

RiCE & LARPENTEUR ALLIANCE

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OUR SHARED VISION

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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT

- Annual community events broke records for attendance including Community In Bloom in Roseville, Summer Block Party in St. Paul, and Winter Warm-Up in Maplewood.
- Rice & Larpenteur Alliance Youth Ambassadors (paid student interns) conducted outreach, support events, and collected over 65 community surveys.
- Launched Rice & Larpenteur T-shirts to raise funds and show community pride.
- Honored 6 Community Champions and 1 Volunteer of the Year at Annual Community Gathering.
 - LaTonya Black/MACGV, Pastor Dana/Galilee Lutheran Church, Capitol Region Watershed District, Big Bill Hogan, Council President Amy Brendmoen, Greg Simbeck
- Board Leadership and Executive Committee roles established growing Rice & Larpenteur Alliance's capacity.
- Supported financially through sponsorships and in-kind donations by over 50 business and nonprofit partners.



ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Celebrated Karen and Nepali Foods' Grand Opening (in place of former Lamplighter Lounge).
- Over 30 business representatives attended Business Networking Lunch and Learn.
- Ramsey County ReVision Rice Street program released community-centered Rice Street design.
- Metro Transit began planning for G Line Bus Rapid Transit Route on Rice Street.
- Entered phase two of Technical Assistance for Brownfields program to update Rice & Larpenteur Alliance's redevelopment strategy.
- Celebrated major expansions and growth of two area schools - Community School of Excellence and Hand In Hand Christian Montessori.
- Connected businesses with BizRecycling grants, Workforce Solutions resources, Open to Business support, and other grant and loan programs.
- Awarded 7 businesses facade improvement grants to fund signage and exterior improvements.
- Installed Rice & Larpenteur Gateway signage at the heart of the neighborhood.
- Welcomed new businesses including Metro Auto Deals, Karen and Nepali Foods, Tromperia el Zac, and Los Campiones gym.
- Convened Rice Street Gardens and development partners around possible addition of housing at SPRWS/Garden site.



NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND LIVABILITY

- Over 40 community members picked up litter at annual Spring Clean-Up event.
- M Health Fairview provided over 300 fitted youth bike helmets at the Summer Block Party.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and KLJ teamed up with Haircut City to provide 40 free kids haircuts.
- Welcomed Shobi's Table, a pay-what-you-can food truck with regular schedule.
- Celebrated North End Laundry's Free Laundry and Literacy Day and partnership with the St. Paul Public Library.
- Planted 12 flower pots at Rice and Larpenteur with volunteer support.
- Held public safety meeting with community based Board of Advisors and heard presentations from Roseville, Maplewood, and St. Paul police.

COMMUNITY-BASED ADVISORY BOARD

*Executive Committee

Alyssa Chin, Roseville Church of Christ

*Council President Amy Brendmoen,
City of Saint Paul

*Andrea Caldwell, Board Chair

*Blake Downing, Finance Chair,
Hamernick's Interior Solutions

Brian Welke, North End Laundry

Corey Wethern, AE Sign Systems

*Mayor Dan Roe, City of Roseville

Pastor Dana Nelson, Galilee Lutheran Church
Danette Parr, City of Maplewood

*Daniel Edgerton, Chair of Economic Vitality

*Dave Higgins, McGough Development LLC
Dayna Taylor, Hand In Hand

Christian Montessori

Ella Mitchell, Ramsey County

*Emma De Vera, Board Secretary

Esther Brown

Francisco Ramirez, M Health Fairview

Golden DeAngelo, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
Inc. St Paul Minneapolis Alumni Chapter

*Greg Simbeck, Co-Chair Community Events

*Council Vice President Hwa Jeong Kim,
City of Saint Paul

Jane Forliti

Janice Gundlach, City of Roseville

Jason Etten, City of Roseville

Jeena Gurung Vomhof, Namaste Brows
and Boutique

Jim Freeman, TSE, Inc.

