Ham Lake, Lake Netta or Little Coon Lake is prohibited. The term "firearm" includes pistols, rifles, revolvers, shotguns, pellet guns (whether gas explosive or spring powered), BB guns and all other devices or weapons which propel a projectile of any sort.

Burning Regulations: Recreational or campfires must be less than three feet in diameter and height; at least 25 feet from structures, wood piles, or other combustibles; constantly attended by an adult; and have water or some other means of extinguishment immediately available. **ONLY** dry, clean wood may be burned. **NO** leaves, grass or wet wood, painted or treated lumber, etc. may be burned at any time. Open Burning may be allowed with a permit from the Fire Chief and as long as the burning pile meets the 600 foot minimum distance requirement from occupied residences other than those on the property upon which the burning is conducted. Applications for open burning permits are available at City Hall.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at (763) 434-9555

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone Numbers
City Hall Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Friday 7:00 a.m. – Noon

City Hall	(763) 434-9555
Building Department/Inspections	(763) 235-1691
Public Works Department	(763) 434-9555
Fire Department (non-emergency)	(763) 434-9555
Engineers Office	(763) 862-8000
City Attorney	(763) 783-7000
Police Non-Emergency	(763) 427-1212
Police Emergency	911
Fire Emergency	911
Other Area Phone Numbers	
Anoka County Sheriff's Office	(763) 323-5000
Ham Laker Haulers (Refuse & Recycling)	(763) 427-3112
Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce	(763) 434-3011
Anoka County Library (Ham Lake Branch)	(763) 434-6542
Ham Lake License Bureau	(763) 413-9717
Anoka County Government Center	(763) 421-4670
Blaine High School	(763) 506-6500
Andover High School	(763) 506-8400
Roosevelt Middle School	(763) 506-5800
Oak View Middle School	(763) 506-5600
McKinley Elementary	(763) 506-3400
Rum River Elementary	(763) 506-8200
Anoka Hennepin School District #11	(763) 506-1000
Forest Lake District #831	(651) 982-8100
Utility Companies	
Connexus Energy	(763) 323-2650
Comcast	(651) 222-3333
CenterPoint Energy	(612) 372-4727
Xcel Energy	(612) 330-5500
Qwest	(800) 244-1111
Assessing Information	
Anoka County Assessor's Office	(763) 323-5400

MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor	**Current Term Expiration**
Mayor Michael G. Van Kirk	1/5/2019 – 4 yr. term
4505 Crosstown Blvd. NE Ham Lake, MN 55304 (763) 434-6176	
mvankirk@ci.ham-lake.mn.us	

Councilmember's	**Current Term Expiration**
Councilmember Al Parranto	1/5/2019 – 4 yr. term
16750 Xylite St. NE Ham Lake, MN 55304 (763) 355-5171	
aparranto@ci.ham-lake.mn.us	
Councilmember Tom Johnson/Acting Mayor	1/7/2017 – 4 yr. term
15125 W. Vermillion Circle NE Ham Lake, MN 55304 (763) 434-8573	
tjohnson@ci.ham-lake.mn.us	
Councilmember Gary Kirkeide	1/7/2017 – 4 yr. term
2152 158th Lane NE Ham Lake, MN 55304 (763) 434-9762	
gkirkeide@ci.ham-lake.mn.us	
Councilmember Jim Doyle	1/5/2019 – 4 yr. term
2233 144th Lane NE Ham Lake, MN 55304 (612) 850-1698	
jdoyle@ci.ham-lake.mn.us	

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner's	**Current Term Expiration**
Chair Ross Abel	3/15/2018 – 3 yr. term
Open	
Commissioner Kyle Lejonvarn (Vice-Chair)	3/15/2017 – 3 yr. term
Commissioner David Ringler	3/15/2016 – 3 yr. term
Commissioner Jonathan Fisher	3/15/2018 – 3 yr. term
Commissioner Scott Heaton	3/15/2017 – 3 yr. term
Commissioner Don Wilson	3/15/2018 – 3 yr. term

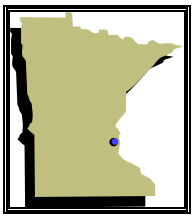
The Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Ave. NE.

