

News About Metro State University from President Ginny Arthur

Mark Gallagher

Harvard and Columbia Universities have been in the national news lately with President Trump's administration pressuring the two universities to address allegations of anti-Semitism and DEI issues on their campuses. Metro State University's President, Ginny Arthur, weighs in on the effects the Trump administration policies have on the university she oversees.

Metro State certainly has limited federal grants, but so far none of them have been negatively impacted. The biggest grant would be for the TRIO Student Support Services program. There is a proposal in President Trump's FY 2026 budget to cut TRIO program funding, but Metro State is going to rely on the advocacy of many, many people who have an interest in TRIO. It has always been a bipartisan supported program, so Metro State is adding its voice to that issue, based on what it has done — a lot of good for its students.

"The students who participate in TRIO programs are very successful at completing their degree," President Arthur said.

"We hope the program won't go away. I have read there are more students who rely on TRIO in red states than there are in blue states. Hopefully, republicans in Congress, will be thinking about that." *They must have been thinking about TRIO because since the interview for this article, Metro State found out that three existing TRIO programs will be funded through 2030.*

"We have had to deal with some constraints in the budget from reduced enrollment that occurred during and after the pandemic. Previously, Metro State had really pared down our non-personnel expenditures to the minimum needed to run the university: We have to pay for electricity and heating, we have to buy books, and we have to subscribe to the periodical services at the library. We really cut expenses in those areas down to the essentials.

"Metro State University has also done something when we have a vacant position: like delaying filling it, leaving it open for a longer period of time, or just not filling it at all. We are going to undergo a process starting this summer, where we are planning to look at other areas of efficiency and places where we can make some cuts."

See President, page 5.

Yoga in Swede Hollow Park

Mandy Okonek

Our rad neighbor Laura Craig has a sweet, senior dog and a smile that could probably get her out of a parking ticket. I first met her in one of those classic East Side neighborhood moments. She was out for a peaceful stroll down North Street when my two dogs, still in their *velociraptor* phase, spotted her. They launched into a chorus so fierce it threatened to break the wooden pillars off my back deck. While I hollered my usual, "They're really nice, I promise!" she somehow managed to invite me to Saturday morning yoga in Upper Swede Hollow Park.

Yoga in Upper Swede Hollow Park happens on Saturday mornings starting at 9:30 am and lasts an hour. Classes are weather permitting, and Laura sends out updates via her Yoga at Swede Hollow Park page on Facebook.

Now, this isn't just any yoga class. At the end, Laura treats everyone to a song bowl session during *savasana* — the glorious finale — where you stretch out like a corpse, or a sack of potatoes (pick your metaphor) and melt into the earth. She plays

with white glass bowls in different sizes, each one singing when her wand traces the rim. The epic cacophony is like a lullaby from a celestial David Bowie, soft, hypnotic, and just woo-woo enough to make you forget about laundry, bills, and whatever that text from your boss said.

It's a pay-what-you-can class, so there's no excuse not to show up, especially when you get your stretching, your nature fix, and your cosmic serenade all in one. Laura also offers sessions and retreats that dive even deeper into the spiritual bits of that mind-body connection that science can't explain. Reach out to her at [facebook.com/lauracraig84/](https://www.facebook.com/lauracraig84/) for more information.

Yoga is a great place to start exploring mindful movement and this class is definitely a come as you are beginner friendly session. However you arrive, you'll leave Swede Hollow feeling calmer, looser, and maybe just a little stoked about how good you are at Saturday mornings. Go, You!

And who knows — if you hear two velociraptors howling nearby, that's just my very sweet hounds saying *namaste*.



Metro State University

Metro State President, Ginny Arthur.

Back to School!

St. Paul Public Schools

School begins on **Tuesday, September 2**, for students in grades 1-12. Students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten start on **Thursday, September 4**.

Help us celebrate the start of a new school year by sending us your first day photos or by tagging us on social media.

