



Riverview Economic Development Association

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West Side Business & Community Development Forum 10/13 RSVP TODAY!

Smith Ave Revitalization Kick-Off 10/20

Welcome New REDA Members

Help River's Edge Academy Build their Library

Upcoming Events- REDA Annual Meeting & More!

Congratulations, two baby boys!

West Side Community & Extreme Home Makeover

Day of the Dead at Minnesota History Center 10/25



The City of Saint Paul & REDA Present

A West Side Business & Community Development Forum

An initiative for Minority Business Development & Retention

Please join us on Tuesday, October 13th, 5-7 PM
Featuring Mayor Chris Coleman, Council Member Dave Thune
City of Saint Paul Department Directors

A Business Focused Panel Discussion including:

- *Grant and loan opportunities
- *Parking requirement changes
- *Resources for businesses to survive in tough times
- *How the city can become my customer

Location: MN Centennial Showboat

Harriet Island, St. Paul 55101 Appetizers will be served.

RSVP jt@districtdelsol.com or 651.222.6347

Co-sponsored by Conversations with Al McFarlane and AHANA Ethnic Media Coalition, Minority Business Development and Retention and Twin Cities Local Initiative Support Corporation

Smith Avenue Revitalization Kick-Off Event

Come hear about an innovative partnership between Saint Paul and West Saint Paul to plan for the future of Smith Avenue!

Join political leaders and officials from Saint Paul, West Saint Paul, and Ramsey County in kicking off this effort!

Also hear about an opportunity for community members to join the new Smith Avenue Revitalization Task Force.

Business representatives, residents, and property owners are welcome, we want to hear your ideas!

Tuesday, October 20th

Cherokee Tavern

886 Smith Avenue West St. Paul 55118

5:15 pm—7:00 pm Free appetizers

RSVP to jt@districtdelsol.com or 651.222.6347

Organized by Riverview Economic Development Association, Neighborhood Development Alliance, West Side Citizens Organization, City of Saint Paul & City of West Saint Paul.

New Members

Capital View Cafe

Capital Deals

Guadalupe Alternative Programs

El Toro Mexican Restaurant

The Recovery Church

Sol-Information Systems, llc

Congratulations to REDA's Executive Director,

Chris Romano & wife Kerry

on their recent arrival of twins on October 2, 2009.

Welcome Daniel John and Joseph Oliver!

Help River's Edge Academy Build their Library!

River's Edge is requesting books that might appeal to Hispanic and African American teenage males.

Please contact Dawn Clawson for more information @ River's Edge Academy
651-308-7449

www.riversedgeacademy.org



Save the Date for REDA's Annual Meeting on November 19th @

Clarence W. Wigington Pavilion, Harriet Island

[Buy your Tickets Today!](#)

Neighborhood Development Alliance's 20th Anniversary Dinner on October 15!
[More info & purchase tickets](#)

River's Edge Academy is celebrating their West Side opening on October 22nd 5:30 to 8 pm!
[More info here](#)

**West Side Community Rallies To Broaden Impact of Extreme Home Makeover
5 West Side community groups join forces to make a big difference**

Over the past 7 days thousands of volunteers have entered District del Sol and taken part in the amazing transformation of the Morris family home on Saint Paul's West Side.

In true West Side fashion 5 local community organizations - Riverview Economic Development Association, Neighborhood House, Neighborhood Development Alliance, West Side Citizens Organization and West Side Safe - have banded together with TJB Homes to make sure that the "makeover" doesn't just stop at just one house.

Throughout the week over 300 volunteers participated in dozens of local projects. These include re-roofing a home, community litter pick up, park improvements, community garden maintenance, painting, and more. There is also a special challenge to gather 25,000 pounds of food for the Neighborhood House Food Shelf.

Special thanks goes to donations and partnerships with Valspar, Sherwin-Williams, the City of Saint Paul, and the hundreds of volunteers have made this week of service possible.



Day of the Dead Celebration

Sunday, 10/25 • Noon-4

Minnesota History Center, St. Paul

- Traditional opening ceremony
- Puppet show
- *Loteria* (Mexican bingo)
- *Ofrendas* (altars)
- Sugar skull making
- *Nicho* (shadowbox) decorating — bring a small photo or symbol to honor a departed loved one.
- Mexican dance and music

\$10 adults, \$8 seniors & students, \$5 children
6-17, children 5 & under and MHS members free.

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