



SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA

PARKS AND RECREATION
HARRIET ISLAND REGIONAL PARK

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2026 Additional Information Packet

Clarence W. Wigington Pavilion on Harriet Island

*****Please note that rates, service fees and insurance coverage amounts may increase without notice***

Events on the Patio(s)

- The North and South Patios are included in your rental fee. The North Patio (river side) is windier than the South Patio.
- There is power located on the patios and it is recommended the client arrange for amplification for any outdoor ceremony music. Outside power will not be available to food trucks.
- Tents are allowed on both patios.
 - The patio size is 60' x 40' – this is the largest tent size allowed.
 - Tents **must** be weighted by water weights on patios.
 - Tents/canopies on park land require a permit. Contact the Department of Safety and Inspections at 651-266-8989 for permit information.

Wedding Rehearsals

- Please do **not** assume the evening before your wedding is available for an outdoor ceremony rehearsal. Many events are scheduled throughout the year, so please make arrangements with us as soon as you know the date and time. We reserve the right to rent the pavilion on the date of your outdoor ceremony rehearsal to a paying client which would bump your rehearsal. We will notify you immediately if this happens. There will be no access to the pavilion, only access to the patio.
- If you are planning a rehearsal, the facility will not be opened. Please contact the Harriet Island Event Office to find out the possibility of using the patio for a rehearsal. This will be dependent on our event schedule.

Set-up and Tear-down Information

- If the pavilion is available the day before your event date, you may rent the pavilion for an additional set-up day. Please see the additional set-up day permit on our website for more information and the rental fee.
- A city employee will be on-site during the set-up and throughout the entire event. For tier 3 events, the pavilion will be opened at 12:00pm. At the conclusion of your event you will have an hour to tear-down and clean up. All events must conclude by 11:00 pm and be cleaned up by 12:00 am. Failure to be out of the pavilion by 12:00 am will result in a base fee starting at \$500.00 to the permit holder and then an additional \$250/hour will be charged to the permit holder should you go over the allocated clean-up hour, extra cleanup/removal of items left behind is required or if you fail to end your event at 11:00pm.
- For tier 2 events, the pavilion will be opened two hours prior to your permitted rental start time. At the conclusion of your event, you will have one hour to tear-down and clean up. Failure to be out of the pavilion by your allocated time will result in a base fee starting at \$500.00 to the permit holder and then an additional \$250/hour will be charged to the permit holder should you go over the allocated clean-up hour, extra cleanup/removal of items left behind is required or if you fail to end your event.

- Tables and brown cloth chairs are available for your use (included in rental fee) see “Tables and Chair Information” page for quantities and sizes. **We do not provide linens.**
- The city is responsible for setting up **City owned** tables and chairs, taking them down and returning them to the racks. The space will be set up/”linen ready” by 12:00 p.m. (Tier 3 events) or the client access time (Tier 2 events) on the day of your event, please relay this to your vendors.
- For a seated event, our capacity is **225** people. Fire capacity for non-seated events is **575**. Additional outdoor seating may be added but cannot exceed a combined total of 300. Outdoor tables and chairs must be provided by client (take down/set-up).
- Vendor and/or client is responsible for placing linens, centerpieces, props, etc. on tables. We do not provide any of these items. **The caterer is responsible for clearing off the tables at the end of the event i.e. food, plates, flatware, etc.**
- The Bakery or Caterer is responsible for setting up the wedding cake/desserts. City staff will **not** assist in moving, assembling, or cutting the cake.
- When all side doors are open a cross breeze is created through the pavilion.
****Please note: this could blow linens, tip centerpieces, cakes and decorations.**
- A portable bar is also available for your use (included in rental fee). Dimensions: 30” wide, 8’ long and 30” high. The top shelf is 12” wide, 8’ long, and 12” from bar top. We will hang black skirting on the two shelves.
- If you choose to rent reception chairs from an outside rental company to be used inside the pavilion, Harriet Island Event Staff is not responsible for the setting up, transitioning, or take-down of these rented chairs.

