

# WINDS OF CHANGE: WESTSIDE RALLY UPDATE

October 3, 2018



The Westside Rally Against Gun Violence is on Saturday, from 1-4pm. Here's what you need to know. See you there!

## PARK & RIDES

Participants are encouraged to make use of two Park & Rides, listed below. Buses will begin continuous circuits from the Park & Rides to The Commons Park in Excelsior and back again at 12:00pm and end at 6:00pm, to accommodate volunteers working the last shift.

### Park & Ride #1: Ridgedale Shopping Center

12401 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305

Look for the Protect Minnesota sign near a light post in the west parking lot north of the Firestone store. That is where

the bus will pick up and drop off passengers.

### Park & Ride #2: Immanuel Lutheran Church,

16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Park in the west parking lot. The bus will pick up and drop off passengers at the light post near the west entrance.

There is also limited street and lot parking available in Excelsior. Copy and paste this link to learn more:

<http://www.ci.excelsior.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=181>

## THE FINAL SPEAKER LINE UP

We are very excited about our speaker line up, which includes:

**Aalayah Eastmond**, the Fearless Parkland student who testified about gun violence at the Kavanaugh hearings.

**Erin Murphy**, former Majority Leader of the MN House of Representatives and powerful champion of gun violence prevention.

**Steve Cwodzinski**, MN State Senator, beloved high school teacher--and a firebrand on gun reform!

**Joyce Hayden**, mother of MN State Senator Jeff Hayden, whose daughter Taylor was lost to gun violence in 2016.

**Don Samuels**, tenacious North Minneapolis activist who has been working against gun violence for decades.

**Austen Berger**, inspiring co-chair of Students Demand Action.

**Christine Karki**, Moms Demand Action organizer.

**Braden Johnson, Sydney Lewis, and Muna Galbayte**, Students Protect Minnesota high school organizers.

**Meiran Carlson**, a 6th grade gun violence prevention activist, who with other members of her middle school group CHANGE-MN, will receive Protect Minnesota's Orange Badge of Courage award for 2018.

## THE WEATHER

The forecast says it will be 50 degrees with a 10% chance of rain on Saturday. It will likely feel a bit colder, because the park is next to Lake Minnetonka. But let's not forget: it was less than 20 degrees with snow on the ground on March 24, when 20,000 Minnesotans spent four or more hours outside for the March For Our Lives. It was 30 degrees on January 21, 2017, when 110,000 Minnesotans spent four or more hours outside for the Women's March. And the gun-rights groups have demonstrated outside the Capitol in below zero weather.

We are Minnesotans; we are tough. Are we going to let chilly temps keep us from getting out the vote for gun reform? **NO WE ARE NOT!** We're going to put on jackets, caps and scarves, enjoy a crisp fall day in a beautiful park next to a picture-perfect lake, and make some noise to get out the vote for gun reform!

## RECEPTION WITH AALAYAH

There are still tickets available for the Reception with Aalayah Eastmond on Friday, October 5, from 5:30-7:00pm at Cooper Pub & Restaurant, 1607 Park Place Blvd, St. Louis Park, 55416. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth under age 18. Don't miss this chance to meet a true shero of the student gun violence prevention movement. Go to [www.protectmn.org](http://www.protectmn.org) to get your tickets today!