PARK & TREE COMMISSION

Commissioner's	**Current Term Expiration**
Chair Patrick Wolfgram	3/15/2018 – 3 yr. term
Commissioner Tim Donnay	3/15/2016 – 3 yr. term
Commissioner Tim Holtz	3/15/2016 – 3 yr. term
Commissioner Tara Lanigan	3/15/2018 – 3 yr. term
Councilmember Al Stauffacher (Vice Chair)	3/15/2016 – 3 yr. term

The Park and Tree Commission Meetings are open to the public and are held on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Ave. NE.

ELECTED OFFICIALS



Governor		State Auditor
Mark Dayton – D (651) 201-3400		Rebecca Otto – DFL
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.		525 Park St., Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55103
130 State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155		(651) 296-2551
mark.dayton@state.mn.us		www.usa.state.mn.us
www.governor.state.mn.us		
County Commissioner District No. 2		Attorney General
Julie Braastad		Lori Swanson – DFL
Anoka County Government Center		1400 Bremer Tower
2100 3rd Avenue, Anoka, MN 55304		445 Minnesota St., St. Paul, MN 55101
(763) 238-2355 (Cell) or (763) 323-5700 (GC)		(651) 296-3353
julie.braastad@co.anoka.mn.us		www.ag.state.mn.us
US Senator		Secretary of State
Al Franken – D (651) 221-1016		Steve Simon (651) 215-1440
60 E. Plato Blvd., Suite 220		180 State Office Bldg., St. Paul, MN 55155
St. Paul, MN 55107		100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
www.franken.senate.gov		secretary.state@state.mn.us www.sos.state.mn.us
National Officials		Congressional District No. 6
US Senator Amy Klobuchar – DFL		Representative Tom Emmer – R
1200 Washington Ave. S., Suite #250		9201 Quaday Ave. NE, Suite 206
Minneapolis, MN 55415		Otsego, MN 55330
(612) 727-5220		(763) 241-6848
www.klobuchar.senate.gov		www.emmer.house.gov
State Representative District 35B		District 49 State of MN House of Rep.
Representative Peggy Scott (651) 296-4231		Representative Michelle Benson – R
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.		75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
201 State Office Bldg., St. Paul, MN 55155		Capitol Building, Room G-24
rep.peggy.scott@house.mn		St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 296-3219
		sen.michelle.benson@senate.mn

CITY OF HAM LAKE
CHURCHES

Bunker Lake Baptist Church	Cedar United Methodist Church
2215 Bunker Lake Blvd. NE	17540 Jefferson Blvd. NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304	Ham Lake, MN 55304
(763) 755-6761	(763) 434-7463
Church of St. Paul	Family of Christ Lutheran Church
1740 Bunker Lake Blvd. NE	16345 Polk St. NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304	Ham Lake, MN 55304
(763) 757-6910	(763) 434-7337
Glen Cary Lutheran Church (ELCA)	Oak Haven Church
15531 Central Ave. NE	1555 Constance Blvd. NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304	Ham Lake, MN 55304
(763) 434-5695	(763) 434-6013
Jehovah's Witnesses Ham Lake Congregation	Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church
16154 Central Ave. NE	2749 Bunker Lake Blvd. NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304	Ham Lake, MN 55304
(763) 434-5322	(763) 755-7234
Triumphant Faith Church Center	Horizon Community Church
13850 Lincoln St. NE	1503 157th Ave. NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304	Ham Lake, MN 55304
(763) 767-7716	(763) 434-7210

CITY OF HAM LAKE
PARK & LOCATIONS

Park Map & Additional Information is available at
www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us

