



Upcoming Events

Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards

Thursday, May 15
11:30-1:15 p.m.
International Market Square
275 Market Street, Minneapolis
[\\$20 Ticket for Non-Members](#)

Join Mayor Hodges for Be the Match 5K Walk/Run

Join Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges as she kicks-off the Be the Match 5K Walk/Run on May 17 by swabbing to become a life saving marrow donor and officially starting the 5K race!

Saturday, May 17
8:15 Opening Program
9:00 Race
Lake Harriet
5K-1K-Tot Trot
Register or Volunteer
BeTheMatchWalkRun.org

Green Line Opening Celebration

Saturday, June 14
10:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting at
Union Depot Station with simulcast
from Target Field Station. Free rides
all weekend and day-long community
celebrations and multiple stations.
[Complete information.](#)

Kenwood Named Top Neighborhood

Renowned Urbanist Gil Penalosa Joins Minneapolis Leaders and 200 Attendees to Discuss Placemaking in Downtown Mpls



On Wednesday, May 7, the City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development hosted a conversation on "Placemaking and the Public Realm in Downtown Minneapolis" featuring Gil Penalosa at the Brave New Workshop.

For the last eight years, Mr. Penalosa has served as the Executive Director of 8-80 Cities, a Canadian nonprofit dedicated to contributing to the transformation of cities into places where people can walk, bike, access public transportation and visit vibrant parks and public places. He has worked in over 150 different cities in all continents. His focus is the design and use of parks and streets as great public places, as well as sustainable mobility.

Penalosa's presentation focused on building public spaces around people, not cars. He also highlighted that programming was as important as design for a great public space to work.

Other panelists included Minneapolis Ward 3 Council Member Jacob Frey, Public Realm Initiatives Director at Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District Ben Shardlow, Founding CEO of Greater MSP Michael Langley, Executive Director of Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition Ethan Fawley, State Director of the Trust for Public Land Susan Schmidt, and Assistant Superintendent for Planning at the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Bruce Chamberlain. The event was moderated by City of Minneapolis Director of Long Range Planning Kjersti Monson.

Penalosa was in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area for a five day



On Monday, May 5 during Kenwood Isles Area Association's (KIAA) annual meeting, CPED Director of Long Range Planning Kjersti Monson presented KIAA Board Member Larry Moran and Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman with the 2013 Top Great Neighborhood Designation for Kenwood Neighborhood from the American Planning Association in front of neighbors gathered for the annual meeting. Congratulations Kenwood! [Read more.](#)

Glam Doll Donuts Named One of the Best in the Country

[According to Rick Kupchella's BringMeTheNews](#), Glam Doll Donuts was named one of the 21 Best doughnut shops in the country by Thrillist, a website that dubs itself a men's digital lifestyle brand.

Open in 2013, Glam Doll has also been named by Huffington Post as one of its favorite doughnut shops and was named to City Pages Best of the Twin Cities list for the last two years.

DC Group Receives Grow North Funding to Grow 95 Jobs in North Minneapolis

On Friday, April 25, the Minneapolis City of Council approved \$200,000 in Grow North funding and a Tax Increment Financing package of

residency with the Saint Paul Riverfront Company from May 5 to May 9 in which he gave 17 talks. To learn more about those events visit www.facebook.com/PlacemakingResidency.

The City of Minneapolis thanks Hennepin Theatre Trust and the Brave New Workshop for hosting "Placemaking and the Public Realm in Downtown Minneapolis."

Funding Approved for Nicollet Mall Redesign

Public and private sectors have partnered on this key pedestrian connection since the early 1960s when the Nicollet Mall was created via a Minnesota statute. This proposal calls for both sectors to partner once again in rejuvenating this asset:

State bonding request: \$25 million
Non-State resources: \$25 million
Estimated project cost: \$50 million

The Nicollet Mall redesign and reconstruction project has been included in the Senate and House bonding bills for \$20 million. The project is also in the Governor's bill for \$20 million, so it seems pretty certain it will at least have that much when the session is over. The City is still working on the additional \$5 million needed to reach \$25 million of state resources. This will be combined with property owner assessments the Downtown Council and Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) are working on for the Non-State resources.

