

## **Mayor Coleman To Announce Refrigerated Ice Rinks**

### *Refrigerated Rinks & New Partnership With Herb Brooks Foundation Being Formed*

(Saint Paul) - Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman will be holding a press conference on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 10:30a.m. at Phalen Recreation Center to announce the construction of three new Refrigerated Outdoor Skating Rinks and the partnership between the City and the Herb Brooks Foundation.

Refrigerated Ice Rinks add up to 6 weeks of additional quality skating over non-refrigerated outdoor rinks. In addition to more skating time, Refrigerated Ice Rinks provide a better quality of ice and help reduce maintenance costs associated with flooding.

"The Refrigerated Rinks will not only provide quality ice, it will also provide an exciting opportunity to add additional quality winter recreational programming for our residents," said the Mayor.

Saint Paul's Parks & Recreation Department, in partnership with the Saint Paul East Athletic Association, recently received grant funding from the Neighborhood STAR board for construction and installation of three outdoor refrigerated rinks in Saint Paul. After gathering general community feedback, Phalen Recreation Center was the first site to begin construction, with North Dale Recreation Center recently breaking ground, and the third site having yet to be determined.

This new exciting opportunity for Refrigerated Outdoor Skating has taken off, and to continue down this successful path, the City is looking to conclude the gathering of necessary funding. To do so, the City and the Herb Brooks Foundation will work together to develop additional funding sources for costs associated with the Refrigerated Outdoor Ice Rinks.

Mayor Coleman will be joined by Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough, Parks & Recreation Director Bob Bierscheid & Dan Brooks, son of Herb Brooks from the Herb Brooks Foundation.

The Parks Department anticipates Phalen to be ready for use this Winter Season, with the other two rinks to follow. The Refrigerated Rinks will have a concrete or asphalt foundation and the hockey boards will remain up year round, with the Parks Department utilizing the space during off-season for in-line skating and other recreational programming.

Who: Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, Parks & Recreation Director Bob Bierscheid, Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough & Dan Brooks from the Herb Brooks Foundation

What: Press Conference to Announce New Refrigerated Ice Rinks and Partnership between City & Herb Brooks Foundation to develop funding for Refrigerated Ice Rinks