



Boom Island Park

St. Anthony West Neighborhood

St. Anthony West is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Minneapolis as part of the village of St. Anthony, established in 1849 on the east bank of the Mississippi River. St. Anthony Falls, which gives the name to the neighborhood, 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.



The neighborhood is bounded on the north by Broadway Street NE and on the south by Second Avenue. St. Anthony West extends to the Mississippi River on the west and to Washington and Fifth Streets NE to the east. Located near the Plymouth Avenue Bridge, St. Anthony West features the 25-acre [Boom Island Park](#)



B.F. Nelson Park, currently under development, is the future site of the Pioneers statue.

along the Mississippi River. One of Boom Island's attractions is a lighthouse that sits along the Mississippi riverfront. It is not a functional lighthouse but a landmark that connects the park to the river. St Anthony West is home to the [St. Constantine Ukrainian Church](#), [Dickman Park](#), and the 28-acre [B.F. Nelson Park](#). The neighborhood also contains the world headquarters of [Graco Inc.](#), a large manufacturing company and provider of jobs.



Boom Island Lighthouse

St. Anthony West hosts two annual events: Autumn Eve in Historic Northeast and a 5K Walk/Run in October. The neighborhood contains many options for seniors, such as [St. Anthony Catholic Eldercare](#). Churches, homes, restaurants, and boating or cruising along the river are all also part of this charming and well-placed neighborhood. Mississippi River charter cruises are offered to anyone wishing to explore the beautiful environment close up.



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