

POLICY NEWS



Push for affordable housing comes to the Capitol

The debate over affordable housing across Minnesota has made its way to the Capitol. “Housing should be considered part of our economic infrastructure,” Minneapolis Regional Chamber President and CEO Jonathan Weinhagen said. “I hear growing concern from CEOs and business leaders on a regular basis that the increasingly limited supply of housing is making it difficult to attract and retain talent.”

Read more from [MPR News here](#).

What the first two weeks of the legislative session say about Minnesota’s approach to addressing climate change

Since the last time Minnesota’s Legislature was in session, the warnings from scientists about global warming have only grown louder. While neither side of the aisle has unveiled a detailed climate agenda yet, early action in committees offers a hint at their priorities — and the legislative clashes that may lie ahead on an issue that has ramifications across Minnesota.

Read more from [MinnPost here](#).



Gov. Tim Walz faces troubled IT agency, the only department still lacking a permanent leader

Gov. Tim Walz came into office hoping to address high-profile issues such as health care and education, but now he finds himself confronting a more immediate problem — the state’s beleaguered technology system.

Read more from the [Star Tribune here](#).



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Plastics Manufacturer MDI Completes Expansion at Minneapolis HQ

MDI has kicked off the new year with a new look. The nonprofit, which manufactures corrugated plastic, celebrated the completion of an 11,000-square-foot addition to its Minneapolis headquarters facility.

Learn more in this [Twin Cities Business article](#).



Chamber merges with transportation organization

Business leaders hope a new partnership will get more employees to jobs, fewer cars on the road, and better traffic and air quality for downtown Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Regional Chamber is merging with Move Minneapolis, a transportation management organization focused on movement in and out of downtown Minneapolis.

Learn more from [Finance & Commerce](#). [Star Tribune](#).

Mystic Lake's apprenticeship program confronts culinary workforce shortages

In an effort to fight a critical shortage of culinary talent, Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Little Six Casino in Prior Lake has launched a full-time paid culinary apprentice program. The two-year track is open to chefs of any skill level.

Read the more from the [Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal here](#).





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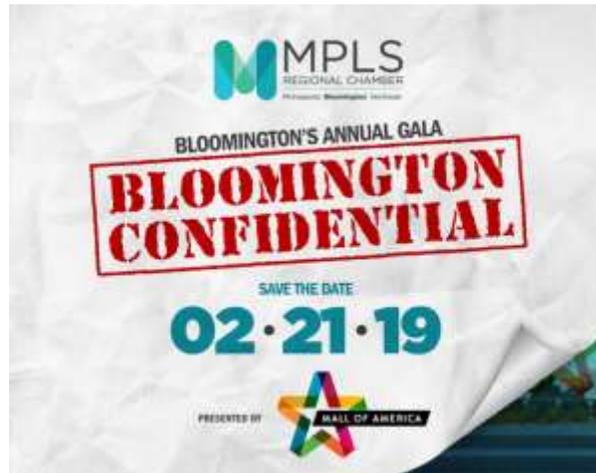
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Thursday, February 21, 2019
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Thursday, January 31, 2019
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Bridging

Join your fellow LTC Alumni for a service project, networking event and happy hour social rolled up into one! Work in teams to assemble boxed dressers for Bridging, followed by a social hour at Bent Brewstillery.

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DRIVE Roundtable: Developing Allianz Field

Friday, February 15, 2019
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
the Local

In April 2019, Allianz Field will officially open offering Minnesota soccer fans a world-class, natural grass field. Developers promise the complex will bring more soccer talent and competitions to the area, new jobs and visitors. At this DRIVE Roundtable, hear from Dr. Bill McGuire, Managing Director at the Minnesota United FC, on how his passion for sports and interest in revitalizing a historic neighborhood resulted in a state of the art facility.



Presenter:

- Dr. Bill McGuire, Managing Director, MNUFC

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The Minneapolis Regional Chamber and Sprint

The Sprint Works Program offers a discounts of 15% on select rate plans to members of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber. If the customer is active on Unlimited Freedom, they will receive a \$5 discount instead of the % discount associated with the company.

Any subscriber on the account qualifies for the Sprint Works Program discount. The name on the proof document must match a name listed as a subscriber. The subscriber does not need to be the Account Holder.

[Learn more here](#).

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