



**Serving the Downtown East
and Elliot Park Business
Community since 1979.**

**The East Downtown Council is pleased to introduce,
its new quarterly newsletter that shares information about issues, events and
activities in the East Downtown.**

EDC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



D'Amico Catering & Partners Join Forces with the Minnesota Historical Society

EDC member D'Amico Catering recently announced that it is expanding its relationship with the Minnesota Historical Society. D'Amico has been operating a small cafe inside the historical society's Mill City Museum in Minneapolis for more than a decade. Now the Minneapolis-based company will become the exclusive caterer for MNHS venues,

including the [Mill City Museum](#), as well as the [Minnesota History Center](#) in St. Paul. For more information on D'Amico Catering, please visit <http://www.damicocatering.com/>

HCMC Clinic and Specialty Building Project Update



HCMC cleared the way for its new clinic and specialty building in late January when demolition crews took down the two existing buildings on the block. The new building will open in early 2018 across from the Emergency Department. So exciting to see the future unfolding! To stay updated on the project, visit the [Clinic Building web site](#). There is a cool time lapse video of the demolition on the web site.

“BECAUSE”: A Play about People in Crisis

HCMC and Hennepin Health Foundation are pleased to invite you to a unique theater performance created for HCMC by its own Resident Fellow in Narrative Medicine, Syl Jones. “BECAUSE”: A Play about People in Crisis, depicts mental health issues experienced by some of our patients. This production continues the conversation started at our gala Light Up the Night on December 3, to break the silence around mental illness and illuminate the need for services in our community. Reservations are required for this free performance. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each one-hour performance will be followed by a panel of HCMC and community mental health experts. The play depicts realistic scenes of crisis and may be unsettling for some.



Hennepin County Medical Center

Hennepin Health Foundation Presents

BECAUSE:

A PLAY ABOUT PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Written by Syl Jones, HCMC Resident Fellow in Narrative Medicine

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Select showtimes: 5:15pm and 7:15pm

Mixed Blood Theater
1501 South 4th Street, Mpls 55403

These free performances have limited seating.
Make reservations at: www.hcmc.org/because or 612-873-6090.

Each performance will last approximately one hour. A panel discussion with HCMC and community mental health experts will follow for another 30 minutes. The play depicts realistic scenes of mental illness and is not recommended for children.

**People Serving People Annual Gala
Scheduled for April 16, 2016**



UNMASKING HOMELESSNESS

Save the Date
April 16, 2016
 People Serving People Annual Gala
 Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis
a benefit for homeless children and their families



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People Serving People
invites you to attend the 17th Annual Gala
Unmasking Homelessness

APRIL 16, 2016
 Hyatt Regency, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

Enjoy passed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, fun games, silent auction, wine with dinner, live auction and fund a need.
 Tickets \$180 or \$1800 for a table of 10, including 2 tickets to VIP Reception

5:15pm	VIP Reception
6:00pm	cocktails & silent auction
8:00pm	dinner
8:40pm	live auction & program
9:40pm	social hour

Emceed by Tom Weber of MPR
 Cocktail Attire, masks encouraged
Purchase Tickets or Make Donations:
www.peopleservingpeople.org

Thank You Sponsors!



SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING EDC BUSINESS FORUMS

March 17, 2016, at Open Book
"Crossing the Goal Line: Stadium Completion." The Minnesota Sports Facility Authority and the Minnesota Vikings executive staff discussing the final phase of stadium construction leading to the grand opening.

April 21, 2016, (Annual Meeting) at The Best Western Normandy Inn
"The Water Works Project." Culminating 30 years of Mill Ruins Park Riverfront Development (Tom Evers, Executive Director of Minneapolis Park Foundation)

Elections to the EDC Board of Directors will also take place at this meeting. There are seven (7) board members up for re-election: Alex Tittle, Kelly Stenzel, Bert Winkel, Tim Briggs, Hillary Hart, Tom Hayes and Brian Maupin.

May 19, 2016 (Presenter and location TBD)
"The Rapid Growth of Housing and Hospitality in East Downtown."