The first day of school is exciting for students, families and staff alike. It can also be overwhelming. Here are a few things to know so you can help your students be ready for the first day.

Please look for more details from your school about an open house or back-to-school night when you can tour the building, meet the staff, and drop off supplies. For more information, visit [spps.org/families/back-to-school](https://www.spps.org/families/back-to-school).



Greg Cosimini

Pictured above, Boston the Barber has joined the team of Lance Flemino, the Original Barber, and Marie Flemino, the Women's Hair Stylist, at Everybody's Barber. It is located at 367 Earl St. near Hudson Road. Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment by calling the barbershop at 651-313-2027, Lance at 651-425-0145, Marie at 651-440-8933, or Boston at 612-930-6181.



The Eddies Performed at the Dayton's Bluff Eagles Club, August 2

Marilyn McGriff

Over 100 people turned out for a rare performance of *The Eddies* Saturday, August 2. The Dayton's Bluff Eagles Club on Maria Avenue was filled to capacity. According to one in attendance, the lively audience's singing, stomping and clapping was a "long warm hug for *The Eddies*."

The official name for the group which started in 2009 is *The Eddies On the River*. Current members are Chuck Lentz, Tom Welna, John Moriarty, Mark Richardson and guitarist Paul Garding. But at the Eagles Club, there was also some accordion accompaniment compliments of Chuck.

Why a "rare" performance? According to the group's publicity for the August 2 show, "we really don't know when our next gig after this might be, or if there will be a next gig. It is painful to say, but we are all moving on." And as noted by another of *The Eddies*, "we aren't getting any younger."

The show at The Eagles Club demonstrated what the group is known for--sea shanties, of course, but other songs that evoke nostalgia, tenderness and memories. Sage Holben, an *Eddies* fan remarked, "My head and heart were more dedicated to the performance than usual. . .treasuring what is likely the last. Thank you, *Eddies* and thank you, Eagles."

From *The Eddies* themselves came this comment, "Thank you all for coming out to hear us at some point. We hope you have enjoyed our singing. But, we can only say that the pleasure was all ours. It's all about the harmony, isn't it?"



Marilyn McGriff

From left to right, Paul Garding, Chuck Lentz, Tom Welna, John Moriarty, Mark Richardson

The Forum is Hiring an Ad Manager!

The *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* is hiring! We are looking to add an integral member to our team as we expand and grow our community news source through advertising sales.

This is the perfect opportunity for students with a graphic design, business, or marketing background or degree.

Hours are flexible and training will be provided. Compensation is a generous 25% commission per ad, per month.

Experience creating ads is a bonus, but not necessary. Ad manager will be paid once the ad is paid.

If you are looking for gaining experience in advertising or community engagement, please send a short email with your qualifications to daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com, for consideration in this exciting opportunity.



Sage Holben

The crowd of over 100 people who attended The Eddies in August.

Friends of Swede Hollow

If you have a passion for history and preserving nature, please join us for our monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of every month.

Our meetings are held at St. John's Lutheran Church at 765 Margaret St., back entrance. For the most accurate information on the next meeting, email Michel or follow us on Facebook.

The meeting is **September 16** and starts at **6:30 p.m.** and is an excellent resource for park updates and events. For more updates email taylor672@comcast.net or call Michel at 651-442-3366.

Dayton's Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The *Forum* is seeking writers and help with online content, idea generation, and ad sales — join us at our next meeting on **Friday, September 5 at 11 a.m.**

If you'd like to attend, email daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com for more information.

We are currently meeting at the Dayton's Bluff Library.

Need Groceries?

If you are 60 or older, you may be eligible to receive a box of nutritious food every month from Second Harvest.

This box is part of a program called NAPS, and we can help you apply!

Give us a call at 651-683-2326, and someone will assist you with your appli-

cation.

Help the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging provide one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries at community partner sites.

Make a difference in your community by becoming a State Health Insurance Assistance Program certified Medicare Counselor. Help people understand their Medicare options.

