

Spring 2015
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Once again, the City of St Cloud will be allowing non-city residents to purchase a compost permit for 2015. Go to St Cloud City Hall to purchase one, or contact them at 255-7200.

Dates to Remember

May 20-21 Brush Drop Off Dates
Details inside!

City Facebook Page

Search for "City of St. Augusta" on facebook.com, click "Like," and get occasional City updates in your Facebook newsfeed.

City Building Inspector:

Steve Hagman
Call 252-6556

Quarterly Newsletter

May 2015



SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

City of St. Augusta

2015 Street Projects

The City will be completing a mill and overlay project on 43rd Avenue and 230th Street. The work started the week of May 4 and should be completed by the end of May. On 43rd Avenue, the road will be milled and overlaid from 230th Street north to County Road 136. 230th Street will be finished from where it left off on the 2013 Street Project near Galant Road west to State Highway 15. The roads will remain open to local traffic but detours will be utilized for non-local traffic.

The Emerald Ponds and Annis Acres subdivisions will be seal coated and fog sealed at some point this construction season. Crack filling has already begun and should be finished early in June prior to the seal coat construction.

Striping will be completed on all major roads this summer.

The sidewalk/walking path along 245th Street from County Road 75 to the St. Mary Help of Christians School will be constructed this summer with the project starting shortly after July 4 and wrapping up prior to the start of school in August. The City received a \$90,000 grant for this project and is working in conjunction with Stearns County and the State of Minnesota.

Stormwater Management

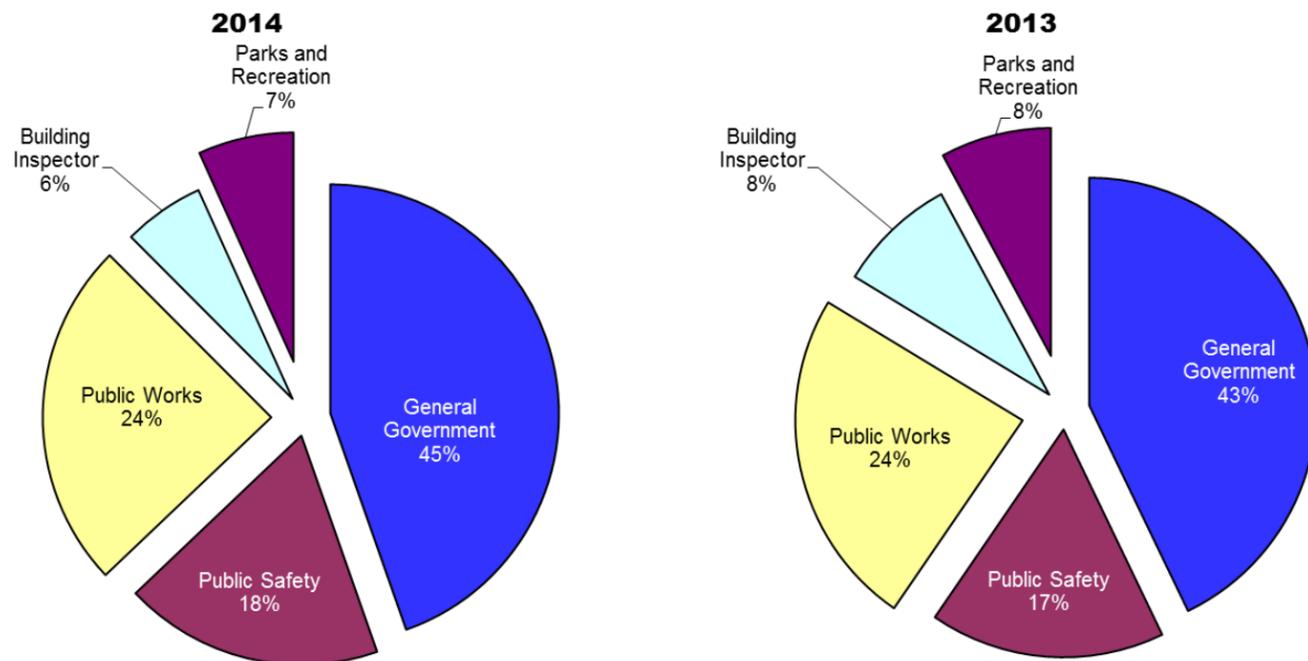
The City has recently been declared a MS4 city. This means we will have to adopt a storm water management plan. Please watch for further information as we will be hosting public hearings to develop the plan and potentially a storm water utility.

Springtime Reminders

It is illegal to operate All-Terrain Vehicles (4-wheelers, dirt bikes, go carts, and the like) on **ALL** city streets and roads.

Also, please be courteous to your neighbors when it comes to late-night/after hours noise. Late evening hours as well as overnight should be considered quiet hours. Please keep your pets quiet during these times as well. Thank you for being considerate to those around you!

Governmental Fund Expenditures



City Financial Data Comparison

City financial data comparative information taken from city reporting forms submitted to the Office of the State Auditor

Compared property tax revenue and current expenditures per capita for St. Augusta to four other area cities: Cold Spring, Sartell, Melrose and St. Joseph

Current expenditures include General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, Parks and Recreation

St. Augusta ranked 227th out of 227 cities with populations of 2,500 or more for current expenditures per capita in 2013

Ranked 227th out of 227 cities in 2012, 223rd out of 226 cities in 2011 and 225th out of 225 cities in 2010

Unmodified audit opinion

One Minnesota Legal Compliance exception in 2014

Unassigned general fund balance of \$543,346 (78% of 2014 expenditures)

Bonds and notes outstanding of \$5,853,000 at 12/31/14

St. Augusta Fire Department

Fire Hall: 23415 43rd Ave.

Phone 258-0240 Fax 258-0239

For more information, check out the website: - staugustafd.org

Always dial 911 in an emergency situation!

Brush Drop-Off Dates Set for May 20-21, 2015

The city will again be offering free brush drop off here at City Hall. The event will occur on Wednesday and Thursday, May 20 and 21, from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day. Please stop inside City Hall before dropping off your brush.

PLEASE NOTE: We *cannot accept* leaves or grass clippings. We only take brush and branches. Thank you for your understanding!

Noxious Weeds: The City Council along with Stearns County Highway Department is asking you to help make sure noxious weeds don't become a problem throughout St. Augusta. Some to be aware of include: Blue Thistle, Canada Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Musk Thistle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, Field Bindweed, Poison Ivy, and Hemp. Thank you for your help in controlling these!

Sump Pump Notice

Due to an excessive wastewater flow problem, the city of St. Augusta is doing sump pump inspections and water meter inspections. Do not be alarmed no immediate penalties for illegal sump pumps will be given. However we may require a work order if we deem a change is necessary.

Please call Chad Blashack the St. Augusta Water and Wastewater Operator to schedule an inspection or if you have any questions.. 320-223-4716.

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