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East Town Business Partnership 4th Quarter Newsletter

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8TH STREET

— Reconstruction Project —

Open House

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Two meeting times:

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

4:00 - 6:00 PM

IDS Center - First Floor, Crystal Court
80 South 8th Street, Minneapolis



Open House Location

Roadway Construction Coming Soon

Design and engineering for the 8th Street Reconstruction Project is underway and construction is anticipated to begin in 2019. The project will include reconstruction of 8th Street, from Hennepin Avenue to Chicago Avenue, in order to:

- ▶ Improve the **condition of the infrastructure** for pedestrians, transit, and vehicles
- ▶ Improve pedestrian **safety** by providing crosswalks with pedestrian curb ramps, durable crosswalk markings, wider sidewalks, count-down timers, landscaping, and lighting
- ▶ Improve **transit operations** through the corridor by implementing Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and providing transit amenities including larger waiting areas for transit riders

A map of the project area is provided on the back of this page.

You're Invited

Join us to learn more about the project!

- ▶ Learn about the project background, design process, schedule, and next steps
- ▶ Review preliminary design and streetscape concepts for the future 8th Street
- ▶ Provide feedback and share ideas

For more information

Visit the project website at www.8thStreetProject.com

Contact the Minneapolis Project Manager

Steven Hay

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Please join us in “Transforming the Lock”

WHAT: Public Input Open House

WHEN: Tuesday, January 24th, 6-8 pm

WHERE: Mill City Museum, 704 S. 2nd Street, Mpls.



WHY: The **Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock** in Minneapolis was closed to navigation in 2015. It now serves as a visitor center for the **Mississippi National River and Recreation Area**, the national park in the Twin Cities. Help us identify ways to improve access to the lock, provide a rich visitor experience at the site, and connect the lock to the surrounding riverfront.

Light refreshments provided.

For more info and to RSVP, please contact Christine Goepfert at cgoepfert@npca.org or (612) 270-8564.

Hosted by:





The Wells Fargo Minneapolis WinterSkate runs daily in Loring Park and will be open now through early March. It's a great way to spend some time enjoying a Minnesota winter tradition by skating outdoors during the holidays and beyond. The warming house will be open throughout the winter skating season 3-9 pm on Monday-Friday, 9 am-9 pm on Saturday and 10 am-6 pm on Sundays. Special hours apply during select holidays and on Minneapolis School Release Days.

Also enjoy great programming throughout the winter including the following:

Every Friday in January: Music & Light Nights (Featuring popular tunes and fun lighting)

- Jan. 6: Throwback Tunes
- Jan. 13: Animated Movie Scores
- Jan. 20: Rockin' Country Skate/Military Appreciation Night
- Jan. 27: Today's Top Music Hits

Every Wednesday in February: After School Skate (Free skating lessons for all ages and exhibitions with the Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis)

- Learn how to skate
- Free figure skating lessons/ demo
- Snack & skates

Movie Skates:

- Jan. 21: The Mighty Ducks
- Feb. 2: Ground Hogs Day

Instagram posts. Have fun!

East Town Business Partnership 2017 Business Forum Schedule

January *"Neighborhoods, Wards, and the 2040 Plan: The Beautiful Social Fabric of East Town" at the American Academy of Neurology*

City staff and neighborhood leaders will give us a celebratory snap shot of the social strength of the residents of East Town and our nearby connections as well as discuss the 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Minneapolis.

February: *"Placemaking, Downtown Improvement District, and Tactical Urbanism" at Open Book*

The Musicant Group and staff of the Downtown Improvement District will discuss best practices and the economic value of activating common areas and public spaces including the art of finding design solutions for safety concerns.

March: *"RT Rybak on Leadership and Philanthropy" at TBD*

A joint forum with the Minneapolis Downtown Council-DID featuring former Minneapolis Mayor RT Rybak will discuss a range of topics important to Minneapolis and the downtown sector.

April (Annual Meeting): *"East Town Commons Park Now and in the Future" at the Normandy Inn*

The Commons Staff and Green Minneapolis Leadership will talk about how the new park will be programmed now, and developed into the future.

May: *"Women in Business and Education" at TBD*

A joint forum with the Minneapolis Downtown Council-DID featuring Becky Roloff, former CEO of the YWCA and current President of St Katherine's University.



SAVE THE DATE 2017 Member Events

Invitations with topics, locations and other details will be sent a few weeks prior to each event. Dates and times are subject to change, and more events will be added throughout the year.

We hope you will join us!

Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 am - 8:45 am
Morning with Steve Cramer Breakfast Roundtable

Thursday, February 9, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
MDC Annual Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Member Forum

Friday, February 24, 7:30 am - 9:00 am
Good Morning Minneapolis

Thursday, March 16, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Member Forum (with East Town Business Partnership)

Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 am - 8:45 am
Morning with Steve Cramer Breakfast Roundtable

Tuesday, March 28, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Member Forum

Tuesday, April 18, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Member Forum

Thursday, April 27, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Member Forum at Prepare Fair

Friday, April 28, 7:30 am - 9:00 am
Good Morning Minneapolis

Tuesday, May 9, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
2025 Plan Quarterly Forum

Thursday, May 18, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Member Forum (with East Town Business Partnership)

Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 am - 8:45 am
Morning with Steve Cramer Breakfast Roundtable

Friday, June 30, 7:30 am - 9:00 am
Good Morning Minneapolis

Wednesday, July 12, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Summer Social

Wednesday, July 26, 7:30 am - 8:45 am
Morning with Steve Cramer Breakfast Roundtable

Tuesday, August 8, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
2025 Plan Quarterly Forum

Friday, August 25, 7:30 am - 9:00 am
Good Morning Minneapolis

Tuesday, September 12, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Member Forum

Thursday, September 21, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Member Forum (with East Town Business Partnership)

Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 am - 8:45 am
Morning with Steve Cramer Breakfast Roundtable

October date TBD
MDC Annual Gala and 2025 Plan Leadership Awards

Friday, October 27, 7:30 am - 9:00 am
Good Morning Minneapolis

Thursday, November 9, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
2025 Plan Quarterly Forum

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 am - 8:45 am
Morning with Steve Cramer Breakfast Roundtable

Thursday, December 7, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Holiday Social



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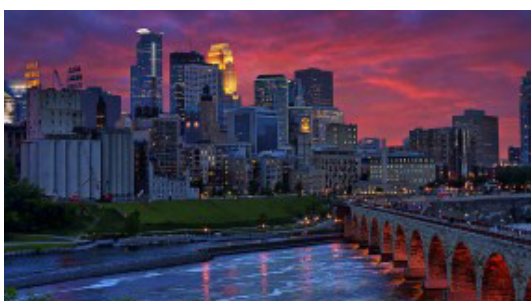
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