



# West Side Community Organization

*Celebrating 50 years of community power*



## Come to the West Side Voices Forum

**Tuesday, September 12th, 6 - 8 p.m., Riverview Branch Library**

Be a part of our regular neighborhood meetings, where we gather to connect, inform, and build power together!

On the agenda this month:

Learn about how West Siders can advocate for federal infrastructure funds to be [invested in our community](#) (pictured, above: West Side community leaders met with Senator Tina Smith).

Hear from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency about the Xcel Energy High Bridge Plant, which is [seeking to change its air quality permit](#).

We'll also have special guests from the [Minnesota Freedom Fund](#), opportunities to connect with WSCO's organizers, and more.

[RSVP to West Side Voices](#)



## Call for artists

Are you an artist interested in selling your work at a local art fair? Colibri Arts & Culture Market is coming to Saint Paul's Union Depot on September 24th from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

We'll be featuring local artists from the West Side, downtown, and around Saint Paul as well as music and dance performances, local food trucks, and more!

[Apply here](#)

*Pictured: Artist [Avery Danger](#) at WSCO's 2022 art fair*

## Volunteer for WSCO's Anniversary Celebration

We're seeking volunteers who are able to help with a variety of roles, including event planning, set up, clean up, securing music and food for the event, and more!

[Learn more](#)

## Run for WSCO's Board

Have you been waiting for the chance to step up for the West Side? This is your sign! Apply today to run for our board of directors. You'll be joining a talented team of neighborhood leaders who help guide our organization as we continue to build power within the community.

[Learn more](#)



As we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary, the West Side Community Organization invites you to share your memories! Join us for a story collection circle on Saturday, August 26th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Riverview Public Library, 1 George St. E., St. Paul, MN 55107. Everyone welcome.

[RSVP here](#)

## Don't miss our upcoming events!

8/26 [Story Collection Circle](#)

8/26 [Yoga in the park](#)

8/27 [Free Farm Stand](#)

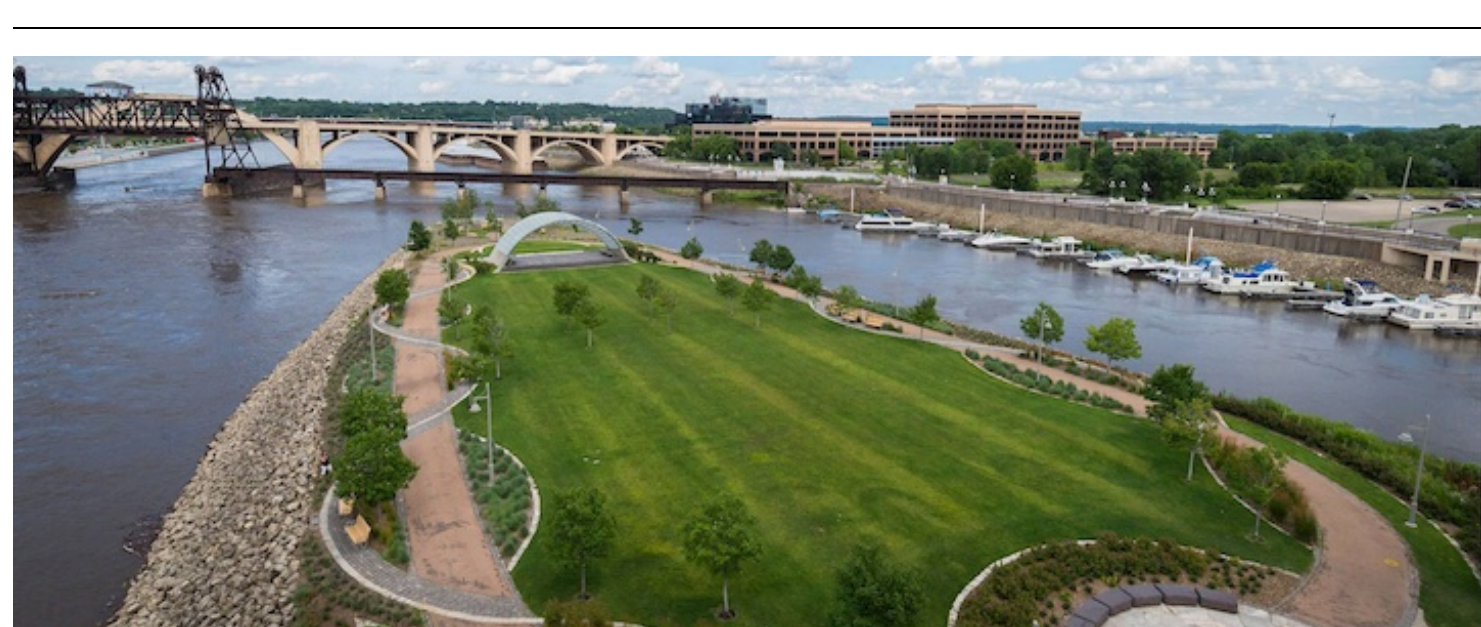
9/12 [West Side Voices Forum](#)