PARK NAME	***PARK ADDRESS***
1. Bluegrass Estates – Undeveloped Land	National Street NE & 178th Avenue NE
2. Constance Estates	16600 Tippecanoe Street NE
3. Eagle Ridge Estates South Park	16115 Waconia Street NE
4. Enchanted Estates	4121 161st Lane NE
5. Fox Run Park	3732 168th Avenue NE
6. Gladys Jones – Undeveloped Land	169th Avenue NE to Xylite Street NE
7. Grandpa Scott Park	3556 Interlachen Drive NE
8. Grant Park	3053 164th Avenue NE
9. Ham Lake Park	1843 153rd Avenue NE
10. Heritage Oaks Park	1825 143rd Avenue NE
11. Hiawatha Beach Park	3500 Interlachen Drive NE
12. Idlewood Park	17435 Owatonna Street NE
13. Independent Estates Park	4535 Constance Blvd. NE
14. Kings Wood Estates	4052 136th Avenue NE
15. Lion's Park	1220 157th Avenue NE
16. Lund's Pine Creek Park	2445 147th Lane NE
17. Marshall Manor Park	1654 141st Lane NE
18. Meadow Park	16043 Hastings Street NE
19. Netta Shores Park	16534 Bataan Street NE
20. Patricia's Wilderness Estates Park	14341 Xebec Street NE
21. Pinger's Plaza Park	16929 7th Street NE
22. Rasmusson Addition Park	1927 134th Avenue NE
23. Soderville Park	1607 Crosstown Blvd. NE
24. Sunshine Rancho – Undeveloped Land	Crosstown Blvd. NE to Johnson Street NE
25. Timberline Park	439 148th Avenue NE
26. Twin Birch Acres Park	13449 Staples Street NE
27. Wildwood Park	4132 138th Avenue NE
28. Wisen's Park	17234 Owatonna Street NE

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Acorn Academy Preschool
Acorn Academy Preschool is licensed by the State of Minnesota and is located at 1555 Constance Blvd. NE. For more information contact Katie Jo Whitney at (763) 434-6013
Contact: Katie Jo Whitney, (763) 434-6013
See Also: Acorn Academy

Alcoholics Anonymous/ALANO
Meetings of a local chapter of AA are held every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Blaine Methodist Church, 621 – 115th Avenue, Blaine.
The Blaine Alano provides a fellowship of men and women who share their experiences strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership. Meetings are held at 13536 Highway 65 NE. For more information contact the Blaine Alano.
Contact: (763) 757-9917
See Also: AA Minneapolis

American Legion Post 2000
The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veteran's organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-for-profit community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members, men and women, in nearly 15,000 American Legion posts worldwide.
Contact: Commander Dean Baron (763) 434-7762

Andover YMCA
Everything about the YMCA is unique, and your results will be far different than you'll find at any other health facility in your community. The Y is where you really belong. The Y cares about you as a person and as a valuable member of this community. The Y's difference is its commitment to helping you bring together your most powerful trio – body, mind and spirit – to realize your wellness and personal balance goals.
Contact: (763) 230-9622
See Also: Andover YMCA

Anoka-Champlin Meals on Wheels
A hot, home-delivered meal is available Monday through Friday to persons 60 years of age or older who are unable to prepare a daily nutritious meal for themselves, or to those under 60 who are disabled.
Contact: (763) 236-8718
See Also: Meals on Wheels Association of America

Anoka-Hennepin Community Education Preschool
Anoka-Hennepin Community Education Preschool Program, licensed by the State of Minnesota has five groups for 3, 4, and 5 year olds at its Ham Lake location. Registration usually begins in April for the following September – May school year.
See Also: Anoka-Hennepin Community Education

Bunker Hills Compost Site

Acceptable Materials – leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, weeds, and soft-bodied green plant materials (residential quantities). Yard waste must be free of garbage and de-bagged on site; any bags or containers used to transport the yard waste must be brought back home for reuse.
Yard waste is $5.00 for each load (up to 4 cubic yards) for Anoka County residents. Additional 50¢ per cubic yard will be charged in excess of 4 yards. When available, finished compost may be picked up on a first come, first served basis (non-commercial use only).

