
Monday, September 13, 2021



City seeking feedback on funding priorities for second round of American Rescue Plan Act funding



The City of Minneapolis is seeking feedback from residents, businesses, and neighborhood and community organizations as it considers funding priorities for the second round of American Rescue Plan Act funding awarded to the City to address economic and public health impacts from the pandemic.

The survey will be open through Sept. 24. Results will assist City leaders as they determine funding priorities for the remaining federal funding awarded to the City. The City Council approved Mayor Jacob Frey's \$102 million spending plan for the first round of American Rescue Plan Act funding July 2. It featured a strong emphasis on economic recovery, affordable housing and community safety measures. It also included funding for a new guaranteed basic income pilot.

Read more from *Minneapolis: City of Lakes* [here](#).

National Small Business Week

For more than 50 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration has celebrated National Small Business Week (NSBW), which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. This year is one unlike the half-century that has come before.



We are facing unique challenges together. However, American small businesses continue to play a central role in building a strong country, prepared for any obstacles in the future.

Learn more from *U.S. Small Business Administration* [here](#).

Register for the virtual summit [here](#).

Biden's vaccine mandates: What you need to know



Millions of Americans will be subject to new vaccine mandates issued by President Joe Biden, including more than 1.4 million workers in Minnesota. The announcement this week comes as the highly contagious delta variant continues to sweep the nation, putting unvaccinated people at higher risk of hospitalization and death.

Biden only described his plan in broad strokes during a White House press conference Thursday, but the strategy is already drawing applause from some corners — and a lot of questions from others.

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

Prepare + Prosper volunteers wanted

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteering opportunity this winter? [Prepare + Prosper](#) (P+P) is currently recruiting volunteers for the 2022 tax season! P+P provides free tax preparation and financial services to individuals and families

with low- to moderate-incomes. With several in person and remote volunteer roles to choose from, there is something for everyone! No tax experience necessary. To learn more, [Sign up for an information session](#), a no-strings-attached way to learn more about the work P+P volunteers do, training requirements and commitment.



Register to volunteer [here](#).

Visit Prepare + Prosper's website [here](#).

CHAMBER NEWS

Join our Advocacy Committee!



Interested in helping shape the Minneapolis Regional Chamber's advocacy efforts? Join our Advocacy Committee! For more information, please contact Grace Waltz: gwaltz@mplschamber.com.

Elevate Business HC webinars

Elevate Business HC webinars are a great free resource to get your business on track and ready for growth. Get valuable insight from expert business advisors on a range of relevant topics.



Upcoming webinars:

- **Tuesday, Sep. 14, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.:** Doing Business with the States of MN, ND & SD
- **Tuesday, Sep. 14, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.:** Growing Your Business with Google Ads
- **Wednesday, Sep. 15, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.:** Succession Planning & Employee-owned Business Models

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

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Central N.E.!



Congratulations to Central N.E. on their new location! We are grateful to have been a part of your celebration and are excited for you. Join us to congratulate Central N.E.!

Click [here](#) to explore their website and make your reservation today.

Celebrate Avidor's 1-year anniversary!

Join Avidor Minnetonka as they celebrate their 1-year birthday and get a taste of the Avidor lifestyle in-person. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, try their signature cocktail, and enjoy self-guided and group community tours. Space is limited is limited, call

(952) 213-5155 to reserve your spot.

Tuesday, Sep. 14, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Click [here](#) to visit their website.



NEMAA Fall Member Fundraiser



The popular NEMAA 10x10 web fundraiser is back! Mark your calendar; incredible, affordable artwork goes fast during this one-night online affair. See hundreds of pieces of original artwork by hundreds of Northeast Minneapolis artists, all 10x10 inches or less! This event is free, but you can purchase a code [here](#) to access the Special Preview Hour (begins at 4pm) for first dibs on the artwork.

Saturday, Sep. 25, 5:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

The Lynhall offers restaurant as vaccination site

Anne Spaeth, owner of The Lynhall, began offering up her restaurant as a vaccination site this summer after her children's school held its own vaccination clinic. Because her restaurant was closed on Mondays due to staffing shortages prompted by the pandemic, Spaeth used that free day to put a few more shots in arms. The Lynhall has hosted two clinics already at its Lyn-Lake location, and Spaeth is willing to be a site in the future.



Click [here](#) to read more in *MplsSt.Paul Magazine*.

Click [here](#) to visit *The Lynhall's* website.

Sunset Block Party in South Loop, Bloomington



Ua Si Creative, City of Bloomington, and Artistry would like to invite you, your friends and family to the Sunset Block Party!

WE, a tapestry of murals curated and produced by Ua Si Creative, was commissioned by the City of Bloomington in partnership with Artistry. The mural, to

be completed in September 2021, faces American Boulevard and 30th Avenue South in Bloomington's South Loop District.

Saturday, Sep. 18, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

CHAMBER EVENTS

Minneapolis Mayoral Forum

Please join us for a City of Minneapolis Mayoral Forum! You'll meet the many candidates running for Mayor in Minneapolis and hear their positions on the issues important to you. The League of Women Voters Minneapolis hosts this event with our co-sponsors, LeanMN, FairVote, A New 612, and MCN6. This 90 minute forum will be broadcast live on MCN 6, and live to League of Women Voters Facebook page, as well on the

Thursday, Sep. 16, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Click [here](#) to register.

Bell Bank ribbon cutting



We invite you to join us as we celebrate the opening of the Minneapolis branch of Bell Bank.

Thursday, Sep. 23, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to register.

Car-Free Msp 2021!

Move Minneapolis presents Car-Free MSP 2021 with 3 days of events **Sep. 21 - 23:**

Tuesday, Sep. 21, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.:

WEBINAR: "(When You) Return To Downtown"

- The webinar highlights the new commuting programs and infrastructure built since the pandemic. Improvements to make the "return to downtown" easier, faster, and climate friendly.



Wednesday, Sep. 22, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:

Grand Opening of the Bike & Ride

- **12:00 p.m.** ribbon cutting for the new Bike & Ride secure bike parking facility just off Twins Plaza at Ramp B.

Thursday, Sep. 23, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:

[Car-Free MSP on 8th St & Nicollet Mall](#) – a full block devoted to sustainable transportation options located next to the Thursday farmer's market.

- Nice Ride/Lyft: Scooter & E-bike Rodeo – Test ride scooters & e-bikes
- Transportation Exhibitors – Talk to the transportation experts + cool swag
- Free Bike Safety Checks – Bring your bike, mechanics on duty!

Learn more about this event and visit their website [here](#).

Issues & Insights/Public Policy South Metro: Retail industry update



Over the past year and a half the retail industry has been forced to pivot in order to survive. Facing a seemingly never ending stream of challenges from the pandemic and civil unrest, Twin Cities businesses have found new and creative ways to reach their clientele. Join us for an engaging conversation with local industry experts as they discuss those challenges and the opportunities they found through creativity, innovation and re-invention, from brick-and-mortar retail to experiential retail. Register today and join us in person at the Mall of America with Houston White, Jill Renslow and Bruce Nustad.

Friday, Sep. 24, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Click [here](#) to register.

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

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MEMBER BENEFITS

Twins Tickets

As a member of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber you have access to premium season tickets for the Minnesota Twins! Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Email [Andrea Carver](#) for more information.

Upcoming games:

Tuesday, Sep. 14: 4 tickets available, \$72 per ticket

Thursday, Sep. 23: 4 tickets available, \$87 per ticket

Friday, Sep. 24: 4 tickets available, \$87 per ticket

Saturday, Sep. 25: 6 tickets available, \$87 per ticket

