



Upcoming Events

Teen Job Fair

7th Annual Event to connect youth with job and employment training information.

Saturday, April 26
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Mpls Central Library
300 Nicollet Mall, Mpls

[Teen Job Fair website](#)

Taste of Stadium Village

Tour Stadium Village restaurants and bars and enjoy \$1 food specials, drink specials, and win prizes while supporting local businesses.

Thursday, April 24th
4:00-7:00 p.m.
[facebook.com/StadiumVillage](https://www.facebook.com/StadiumVillage)

North Minneapolis WorkForce Center Relocation to 800 West Broadway Meeting

Attend a community meeting to receive a project update to relocate the North Minneapolis WorkForce Center to 800 West Broadway

Tuesday, April 29th
Capri Theater
2027 West Broadway
Minneapolis, MN
6:00-8:00 p.m.

[RSVP online](#) or call
Erik Hansen at 612.676.5022.

Ready for Success Fashion with a Passion Fundraiser

Moratorium Ordinance Lifted

On March 7th, 2014, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt an interim ordinance (i.e., moratorium) on both the demolition and construction of single-family homes and duplexes in five Southwest Minneapolis neighborhoods: Linden Hills, Fulton, Armatage, Kenny, and Lynnhurst. Council Member Palmisano introduced the ordinance in response to a wide range of concerns related to the rapid pace of demolition and construction in areas of the 13th Ward. These concerns generally fall within three overlapping categories: 1) construction site management, 2) zoning standards for new homes, and, 3) environmental sustainability.

Stakeholders provided input at a public hearing of the Zoning & Planning Committee on March 20th and April 3rd. The Committee recommended to end the moratorium ordinance; and approved 3 staff directions:

1. Direct staff to implement and enforce the use of [Construction Management Agreements](#) for all un-occupied construction projects involving the wrecking, new build, or major remodeling of 1 and 2 unit dwelling structures.
2. Direct staff to identify additional resources to meet staffing needs relating to the implementation and oversight of construction management and planning related activities.
3. Direct staff to continue to study the growth in construction of 1 to 4 unit dwellings for the purposes of informing future development and to make recommendations on the zoning code of ordinances and planning process based on the study findings.

On April 11th, the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor Betsy Hodges approved new construction management standards for residential projects that will help reduce environmental and livability issues that neighbors face when nearby properties are under construction. The City Council's approval also means the end of the moratorium.

[Read more on new construction management standards.](#)

Business Spotlight

1401 Marshall Street NE - Urban Food Production Hub

Ready for Success provides low-income women and men with gently-used and new professional clothing, accessories, and new personal care items suitable for job interviews and the workplace. Fashion with a Passion raises funds to support the nonprofit.

Thursday, May 1
The Woman's Club of Minneapolis
410 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis

Buy tickets at
2014fashionwithapassion.
eventbrite.com or 612.872.1509 x16

Placemaking and the Public Realm in Downtown Minneapolis

Join city and regional leaders for an audience-interactive panel discussion with reknowned urbanist **Gil Penalosa** about placemaking and the future of the downtown Minneapolis public realm.

Wednesday, May 7
Brave New Workshop
824 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis
12:30-2:00 p.m.
Free

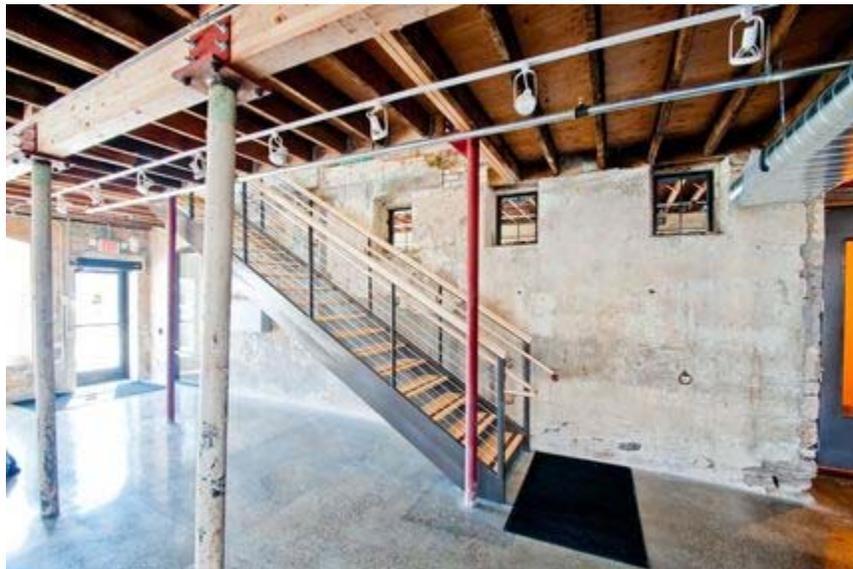
[RSVP online](#) or call Tina Beech at 612.673.3242.