9/22 [Trans and Queer Bird Walk](#)

9/24 [Colibri Arts & Culture Market](#)

9/27 [West Side Tenant Union Meeting](#)

[Check out all WSCO events](#)



## Community Announcements

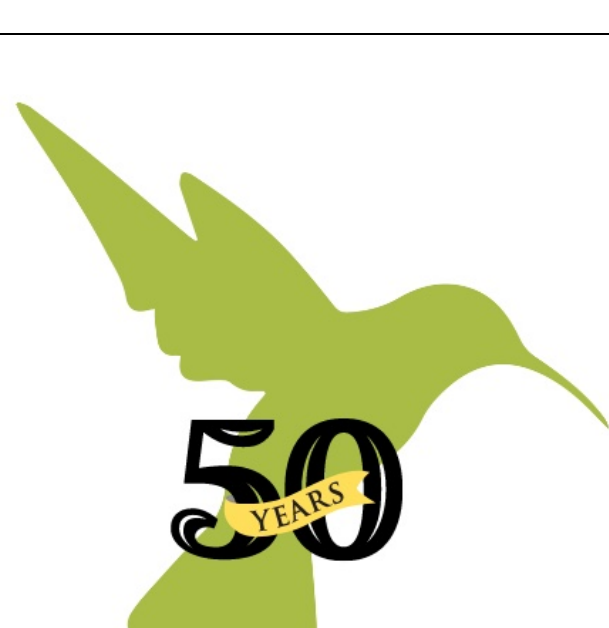
**Celebrate local businesses:** The 2023 Business Awards nomination and application period has been extended. Nominations will now be accepted through Sept. 8, and applications close Sept. 15. [Nominate and/or apply here.](#)

**Citywide waste drop off event:** get rid of your large refuse items and recyclable materials Saturday, September 16, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the MN State Fair Grounds. [Learn more](#)

**Treatment available:** The Ramsey County Detoxification Facility is accepting clients again and is now offering medicated withdrawal management services. This new service offers a more holistic approach with high-end stabilization and treatment planning as well as medication assistance with withdrawal. [Learn more](#)

**Renew your coverage:** During the COVID-19 pandemic people did not have to renew their Medical Assistance (MA) or MinnesotaCare. Now that the pandemic has ended, most people will be required to renew their health insurance regularly. [Learn more](#)

**Raspberry Island Weeding Event:** Join the Saint Paul Natural Resources horticulture crew in weeding out the garden beds on Raspberry Island (pictured, above; photo by Bruce Silcox). Tools and gloves provided. [Register here](#)



## Let's celebrate!

This year, we are celebrating an incredible milestone here on the West Side: 50 years of building collective power and advancing justice and racial equity in our neighborhood.

Join us Sunday, November 5th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Humboldt High School for our Anniversary Celebration! [RSVP here.](#)