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Community to Celebrate Progress at The Heights During Family-Friendly Block Party

Event includes ribbon cutting with program to welcome families to Habitat homes

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – On Thursday, August 20, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the Saint Paul Port Authority and Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity are hosting Meet Me at The Heights, a free community block party celebrating the progress, partnerships, and people transforming The Heights redevelopment site on Saint Paul's Greater East Side.

The celebration will include free food, live entertainment from Twin Cities Road Crew, the Saint Paul Parks' climbing wall, appearances by the Bear-Larp mascot Matoskah, tours of the Habitat model home, and other family-friendly activities. There will also be a special ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome the first 20+ families to their Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity homes at The Heights.

WHAT: Meet Me at The Heights Community Block Party

WHEN: Thursday, August 20, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Speaker program and ribbon cutting at 6:30 p.m.)

WHERE: 2165 Cottage Avenue East, Saint Paul, MN 55119

DETAILS: Confirmed speakers include Saint Paul Port Authority President Todd Hurley, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity President and CEO Chris Coleman, Xcel Energy Senior Manager of Community Relations Elisa Rassmusen, and various elected officials.

The event recognizes the momentum underway at one of the region's most significant redevelopment projects and offers residents an opportunity to experience firsthand how The Heights is taking shape.

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About The Heights

The Heights is a 112-acre redevelopment located at the former Hillcrest Golf Club on Saint Paul's Greater East Side with the goal of delivering 1,000 homes—including nearly 150 homeownership opportunities from Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity—and 1,000 jobs to Saint Paul. With the community shaping the development's bold vision, connecting it with the history and strength of the surrounding neighborhood, the Heights promotes both opportunity and generational wealth.

To learn more about The Heights, visit theheightssaintpaul.com. To learn more about current housing opportunities at The Heights, visit <https://home.tchabitat.org/the-heights>.

About the Saint Paul Port Authority

The Saint Paul Port Authority (SPPA) is an economic engine for Saint Paul and the entire state of Minnesota. SPPA redevelops underused land into thriving business centers to bring jobs and tax base to Saint Paul; offers finance tools to help Minnesota companies become more energy efficient and resilient; and manages the Saint Paul Harbor on the Mississippi River, providing jobs and connecting our region to a global marketplace. Learn more at sppa.com.

About Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Founded in 1985, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate and innovation leader within the global Habitat for Humanity network. Twin Cities Habitat brings together a broad coalition of supporters, volunteers, and community partners to create, preserve, and promote affordable homeownership across the seven-county Minneapolis–Saint Paul metro area—mobilizing approximately 10,000 volunteers each year. As the region's largest affordable homeownership builder, Twin Cities Habitat has partnered with 2,100 families to unlock the power of homeownership. Its nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), TCHFH Lending, Inc., provides affordable mortgage products, down payment assistance, and personalized supports—making homeownership attainable in an increasingly out-of-reach market. For the past decade, Twin Cities Habitat's foreclosure rate has remained below 1%. Thousands of households have strengthened their housing stability, financial well-being, and quality of life through Twin Cities Habitat.

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