



The season's heating up—and so is the momentum for change on the West Side. From street redesigns to youth leadership to small business gatherings, there's no shortage of movement—and we want you at the center of it.

This end-of-the-month's newsletter is packed with updates, opportunities, and ways to make your voice heard. Whether you're dreaming big with our 10-Year Plan or weighing in on the final stages of the Robert Street redesign, now's the time to roll up your sleeves, grab your shades, and dive into the season of community action!



It's officially construction season in Minnesota...

ROBERT ST. SURVEY REPORT

You might remember we launched a survey earlier this year to gather feedback on MnDOT's proposed redesign for Robert Street. Here's what our community had to say:

Bike Lanes

Although 63% of respondents supported adding a bike path to Robert Street, 54% preferred either a path that diverts off Robert or no bike path at all—indicating mixed support for MnDOT's current bike lane design.

Roundabout

While 53% supported the proposed roundabout at Robert, Sidney, and State, 59% preferred other traffic and pedestrian safety solutions when presented with alternatives.

Bus Stops

A significant majority (81%) expressed concern about buses blocking traffic lanes and preferred that G-Line stations be designed to avoid this issue.

Thank you to everyone who took and shared the survey! Community input is power. And congratulations to our raffle winner, Tina!

To read the full report, visit our blog at wsc.org/blog



MnDOT is expected to submit its final plan to the Saint Paul City Council for municipal consent in late June 2025. A 60-day window for feedback will follow, giving community members and other stakeholders the opportunity to weigh in.

Attend an upcoming Land Use Action Circle meeting or Destination Robert St. meeting, or connect directly with our organizer-in-training, Miguel, to learn how you can get involved.

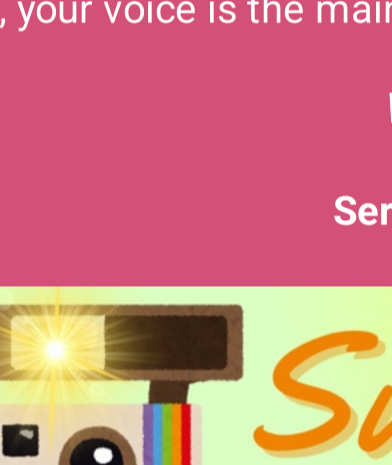
CURTIS ST. WEST

St. Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) replaces and installs several miles of water main each year. One of this summer's project sites is Curtice Street West from Dodd to Charlton.

Project scope includes:

- Replacement of approximately 950 feet of old cast iron water main
- Installation or replacement of valves and hydrants to enhance water flow and improve emergency services
- Repair and restoration of affected street pavement, curbs, and sidewalks to ensure safety and accessibility

More information is available at the city's website: stpaul.gov/curticestreetproject

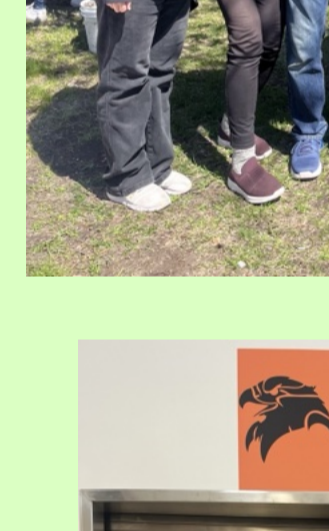


GRILL US with your ideas!

We're firing up the 10-Year Plan—now we need YOUR secret recipe. Whether it's more housing, better transit, a public pool, or something we haven't dreamed up yet, your voice is the main ingredient.

What's cooking on your wishlist?

Serve it up at wsc.org/communityplan



Sunsoaked Snapshots

THE SUN'S OUT, THE ENERGY'S UP, AND WSCO IS ON A HOT STREAK OF COMMUNITY ACTION!