Visit Metroaging.org/volunteer.

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police hosts their monthly meetings for community members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues.

The meetings are intended as a time to learn, listen, and address people's concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side. Police meetings are held at **9 a.m. and 6 p.m.** on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your neighbors!

Call Robyn Brewin at 651-266-5580 or email RobynBrewin@StPaul.gov to ensure the meetings have not been canceled.

New National Suicide Prevention Hotline Number

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Text or Dial. 988 was recently launched as an alternative to call-

ing 911.

Xcel Phone Numbers

Gas Leak: 800-895-2999. Power Outage: 800-895-1999.

Call 811 before you dig: Before starting that roto-tiller or heaving that shovel into the ground for *anything*, call 811.

At no charge, Xcel will have a trained technician check the area on your property or on the boulevard to make sure there are no wires, pipes, or other hidden surprises in the designated digging area. Usually, someone checks within a day, marking the 'no-dig' area with painted lines, and everyone is safe!

Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board of Directors Meeting

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is inviting everyone to attend the meeting on **Monday, September 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the East Side Enterprise Center at 804 Margaret Street.

Come meet your neighbors, share your ideas, hear from others, and elect board members. Your voice matters!

Welcome address from the Board President, remarks from other local officials, and open discussion with your neighbors and board members are on the schedule. Looking forward to seeing you and serving your neighborhood needs. All are welcome.

Free Legal Services for Low-Income People

Call Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services at 1-888-575-2954 or go to smrls.org to see if you qualify for free legal assistance with: family law, government benefits, housing, education, seniors, and more. You can also call if you're behind on your bills, having problems with credit or creditors, or have other civil legal issues, etc. If an interpreter is needed, SMRLS will provide one.

Hours: **Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.; 1 to 3 p.m.**



September 26 – October 4: *She Kills Monsters* presented by Six Elements Theater.

October 17, 18, 24, 25 & 26: *Real Haunted Tours*. Buy tickets early.

Visit moundstheatre.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com

Chess Club

Come join us at Karibu Grocery and Deli, located at 719 Payne Ave. in St. Paul for a weekly game of chess. All levels are welcome. We play every **Wednesday from 6-9 p.m.**

7th Street Live! Returned August 9

Allison Lund-Zalewski

Despite the rain, community members gathered together to celebrate 7th Street Live! Artists came to sell their products, food trucks were there offering up delicious foods, there was a climbing wall for kids, and live performers came for the day. Pictured below is the Rondo Double Dutch team, performing for the crowds, as well as the East Side Boxing Club sparring.



Free Cybersecurity Check-Up Event for the Community Think Safe, Be Safe

Metro State

In response to a wave of recent cyberattacks that have disrupted city services and raised alarms across Twin Cities, Metro State University is hosting a free cybersecurity awareness event **Think Safe Be Safe**. The event will take place on October 18, 2025, and is open to all community members, students, and local organizations.

The initiative is part of Metro State's broader commitment to strengthening digital literacy and resilience across the state. Hosted at the university's state-of-the-art Cyber Security Center, the event will feature interactive workshops, expert-led sessions, and practical demonstrations designed to help attendees understand how to protect their personal data and privacy.

This comes at a critical time for Saint Paul. Just recently, the city suffered a major cyberattack that prompted Mayor Melvin Carter to declare a state of emergency. The attack disrupted municipal systems, including payment platforms, library services, and internal networks. Governor Tim Walz activated the Minnesota National Guard's cyber protection unit to assist in recovery efforts. "The scale and complexity of this incident exceeded both internal and commercial response capabilities," Walz said during a press briefing.

In light of these events, Dr. Faisal Kaleem, Director of Cybersecurity and Cyber Operations Programs at Metro State University, emphasized the importance of community involvement in cybersecurity: "Cybersecurity isn't just a technical issue — it's a human one. Every person in our community plays a role in protecting our shared digital environment. **Think Safe Be Safe** is about empowering people with the knowledge and tools to make smart, safe choices online."

