

Monday, October 25, 2021



After pause for Delta variant, office returns once again on the rise. Here's how to welcome workers back.



Even with the Delta variant derailing many employers' plans, September was still a big month for returning to the office. There was a 21% increase in workers returning to the office in September compared to August, according to workplace platform Robin. The month-over-month increase was the first since June, and Robin expects that increase in office visits to continue through November before dropping around the holidays.

Read more from the *Mpls/St. Paul Business Journal* [here](#).

Move Minneapolis partners with Deluxe Cooperation

Deluxe Corporation is moving to a new office on Marquette Avenue, relocating from Shoreview. During a two-day open house event, Move Minneapolis promoted multimodal transit options and offered staff customized commute planning. Employees will find that transit, carpooling, and bicycle commuting are fast, easy, affordable, and environmentally friendly options into downtown. Their new HQ is next to express bus service, nearby LRT stations, and their building features a new bike room.



Explore *Move Minneapolis'* website [here](#).

CHAMBER NEWS

Elevate Business HC webinar



Elevate Business HC offers businesses in Hennepin County free advising and other resources to help them recover from the pandemic and build for future growth. Elevate Business is hosting a webinar this Wednesday about ***Diverse Financing Tools*** presented by [Asian Media Access](#).

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to register and learn more.

Candidate forum recaps & election guide now available

If you missed the candidate forums for the **Bloomington City Council, Golden Valley City Council, Minnetonka Mayoral** or **Ward 1 City Council** races, you may now view them on our YouTube channels.



[Bloomington City Council candidate forum October 7, 2021.](#)

[Minnetonka Mayoral and Golden Valley City Council candidate forums October 8, 2021.](#)

[Northeast Chamber Town Talk: Ward 1 Candidate Forum October 12, 2021.](#)

[Warehouse District Business Association Ward 3 Candidate Forum October 19, 2021.](#)

We have also created an election resources page on our website with information on election and voting information.

Click [here](#) to read through our **2021 Election Resources**.

MEMBER NEWS

Coffee on the go at Avidor: Minnetonka



Avidor invites you for a personal tour of Avidor Minnetonka and receive a \$25 Starbucks gift card as a "Cup of Joe" to go. Avidor is a premier 55+ community featuring extensive amenities, designer finishes and daily events & activities. From the pool with sun deck to the fitness center to stainless steel appliances and custom flooring & cabinetry, Avidor designers have thought of everything to make your next adventure exceptional.

Call (952) 213-5155 to schedule a tour.

Every Tuesday through 2021.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

AAA Minneapolis announces new President and CEO: Tae Kim

In August 2021, Tae Kim became the new president & CEO of AAA Minneapolis. AAA is a roadside assistance, driver's education, insurance, travel, and license bureau. Before becoming the president and CEO of AAA Minneapolis, Tae Kim was the COO of AAA Western and Central New York.



Learn more about AAA Minneapolis [here](#).

Raising Cane's grand opening of new Minneapolis location



Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers is opening a new location on Snelling Ave in Minneapolis! Raising Cane's is inviting you to join them on their grand opening on November 2. Stop by their new location for chicken fingers, Texas toast, and french fries.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Click [here](#) for details.

Junior Achievement Impact Celebration: We're All JA Kids!

Junior Achievement will be gathering at the James R. and Patricia Hemak Experiential Learning Center for a mission-centered event that will focus on student success, volunteerism and community partnerships. Junior Achievement's brand new fall celebration will be a fun and interactive way to see the impact of Junior Achievement programming first-hand. Guests will be inspired by the dedication of students who are committed to building brighter futures!

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to learn more and click [here](#) register.



Mess Hall Art Experiences grand opening



Mess Hall Art Experiences is inviting you to their grand opening! Mess Hall Art Experiences is a splatter paint facility for friends, couples, businesses and more to create art at.

Saturday, Nov. 6, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

CHAMBER EVENTS

Focus Luncheon Series: I'm leaving you for your competition!



It's undeniable. Every company in every industry strives to better understand, engage, and retain its customers. But, as consumers, why do our vendors only act on our feedback when we decide to leave for their competitors? Join this session to learn how three leading data-driven organizations quickly derive more insight from larger data volumes to improve customer experiences, lower

acquisition costs, and reduce churn.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Click [here](#) to register.

Get Acquainted Happy Hour: Avidor Minnetonka

Join us in-person for our Get Acquainted Happy Hour at Avidor in Minnetonka. Connect with the business community and network with both members and prospective members during this hour and a half-long event. Come prepared to share your “one minute commercial” and hear from other business leaders while enjoying a beverage and light appetizers in Avidor’s beautiful courtyard (weather permitted). In-person attendees can park in the Wells Fargo or US Bank parking lots; masks are optional.



Thursday, Oct. 28, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) to register.

Bloomington Future Leaders Fall Business Conference



Looking for ways to give back to your community? Volunteer for the Bloomington Future Leaders Fall Business conference! As a volunteer, you can help the students of Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools learn how to network through small group discussions, activities and more. Hosted by the legendary Stevie Ray’s Improv Company, this interactive program has been helping high school students become successful business professionals for over 10 years.

Friday, Oct. 29, 7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to register.

Government Affairs Forum: 2021 Election Recap: What happened at the ballot box in Minneapolis & St. Paul

Two days after Election Day 2021 (and 370 days before Election Day 2022) join us for a look at what happened in this year's municipal elections – including the Minneapolis and St. Paul mayors races and the big ballot initiatives on public safety, governance, and rent control. We'll get bipartisan analysis from Brian McClung, former Deputy Chief of Staff to Gov. Tim Pawlenty (and campaign manager for a Minneapolis mayoral bid 20 years ago) and Grace Waltz, former aide to Senator Tina Smith & Senator Amy Klobuchar's presidential campaign.



Thursday, Nov. 4, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Click [here](#) to register.

TGK Automotive ribbon cutting



Join us for the TGK Automotive Specialists grand opening! TGK Automotive Specialists is a full automotive repair shop with 19 locations across Minnesota. We are looking forward to being a part of their grand opening in Plymouth.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

For our full events calendar, click [here](#).

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS

MDI Ability Pioneers: Staffing Agency Helps Shift Hiring Perspective

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Read how many individuals who face barriers want to work and are fully capable of doing so, but the barriers they face may prevent them from getting the opportunity to show their talents. Learn how the DPI team is helping business owners and managers understand that a disability is just one part of who a person is, and that it doesn't define what a person can or cannot do.



Click [here](#) to read the DPI story.

MEMBER BENEFITS

AAA Minneapolis

**AAA Minneapolis offers discounted memberships to
Minneapolis Regional Chamber members!**

Members of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber now have exclusive access to discounted AAA memberships. New AAA members can save an average of \$33 on enrollment for a 44% savings on a AAA membership. Existing AAA members can save an average of \$12 on renewal for a 15% continued savings on their AAA membership.



As a member, you receive numerous valuable services and discounts, including:

- Superior 24-hour roadside assistance
- Battery, lockout and fuel delivery services
- Identity theft monitoring with ProtectMyID
- Exclusive discounts on shopping, entertainment, travel and dining
- And much more!

For more information, contact [Pauline Panasuk](#).



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