Cinco de Mayo

Cinco 2025 was a vibrant success! We filled our West Side Wishing Tree with residents' hopes for the future. Community members explored a scaled 3D model of Robert Street and shared their ideas on how to activate the space. And yes — 50 lucky West Siders got free elotes from our wandering corn-on-the-cob.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible — volunteers, business owners, performers, and all who showed up to connect, dream, and celebrate. If you were interviewed by our giant walking Elote... keep an eye on our social media for a special video coming soon.



Robert Street Safe Crossings for Students

This month, we held a focus group with students from Humboldt High School—all of whom walk to school—to talk about their experiences navigating Robert Street.

Students shared concerns about dangerous blindspots, narrow sidewalks, and overall pedestrian safety. They also voiced a strong desire for public art, fresh paint, and beautification efforts to help make Robert Street feel safer and more welcoming



Storytelling for Equity: Monica Bravo on the Power of Narrative

WSCO Executive Director Monica Bravo spoke at The Alliance's "Actualizing Equity" event in May, on a panel focused on the power of storytelling in community organizing and systems change.

The panel explored the question: How can we ensure our stories are heard — across alleys, across neighborhoods, and across decision-making tables? Monica shared her "Theory of Change" and how storytelling plays a central role in her work and life.

STAY CONNECTED: WSCO IS NOW ON LINKEDIN!



Follow WSCO to stay up to date on volunteer opportunities, job openings, community engagement efforts, and events.

Connect With Us

West Side Summer Lineup

All the can't-miss events, gatherings, and opportunities that make this season bright!

West Side Business Coalition (WSBC) Meeting

Are you a West Side business owner or aspiring entrepreneur? Join the WSBC meetup and connect with other business leaders, shape coalition goals, and learn about opportunities in our neighborhood.

When: Thursday, June 12, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Where: Wellstone Center (Neighborhood House)
Who: All are welcome — just stop by!

[About WSBC](#)

ALEBJIJES: Keepers of the Island Community Celebration!

This summer, don't miss "Alebrijes: Keepers of the Island", the most ambitious outdoor art exhibit to come to the West Side! Set against the stunning natural backdrop of Raspberry Island, this exhibit features 16 larger-than-life Alebrije sculptures — vibrant, fantastical creatures from Mexican folk art — standing between 4 and 16 feet tall! The exhibit is open daily during park hours from June 1 to October 26, 2025.

Kickoff Celebration

When: Saturday, June 14, 12:00 - 5:00 PM
Where: Raspberry Island, Saint Paul, MN 55107
What: Enjoy music, food, fun activities for all ages, and connect with local organizations!

[Learn More](#)

West Side Farmers Market Returns!

Starting in June, the West Side Farmers Market will be open every Saturday through October. The market features locally grown produce, art, music, and more — plus opportunities to connect with WSCO! Stop by our table and let us know your ideas for the West Side.

When: Saturdays. 9 AM - 12 PM
Where: Icy Cup parking lot, 63 George St W

Support the Market!

To support the 2025 season, the Farmers Market is hosting an online auction packed with unique local prizes—including jewelry, art, event passes, and community experiences!

The auction runs May 31 – June 6. Prizes can be picked up on Opening Day, June 7, or other arrangements can be made.

[Browse the Prizes](#)

Classic Cars & Motorcycles at Joseph's Grill

Got a cool car or bike you want to show off? Or just want to come look? Join us for a fun evening featuring classic and muscle cars, motorcycles, and community.

When: Thursday, June 19, 4-7 PM
Where: Joseph's Grill parking lot, 140 Wabasha St S

No registration or fees required. Just bring your vehicle — or your curiosity

Now Leasing: Affordable Senior Housing at Stryker

Stryker Senior Housing features 57 units of affordable rental housing for seniors ages 55 and older. The building includes:

- 24 one-bedroom apartments
- 33 efficiency apartments
- 43 units restricted to households at or below 30% area median income
- 14 units for those at or below 50% AMI

Please share with anyone who may be eligible or in need of affordable senior housing!

[More Info](#)

Check out all WSCO events



Whether you're new to our work, or a longtime partner, we thank you for joining us in making the West Side a place of abundance, community wealth, and vitality. Your support today secures a solid foundation for the future of the West Side.

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