

**GUIDELINES FOR USE OF PARK SPACE DURING THE
2008 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION PERIOD,
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

Hosting the Republican National Convention from September 1 through September 4, 2008 presents an opportunity of a lifetime for the City of Saint Paul. Our city will shine in the national spotlight as we showcase our city's world-class parks system. During the convention, parks within the City of Saint Paul will remain open to the public for social, recreational and traditional uses, without the need for a reservation. However, in order to ensure orderly access to park spaces, to prevent overcrowding and overlapping activities therein, to prevent dangers to public health or safety and to minimize damage to park resources and facilities, as well as to promote the widest variety of expression, groups of 25 or more people who wish to gather in a City park listed below for a public* event during the period from August 30, 2008 through September 4, 2008, must obtain a permit. Except as otherwise provided herein, these guidelines incorporate the regulations and rules contained in the "City Of Saint Paul, Division of Parks and Recreation Regulations Governing Reserved Use of Park Space."

Hamm Plaza, Ecolab Plaza, Mears Park and Triangle Park, Harriet Island, and the Harriet Island Public Dock

Applications for permits for these parks will be accepted beginning on March 3, 2008. Application forms will be available on the City website beginning February 20, 2008. These spaces may not be available for reservations August 23 through August 29 and September 5 through September 7, 2008 due to maintenance needs.

Harriet Island has a long-standing tradition of hosting a community celebration on Labor Day. Since the first day of the convention, Monday, September 1, 2008, is Labor Day, Harriet Island's tradition will continue. Preparation for the event will start on August 31 and in order to maintain the integrity of the turf, permits will not be issued for September 2 or 3, 2008.

The City offers daytime boat docking at the Public Dock on Harriet Island. Permits for daylong slips will be available, subject to boat size and draft. There will be no overnight docking

Cathedral Hill Park, Como Park, Kellogg Park, Lambert's Landing, Landmark Plaza, Raspberry Island, Rice Park, and Upper Landing Park

At the present time, applications for permits in these parks will not be accepted either because of their proximity to the Xcel Energy Center/St. Paul Rivercentre during the convention period may implicate public safety and security considerations or because use of space has been reserved for convention activities. If, after thorough and careful review the City determines that security/safety considerations will allow for permits to be issued for all or some of the parks, or they are released from reservation, the City shall act with all reasonable promptness to make public such information via the website.

All other park space that is currently being held will be released for the period of August 23 through September 7, 2008, except park space at Cathedral Hill Park, Como Park, Kellogg Park, Lambert's Landing, Landmark Plaza, Raspberry Island, Rice Park, and Upper Landing Park which will not be available for reservations August 23 through August 29 and September 5 through September 7, 2008 due to maintenance needs.

Reservations for all other park space will be accepted following the reservation process for the particular park space beginning on Monday, March 3, 2008. Reservations are subject to the regular reservation procedures set forth in the City's Park Reservation Policy, available on-line.

The City of Saint Paul hopes to accommodate as many groups as possible during this convention period and provide for an enjoyable experience for all of our residents and guests. Permits will not act as reservations of space and will not be issued for the exclusive use of these parks during this period of time. Parks and Recreation staff are available at any time to help you with your application. Please contact Karen Clark at 651-632-2407 for assistance.

** For the purpose of this permit process the definition of a Public Event is one that engages, invites or allows the public to join. A private event is one that the public is not welcome to join such as a company picnic, graduation party, wedding, reception, or birthday party.*