13285 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids (one mile north of Hwy 242 (Main St) on Hanson Blvd)
Hours: April – November (Weather Permitting)
Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (or sunset, if earlier); Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or sunset, if earlier); Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m. (or sunset, if earlier); Closed Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.
For compost availability or other information call (763) 767-7964

Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD)

Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) was formed by citizen petition in 1959. Watershed districts have a legal authority and obligation to develop & manage a uniform program of water and related land management under the MN Watershed District Act and the Metropolitan Water Management Act. CCWD has portions of five cities; Andover, Blaine, Columbus, Coon Rapids and Ham Lake.

Our Mission: Managing groundwater and surface water drainage systems to prevent property damage, maintain hydrologic balance, and protect water quality for the safety & enjoyment of citizens and the preservation & enhancement of wildlife habitat. Our 5-member Board of Mangers is appointed by the Anoka County Commissioners. The Board meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Bunker Activity Center in Bunker Hills Regional Park. The Board employs a professional staff to carry out its duties with direction taken from the Comprehensive Plan
Contact: (763) 755-0975
Website: www.cooncreekwd.org

Cub Scouts – Pack 508

Pack 508 has provided the boys of Ham Lake with 40 years of "Fun with a Purpose". Pack 508 is Chartered by the Ham Lake Lions.
Contact: Dan Skamser (763) 208-8278
Contact: Kevin Broich (763) 208-5262
Email Address: pack508webmaster@gmail.com

Cub Scouts – Pack 509

Providing a quality year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade. Pack 509 meets at Glen Cary Church, 15531 Central Ave. NE, Ham Lake.
Contact: Gene or Jody Kimball (763) 434-2504
See Also: Cub Scout Pack 509

Don Hansen VFW Post #10796

Organized in 1989, the 90 member VFW meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Post Home, 17438 Baltimore St. NE. Working to better the community and serve the needs of veterans, the VFW hosts an annual fishing contest in January, and the annual anniversary party the first weekend in August. The Ladies Auxiliary, which has about 35 members, meets the second Monday of each month. It sponsors a free Halloween and Christmas party for children in the area. New members are welcome to this growing organization.
Contact: (763) 434-8946

Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce

The Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce is an association of area businesses and anyone interested in the business climate of the City. It represents supports and advocates the individual and collective needs of businesses in the Ham Lake area. Membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and open to the public.
Contact: (763) 434-3011
Website: www.hamlakecc.org

Ham Lake Development Company (HLDC)

The Ham Lake Development Company (HLDC) is a non-profit (501C3) organization that's mission is to offer low interest loans to businesses moving into Ham Lake or for expansion of current businesses. This helps to improve the local commercial development while creating new jobs at the livable wage rates, therefore improving the overall local economy in the Ham Lake area.

The HLDC also offers the Ham Lake Beautification Grant. The purpose of this program is to offer financial incentive for businesses to improve the aesthetic appearances of commercial buildings within the City of Ham Lake. The goal is to achieve better curb-appeal and to create higher property values.

- The HLDC was formed in 1982 to encourage and promote the growth, expansion and development of industrial, commercial, retail, and other small business concerns in the City of Ham Lake.
- To date the HLDC has helped over 24 businesses with loans totaling over three quarter of a million dollars and creating 63 new jobs in the City.
- Eighteen businesses have taken advantage of the Ham Lake Beautification Grant Program.