The event will also highlight Metro State's innovative Cybersecurity Clinic, which offers free vulnerability assessments to small businesses, nonprofits, and schools. These services are provided by trained students under expert supervision, giving participants real-world experience while helping local organizations improve their cyber defenses.

Whether you're a parent concerned about your child's online safety, a small business owner managing sensitive data, or simply someone who wants to better understand digital threats, **Think Safe Be Safe** will offer valuable insights and resources. All attendees are invited to bring their personal computing devices — laptops, tablets, phones — to get checked by cybersecurity professionals!

Registration for **Think Safe Be Safe** is free, and attendees are encouraged to RSVP using the QR Code. Light refreshments provided. To learn more, contact Will at will.lee@my.metrostate.edu or Devya at devya.esreepersaud@my.normandale.edu. If you need disability-related accommodations, including parking, to make this event accessible, please contact the Center for Accessibility Resources at [651-793-1549](tel:651-793-1549) or accessibility-resources@metrostate.edu.

CFSO Free Cybersecurity Awareness Event

Think Safe Be Safe

Learn about cybersecurity, and how to protect your devices & personal info

Saturday, October 18
Stop by anytime 10 am - 3 pm
Location: Cyber Security Center
Metro State University, New Main Building, Room L206
700 E, 7th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106
Parking Ramp: 402 Maria Avenue

Sponsored by Cyber Security and Forensics Student Organization (CFSO)

RSVP: Scan QR code!










Greg Cosimini

Construction of the 7,500 sq. ft. Wakan Tipi Center began in May 2024. Completion is expected in late summer of this year with a grand opening in spring of 2026. The Center will feature an exhibit hall, classrooms, ceremony space, a community gathering area, a teaching kitchen, and teaching gardens to showcase and expand the value of the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary as a place for cultural healing, life-long learning, and inspiration. It is located under the Kellogg-Third St. Bridge. A parking lot expansion and additional landscaping and storage garage will be built after the bridge project is completed in 2027.

You got somethin' to say? Say it here!

The *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* welcomes all opinions and neighborhood anecdotes — send yours to:

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Want to write about something that interests you? We want to hear it! Submit your stories and articles to the email above.

Opinions expressed in contributed articles may not represent the views of the *Forum*.

Deadline for the October issue of the *Forum* is September 10, 2025.

View From My Porch

Farewell to East Side's The Eddies

Sage Holben

Over 100 people filled the Eagles Aerie 33 at 287 Maria Street in Dayton's Bluff. They, members and visitors, came to say farewell to the Eddies, five now older men who have made music for many years in the Dayton's Bluff area. Their music haunts, delights, and soothes souls. The audience enthusiastically clapped their hands and their thighs in rhythm to the songs of challenge, love, loss, love and despair, and exuberance for life.

Listening to them made me think of the lives they have touched with their music through the years. Their voices still sound strong though they may feel some raspiness. They give their all to their audience. Music, especially old ballads, sea shanty tunes — songs that tell

stories of life; errors, missteps, opportunities missed, wrongs made and dreams that blow in the wind. What ballad, perhaps ages old, touches you in such a way as it lifts your spirits with "carry-on" energy; Or you feel plunged into an emotional depth, shuddering at something in the past the rises to the surface in your mind and you're sure 'everyone' remembers 'it'. You feel a shame you thought it was buried long ago. Music revives in so many ways.

Musicians, like the Elderberries, Amy and Adams, and the Eddies, carry histories of places and people. They share the hints of precious history for us. History connects us and the love of music glues us together as we share in the singing and clap our thighs like boatmen;

as the strongest among us become teary-eyed at a lover's ballad sharing a certain doom.

I love that people share space to share music. The city music in the parks, the orchestra on the porch, and Music from the Porch. Many of the music offerings are provided by individuals and are free. They bring strangers together and often provide a stage for talented individuals to demonstrate their courage in front of strangers — and we, the audience, to show our thanks.

