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St Paul Parks and Recreation Director Andy Rodriguez to Discuss City Parks Plan at September 21 In\$ight Meeting

ST. PAUL, MN, September 17, 2026. St. Paul Parks and Recreation Director Andy Rodriguez will headline In\$ight St. Paul's September 21 membership meeting. He will speak to the challenges of handling one of the city's toughest balancing acts: preserving a nationally ranked park system while confronting a \$100 million deferred maintenance backlog.

The presentation is free and open to the public. It begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Green Mill Restaurant, 57 Hamline Ave. S. in St. Paul, and will be followed by a Q&A session with Director Rodriguez.

St. Paul's park system, with more than 100 parks citywide, consistently ranks among the best in the nation. In 2023, voters approved the "Common Cent" sales tax increase to fund Parks and Recreation projects alongside road and bridge improvements. Director Rodriguez will lay out his vision for the city's parks, explain how this new funding stream is reshaping his department's priorities, and address the long-running tension between ambitious expansion plans and the less glamorous, but urgent, work of catching up on deferred maintenance.

Event Details

- **Who:** St. Paul Parks and Recreation Director Andy Rodriguez
- **What:** A presentation to In\$ight St. Paul's September Membership Meeting
- **When:** Monday, September 21, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Green Mill Restaurant, 57 Hamline Ave. S., St. Paul, MN
- **Why:** St. Paul is home to one of the top-ranked public park systems in the country Director Rodriguez will address the current state of the city's parks and what residents can expect from the Parks and Recreation department going forward.

About In\$ight St. Paul

In\$ight St. Paul is a nonpartisan citizen fiscal watchdog organization dedicated to promoting transparent municipal governance, fiscal accountability, and informed public policy in Saint Paul. More information about this event or In\$ight in general is available at our website (insightstpaul.org) or on our social media channels.