

WARD NEWS

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Welcome to Ward 7 News! Ward 7 is in the southeast corner of the City. It includes the neighborhoods of Dayton's Bluff, Mounds Park, Battle Creek, Highwood, Hazel Park, Conway, Scenic Hills, and Sunray.

We have great restaurants, shopping and housing options in Ward 7 due to its proximity to freeways, employment and arts and cultural venues. But, did you know that we also have the largest amount of open space in the City?

Ward 7 offers some of the best opportunities in the City to get in touch with the Mississippi River. When viewing the river from Ward 7, one recognizes it as an important commercial corridor with planes landing on the river flats, trains snaking along its banks, and barges carrying supplies to neighboring communities. However, in addition to its influence on our commerce, it is impossible to ignore the incredible beauty, natural diversity, and opportunities for recreation that the river offers our City.

Battle Creek Regional Park has walking and off road bike paths that will lead you all the way down to Highway 61, along a picturesque creek that flows to the Mississippi. The easiest way to access to the paths is along Upper Afton Road just east of White Bear Avenue. Or, for the more adventurous, you can start at the Battle Creek Recreation Center on Winthrop just south of Upper Afton Road and wind your way through fabulous trails deep into the park. These paths will likely take you by deer and wild turkeys--sights not often associated with City living.

Mounds Park offers spectacular views of the city of St. Paul. The overlook on Mounds Boulevard off of Interstate 94 affords sweeping views from downtown St. Paul to Pig's Eye Lake. Herons and egrets routinely fly over this area on their way to one of the largest urban rookeries at Pig's Eye Lake. Keep your eyes open because if you're lucky, you might catch a glimpse of a bald eagle.

The Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary will shortly connect Dayton's Bluff with Lowertown in downtown St. Paul. When completed, this trail connection will provide access to other trails in St. Paul and the region. The best way to access some of the already completed trails within the sanctuary is on East 7th Street at Payne Avenue.

Please take the time to explore the many beautiful parks and open spaces in Ward 7 as well as our many restaurants and cultural offerings. There is so much to explore on St. Paul's East Side!

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