City of Apple Valley

Since its incorporation more than 30 years ago, Apple Valley leaders have had a vision of a compact, full-service community. It is a community which provides a range of housing choices, and also provides a wide range of retail and professional services for its residents as well as employment opportunities.

With a pro-business attitude, a first-rate school district, an extensive public park system with recreational programming, a responsive local government with a commitment to provide efficient government services, and a strong desire to create a distinct community identity with an identifiable central commercial area, Apple Valley has become a thriving suburban city which others wish to model themselves after.

Chasewood Townhomes

This Dakota County Community Development Authority (CDA) developed the affordable rental townhome complex. The 27-unit site is designed to blend efficient land use and urban design. Each townhome has its own entrance as well as a tuck-under single-car garage. There are 14 two-bedroom units with 1,547 square feed per unit and 13 three-bedroom units with 1,678 per unit. Amenities include hook-ups for a washer and dryer, central air, dishwasher and garbage disposer. Total cost of the housing complex was just under $3.7 million. The seven buildings, each three-stories in height, also provide a central patio area and playground.

Facts & Figures

- Located at 15584 Gaslight Dr.
  Apple Valley, MN 55124

- Site Opened February 1999

- Funded by $920,000 from Metropolitan Council bonds; $640,000 from Federal ISTEA funds

- 337 Parking spaces; additional 132 spaces at adjacent Carmike Cinema

- Amenities:
  - Climate-controlled indoor waiting area (850 square feet)
  - Restrooms
  - Public telephone
  - Vending machines
  - Schedule information
  - Bike racks, 2 enclosed lockers
  - Clock Tower

- Routes serving AVTS:

Downtown Minneapolis:	*477*
Downtown St. Paul:	*480*
University of Minnesota:	*425/460U*
Mall of America:	*440, 442*
Bloomington/Edina:	*425E*
Burnsville Center:	*425, 442*
Burnsville Transit Station:	*425*
Rosemount:	*420*
Minnesota Zoo:	*440, 442*
Apple Valley Shuttle	*432*

Apple Valley Transit Station

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The MVTA

Mission: The MVTA provides efficient, cost-effective, comfortable and state-of-the-art facilities and equipment to transport people to their destinations.

The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) was founded in 1990 as a joint powers agency serving the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Rosemount and Savage.

Since its founding, the MVTA has grown to be the third-largest transit agency in the State of Minnesota, currently transporting about 7,000 riders on an average weekday. Express bus ridership accounts for about 85 percent of that ridership. The MVTA carried its 10 millionth rider in August 1999.

The MVTA operates a fleet of more than 100 vehicles ranging from small buses vans to 60' articulated buses.

The MVTA's 2003 operating budget is $12.2 million, with more than 85 percent of that figure directly funding transit operations.

In addition to the Apple Valley Transit Station, the MVTA operates other facilities including the Burnsville and Eagan Transit Stations, the Burnsville Bus Garage and the Palomino Hills, Blackhawk and Savage park & ride lots.

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Ridership in Apple Valley increased dramatically with the opening of the Apple Valley Transit Station in February 1999 and remains strong. Also on the site are the Chasewood Townhomes developed by the Dakota County Community Development Authority. Adjacent are Orchard Square and Cortland Square (senior housing) and the Carmike Cinema (sharing parking between the MVTA and the movie theatre). The newest addition to the site is the Red Robin Restaurant.

Students from the School for Environmental Studies in Apple Valley annually gain a "real-life" transit experience, boarding buses at the Apple Valley Transit Station and traveling to the University of Minnesota.

The MVTA operates nearly 150 trips per day on 10 routes through the Apple Valley Transit Station. Buses travel to downtown Minneapolis, St. Paul, the University of Minnesota, Bloomington/Edina, Burnsville, Mall of America and Rosemount.

The Chasewood Townhomes, 27 units of rental housing, provide two- and three-bedroom units adjacent to the Transit Station.