

# Saint Paul Ward 5 Update

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[Central District police hope to move back to St. Paul's North End](#), Star Tribune

## Will Howell Joins the Ward 5 Office

Beginning in June, the Ward 5 office is excited to welcome Will Howell as acting Legislative Aide while Kim O'Brien is on maternity leave. Will brings a depth of community organizing experience, most recently with the [North End](#) and [Payne Phalen](#) Neighborhood Forums. Originally from Oregon, Will came to Saint Paul for a Bachelor's degree from Macalester College. He has worked on several local campaigns and has a passion for engaging young people in civic affairs, which he currently pursues with [Kids Voting Minneapolis](#). In the Fall, Will begins a doctoral program at the University of Maryland in Communications, specifically how entertainment media impacts political decision making. Reach Will at [ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or at [william.howell@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:william.howell@ci.stpaul.mn.us) after June 1.



## Construction Season in Ward 5

Spring has officially arrived in Ward 5 and with it comes the ubiquitous hard hats and orange cones. There are many projects happening in Ward 5 this season. While construction can be a hassle, it also represents needed investments and improvements for the neighborhood. Public Works and District 6 Planning Council have teamed up to provide this [helpful map](#) of City, County, State and private projects and links at [district6stpaul.org](http://district6stpaul.org).

- **I-35E/Cayuga/MNPASS**--Construction is beginning now on a multi-year MNDOT project that will ultimately reconstruct I-35E from downtown Saint Paul through Little Canada Rd. It will add a new interchange at Cayuga St., improve safety, reduce traffic congestion, improve pedestrian and bike facilities and replace bridges in the project area. The Maryland Ave. bridge at 35E was already replaced in 2012. In 2013, partial road closures will be expected but I-35E will remain open. Find more information [here](#).
- **RSVP**--Ward 5 has two Residential Street Vitality Program (RSVP) projects in 2013 that will improve streets in the North End. RSVP generally consists of utilities work, street paving, tree planting and lighting improvements. The cost is shared between the City of Saint Paul and property owners who benefit from the improvements. View this [map](#) for affected streets. Accommodations will be made for resident access throughout the projects.
- **Wheelock Parkway Bridge**--The 1950's era railroad bridge on Wheelock Parkway between Rice and Jackson has reached the end of its service life and will be replaced. The new bridge will feature improved on-road facilities, sidewalks and lighting. Construction will commence as early as July and will be complete in Spring of 2014. Detours will direct traffic to Larpenteur Ave. Find more information at [stpaul.gov](http://stpaul.gov).
- **Westbound Maryland Ave. Bridge**--The westbound railroad bridge on Maryland Ave. east of Rice St. and West of I-35E is being replaced by Ramsey County, with construction beginning this Spring. Maryland will remain open throughout construction by using the eastbound bridge for both directions of traffic. Find more information at [stpaul.gov](http://stpaul.gov).
- **Maryland Ave. Mill & Overlay, Striping**-- Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul will do mill and overlay work on Maryland Ave. between Albermarle and Como Lake. The project will smooth the road's surface and repair damage. Additionally, the city is planning to stripe in existing parking lanes on Maryland Ave. and add turn lanes at key intersections to mitigate confusion and improve safety.
- **Maryland Ave. & Arkwright Intersection**-- Ramsey County, in partnership with the City, will be adding left hand turn lanes and a new traffic signal to the intersection of Maryland and Arkwright. As part of this project, Maryland Ave. will be reconstructed between Westminster and east of Clark St. Construction begins this summer. For more information and an upcoming Open House, visit [co.ramsey.mn.us](http://co.ramsey.mn.us).

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#### Upcoming Events!

- June 13 [Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary Ground Breaking](#)
- July 6-7 [Hmong Freedom Celebration Sports Festival](#)
- July 18-20 [Como Fest](#)
- July 24-27 [Rice Street Festival](#)
- August 6 National Night Out
- [Neighborhood Clean-Ups](#)

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- **Xcel Energy Gas Pipeline Replacement**-- Xcel Energy will begin a multi-year effort this season to replace gas lines that serve the East Metro. In 2013, this work will cause short-term detours on blocks where active work is taking place in the North End on or near Rice St. between County Rd. B and Maryland Ave. For more information, visit [xcelenergy.com](http://xcelenergy.com).

### Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary Breaks Ground

After decades of planning, the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary (formerly called Trillium Nature Sanctuary) breaks ground in June. Construction will last through 2014 with an opening date of Spring 2015. The vision for the site is to create a natural oasis in an urban neighborhood. The plan will daylight Trout Brook, which was buried as a storm sewer as the neighborhood industrialized. The Park will boast trails and interpretive sites for residents and visitors to enjoy. A ground-breaking ceremony will take place on June 13. More information can be found at [stpaul.gov](http://stpaul.gov).

### Central District Police Station Public Hearing

The Saint Paul Police Department has submitted a [proposal](#) to build a community police station for the Central District team in the North End. The proposal considers the site of the former Sylvan Rec Center (currently unprogrammed park space) near Maryland and Rice. On June 3, the Capital Improvement Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing before making recommendations on funding to the Mayor. I fully support the community and the police who have been requesting a new station in the North End for decades. To voice support or opposition to the proposal, please consider attending the Public Hearing or submitting written testimony. Visit [stpaul.gov/cib](http://stpaul.gov/cib) for more information.

**Capital Improvement Budget Committee Public Hearing**  
**June 3, 6:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd, Room 40 (Lower Level)**



*Above: Community members and Councilmember Brendmoen attend CIB Task Force to support Central District Police Station proposal*

### Funding for Home Repairs

Are you in need of home repairs? Right now, the City of St. Paul is offering 0% interest deferred loans up to \$20,000 for qualified homeowners in targeted areas. If your home is in the North End between Western and Sylvan and Atwater and Ivy, you may qualify! See flyer [here](#). For more information call 651-266-6564 or email [zong.t.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:zong.t.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

### Community Office Hours

Stop by and visit me the below times and locations for Community Office Hours. No appointment needed.

- **Rice Street Public Library**--First Monday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.
- **McDonough Recreation Center**--Second Monday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.
- **North Dale Recreation Center**--Third Tuesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.
- **Wilder Recreation Center/City Academy**--Fourth Tuesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.

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