The HLDC Board of Directors meets monthly to consider new business requests and follow-up on ongoing projects. If you would like more information about HLDC, please call President Nancy Braastad at (612) 718-8957 and ask about the HLDC.
Website: www.hldc.org

Ham Lake Lions Club
For over 25 years, the Lions Club has been actively serving the civic interests of the community and promoting the welfare of individuals through physical and monetary assistance. A non-profit organization, the Lions Club hosts annual fundraisers, and participates in or sponsors activities like the Senior's Christmas Party, Adopt-A-Highway, Snowmobile Safety, Youth Camps and Youth Exchange, Eye bank leader and hearing dogs, and donates to local schools and fire departments.
Contact: Marv Buchholz (763) 755-2689
See Also: Ham Lake Lions Club

Ham Lake Seniors
The Ham Lake Seniors are a very active part of the community. They've enjoyed tremendous growth since their beginning in 1990. They meet at the Ham Lake Senior Center and encourage membership to anyone 55 years and older, or to the spouse of a member for a low annual fee of $10.00. However, membership is not required to participate in senior activities. The Ham Lake Senior Center is a host site for Senior Dining on Monday and Wednesdays. The Ham Lake Senior Center has a drop box for used: eyeglasses, cell phones, hearing aids and empty copy toner cartridges. Transportation is available for all activities at the Senior Center.
Contact: (763) 434-0455

Ham Lake Sportsmans Club
The Ham Lake Sportsmans Club, organized in 1951 for the purpose of the improvement of the general area with emphasis in promoting conservation, is a contributor to the cost of the aeration of Ham Lake. The Club also sponsors Boy Scout Troop 506, youth hunter safety classes each fall, and the Adopt-A-Highway program along Constance Blvd. NE. A shotgun trap league meets during the summer on Wednesday and Thursday nights. It provides open shooting to non-members and four open turkey shoots.
Contact: (763) 434-1575

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
The Household Hazardous Waste Facility will accept gasoline, oil, paint, drain/oven cleaners, pool chemical, etc. You must be a resident of Anoka County to use the facility.
3230 101st AVENUE NE, BLAINE (Radisson Rd & 101st Ave.)
Household Waste Facility Hours:
April - October
Wednesday: 2 p.m. – 8 p.m., Monday, Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Closed Independence Day
November - March
Wednesday: 2 p.m. – 8 p.m., Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas
For more information call Recycling and Resource Solutions at (763) 323-5730.
Website: www.AnokaCounty.us/recycle

License Child Care Providers of Anoka County
For daycare provider referrals in Ham Lake.
Contact: Lori Abrahamson (763) 427-3229
Contact: Judy Esterby (763) 434-7900

Mediation Services

Since 1987 Mediation Services for Anoka County, a 501(c) (3) agency, has been helping families, neighborhoods, schools, landlords, tenants, businesses and consumers, manage and resolve conflict through education and conflict resolution services. Professionally trained and supervised volunteer mediators assist individuals and communities to successfully resolve problems and disputes on their own using alternative dispute resolution methods.

Contact: (763) 422-8878

Website: info@mediationservice.org

Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital, located in Coon Rapids, MN is a 271 bed non-profit hospital that serves the northern Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. Mercy Hospital is a mix of elements – leading edge technology, equipment, procedures, renovations and expansions, highly skilled professionals and a humanity that transcends the daily task of caring for sick patients. To learn more about Mercy Hospital, go to www.allinamercy.org.

Contact: (763) 236-6000

See Also: Mercy Hospital

North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf (NACE) and Clothing Closet

The Food Shelf (NACE), which is totally operated by volunteers and supported by area churches, is open Monday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents of Anoka County qualify and must show two forms of identification with their current address. Residents are welcome to visit NACE every 60 days, up to 8 times per year. This pantry feeds 80 to 100 families each month, equal to 300-400 individuals. Donations of nonperishable items are accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Food Shelf is located at 18511 Highway 65 NE, #200, East Bethel.

Opportunities to get involved with NACE include:

- Working with clients during distribution days
- Pick-up food donations and deliver them to the NACE office
- Weighing and sorting food and/or clothing donations
- Restocking the food shelf
- Organizing food drives and fundraisers

The Clothes Closet is located at Cedar United Methodist Church, 17540 Jefferson St. NE, Ham Lake and open on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Joanne Yackel (763) 434-7685

See Also: Minnesota Hunger Partners

North Metro Community Volunteers

North Metro Community Volunteers is a group of local women who get together to promote community service, offer personal growth opportunities, and provide fellowship. Meetings are held once a month at the Majestic Oaks Restaurant to plan events and may include speakers on topics of interest to women. A variety of social events is also planned throughout the year.