Mpls Workforce Council Mtg

Tuesday, May 20
8:00-9:30 a.m.
Location: TBD

City of Minneapolis CTEP AmeriCorps Job Opening

Community Technology Empowerment Project (CTEP) AmeriCorps members help youth and adults use technology to better access social, civic, educational, and economic opportunities.



(Photo: A peak inside the rehabbed building at 1401 Marshall Street)

Kieran Folliard, former restaurateur of successful establishments like The Liffy, Kieran's Irish Pub, and the Local is back in the food business. After selling his successful Irish Whiskey 2 Gingers to Jim Beam, and taking on the role of North American Irish Whisky Ambassador, Kieran decided that it was time for another project. In March 2013, he entered 1401 Marshall Street NE, an empty 31,000 square foot building and envisioned a food production hub to go alongside the existing art and culture hubs in Northeast.

The Digging, a business/marketing firm created by the team responsible for the successful marketing of the product/brand 2 Gingers, was the first to move in. They hope to offer their services to other building tenants. Red Table Meat Company, Chef Phillips's newest creation, will be the second tenant. The company just finished building out its meat production space and equipment was delivered from Italy. Last week, they received their USDA Certification. Skyway Creamery will be the third tenant with Rueben Nilsson (Caves of Fairbault) at the helm. Rueben and partners are working out the logistics with the hope of producing cheeses by the end of the summer at Minneapolis' first urban creamery.

If that was not enough to start a food incubator, Chowgirls Killer Catering is also planning to move into the building pending a property rezoning application approval from residential to commercial from the City of Minneapolis allowing them the liquor license needed to run their offsite catering business. A zoning decision is expected on April 23rd.

EMERGE Receives Nonprofit of Year Award

The Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce named EMERGE Community Development Non-Profit of the Year at its 2013 Best in Business Awards. EMERGE is a workforce, housing and community development agency that has connected low-income, hard-to-employ adults with services that work to eliminate homelessness, promote self-sufficiency and financial security, and create employment opportunities

See [position description](#) and [application procedure](#).

MN Job Openings Highest in Eight Years

Job openings in Minnesota are up 133 percent compared with four years ago, according to Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's (DEED) [Job Vacancy Survey](#).

Some of the biggest gains have been in hospitality, up 159 percent and retail, up 201 percent.

In retail, 57 percent of openings are part-time with a median* wage of \$8.25 per hour. In hospitality, 70 percent are part-time with a median wage of \$7.92 per hour.

The share of openings that require more than a high school degree has fallen to its lowest level in ten years. Only 38 percent of all openings require education or training beyond high school.

Other major findings include:

- 61 percent of all job openings are full-time.
- Job seekers outnumber full-time openings by three and a half to one.
- The median wage for all openings is \$13.00 per hour.

**A median is a midway point; half of the jobs are above it, half below.*

1st LEED Gold Certified Multifamily Residential Project in Minneapolis

A newly constructed apartment building at 1800 Washington Ave S. has received LEED Gold Certification from the US Green Building Council.

since 1995. The organization's staff, volunteers and 12 AmeriCorps VISTA members served 2,057 individuals in 2013.

EMERGE is in the process of building a \$6.5 million Emerge Career and Technology Center (ECTC) on Emerson and Broadway in North Minneapolis, the site of the historic North Branch Library. The project was made possible in part by a \$500,000 loan provided by the City of Minneapolis and a U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant of \$2.7 million co-applied by the City. ECTC is a true collaboration with support and funding from every level of government and foundation, it will serve residents in North by providing foundational life and work skills while also preserving and bringing back to life a historic building.

