



10th Annual Tour de Sprawl

Speaker List



START: Raspberry Island

David Boyce is a West Side resident who has been active in the neighborhood for the past 15 years. The attorney is a past board member of the West Side Citizens Organization (WSCO), past chair of the WSCO environment and riverfront development committees and former board member of Great River Greening. He helped found No Shams!, a citizens group that stopped the building of a car shredder on the Mississippi River in St. Paul. David currently serves as president of the board of the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society and lives in a solar powered home on the West Side with his wife and three children. David can be contacted at dboyce@mcg.net

Steve Johnson is responsible for cultural and natural resource management within the of the National Park Service's 72-mile Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, much of it which lies in the Twin Cities region. Although he has only worked for NPS for 18 months, he has worked for other governmental agencies on the Mississippi River for more than 28 years. He supervised statewide river programs for Minnesota DNR for 17 years (1987-2004), and before that worked on the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers for 10 years at an interstate agency, the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission. The Winona State University grew up on the Pomme de Terre River in western Minnesota. Steve can be contacted at steven_p_johnson@nps.gov or 651-290-3030 x223.

STOP #1: The Village at Mendota Heights

Ross M. Fefercorn is the principal of the development firm Mendota Heights Town Center, LLC. Ross has been active in the real estate industry for more than 20 years. His firms have designed, developed and constructed award-winning single-family, town home and condominium neighborhoods and numerous mixed-use commercial developments. Ross can be contacted at ross@rmfgroup.com or 612-824-7000

STOP #2: Marthaller Park, West St. Paul

Senator Jim Metzen (39) is the President of the Minnesota Senate and has represented West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Inver Grove Heights, Sunfish Lake, and portions of South St. Paul since 1986. He has been a leader on transportation issues in Dakota County. Senator Metzen can be reached at sen.jim.metzen@senate.mn or 651-296-4370.

Representative Rick Hansen (39A) is currently serving his first term in the Minnesota House, representing West St. Paul, South St. Paul, Lilydale, and Mendota Heights. He previously served for 8 years on the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District and has been a leader on environmental and transit issues. Representative Hansen can be reached at rep.rick.hansen@house.mn or 651-296-7175.

Diane Englin-Elliott and **Mike Kluznik** are Sierra Club members who are working on the Northern Dakota County Light Rail Campaign as part of the North Star Chapter's Sierra Communities program. Diane can be reached at kandi188@usfamily.net or 651-983-6363. Mike can be reached at kluz@ties2.net or 651-457-2528.

TENTATIVE: Representative Joe Atkins (39B) is currently serving his 2nd term, representing South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights. He previously served as Mayor of Inver Grove Heights from 1992 – 2002. As a member of the House, has helped to advocate for better transit in N. Dakota County. Representative Atkins can be reached at (651) 296-7175 or rep.joe.atkins@house.mn

STOP #3: Central Square, South St. Paul

Mayor Beth Baumann has served as mayor of the City of South St. Paul since 2000. Mayor Baumann received a B.A. in Business - Marketing from Augsburg College and an M.A. in Organizational Leadership from the College of St. Catherine. She developed the River Heights Leadership Program for the River Heights Chamber of Commerce in 1998. Mayor Baumann can be reached at SSPOffice@southstpaul.org or 651-554-3203.