Contact: Nancy (763) 434-7464

Our Saviour's Preschool
Our Saviour's Preschool, a Christian-orientated preschool open to all, meets at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 19001 Jackson St. NE, East Bethel for ages 3 ½ to kindergarten. The school year is from September through May.
Contact: Terry Fischer (763) 434-6117

Rotary Club of Blaine and Ham Lake
Meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at TPC Twin Cities.
President: Tanya Crawford
Contact: tcrawford@bhlrotary.org
Website: www.bhlrotary.org

Senior Dining
A hot, nutritious meal is available Monday and Wednesday at noon at the Ham Lake Senior Center, located at 15544 Central Ave. NE. The program is for persons 60 years and older for a minimum donation of $3.25. Meals for those under 60 years of age can be arranged. Senior activities are planned before and after the meal. Call the prior Wednesday by noon for reservations or special arrangements.
Contact: (763) 434-0455

Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization (SRWMO)
The SRWMO is a joint powers special purpose unit of government composed of a member of cities collaborating to manage water resources. This arrangement is based upon the recognition that water-related issues and management rarely stop at municipal boundaries. The SRWMO's boundaries are defined by the west branch of the Sunrise River's watershed to the west and south branch of the Sunrise's watershed to the south. To the north and east the boundaries are defined by the Anoka County boundary. It does not extend into other counties because watershed organizations are only required by law within twin cities metropolitan counties.

The SRWMO is involved in many aspects of water management including planning and regulation, water quality, flooding, shoreland management, recreation, wildlife, and erosion control. The WMO has a state-approved watershed management plan which outlines their policies and plan of work. Cities' and townships' local water management plans must be consistenet with the WMO's plan. The SRWMO Board does not have employees. Instead, it works through cooperative efforts of the member cities and townships or contracts with the Anoka Conservation District or other consultants.
Contact: Dan Babineau, Chair
See Also: Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization

Twin Cities Gateway

The Twin Cities Gateway is a travel destination like no other in Minnesota. The Twin Cities Gateway is a group of nine communities adjacent to Minneapolis and St. Paul, located on the northern edge of the Twin Cities. The Twin Cities Gateway offers easy access to all the fun and excitement of metropolitan life while retaining small town charm and a sense of community.

Take in a Twins or Vikings game by travel just minutes to Minneapolis; enjoy a concert, Minnesota Wild game or museum visit with travel to St. Paul just a few miles away and then retreat to the peace, quiet and comfort of the Twin Cities Gateway communities. This is what Twin Cities tourism offers you.
Call: (763) 785-5640
E-Mail: info@tcgateway.com
Website: tcgateway.com

Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO)

The URRWMO is a joint powers organization including the Cities of St. Francis, Oak Grove, Nowthen, Bethel, and portions of the City of East Bethel. A small corner of the City of Ham Lake also falls within the URRWMO. The WMO Board is made up of representatives from each of these cities and townships.

This organization seeks to maintain the quality of area lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater, and other water resources across municipal boundaries. Resources of particular importance to the URRWMO include the Rum River, Seelye Brook, Ford Brook, Cedar Creek, and numerous ditches that drain to the Rum River. This stretch of the Rum River is designated as a state Scenic and Recreational Waterway. Lake George and East Twin Lakes, the primary recreation lakes in the watershed are also high priority, in addition to many smaller lakes and wetlands.
Contact: Todd Miller, Chair (763) 434-8331
See Also: Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization

Volunteer Transportation

The Anoka County Volunteer Transportation Program provides rides to and from medical, dental, and appointments with social services for seniors (60+) and clients receiving services from Anoka County. Medical and dental trips may be made throughout the metro area while appointments with social services must remain within Anoka County.

