Social Host Regulations—

Last Friday evening, our officers were called to a home on 3rd Avenue NE for the report of an underage party. Arriving officers could see a number of kids in the home through a window—some holding red SOLO cups. Officers spoke with a juvenile resident who directed them to a parent also in the home. Three juveniles were cited for underage consumption and later released to parents. Although the responsible parent denied providing alcohol, the parent admitted to alcohol in the home and the kids could have had access to it. A statement was received from a juvenile about drinking at home. This case has been referred for potential social host ordinance charges against the adult home owner—it also serves as a good reminder of the local social host ordinance which stipulates it is unlawful for any person to:

- Host or allow an event or gathering;
- At any residence, premise or any other private or public property;
- Where alcoholic beverages are present;
- When the person knows or should know that an underage person will or does consume any alcohol or alcoholic beverage—or possess any alcohol with the intent to consume it; and
- The person fails to take reasonable steps to prevent possession or consumption by the underage person(s)

Winter Parking Restrictions—

Snow was in the forecast this past week and shortly we’ll be moving into our local winter parking restrictions. Taking effect at 12:01 AM on November 15th, the ordinance restricts on-street parking on many of our streets between the hours of 12:01 AM and 12:00 PM from November 15, 2019 through March 31, 2020. To familiarize yourself with these parking restrictions, please click here and click Chapter 72-Parking Rules Generally, 72.02 Parking During Street Maintenance or Snow Emergency.

Ghoulish Behavior—

Halloween spirit was on display by the office support staff last Thursday—from left to right, Karen Meier, Kate Schroeder, Pam Roberts, Becky Melchert and Wendy Gasner. Thanks for being good sports!!

Winter Weather Awareness—

To help Minnesota residents minimize risks and mitigate the hazards of winter, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety — in collaboration with the National Weather Service and other state, federal and non-profit agencies — sponsor “Winter Hazard Awareness Week” each fall to educate, inform, remind and reinforce the behaviors that lead to a warm, safe and enjoyable winter season. The week-long educational campaign began November 4th and ran through today, targeting specific information each day that can be used in conjunction with school, church, or civic programs. The daily topics can be seen by clicking the following links:

- November 4th Winter Storms
- November 5th Outdoor Winter Safety
- November 6th Winter Fire Safety
- November 7th Indoor Winter Safety
- November 8th Winter Driving

Bomb Threat Investigation—

On Tuesday morning, our officers were called to Daikin Applied, 1001 21st Ave NW, for the report of a bomb threat. A suspicious device was located inside the Daikin building. Daikin management initiated an evacuation of the building prior to law enforcement arrival. The Saint Paul Police Department Bomb Squad was called to assist and determined the suspicious device to be inert and non-dangerous. No arrests have been made and this remains an active investigation.

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