Nicollet Avenue has been in need of repairs for a while, and maintenance is getting more expensive, and the project will let us turn the street into greener, more engaging, and attractive space for people to come Downtown for entertainment, dining, and shopping. The goal is to grow downtown Minneapolis' population, so it's really important to make more attractive space for people to want to live, work, and play in.

The project plan is to rebuild from Washington to Grant. See some images at www.nicolletmallproject.com. Or come learn about the project in person.

Concept Design Presentation

Get a sneak peak of the design concepts by attending one of two Nicollet Mall Concept Design Presentations.

Wednesday, May 14

12:00-1:00 p.m.
IDS Center
80 South 8 Street, Minneapolis

4:30-6:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
The Regency Room

\$451,500 to support the DC Group's expansion in North Minneapolis. The DC Group plans to renovate and expand its facility located at 1977 West River Road, Minneapolis. The City investments are expected to assist in bringing 33 new jobs to North Minneapolis with 15 of the jobs targeted to local Northside residents. Minneapolis has set a goal of attracting 1,000 new jobs to North Minneapolis in the next five years.

[Read full release.](#)

Growing/Expanding Businesses

- [Workface](#) (tech)
- [OMG Transit](#) (mobile app)
- [Mississippi Mushrooms](#) (food production)
- [Marche](#) (restaurant)
- [Weber Shandwick](#) (PR)
- [Kyatchi](#) (restaurant)
- [Boss' Pizza & Chicken](#) (restaurant)
- [JL Beers](#) (restaurant)
- [DuNord Craft Spirits](#) (spirits)

Minneapolis Employment and Training Named "Longest and Strongest Program Partner" by YouthCARE

The City of Minneapolis Employment and Training was recognized as one of YouthCARE's longest and strongest program partners at the 9th Annual Celebration of Urban Youth Event on Sunday, May 4th, 2014 at Aria in downtown Minneapolis. YouthCARE also celebrated their 40th anniversary of services to Urban Youth. Learn more about [Employment and Training](#) and how we do our work through valuable community partnerships.

Minneapolis City Council Votes to Reopen Nicollet at Lake Street



Potential Development Scenario from the Midtown Minneapolis Land Use and Development Plan

On April 25, the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor Betsy Hodges approved the Lake and Nicollet Redevelopment Plan, aimed at facilitating improvements around Lake Street and Nicollet Avenue in south Minneapolis. Along with establishing the project's boundaries, the plan also addresses the re-opening of Nicollet Avenue at Lake Street and the revitalization of the commercial area. It establishes objectives for the redevelopment of the area, describes land uses, and identifies properties that may be acquired by the City as part of the process.

Nicollet Avenue was closed between 29th Street and Lake Street in the late 1970s so two city blocks could be joined together to make way for a retail development. With that change, a significant connection was lost. Reconnecting Nicollet Avenue has been a priority for the City for many years and would improve the neighborhood and create better transportation connections.

While the Redevelopment Plan describes activities which the City may undertake, it does not provide funding for those activities. Funding decisions would be made by the City Council at a later time and through a separate process.

[More information on reopening Nicollet Avenue at Lake Street.](#)

May is Building Safety Month!

The campaign helps to improve public safety by increasing awareness about how building codes and code officials improve and protect the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play. For more information on the history of building safety month, weekly themes and tips visit [here](#)

CPED Hosts Successful Development Services Customer Service Center Open House



On Wed, April 30th, the Development Services Customer Service Center welcomed Mayor Betsy Hodges, City Council Members, employees from across the City enterprise, residents, and realtors into the Customer Service Center for a Spring Open House event. Attendees were able to tour the center, take informational classes, purchase residential permits during extended hours and learn more about the services offered on a regular basis.

Boards & Commissions Annual Reports Available

[City Planning Commission](#)

[2013 interactive map for the City Planning Commission](#)

[Board of Adjustment](#)

[Map of 2013 Board of Adjustment](#)

Training Young Chefs through Pillsbury United Communities' Culinary Arts Program



The Culinary Arts Program at Pillsbury United Communities (PUC) Waite House in the Phillips neighborhood prepares approximately 40 youth ages 14-21 years-old each year for entry into the growing food service industry.

Training lasts for six weeks under Executive Chef Austin Bartold. Youth gain hands-on experience in a commercial kitchen and earn a ServSafe food handler certificate, an industry-recognized certificate in kitchen safety, sanitation, and food safety.

