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Share Your Ideas For Saint Paul's Budget

On July 27th, 12-1pm, at the [Rice Street Library](#), Mayor Chris Coleman and Amy will hold a session to get community input about Saint Paul's city budget. If you have ideas or would like to ask the mayor or Amy questions about their priorities, please drop by! [Email our office](#) for more details. If you're unable to make the neighborhood meeting, you may want to attend another budget discussion with the mayor:

- July 16th, 4:00 - 5:00pm, El Burrito Mercado (175 Cesar Chavez St) w/ Councilmember Dave Thune
- July 17th, 8:00 - 9:00am, Kopplin's Coffee (2038 Marshall Ave) w/ Councilmembers Russ Stark and Chris Tolbert
- July 29th, 4:00 - 5:00pm, Byerley's Community Room (1959 Suburban Ave) w/ Council President Kathy Lantry

New Ward 5 Featured Artist: Jonathan Gaetke



In July, we will begin showing the work of a new Ward 5 Featured Artist: [Jonathan Gaetke](#). Jonathan moved to the Twin Cities from the Southwest and paints gorgeous oil landscapes like the scene to the left. Please visit [his website](#) or drop by our office to see more of his work. We will host a reception, too, but the date is yet to be determined. Please follow [our Facebook page](#) for

updates about when that will happen.)

See You At These Ward 5 Festivals

In July, both the Como and North End Neighborhoods will host community festivals, and Amy will be there! The 103rd Rice Street Festival will take place between July 24th and July 28th. There's a wonderful array of activities including:

- the Old-Timers Softball Game
- the Rice Street Parade
- and the annual kickball tournament

Find more information at the [Rice Street Festival's website](#), or [email Kirsten Libby](#) with your questions.

Como Fest will take place July 18-20. More details [here](#), and on [their Facebook page](#). [Email District 10](#) with any questions you may have.

This coming weekend, Como Park will also host the [Hmong International Soccer Tournament](#). This year, Amy has arranged for neighbors to get a special tour of the festival. You can get more info and RSVP to join [here](#).

Construction Update

You've no doubt noticed the seasonal construction throughout the ward -- perhaps on your drive to work, or perhaps right in front of your home. While construction can be a hassle, our neighborhood needs the investment and improvement. Public Works and District 6 Planning Council have teamed up to provide this [helpful map](#) of City, County, State and private projects, and here's a project-by-project update:

- **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

Upcoming Events!

- 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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replace bridges in the project area. Find more information [here](#).

- Ward 5 has two **Residential Street Vitality Program (RSVP)** projects in 2013. 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. Accommodations will be made for resident access throughout the projects.
 - [Hatch/Agate RSVP](#)
 - [Arlington/Rice RSVP](#)
- **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. More information available [here](#).
- **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. Maryland will remain open throughout construction by using the eastbound bridge for both directions of traffic. Find more information [here](#).
- **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 existing parking lanes on Maryland Ave. and add turn lanes 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. Find more information [here](#).
- **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 [Xcel's website](#).

Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary Breaks Ground

After decades of planning, the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary (formerly called Trillium Nature Sanctuary) broke 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 when the neighborhood industrialized. The Park will boast trails and interpretive sites for residents and visitors to enjoy. You can:

- Get information [here](#)
- Watch a video of the ground-breaking [here](#)
- Read about the ground-breaking [here](#)

New Rice Street Banners Coming Soon!

With the help of [Sparc](#) and [Xcel](#), we're producing new banners to line the lamps of Rice Street. Along with the hanging flower baskets you may have seen, they represent our continuing effort to beautify the neighborhood and celebrate our community. Look for them on poles beginning next week!

National Night Out

National Night Out happens across Saint Paul -- and across the country -- on the first Tuesday night in August; this year is the 30th anniversary. It is basically a neighborhood block party with the goal of improving neighborhood safety through enhanced social connections.

This year, many neighborhoods across Ward 5 will host block parties on August 6th, and if you're not hosting one we hope you will attend. Learn more about where they're happening [here](#), and make sure you [let us know](#) if you'll be hosting one so Amy can try to stop by.

Community Office Hours

Stop by and visit with Amy at the below times and locations for Community Office Hours. Appointment suggested but not required.



- [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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