[Read more in the Twin Cities' Daily Planet](#)

Over 170 Job Seekers Attend RENEW Minneapolis Hiring & Resource Event



On April 2, more than 170 job seekers from the Cedar Riverside neighborhood connected to area employers with immediate job openings and accessed up-to-date career training information from technical college representatives and community non-profits at the RENEW Minneapolis Hiring and Resource Event.

The event featured more than 500 employment openings, on-site access to recruiters and employment testing, consultation with carpenter and ironworker union representatives, and MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) representatives.

RENEW Minneapolis, a program of Minneapolis Employment and Training, prepares Minneapolis jobseekers for in-demand careers, aligning training and employment services with sustainable economic development, and funds training for individuals seeking high-quality

The City of Minneapolis sold the adjacent parking ramp several years ago to a private developer and negotiated minimum development obligations for the site as part of that transaction, including a requirement for LEED certification.

The \$41 million, 213-unit apartment building ([7west](#)) spans the parking ramp site and former Grandma's Saloon site. The building has many environmentally sustainable features that contributed to its high level of LEED certification, including recycling and organic composting on every floor, green roofs/terraces, a passive solar design, LED lighting, high-efficiency appliances, dual flush toilets, rain barrel irrigation system, and bike storage.

Growing/Expanding Businesses

- Agra Cultural Kitchen & Press (restaurant)
- Bauhaus Brew Laps (brewery)
- Hola Arepa (restaurant)
- Latitude (brand marketing firm)
- Longfellow Market (grocery)
- Merchant (restaurant)
- Sisterhood of the Traveling Scarf store (thrift store)
- Sal's on Fifth (pizzeria)

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City Tackles the Digital Divide

workforce training programs. RENEW Minneapolis is funded by City of Minneapolis Employment and Training. To enroll, contact a RENEW Employment Counselor at the [RENEW website](#).

For additional information on free training programs available to Minneapolis jobseekers, visit DEED Adult Workforce Programs on the Minneapolis Employment and Training [website](#).

NOW OPEN - Historic Abbott Apartments

Folks are making a historic rehabilitation project their home. The Abbott Apartments, originally the Abbott hospital complex located at 110 East 18th St, has been transformed into 123 apartments, 25 of which are affordable. The hospital was founded by Dr. Amos Abbott in 1910 with backing from William Dunwoody, the founder of Dunwoody Institute (and husband of one of Dr. Abbott's patients). There are four sections to the building, which were constructed between 1910 and the 1950s.

In more recent years, up until 2004, the building was used as an assisted living facility. After sitting empty for a year, it was acquired by developer Swami Palanisami who pursued several concepts for the site which included demolition, preservation, and ownership, rental, and mixed-use development types. Mr. Palanisami worked with CPED staff from 2005 to 2012 to secure plan approvals and assemble public financing sources to support the affordable units. The Abbott Apartments project has removed a significant blight from the neighborhood, preserved an historic asset, and now provides new affordable housing for the City.

[Preservation Alliance of MN Video About Abbott Apartments](#)

WIA Youth Employment Program Helps Youth on the Path of Success

Kris enrolled in the Year Round WIA Youth Employment Program, through HIRED, in November 2012. He was twenty years old, homeless, a high school dropout, unemployed, and trying to figure things out on his own.

Kris completed his GED certificate in February 2013. That same month the HIRED counselor enrolled him in the Culinary Arts Program with Pillsbury United Communities. He graduated in April 2013 with his Safe Serve certificate in Culinary.



In May 2013, the HIRED counselor was able to get Kris into Dakota County Technical College's Basic Forklift Training where he earned a certificate.

The City of Minneapolis IT Department, in partnership with the Civil Rights Department, Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) and CPED, are implementing a [Digital Equity Program](#) to address the digital divide in Minneapolis. The program's goal is to ensure that all Minneapolis residents have equal access to information and opportunities that lead to education, employment and personal advancement.