June 16, 2016, at North Central University

"Growing the Minnesota workforce through new and innovative means." Hennepin County, Metropolitan Community Technical College, and regional voices speak to the new delivery systems for more people to have access to more job opportunities.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE EAST DOWNTOWN

City of Minneapolis Licenses and Consumer Services Business Advisory Committee

**Important Business Forum for Businesses:
"Plastic Bag Ban & Working Families Agenda"**

February 19, 2016 | 2 PM - 3:30 PM
Calhoun Square: Former Republic Space #2200
2nd Floor / NW Corner
3001 W. Lake Street

Does your business use plastic bags?

Join us at this Business Advisory Meeting to:

- Learn from Minneapolis City Council Member Cam Gordon on how the proposed ban would affect your businesses.
- Provide feedback about how the proposed ban would affect your businesses.

How do you take care of your sick employees?

Deputy City Coordinator, Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde will be present to answer questions and listen to feedback about upcoming mandatory sick time policies for Minneapolis businesses. These policies may significantly affect your business and we want to make sure you are informed and your voice is heard.

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*Parking is available in the **Calhoun Square Parking Garage** (\$1/20minutes).
Enter near the corner of 31st Ave & Girard Ave, south of Calhoun Square*

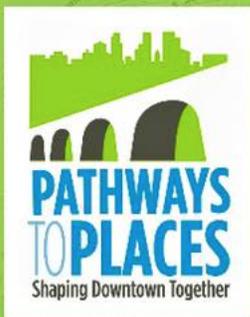
DOWNTOWN SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN
STEERING COMMITTEE
FINAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25

DOWNTOWN SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE FINAL MEETING - PART 2



There was so much great information to discuss at last month's final Steering Committee meeting that we are holding a "part 2" of the final meeting to finish covering it all. Review park plans for Loring, Elliot, Gateway, Park Ave Triangle, Franklin Steele Square, and plans for future parkland in the North Loop.

Visit the project webpage at www.minneapolisparcs.org/currentprojects



Steering Committee Meeting

All are welcome.
An opportunity for public comment will be provided.

February 25, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 pm
MPRB Headquarters Board Room
2117 West River Road N

East Downtown Is Lead Story in the December 18, 2015 Minneapolis St Paul Business Journal

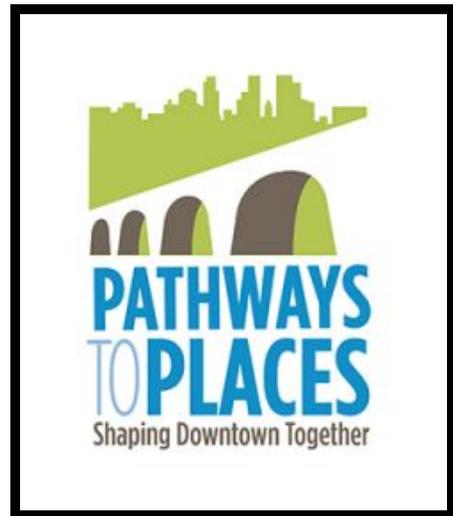


The December 18 edition of the Minneapolis-St Paul Business Journal led with the story "Where to Next: Huge sums of money are being spent near the stadium, but there's a whole other neighborhood just down the street". This story discussed the many development projects that are underway, or being proposed across the East Downtown district. If you have a member subscription to the journal, you can check it out at this

link: <http://digital.bizjournals.com/launch.aspx?eid=fbfcaa34-37b7-4c4b-afda-d0d7bcfc8b0a>

JANUARY EDC BUSINESS FORUM RECAP

The January EDC forum featured Kjersti Monson of CPED and Jennifer Ringold of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board. They unveiled the new visionary framework for downtown parks and the public realm. The Pathways to Places initiative is a collaboration between the City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning & Economic Development's Downtown Public Realm Framework and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's Downtown Service Area Master Plan. The goal of these two initiatives coming together is to reshape how public space is planned and maintained. Through these two groups, in collaboration with public, private and non-profit stakeholders, the plan is to formulate a way to improve greening and pedestrian experience in the downtown area. For a complete business forum recap, please visit the [EDC Web site](#).