Reservations can be made by calling (763) 422-7087 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Your request must be received by Noon on Wednesday of the week prior to your appointment. Rides are provided Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

There is no charge for this service; however, donations to the Volunteer Transportation program are accepted. Suggested donations are $5.00 for trips within Anoka County and $10.00 for trips outside of Anoka County. A donation is not required to receive a ride.
Contact: Hotline (763) 422-7087

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Andover Athletic Association
Providing recreational youth sports programs that promote fun, teamwork, good sportsmanship, equal opportunity for participation, and development of the physical and mental skills associated with a specific sport.
See Also: Andover Athletic Association

Andover Baseball Association
The Andover Baseball Associations' mission is to provide an educational, safe, and fun environment. This will be achieved for the children of Andover through playing our National game of baseball. Our goals and objectives include: improving each child's baseball skills and abilities, improving and adding to our existing baseball fields and facilities, provide safe/protective equipment, and explore new avenues to reduce cost to our participants.
Contact: (763) 862-6588
See Also: Andover Baseball Association

Andover Football Association
The mission of the Andover Football Association is to provide an educational, safe, and fun environment where every athlete is given an opportunity to participate in team play, is coached to become a better football player, and made to feel like an important and contributing part of the team.
See Also: Andover Football Association

Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association
It is the Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association's mission to develop a "Tradition of Excellence" where Andover hockey players thrive in the community, in the classroom, and on the ice. Our focus is to create a safe, positive, and challenging environment firmly rooted in player and skill development for all levels; healthy competition where fairness, sportsmanship and team play are fostered, developed and role modeled; respect for other players, coaches, officials and teams; player and coach commitment to hard work and the development of the Andover Huskies Youth Hockey "Tradition of Excellence" and our children having FUN!!!
See Also: Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association

Andover Traveling Basketball, Inc.
The Andover Traveling Basketball organization is recognizing the Andover Senior High School attendance area in determining whether a player is eligible to play in the new organization. A map of the attendance area will be available at registration and player addresses will be confirmed.
See Also: Andover Traveling Basketball, Inc.

Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association
ARAA offers programs in Baseball, Basketball, Football, Softball, Tennis and Soccer (Northern Lights Soccer Club). In 2006 our programs involved over 3,700 children and adults in the pursuit of athletic recreation, competition, and excellence. It is our hope that ARAA provides an opportunity for character development in all of its participants and promotes community well-being through its efforts.
Contact: (763) 422-9555
Website: www.arsports.org

Blaine Backcourt Club
The Blaine Back Court Club (BBCC) is instituted to provide fun and development at various levels of basketball within structured environment for the youth of the community. The BBCC provides an organization where youths in grades 4-8th, currently residing within the Blaine High School boundaries, can play organized traveling basketball.
See Also: Blaine Backcourt Club

Blaine/Spring Lake Park Volleyball Association
The Blaine Volleyball Association provides and supports youth volleyball programs for Blaine school district and surrounding areas. We offer volleyball clinics, camps and junior olympic club volleyball for grades 3-12. We also support the Blaine High School program by providing an assistant coach, supplies and equipment. BVA is a tax-deductible 501C3 organization.
Website: www.bslpaa.org
See Also: Blaine/SLP Athletic Association

Blaine Youth Hockey Association (BYHA)
Blaine Youth Hockey Association (BYHA) is a structured organization affiliated with USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey (MH). It is instituted to provide fun and development at various levels of hockey within a structured environment for the youth of the community. We will strive to keep costs at a reasonable level while providing each player with an opportunity to become the best player and person they can aspire to be. To accomplish this, BYHA provides an organization where youths ages 5-18 currently residing within the Blaine High School boundaries can play organized hockey. BYHA provides an Initiation Program (Mites) that provides the younger players a place to have fun and learn the game of hockey. BYHA also provides additional levels as numbers dictate. The Traveling Program provides for fun and development, but is also "competitive" and requires more commitment and expense.
See Also: Blaine Youth Hockey Association

