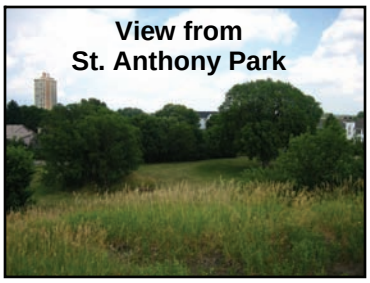
St. Anthony East Neighborhood

St. Anthony East is located in northeast Minneapolis. The neighborhood extends from Broadway Street NE on the northern border to Central Avenue NE on the east and southeast, Second Avenue NE on the south, and Fifth and Washington streets NE on the west. The neighborhood is part of the former village of St. Anthony, established in 1849 on the east bank of the Mississippi River. St. Anthony Falls –the neighborhood's namesake– was seen in 1680 by Father Louis Hennepin, a Jesuit who is credited with being the first European to explore the area that is now Minneapolis. He named the falls after his patron saint, St. Anthony of Padua.

St. Anthony East is characterized by its number of churches, reminders of a not-so-distant past when people from different European countries moved into the area. These immigrants settled in neighborhoods around their churches, which held them together as social and religious groups.

Today, the St. Anthony East neighborhood is largely residential, with a wide range of housing styles in one of the city's most conveniently located neighborhoods. Multi-family residences sit comfortably with single family dwellings; and new homes complement some of the oldest, most historic houses in the city. The neighborhood also has some businesses, such as Uncle Franky's, a beloved hamburger and hot dog restaurant chain that began in St. Anthony East and later spread throughout Minneapolis.



People of all ages enjoy St. Anthony Park adjacent to the **Webster Open Elementary School** and featuring the sledding hill "May Mountain." Also in St. Anthony East are the **Community Commons Park and Tot Lot** and **Summer Street Community Gardens** **.** Community Commons Park is the only neighborhood-owned park in the entire city. Finally, the neighborhood boasts great public transportation with multiple buses and bike trails connecting St. Anthony East with the rest of the city.

A DUMPING GROUND WAS LANDSCAPED AND CONVERTED INTO A SLIDING HILL IN WHAT IS NOW ST. ANTHONY PARK. THE HILL IS CALLED "MAY MOUNTAIN" FOR ITS FOUNDER, JEANETTE MAY, A NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENT WHO WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE A SLIDING HILL IN ST. ANTHONY PARK.