Decorations

- The pavilion is an historic building and therefore **NOTHING** can be permanently attached to the structure, walls, or floor. Tape (masking, duct, scotch, etc) is **NOT** permitted, including in the stage area. Gaff tape is the only tape allowed. If you wish to hang decorations from the wall, please bring 3M Command Hooks. This is the only type of adhesive hooks allowed. Harriet Island does **not** provide the command hooks. All command hooks and adhesive strips must be removed at the end of the night.
- Candles are allowed but must be contained in a container that catches the wax, including candles in the bathroom and outdoors. City staff can assist in lighting candles if needed and time permits.
- Glitter, confetti, birdseed, beads, flower petals, helium balloons, Mylar, and fireworks (including sparklers, noisemakers, etc.) are **not** allowed. Chalk is **not** allowed inside the pavilion or on the North and South patios. Non-helium balloon arches are allowed.
- If you need to secure cords ask the city staff for mats to place over the cords for safety. Please do not use tape to secure electrical/extension cords.
- Please do **NOT DRAG TABLES OR CHAIRS** on the Terrazzo Floor, it scratches easily. You will be charged for the damage done by yourself, your guests, or your vendors.
- The ceilings are extremely high. If you are interested in decorating the rafters, a professional decorating company must use a lift/extension ladder and must have the proper liability insurance. The rental company is responsible for the lift; bringing it on and off site as well as storing it in an appropriate place (approved by the Harriet Island Event Coordinator) during the event. Scaffolding is not allowed. Any movement of tables/event infrastructure during the installment of ceiling décor, will need to be returned to their original position by the decorators.

- There are three permanent eye hooks above the stage and three hooks above the fireplace for your use. The hooks are 43" above the fireplace. Fireplace is 57" high and the wall is 10' long.
- Building dimensions: 72' between stage and fireplace; 60' from door to door. Stage Dimensions: 24' wide and 21' deep; three hooks are at the peak of the arch and the stage is approx. 3' high.
- There is NO use of Aerial Lanterns during your event as they are classified as Aerial Fireworks and are ILLEGAL in the State of Minnesota.
- Sunbelt lift rentals are not permitted at Wigington Pavilion. If a lift is needed for ceiling décor, prior approval is required. Before approval is needed, specific delivery and pick up dates and times will need to be arranged and approved. Any lifts not picked up at the approved time will incur a daily \$600 fee assessed to the permit holder.

Waste Reduction Efforts

- The City of Saint Paul is dedicated to reducing waste during all of our special events. Glass and aluminum recycling receptacles are located throughout the pavilion. In addition, we collect cardboard and paper for recycling in the kitchen area. During your event planning process please make every attempt to use recyclable products and materials. We have also recently introduced composting in our kitchen.

Catering Kitchen

- If food is being served, a State of Minnesota approved licensed caterer must be hired. **The caterer is responsible for clearing the tables of food and plates once the reception is finished.** All plates and flatware must be brought in by the caterer and leave with the caterer at the end of the night. If plates and flatware are not provided by your caterer, a plan must be submitted to the Harriet Island Event Coordinator regarding the drop off, cleaning and pick-up of these items at least 1 week prior to the event date. Caterers must remain on-site while food is being prepared, served and cleaned up. **We do not allow catering drop-off services at the pavilion. If you are using a food truck, you must also hire a catering service to complete tasks such as kitchen clean-up, clearing reception tables, etc.**
- The kitchen is designed as a “staging kitchen” and is not suitable for cooking large amounts of food. Please notify your caterer of this and if they wish to see the kitchen before your event, please email harrietisland@ci.stpaul.mn.us to schedule an appointment.
- There is a small residential oven, an ice machine, one large refrigerator and one freezer available for your use.
- There are no serving utensils or “to go” containers at the facility. **All** food must be removed at the end of the night. Harriet Island trash bins are not available for keg storage/use.
- Pig Roasts and barbeques need prior approval. Any grills used must have plywood or cardboard underneath them to catch grease or other drippings. All charcoal, drippings, etc must be removed from the site by the caterer by the end of the event. Any barbequed remains must be disposed via the parking lot dumpster by the caterers and should not be disposed of in Harriet Island trash receptacles inside/outside of the pavilion.
- The kitchen must be cleaned by your caterer prior to your event conclusion. Kitchen should be returned to its original condition. Harriet Island staff will provide cleaning supplies and review the space prior to caterer's departure. If any additional cleaning is required by Harriet Island event staff this may be billed back to the permit holder.
- Caterers should not be consuming any alcohol beverages before, during, or after the event.
- Caterers and all other vendors parking their car during the event must park on Lilydale Rd to allow for maximum parking in the west parking lot for event guests.

Deliveries

- **Vendors (caterers, florists, bakeries, DJ's, bands, etc.) should be informed that vehicles are NOT allowed to drive on either patio or the grass surrounding the pavilion.** Vendors may drive on the gray sidewalk on the south side of the pavilion up to the planters located on the patio. They must stop there to unload and reload. Any damage caused by the vendors will be billed back to the permit holder.