Events Happening at the Dayton's Bluff Library

Teens Dungeons and Dragons

September 2, 16
Dayton's Bluff library hosts monthly Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) for teens! We are a safe space for both experts who want to join a campaign and newbs who want to learn the game. Learn how to DM (run the game), create your own character, be part of the team, and learn new skills. Meetings are safe spaces where respect is crucial and everyone's opinion is heard.
6:30-8 p.m.

FunLab: Moving Fish; Flipbook Animation; PomPom Catapults; Cooking

September 6, 13, 20, 27
Drop in to hang out and make cool stuff at FunLab! Featuring crafts, science experiments, engineering projects, video games, and more. This STEAM drop-in program is designed for ages 7-11.
2:30-4 p.m.

Teens Know Best

September 9

Join Teens Know Best! TKB is for teens who want to influence the publishing industry, read lots of great books, and meet other teens. TKB teens, ages 12-18, read and review YA books that aren't available to the public yet. YA publishers read TKB reviews and use them to influence the future of the publishing industry. We're a safe space to meet other teens from around the city who love books too.
6:30-8 p.m.

Teen Writers Guild

September 23
Teen Writers' Guild (TWG) is a group for teens to encourage each other in their writing, learn the craft of writing, and grow as writers. We'll also occasionally host guest authors and we always have snacks and hot drinks.
6:30-8 p.m.

Teen Tuesday

September 30
On the 5th Tuesday of the month when we hang out, play games, listen to music, make art, power up the PS5, try out the 3D printer, and more. This is a casual time to be creative, meet your friends (or even make new ones!), eat snacks, and generally be yourself.
6:30-8 p.m.



Sage Holben

Neighbors gather for a Music From the Porch concert featuring the Elderberries, Amy & Adams.



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Donnelle staffing a book give away table at Amy & Adams concert. Brad Griffith of Edina Realty and neighbor Linda Charpentier donated cold bottled water on a steamy night.



Sage Holben

The street is filled with the sound of music.



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Amy & Adams, The Elderberries.



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My good neighbor, Kari, clearing the brush around the house before the music.

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Probably the biggest financial impact will come through the state budget, which is, of course, impacted by changes in the federal funding — which reduces the flow of funding of various programs, and puts them back into state support. As a result, the state doesn't have a lot of extra money to provide for higher education. Metro State University has a little cut in their appropriation from the state for the upcoming two years, but they are managing those.

"Fortunately, we recently have an increase in enrollment," President Arthur said. "Our enrollment was up for this past year, and we are seeing a healthy increase for summer and fall terms in the coming year. We think it is mostly due to the impact of The North Star Promise Program, which is a "last-dollar" scholarship that covers the full cost of tuition and fees remaining after other forms of financial aid (such as grants, scholarships, and waivers) have been applied. That program is funded for the next two years, and we hope the state will be able to continue to fund it into the future."

The overall disposition of the university is mixed in various places. The mood of the students is pretty good, at least from what the president sees or what she hears from the Student Association. The students are happy to be at Metro State, and they are excited to be making progress in their degree programs. Many of them are actively engaged in their community or taking civic action such as getting people registered to vote. So, they see themselves as having a sense of agency to be able to do things.

The employees are incredibly devoted to the students and to the mission of Metro State, and they do all they can. But, of course, these are very worrying times. All President Arthur can do is share what the situation is in terms of what's happening with the budget, what's happening at the state or federal level, and then try to bring people together in conversation to figure out how they can address the issues. People are glad to be at Metro State and committed to the work of the university, but they understand that there is a lot of uncertainty from the federal government, from the state government, and from the Metro State's budget point of view.

"I think President Trump," President Arthur said, "has been very focused on the elite universities like Harvard, Columbia, and some of the others. So far, he hasn't looked more broadly at Metro State University as a place where we have always served the needs of our students based on their own individual desires, and that means welcoming everyone, regardless of what their life circumstance is, and what their background is, while providing the support that they deserve."