*Johnny Opara, J.O. Companies

Julia McCarthy, Keystone Community Services

Kalease R. Smith, St Paul - Ramsey County

Public Health Sexual Violence Services SOS

Kaziah Josiah, Saint Paul Police Department

*Kazoua Kong-Thao, Vice Chair, Community
School of Excellence

Keith Allen, M Health Fairview

LaTonya Black, MACGV

Luis Mendoza, MCCD

*Mariah Quick, Co-Chair Community Events,

Ramsey County Environmental Health

Mary Beth Hess

Richard Inyang, Roseville Church of Christ

Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire,

Ramsey County

*Mayor Marylee Abrams, City of Maplewood
Narayan Chhetri

Nidhi Joshi, McCarron View

Noah Blaiser, Halverson and Blaiser Group

Noelle Bakken, City of Roseville

Porsche Hurley, Open Arms of Minnesota

Rachel Weiker, City of Saint Paul -
Economic Development

Ronna Woolery, Lamplighter Village
Apartments

Shann Finwall, City of Maplewood

*Shawn Wiski, Chair of Neighborhood

Livability, Kraus-Anderson Realty

Sherry Sanders, Rice Street Gardens

Stephanie Harris, Washington Technology
Magnet School

Tom Pitzl, City of Roseville Police Department

Tong Khang, JB Vang

Officer Tony Gabriel, City of Maplewood

Police Department

*Commissioner Trista Martinson,
Ramsey County

ANNUAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS, FOUNDATIONS, & DONORS



F. R. BIGELOW FOUNDATION



Corporations and Community Partners

American National Bank
Asia Fusion Kitchen
Be SMART
Big Bill's Belt Bustin' BBQ
Bix Produce Co.
Bolton & Menk Inc.
Capitol Region Watershed District
Caribou Coffee
Costco Maplewood
Cub Foods Maplewood West
Franchise Food Systems of MN, Inc (KCB Corporation)
Galilee Lutheran Church
H2O Waterworks
Halverson and Blaiser Group Ltd.
Hamernicks Interior Solutions
Hand in Hand Christian Montessori
Hiway Credit Union (Blaze Credit Union)
JO Companies
Karen Organization of MN
Keystone Community Services
Kim for City Council
KLJ
Kraus Anderson
M Health Fairview

McCarron Lake Chiropractic
McCarrons Lakefront Alliance
Metro Auto Deals
Metro Transit
Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD)
Mother's Against Community Gun Violence
Namaste Brows and Boutique
North End Laundry
North End Neighborhood Organization
OWC Farmers Market
Pam Tollefson for City Council- Ward 5
Ramsey County Environmental Health
Ramsey County Public Health -SOS
Ramsey County Voter Registration
ReVision Rice Street
Roseville Church of Christ
Saint Paul Regional Water Services
Setzer's Pharmacy and Gift Center
Thai Street Market
The Woolf Room
TKDA
TSE Inc.
Xcel Energy

Individuals

Anonymous
Amy Brendmoen
Andrea Caldwell
Betti Ingman
Brian Welke
Dana Nelson
Dan Edgerton
Dan Roe
Danette Parr
Dayna Taylor
Golden DeAngelo
Greg and Mary Jo Simbeck
Hwa Jeong Kim
Jason and Jessica Etten
Jessica Larson Johnston
Katherine Lynch
Kaziah Josiah
Marylee Abrams
Matt Hill
Noah Blaiser
Sarah Meggitt
Shawn Wiski

"My community is great and the people are very supportive." - Poe De Di, Resident

"LOVE THE CHANGES TO THE RICE & LARPENTEUR INTERSECTION! DON'T STOP!
IT SEEMS ON THE CUSP OF BEING A GO-TO SPOT." - BETTI INGMAN, RESIDENT

"Love the work Rice and Larpenteur is doing. Would love to see more
volunteer opportunities and more community events!" - Tammy, Resident

"SAFETY HAS IMPROVED 1000%"
- BRIAN WELKE, OWNER NORTH END LAUNDRY



"IT'S SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS, RESIDENTS, SHOPPERS, FAMILIES, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND
VULNERABLE/AT RISK YOUTH." - PASTOR DANA NELSON, GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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RICE & LARPENTEUR ALLIANCE

WHO WE ARE

The Rice & Larpenteur Alliance is a collaboration of the Cities of Maplewood, Roseville, St. Paul, Ramsey County, and the St. Paul Area Chamber. We partner with local businesses, area residents, and vested partners to help draw attention and resources to the Rice & Larpenteur community.

OUR VALUE STATEMENTS

Diversity and Representation

The neighborhood's cultural diversity is its greatest strength. The Alliance will be an organization of leaders representative of our diverse community.

Non-Displacement

The Alliance's efforts will be aimed at improving conditions for existing residents and businesses, and must not result in loss of affordability and gentrification.

Strengths-Based Approach

Rice & Larpenteur has many positive qualities and assets. All efforts by the Alliance will build upon and celebrate neighborhood strengths.



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