Police

- City staff will make arrangements for an on-duty Saint Paul Police Officer for your event. Police Officers from other jurisdictions, friends, volunteers, or family members are not permitted.
- The cost is \$129.59 per hour ****(subject to increase)***; payment is due 14 days prior to your event at the time of the final meeting. For tier 3 events, an officer is required for the last 5 hours of your rental (i.e. if your event goes until 11pm and takedown by 12am, the police officer will be scheduled from 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM.) For tier 2 events, a minimum of 4 hours is required, subject to change based on event details and timing.
- The Harriet Island Event Coordinator will schedule the officer based on your event details.

Final Planning Meeting

- A few months prior to your event, our office will reach out to set up a final planning meeting to finalize your event details. The completed Harriet Island Event Details document is also due to the Harriet Island Event Coordinator a month prior to your event. These final meetings will be held virtually. We offer client/vendor access tours monthly (dependent on our event schedule) for in person viewing of the pavilion.
- At the final meeting, you need to pay in full the following:
 - **final balance** for the pavilion rental (pay by credit card only)
 - Saint Paul **Police Officer** \$129.59 per hour ****(subject to increase)*** (pay by credit card only)
- With your permission, City of Saint Paul employees, agents or contractors will take photographs of your event for the purpose of publishing them on City media resources. Photographs will only be used for the City's publicity efforts in promoting or describing City facilities and resources. This grant of permission is effective for one year from the event date for the purpose of allowing such publication. If the photographs are used in this manner by that date, any distribution after that date is permitted. If you do not wish to have photos taken of your event, please inform the Harriet Island Event Coordinator.



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2026 Table and Chair Information

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This form can be used to assist you in planning for tables, chairs and linens. All table and indoor chairs are included in the pavilion rental fee and are located at the pavilion for your use. We do NOT have linens.

ITEM	TOTAL #	SIZE	LINEN SIZE	# Needed
Round Table (seats 8)	28	60"	120" Round	
Round Table (seats 10)	8	72"	132" Round	
Banquet Table	15	6'	90" x 132" Rectangle	
Small Round	10	30"	70" or longer if floor length is needed	
High Top Table	10	36"	120" or longer if floor length is needed	
Portable two tiered bar	1	8'	Black Skirting Provided	

Cloth Indoor Chairs (<i>Indoor use only</i>)	225			
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Regulations for Serving Alcohol

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Serving Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages may be sold or hosted at Wigington Pavilion for events not exceeding 300 guests. A beverage catering service must be hired to serve alcohol. **They must possess an off-site liquor catering license, annual or temporary, with the State of Minnesota and the City of Saint Paul.** If a temporary City of Saint Paul license is needed, please have the beverage company contact the Department of Safety and Inspection (DSI) at 651-266-8989, for the proper permit. They will need written approval from the Harriet Island Event Coordinator prior to submitting the permit to DSI. Please have them contact Harriet Island at harrietisland@ci.stpaul.mn.us for written approval. Copies of current licenses and insurance must be submitted before approval will be given.

Alcoholic beverages may not be served or brought in by guests. Licensed bartenders must be used for serving all alcoholic beverages. No homemade alcohol may be served at any time.

Alcoholic beverages must remain in the pavilion or on the patios. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the Riverwalk or lawn area. No alcoholic beverages may be served to anyone under the legal age of 21 and/or anyone that is obviously intoxicated. The permit holder must be on the actual premises at all times alcoholic beverages are being displayed, served and/or consumed.

A copy of the approval form from DSI must be sent to the HI Event Coordinator at least 30 days prior to the event. Please e-mail to: harrietisland@ci.stpaul.mn.us. If this approval is not on file during the event, alcoholic beverages are not allowed to be served.

Insurance Requirements

- If alcohol is served/sold at a private event (not exceeding 300 guests) in Wigington Pavilion, liquor liability in the amount of \$1,000,000 is required with the City of Saint Paul being listed as additionally insured. The beverage service must provide proof of their MN State Catering License as well as their City of Saint Paul temporary sales permit (if required). ***Limits may increase without notice.*** If a beverage service has been hired for a private event, the beverage service will have to show proof of their liquor liability coverage and their Minnesota State Liquor Catering License, and must agree to the following:

To indemnify the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation, and hold them free from any liability to any person resulting from any damage or injury occurring in connection with the permitted event proximately caused by the action of the applicant, its officers, employees or agents or any person under the applicant's control, and shall further include the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation, 25 West 4th Street, 400 CHA, Saint Paul, MN 55102 , as additional insured on the policy.

A copy of the insurance certificate (must include the event name, date and location) must be given to the Harriet Island Event Coordinator at least **30 days prior to the event**. Please e-mail to:
harrietisland@ci.stpaul.mn.us.