To help implement the program, the City is partnering with [SPNN's Community Technology Empowerment Project \(CTEP\) AmeriCorps Program](#). As a result, Adja Gildersleve, AmeriCorps, joined the IT department to focus on the digital divide and racial employment equity goals in Minneapolis.

Partnerships have been created with businesses and non-profits to utilize existing technology resources to better serve the needs of the community. Minneapolis residents now have better access to low cost computers and internet options, free classes and computer technology centers. However, there is still a need to continue to address the gaps as technology changes.

You can learn about digital resources and download materials to share with the community [here](#).

Minnesota Employment Review

Check out the latest issue of [Minnesota Employment Review](#), a publication that examines labor market conditions and key economic indicators statewide.

Contact CPED

Kris has used the training he received to hold down several jobs and move into his own place. He is now enrolled at Minneapolis Community & Technical College where he is studying his passion, Culinary Arts.

In Kris' words, "I needed the right help to find the right path and I did with my HIRED counselor."

HIRED's WIA Youth Program is made possible with funding from City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Employment and Training.

Seed Public Art Collaboration to Create Vibrant Link between North and Downtown



Inspired by John Biggers' *Celebration of Life Mural*, the Seed project is a City of Minneapolis public art and collaborative design effort engaging renowned African American artists in mentoring emerging and mid-career artists in placemaking. Seed has three key goals:

1. Educating participating artists about African American art and community history,
2. Providing career development and transferable skills, and
3. Creating a sense of place that speaks to the Minneapolis Northside.

Seed will be creating a vibrant link between the Northside and Downtown Minneapolis by transforming the Olson Bridge spanning I-94 with a public art installation made of enamel.

To learn more about Seed, the project timeline or read the profiles of the participating individual emerging and mid-career artists visit minneapolismn.gov/dca. To read blog posts from the artists visit biggersseed.org, or follow us on Twitter to get up to date event information and project details @biggersseed.

Seed is a partnership of the City of Minneapolis, Obsidian Arts, the

612.673.5001 or 311

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

Public Service Center
Development Review'
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



Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, and UROC.

Input Needed for Northside Greenway



The City of Minneapolis is continuing to explore the possibility of converting low-traffic streets in North Minneapolis to a greenway, which is a park-like trail that people can use for biking and walking for transportation and recreation. It could also create space for additional amenities, such as community gardens or public art. The proposed greenway would be a north-south route starting at the Shingle Creek Trail in the north and ending south of Plymouth Avenue. Future planning efforts will explore possible additional connections to the south. Residents can take a new [online survey](#) now through June 15 to weigh in on the current greenway concept. Neighbors and neighborhood organization representatives will also knock on doors in neighborhoods near the proposed route. More information is available at the [project website](#).

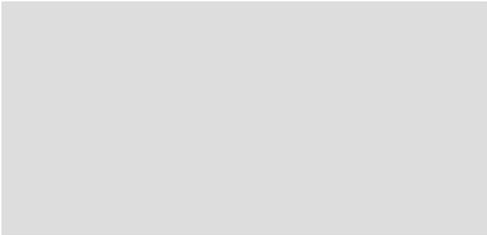
Funding for this project is provided in part by the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

Mpls Business Licensing and Mpls Police Collaborate to Serve the Public

This past March, to increase his officers' ability to work with small business owners, Minneapolis Police Sergeant McBride invited Michele Harvet, Lead City of Minneapolis Business License Inspector, to give a Business Licensing 101 presentation to fifteen of his officers in the 4th Precinct Strategic Operations Center.

Inspector Harvet reviewed with officers that all off-sale liquor, tobacco dealer, confectionery, grocery stores and gas stations require a surveillance system with at least one camera that is positioned to record people at the customer entrance. Business License Inspectors and Police both have the authority to inspect and view a surveillance system at any time a store is open for business. Stores must record at least 30 days of data and be able to supply a playable copy of data requested by authorities in eight hours.

Following the formal presentation, officers were encouraged to ask non-business related questions. Most officers wanted to know about the noise ordinance and Inspector Harvet advised about amplified sound



needing to stay below the ambient sound level. If it did go above ambient level, then an amplified sound permit would be required from Environmental Management. The Officers were pleased to know that they could use this requirement to handle loud music complaints.

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