

From: [Keith Demarest](#)
To: [Joanna Zimny](#)
Subject: FW: FW: Inspection report
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026 2:47:52 PM

683 Kansas tenant communication.

From: AMBE MCKENZIE <ambemckenzie1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 12:06 PM
To: Keith Demarest <Keith.Demarest@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: FW: Inspection report

Think Before You Click: This email originated **outside** our organization.

Dear Keith,

Thank you for providing the reports. After reviewing them, I noticed that the specific documentation I am seeking is not included. I plan to visit the office in person to follow up on this request.

My research indicates that a \$3.8 million federal Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP) grant for Vista Village (422 Concord Street) was awarded in October 2024 but subsequently frozen. This funding was intended for critical repairs, including windows and heating systems. It appears the technical evaluations for this grant contain the detailed damage assessments missing from the standard city reports.

I intend to subpoena the following individuals involved in this matter to support my case:

- Melvin Carter, Mayor of St. Paul
- Deidre Schmidt, CEO of CommonBond Communities
- Tina Smith, U.S. Senator
- Angie Wiese, Director of DSI
- Lisa Schlem Martin, DSI Supervisor
- Lindsey Port, State Senator
- Lisa Bennett, Resident

Could you please provide the direct phone number for the DSI unit handling the West Side (Ward 2) so I may request the most recent inspector's log?

Regarding the property, I am exercising my right to repair. I have removed the refrigerator and

am utilizing a mini-fridge and deep freezer while I manage the necessary work myself, as I can no longer rely on management's inadequate repairs. The bathroom GFI is fried due to water absorption, and the vanity subflooring is severely rotted. I intend to remediate the mold and rebuild these areas on-site. I will be keeping the rotted vanity in place until our court date to demonstrate the conditions to the judge via Zoom, supported by my professional background in restoration and mold remediation.

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I intend to file the FRAUD and extortion of the vulnerable people and adults under this treatment and that have collectively paid 10s of thousands in cost for another year since the awareness at City and government level was reached. the fraud is also on the welfare and community action agencies that pay the cost and the tenants treated at a lesser value. as leasers. this has a Friday pattern and it's in a high number

It is concerning that these conditions are not more strictly enforced by HUD or the PHA, especially when vulnerable families on fixed incomes are forced to pay for deferred maintenance through high electricity costs from space heaters. (Safety & Risks Residential Fires: Space heaters (fixed and portable) are associated with approximately 1,700 to 21,800 residential fires annually, according to varying CPSC and fire agency estimates. Fatalities: These fires account for roughly 80–300 deaths per year. Key Safety Tip: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends keeping, at minimum, a three-foot clearance from anything that can burn) This is the proof of intentional endangerment of residents with unsafe heat that is unregulated. And further the inquiry into the order to remove grills but not a with adding a risk assessment nationally known by fire departments. I am prepared to complete the full work order based on the mayor's findings city inspections and my own professional assessment. Windows and other heat loss molded areas will be recorded and and removed. Unlike the video I will send of the work done in unit 2. No questions of infected area, from the rest of the house, during removal, while families was home. That's unacceptable even if it's a low income mother and her kids. Yes there not immigrants that are fought for, but they don't deserve to be mistreated. Those conditions are not correct it you to standard on regular sites. No cross contamination

On Fri, Apr 24, 2026, 9:25 AM Keith Demarest <Keith.Demarest@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hello and good morning,

This is Keith from City of Saint Paul DSI fire safety getting back to you.

All reports for the property are attached above.

I am scheduled to return to the property at 10:00 AM on 5/8/26 for a reinspection. I do need to abide by that date and time.

If there are other/new deficiencies found during that time, I will take photos of those and document them on a new inspection report.

Homeline and Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services are good resources for you to follow up with. I have attached links for those below.

<https://homelinemn.org/>

<https://www.smrls.org/>

Our department does not do mold testing. I am also attaching a link to the Minnesota Department of Health regarding that topic.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/air/mold/moldtest.html>

See you all in a few weeks.

Keith

From: AMBE MCKENZIE <ambemckenzie1@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 9:08 AM

To: Keith Demarest <Keith.Demarest@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Re: FW: Inspection report

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Dear Keith Demarest,

I am writing to provide an update regarding the property inspection and to formally request specific documentation and remediation actions.

I have filed this matter in court and am now exercising my right to repair. Following your suggestion, I investigated the areas where mold was covered up. Upon removing the vanity

and flooring to obtain a repair estimate, I discovered that the vanity itself and the subflooring are severely rotted due to an ongoing leak. Furthermore, the ceiling has leaked onto a bed, a shingle has fallen from the roof, and there appears to be a pest issue within the living room and upper ceilings.

Because of the persistent moisture, lack of ventilation, and the fact that we have been breathing in these spores for ten months, we are moving out temporarily until professional mold remediation is complete. We can no longer accept superficial repairs like painting over the issue or covering it with vinyl. My housemate and I are experiencing hearing loss and other health complications; as a vulnerable adult, an agency has been contacted to provide legal representation.

To support our court case, I am requesting the following:

- A professional mold remediation plan that includes the replacement of the molded vanity and all affected lower extremities of the structure.
- Complete records of all prior inspection reports and documented violations for this property. We believe the city, including Mayor Carter's office, was already aware of the facility's history and the fact that it remains licensed despite not being up to standard.

Please let me know when these records will be available and provide an update on how the city intends to ensure the landlord performs proper remediation rather than temporary cover-ups.

Best regards,

Ambe McKenzie

On Fri, Apr 24, 2026 at 8:37 AM AMBE MCKENZIE <ambemckenzie1@gmail.com> wrote:

Yes, I got the report.

AMBE MCKENZIE

On Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 3:31 PM Keith Demarest <Keith.Demarest@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

From: Keith Demarest

Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 3:31 PM

To: ambemckenzie1@gmail.com; 'goldsbys23aashion@gmail.com'
<goldsbys23aashion@gmail.com>; 'lilapril1020@gmail.com' <lilapril1020@gmail.com>

Subject: Inspection report

Hello folks,

Can you all verify that you've received this report?

I'll be back out there at the site on April 8th at 11:00 AM.

April 23, 2026

Vista Village Apartments
422 Concord Street,
St Paul, MN 55107

RE: Townhomes Clean-Up Day on April 29, 2026

Buildings 683, 685, 687

Dear Residents:

Vista Village has been cited by the St Paul Safety and Inspections to do a thorough cleanup on the property. Which means all the items around your townhomes must go, front and back, no exceptions. There will be a different container or a pallet for electronics.

On Wednesday, April 29, 2026, a Roll Off Dumpster will be delivered around 10:00 am in front of 683 Building. Please remove your cars by 8:30 am sharp on this date. PLC Towing will be ready to tow at 8:30, no exceptions.

You are responsible for cleaning up your unit. If you do not, it will turn into a lease violation along with charges to remove your items. Everything left on the front and back of porches, will be thrown away, at a cost to you.

All bicycles and toys must be placed inside of units. No shopping carts on the property as well.

Please do not place any electronics, liquids, paint or oils in the dumpster. If you have such items please place on the side of the dumpster for pickup.

Please read the attachment of Do's and Don'ts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call, email or stop by the office.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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