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



DMNA LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 3/2/2016 | 6:00 pm

| Location TBD

Visit the [Land Use Committee Page](#) for more information.

DMNA LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

Monday, 3/14/2016 | 6:00 pm | 818
3rd Street S. Featured Topics: DID
Expansion

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD INC.



EPNI LIVABILITY TASKFORCE

Monday, 3/7/2016 | 5:00 pm

Alliance, 719 E. 16th

Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404

BLUH COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 3/17/2016 | 7:00 pm

Elliot Park Recreation Center,

1000 E. 14th

Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404

DMNA BOARD MEETING

Monday, 3/21/2016 | 5:45 pm | Mill
City Museum ADM Room
Agenda to be posted.

Visit the [DMNA Events](#) page for
more information.

Visit the [EPNI Events](#) page for more
information.

MEET THE EDC STAFF

**EDC Executive Director
Dan Collison**



Dan has been the EDC Executive Director in 2014. He has been instrumental in redeveloping the EDC board, establishing a five-year strategic plan, catalyzing new business member engagement, producing increasingly effective public forums, and forging new strategic collaborations between business leaders, civic leaders, and the residential communities of the East Downtown District. Dan can be reached by email at dcollison@downtownminneapolis.com.

**EDC Executive Coordinator
Christie Rock Hantge**



Christie has been working as the executive coordinator for the East Downtown Council since November of 2012. Her responsibilities include supporting the work of the board of directors; assisting Dan with membership recruitment and retention; helping to plan and facilitate events; overseeing the Web site and social media; and working in partnership with the treasurer to manage the organization's finances. Christie's can be reached by email at info@edcmpls.org.

EAST DOWNTOWN COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paul Mellblom, President, MSR Design * Carletta Sweet, Vice President, DMNA * Tim Briggs, Treasurer, PadillaCRT * Carina Aleckson, Catholic Charities * Jeff Anderson, Minnesota Vikings * Jackie Barrett, Valspar * Marc Berg, J Selmer Law Firm * John Campobasso, Kraus-Anderson * Joshua Clark, Hyatt Place Hotel * Chris Fleck, North Central University * Jeff Hahn, Day Block Brewing * Hilary Hart, Guthrie Theater * Tom Hayes, HCMC * Daniel Gumnit, People Serving People * Varun Kharbanda, Timeshares Systems, Inc. * Brian Maupin, Allied Parking * Lynn Regnier, Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. * Kelly Stenzel, Thrivent * Alex Tittle, MN Sports Facilities Authority * Tim Tucker, Augustana Care * Bert Winkel, House of Charity

Vikings Stadium Construction Project



The Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA) in partnership with the Minnesota Vikings is building a new, multi-purpose stadium on the site of the Metrodome. Mortenson/Thor is overseeing construction. Keep up to date with construction activity on the [Minnesota Vikings](#) Web site, and visit the [Live Web](#) for the latest view of the construction site.

Downtown East

Ryan Companies Redevelopment Project



Construction is underway on Ryan Companies Downtown East Redevelopment Project. The first phase of the project will include about 1.1 million square feet of office space in the two Wells Fargo towers, 193 market-rate apartments in three buildings and several thousand square feet of commercial space. [Learn more.](#)

Elliot Park



One of the two neighborhoods that comprise the East Downtown business district is Downtown East. This neighborhood is bounded in the north by the Mississippi River, in the west by Portland Avenue South, in the east by I-35-W and in the south by Fifth Street South. [Learn more.](#)

The other neighborhood in the East Downtown business district is the Elliot Park neighborhood. Elliot Park is bounded on the north by Fifth Street South, on the east by I-35-W, on the south by I-94 and on the west by Fifth Avenue South. [Learn more.](#)

About the East Downtown Council

The East Downtown Council is a geographically-based business and professional association which supports the activities of businesses, non-profit corporations and property owners in the Downtown East and Elliot Park neighborhoods of Minneapolis. The organization was incorporated in 1979 as the Elliot Park Business and Professional Association (EPBPA). The name was changed in 1999 to more accurately reflect the organization's growing constituency.



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