Blaine Youth Lacrosse Association
While placing the best interest of our participants at the forefront, our mission is to provide a safe, fun and unified environment for the development and further advancement of youth lacrosse in Minnesota. Serving boys and girls in the Blaine/Ham Lake communities. Seasons run in the spring and the summer. See website for registration and team information.
See Also: Blaine Youth Lacrosse Association

Blaine Youth Wrestling Association

The Blaine Youth Wrestling Association has been instituted to promote the sport of wrestling in the Blaine and Ham Lake Community. It provides an organization where youths K - 8th, can learn wrestling at varying degrees of skill level from beginner to competitive. Youths of all sizes, big or small, are encouraged to try. Boys and girls welcome. Youth members will have the opportunity to wrestle in MYAS and USA Wrestling sponsored events, locally and nationally. There is a winter season and a spring/early summer season. Beginners are encouraged to wrestle in the winter. Wrestling aids in development of self-discipline required for the classroom and other sports.

See Also: Blaine Youth Wrestling Association

Blaine/Spring Lake Park Athletic Association

For over twenty-five years, Blaine Spring Lake Park Athletic Association has been providing sporting opportunities for our communities' youth. We welcome all to join in on the fun, learning and friendships a sports club brings to those involved.

See Also: Blaine/SLP Athletic Association

Go Anoka County

Go Anoka County is an online resource filled with information that identifies opportunities to engage in physical activity such as; biking or walking for transportation, exercising for pleasure, playing in the park, and/or using public recreation opportunities and facilities.

The goal is to:

- Increase awareness of public parks and recreational facilities
- Promote access and make it convenient for people to find places to be physically active
- Encourage walking and biking

The Anoka County Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) is a part of Minnesota's SHIP, an integral part of Minnesota's nation-leading 2008 health reform law, which strives to help Anoka County residents lead longer, healthier lives by preventing the chronic disease risk factors of tobacco use and exposure, poor nutrition and physical inactivity. Go Anoka County was made possible through SHIP funding from the Minnesota Department of Health.

See Also: www.goanokacounty.org

Great Plains Football League

The Great Plains Football League is an amateur/semi-pro/minor league adult tackle football league. It has or has had teams in the following states; Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North Dakota, Missouri, South Dakota. It is one the fastest growing leagues in the country.

See Also: Great Plains Football League

Minnesota Lacrosse Association (MLA)

The purpose of the Minnesota Lacrosse Association (MLA) is to unify, promote, develop, and equally represent men's and women's lacrosse in Minnesota, operating in compliance with the approved requirements and guidelines of US Lacrosse.

Website: www.uslaxteams.com

North Metro Soccer Association

North Metro Soccer Association is a multi-community based soccer organization, open to everyone, offering recreational as well as competitive programs; operates within the rules and guidelines of the MYSA (Minnesota Youth Soccer Association), USYSA (United Status Youth Soccer Association), and the FIFA (Federation of International Football Association); fosters opportunities for positive interaction between kids and parents in our community as well as other communities; promotes individual, team, parent, and community development of soccer skills and knowledge while not losing sight of having fun; emphasizes individual growth in teamwork, sportsmanship, self-esteem and mutual respect; and provides an avenue for individuals to achieve higher levels of competitive play.

See Also: North Metro Soccer Association

Soderville/Blaine Athletic Association (SBAA)

Soderville Athletic Association (SBAA) serves over 2,000 boys and girls from Ham Lake and nine other communities. Boys and girls ages Kindergarten through 12th grade, and traveling teams 8 years old and up play on 128 baseball and softball teams from May through July. Over 400 adults volunteer throughout the season. Registration is held in February. For more information, please visit the SAA website.

Website: www.sodervilleblaine.org

Contact: (763) 413-3555

See Also: Soderville Athletic Association