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Featured Artist Margi Grill

My office has been made infinitely more beautiful over the last couple of months graced by paintings from North End resident Margi Grill. Margi's oil paintings on mixed media depict landscapes often inspired by exploring areas near her home. We are hosting an Open House for Margi at the Ward 5 office in City Hall this **Wednesday, May 21 at 9:30am**. Please stop by if you can to meet the artist and purchase some art. You can check out her work at www.mgrillpainting.com. Also, be sure to let us know if you or a local artist you know would like to deck the walls of Ward 5.



"Lucille" is one of Margi's paintings currently on display at the Ward 5 office

Spring Cleaning Opportunities

All In! Recycling Changes: By now, hopefully you are ALL IN to Saint Paul's new recycling program. No sorting and more recyclable items means recycling is easier than ever. Recycling helps reduce waste in our landfills and keeps the cost of trash collection and processing down. For now, place all recyclables in your blue bin. Next year, larger trash receptacles will be distributed to all homes. For more information on recycling in Saint Paul visit www.stpaul.gov/recycle.



Citywide Clean-Ups: For bulky waste and recyclables, the City of Saint Paul and District Councils have partnered to host six citywide cleanup events in 2014. Properly dispose of items such as furniture and construction materials at a reasonable cost and recycle items like mattresses, appliances, electronics, and scrap metal. Plus, residents may donate usable household items for reuse. All cleanups are open to all Saint Paul residents. Volunteers are needed for all events and will receive a free disposal load - call (651) 644-3889 for more information. Cleanup dates and sites nearest to Ward 5 include;

Saturday, June 21 - 8am-1pm @ Washington Technology Magnet High School (1495 Rice Street) and Saturday, September 20 - 8am-1pm @ MN State Fair Grounds (enter from Larpenteur). Visit stpaul.gov for a complete schedule.

Call It In! Thank you for your efforts to keep Ward 5 neighborhoods clean and beautiful. No matter the season, if you see dumping, excessive trash, graffiti or other unsightly nuisances that diminish the livability of our community, please take action and call 651-266-8989. The City of Saint Paul relies on residents to report these issues.

Money for North End Home & Business Improvements

The City of Saint Paul, in partnership with North East Neighborhoods Development Corporation (NENDC), Community Neighborhood Housing Services (CNHS) and District 6 Planning Council, are excited to share with North End businesses and home owners an opportunity to receive funding for capital improvement projects. Homeowners can access grant money or low/no interest loans to do home improvement projects (such as roof or window replacement). Business owners can draw funds for signage and facade improvement or even needed equipment upgrades.

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If you have a project in mind (big or small), and you live or own a business in the North End (District 6), you must call to find out if the City of Saint Paul, NENDC and CNHS can help!

Home Owners Contact: Community Neighborhood Housing Services (CNHS) at 651-328-5080 or cnhs@communitynhs.org.

Business Owners Contact: North East Neighborhood Development Corporation at 651-771-6955 or info@nendc.org.

Dale Street Traffic

With the support of Saint Paul Public Works, Ramsey County is proposing to restripe Dale Street between Larpenteur and Front from four to three lanes this summer. The street would include traffic lanes in each direction plus a center lane for left turns. The proposed conversion is expected to reduce speeding on Dale (which is very residential) and improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians alike. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28 from 6-7:30pm at North Dale Rec Center. Find more information and a comment form [here](#).

It's Bike Month

After the long winter, I am so happy to be on a bike again (kudos to those who brave our wintery streets on two wheels!). Biking is one of my passions and I love biking to work downtown or along the beautiful Gateway Trail and other recreational bikeways throughout the metro (watch for my published article in this years' Saint Paul Almanac warning my fellow cyclists of my competitive spirit). I am also excited about the new Nice Ride station at Como Lake, making biking accessible to all of our neighbors!

Ward 5 has good access to bike and pedestrian amenities and the City of Saint Paul is poised to make major improvements for biking and connections city-wide through the new Bikeways Plan. Hopefully, you have learned more about the plan at one of the many open houses. If not, you can view a draft at www.stpaul.gov/bikeplan and offer comments at future public hearings. In addition to improving and connecting the Grand Round on Wheelock Parkway, the Bike Plan proposes separated bikeways, enhanced road sharing and more safe, separated crossings throughout the Ward. New bicycle facilities are also coming to the neighborhood in the Trout Brook Regional Trail (opening 2015 as part of the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary) and improved connections along I-35E, coming as part of the I-35E/Cayuga/MNPASS project.

A plan for bikes

The city announced a 20- to 30-year plan to expand bike routes in St. Paul, Tuesday that includes completing an early vision of a "Grand Round" and a loop downtown.



Cycling is not only convenient, it is also healthy for you, the environment and the community. So get out and ride, Ward 5!

Saint Paul Youth Intervention Initiative

The Saint Paul Police and Parks and Recreation Departments, along with community partners including the YWCA, Neighborhood House, Saint Paul Youth Services and 180 Degrees, are announcing a new initiative to prevent youth crime and provide support and redirection for young people. On Thursday, June 12 at 5:30pm, Saint Paul Police Chief Tom Smith and I will address neighbors on this initiative at the New Hope Baptist Church in Railroad Island (712 Burr St.), followed by a fun community gathering with treats at Weida Park. Join us to kick-off a fun and safe summer this year!



A brochure of free, family-friendly activities in the Westminister Hills and Railroad Island neighborhoods coming to neighbors' doors this month; with invitation to June 12 event.

Community Office Hours

What's on your mind? Visit with me and my staff at Community Office Hours on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 4:00-5:30pm at the Rice Street Library**. No appointment necessary. If this time doesn't work for you, call 651-266-8650 for an appointment or schedule a lake lap!

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