"I guess that's the definition of diversity, which we have a lot of. We are being equitable and inclusive with our students, and we are not going to step away from that work. If President Trump were to issue an executive order and cut off access to federal financial aid for our students because of the stance the university takes, then maybe we would have to think how we talk about our work because that would be counterproductive if the majority of our students would not be able to get the financial support they need through their degrees. But until that happens, we will continue to do the work and talk about the work as we always have."

According to President Arthur, Metro State University, as a public institution, is governed by the U.S. Constitution, which includes many rights of the individuals who attend there. The faculty, employees, and students have a right of free speech as at any institution. Metro State is a public university financed partially by taxpayer money. They don't take any political stance about who the president is, or not, and they have to deal with whatever the political arrangements are at the state and federal level. If something is deemed a legal requirement, Metro State has to follow that legal requirement, so, that goes back to the issue of immigration and ICE — if it is legal, Metro State University has to follow it.

Metro State has provided resources for students, and they have a connection with a law firm that is going to support students sometimes at reduced rates, or for free, and Metro State will make students aware of that. They have immigration attorneys who will advise students of their rights and assist faculty members who are here on visas. The immigration attorneys will talk with them and prepare them if they are going to travel outside the country, but Metro State University's basic stance is that we follow the law.

There is a national organization called the American Association of Colleges and

Universities (AAC and U). About a month ago, they wrote an open letter to the president and his administration, and they laid out the principles that higher education is an important factor in our society and for the strength of our society. Metro State University expects that the president and the government will not interfere in their operations, will try not to undermine the work that Metro State does, and will provide the support that the students need.

"I signed on to the letter," said President Arthur, "and other presidents from other colleges and universities were also asked to sign on. I basically signed on right away, and now about 600 presidents from across the country have signed on. So, that's one thing working through our professional organizations because it's better to make our collective voice known. Of course, within the Minnesota State system, the chancellor and the board are clear, again, that Metro State University is not going to change its mission, we are not going to change who we serve, and we are not going change how we do our work. So, our local association is Minnesota State."

Harvard University, which has an endowment of \$53 billion, can survive in a different way than most other private universities. A small university somewhere may not have enough enrollment and a big enough endowment to carry itself through. For public universities, a lot will depend on what happens at the state. It is hard to imagine that the state of Minnesota will not provide some support to the University of Minnesota and to Minnesota State. Are they going to provide enough support for every college and university in the state to continue to operate? It is hard to discern because it is difficult to know what is going to happen either to our economy, which impacts our state budget, or to federal funding.

"An endowment is the money accumulated, then invested, for the benefit of the college or university," President Arthur said. "We usually believe that an endowment is a perpetual savings account. I think I read that with Harvard's endowment, that they take a 5% draw every year, then it can be placed into their budget to supplement tuition. If you are a smaller university and you have a \$20 million endowment, you don't have that kind of leverage because you have a much smaller amount of money. An endowment is the principal stake invested, which is provided by the benefactors, and then the university uses the interest for its

spending. Generally, an endowment comes from gifts given by benefactors. We do have gifts from our foundation dollars, high giving individuals, and other foundations that provide money. So, it's a mix of sources.

"I wish I had a crystal ball so I could see the future," said President Arthur. "It's hard to know, obviously, the trajectory that things are on right now. It is quite damaging to higher education, and I don't even know what to say about what the future would be in three to four years. I also think, though, that we are living as a resilient society, and our educational institutions are, by nature, responsive to the external environment we are in, of course, serving the best needs of our students. And so, we are going to find a way to work through it all. There may be sacrifices that have to be made, but I really can't predict them because it is completely unpredictable from one day to the next in what will happen."