Waite House offers a limited number of paid internship opportunities for Culinary Arts graduates. Interns use their culinary skills to prepare free meals for Phillips neighborhood youth at the Waite House Kids Café Monday-Friday and assist with catering events.

Participants leave the program with new skills, references, and ServSafe certification. They also receive job search assistance such as writing a resume and interviewing skills.

PUC's Culinary Arts program is made possible with funding from City of Minneapolis Employment and Training's Year Round WIA program.

For more information please contact [Rachel Young](#).

[applications](#)

[Heritage Preservation Commission](#)

The HPC report, completed last fall, is based on the fiscal year associated with its certified local government (CLG) status through the State Historic Preservation Office.

Contact CPED

612.673.5001 or 311

Crown Roller Mill

Executive Administration
105 Fifth Avenue South #200
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Public Service Center

Development Services'
Customer Service Center
250 South Fourth Street
(Room 300)
Minneapolis, MN 55415

[Map and Parking](#)

City Hall

Business Licensing
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

[Staff Directory](#)

www.minneapolismn.gov/cped



700 Youth Attended 7th Annual Teen Job Fair

On April 26th, nearly 700 youth attended the 7th Annual Teen Job Fair at the Minneapolis Central Library where 40 local businesses provided information on volunteer and internship opportunities and employment and training resources.

Non-profit and business volunteers presented well-attended workshops with tips on how to get a job and a professional photographer took resume pictures.

Twenty-two employers saw long lines of well-dressed youth ready to learn about what they had to offer. Border Foods representative, Joe Motzco, said that his company has had good success at the teen job fair the last three years. Last year, they hired two young people on-the-spot. Lunds & Byerly's representative, Casey Envoldsen, was equally enthusiastic having hired six youth last year.

Event partners included City of Minneapolis Employment and Training, Hennepin County Library, AchieveMpls, Rock Your Block, the Mall of America, Minneapolis Youth Congress, and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) among others.

[View the complete of Teen Job Fair exhibitors.](#)

Pop-Up Pizza



Minneapolis is home to countless creative entrepreneurs. In the world of dining, food trucks and pop up restaurants have become big business. Red Wagon Pizza Company seems to have the best from both concepts. They pop up where requested and use a truck to haul in their health conscious pizza ingredients and brick oven. The pizzas are made on the spot and include organically grown and locally milled flour and when available, local produce. And, it's the healthy part of this equation that really motivated owner [Peter Campbell](#) into creating the company. He wanted his daughter to know the farm-to-table type

pizzas his family has made every Friday night for generations. As a matter of fact, with a little help from his parents and grandparents, Campbell started making pizzas at two years of age.

While getting permits for his unique business required a little discussion, Peter says working through the process with the City was a great experience.

Aside from catering events, Red Wagon Pizzas are available at the Linden Hills Farmers Market, every Sunday, June through October.

Eastside Food Co-op to Expand

[According to the Audobon Neighborhood Association](#) monthly newsletter, Eastside Food Co-op (EFC) announced recently that it is purchasing the Love Lines property to the south of the co-op's parking lot. The co-op had planned to expand into the entire footprint of its existing building, but with this purchase will be able to build a 5,000 square feet extension to the current building for a 9,500 sf sales floor in a building that will total 16,000 square feet. With the acquisition of the property to the south, Eastside parking will expand from its current 37 spaces to 60.

The design will:

- highlight the Co-op's role as an anchor business on Central Avenue, with two store-front entries on Central Avenue,
- address the site challenges that include parking for customers and receiving deliveries,
- provide increased product selection throughout the store, with specific attention to a bigger deli, a seating area, more meat and seafood, and larger selections of bulk and wellness products,
- support more local farmers, vendors, and artisans,
- encourage growth in membership, neighborhood and community building, and
- incorporate building improvements that would make the facility greener.

This project, totaling \$6.1 million, will include \$1.5 million in loans and stock purchases from EFC members, as well as loans from community funds, Northeast neighborhoods, and commercial bank lending. The co-op plans to get its financing in place by mid-summer and break ground in September. Anyone interested in learning more about EFC's capital campaign can call Amy Fields at 612-843-5401 or e-mail amy@eastsidefood.coop

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