

Please join us to discuss our plans to address specific community issues around public safety and livability in your neighborhood.

East Side Community Meeting & Dinner For Youth & Parents

Thursday, April 12, 2012

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Dinner will be provided.

**East Side Salvation Army
1019 Payne Avenue in Saint Paul**

Visit with representatives from:

Saint Paul Youth Services

Boys and Girls Club

Salvation Army

District 5 Community Council

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

Saint Paul Police Explorers

Saint Paul Ramsey County Department of Health

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March 30, 2012

Re: Invitation to an Important Community Meeting & Dinner
Thursday, April 12, 2012, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Dinner will be provided
East Side Salvation Army Community Center, 1019 Payne Avenue, Saint Paul, MN

Dear Parent/Child:

We are writing to invite you to an important community meeting on Thursday, April 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Saint Paul East Side Salvation Army Community Center, 1019 Payne Avenue (see attached flyer). We will be providing dinner. The goal of this community gathering is to discuss our plans to address specific community issues around public safety and livability in your neighborhood. We believe that in order to be successful with this initiative we need to be transparent with the public about our plans and, most importantly, proactively engage community members like you to be a part of the solution.

Recently, we conducted a community crime survey of over 600 East Side residents. We found that over 70% of those surveyed did not feel safe at night. In addition, those surveyed notably identified juvenile crime, loitering, littering, and drug dealing as having an adverse effect on their quality of life and public safety in their neighborhood. We have also specifically analyzed crime data on the East Side to identify areas in which special attention and intervention is most needed.

As a response, we have developed a six month joint inter-agency pilot initiative that is premised upon the belief that we can make a difference around crime reduction and positive youth intervention by thinking outside the box, working together, and engaging community. We are committed to measuring the results of our initiative.

A big part of this plan will utilize the curfew law as a neutral law enforcement tool for the primary purpose of enhanced juvenile and family intervention to change behavior and offer assistance to those who need it. We also hope to provide meaningful and beneficial alternatives for our youth throughout the upcoming summer.

You are receiving this letter and invitation because we care about you and because we need your input and involvement this summer to make this project a success for everyone in the community. Together, we can make a difference for our youth and the East Side!

Sincerely,

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