"For example, we run through the issues across higher education, with international students having their authorizations terminated, and judge the court's rights. No, you can't do it that way, and the president announced that he was not going to allow Harvard to enroll any international students. The intent, I think, would be to broaden that out across all higher education. And now Harvard is suing, and there is a court injunction in place. So, that's what I predict. I do think that the president does not have a great regard for higher education; he thinks it is too independent. He believes that we are political in nature even though we're not, and we are just going to have to find a way to respond to whatever things he comes up with next. The most injurious would be if they cut off federal financial aid because so many students across the country rely on that to be able to get a college education."

"I think Metro State is strong. We do such good work in our state and community that I think we will be able to weather the storm. So, that's it; I don't want people to be worrying about Metro State University — and that's not to say we won't have to make changes — but I think we will survive."

—Mark Gallagher

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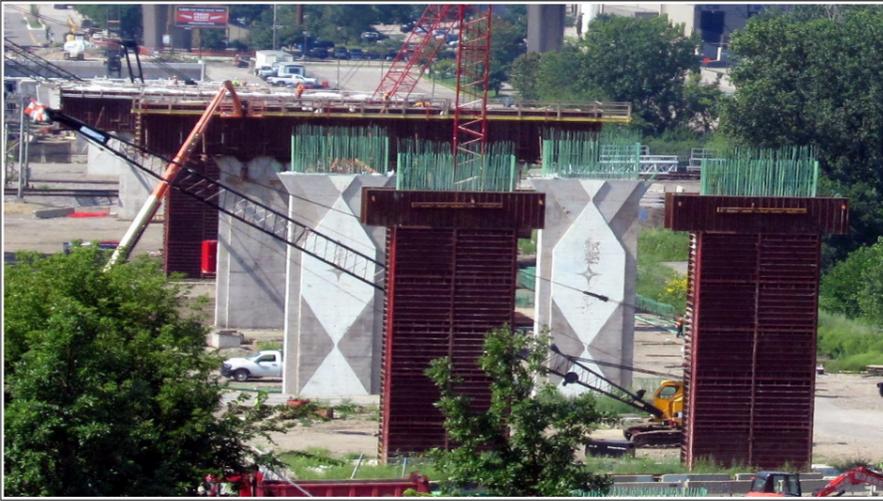
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As of August 13, the Kellogg-Third Street bridge construction project is 40% complete. Foundations and bridge supports are 75% complete. Beam deliveries started on August 19. Decking, railings and lighting will be constructed in 2026. Final project completion is scheduled for summer 2027.



Bob Roth

Tour des Jardins Set for September 20

Nate Barber

The Tour des Jardins is a social bicycle ride between community gardens and urban farms in Saint Paul. The event is something between an open house, a bike ride, a culinary adventure, and a social gathering to bring people together in a fun way and strengthen our network of local community gardens.

Riders and drivers alike can visit gardens throughout the city, meet the gardeners who keep these spaces thriving, and enjoy small bites made with fresh produce at each stop. The day ends with a wrap party and happy hour at Mounds Park Community Garden.

For updates on times, route details, links to participating gardens, and food offerings select these links:

- For the event website: moundsparkgarden.com/events/tour-de-jardin
- For the event on Facebook: facebook.com/share/1BiSCAbcUY/

Here's the deal: Participating gardens host visitors for an hour, providing an appetizer, beverages, and a tour of their garden. The list of participating gardens is still in development, so stay tuned to this Facebook event or the website for updates!

Participants: Tour and travel times are approximate guesses. We want to provide a structure you can use to plan your day. You are welcome to join us for the whole tour, or as many stops as you like.

The bike ride will be leisurely and fun. Riders should be comfortable with riding 15 miles. Mechanics will be on hand to help if your bike has mechanical issues but they'll have limited capabilities. The tour is not just for cyclists. You are welcome to drive if you like.

The tour will end at Mounds Park Community Garden with tours of our space and an evening happy hour.

Schedule:

- Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Date: Saturday, September 20
- Route: forthcoming

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