



— WORD FROM THE EDITOR —

Since February, a lot has been going on at Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) and Union Station. We hope you enjoy reading about exciting awards, news, events, and projects, as well as meeting a new member of the USRC team, in our Spring 2018 newsletter.

— AWARDS AND RECOGNITION —

UNION STATION RANKED #2 IN A REPORT EVALUATING TRANSIT HUBS AROUND THE WORLD

A recent Arcadis report [Improving Quality of Life Through Transit-Hubs – Delivering City Value and Prosperity with Mobility Oriented Developments](#) ranked Union Station in Washington, DC second overall for connecting and improving mobility and people's lives. The report ranks stations around the world based on transit-hub connectivity, urban environment, social placemaking, and economic development.

— NEWS AND EVENTS —

UNION STATION AMTRAK POLICE DEPARTMENT K9 SUMMER ADVANCED TO ROUND 2 OF THE HERO DOG AWARDS

USRC is happy to announce that [Summer](#), the Union Station [Amtrak Police Department](#) K9 up for a Hero Dog Award, has made it through to the second round of voting.

[American Humane](#) will be hosting the eighth annual [Hero Dog Awards](#) in Beverly Hills on September 29, 2018. One of the nominees is Summer, a 7-year-old female Labrador who was deployed with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan in March 2012. In 2014, Summer and Sergeant Micah Jones K122, USAF, Ret., became a TSA K9 team for the Amtrak Police Department at Union Station in Washington, DC. Since partnering up, Summer and Sergeant Jones have been responsible for the safety and security of Amtrak passengers, personnel, and infrastructure. On a daily basis, they conduct tactical train rides from Washington, DC to New York City, perform sweeps and protection for VIPs and foreign dignitaries, and provide mutual aid with surrounding police departments during bomb threats. The team conducted K9 sweeps for the 58th Presidential Inauguration Candlelight Dinner held at Union Station. Additionally, in 2015, they provided coverage and security for Pope Francis' visit to Washington, DC, Philadelphia, and New York City.

USRC encourages you to vote for Summer for this year's Hero Dog Awards. You can [vote](#) once a day until July 11, 2018.



THE STATE OF OUR UNION STATION PODCAST

Beverley Swaim-Staley, USRC President and CEO, recently shared some information about Union Station in a [podcast](#) with [Infrastructure Week's](#) Patrick Sabol. In the [podcast](#), Beverley "walks us through the past 100 years of DC's iconic and economically critical transportation hub and then gives us a glimpse of how we'll be using it for the next 100 years." This and other Infrastructure Week podcasts can be found at <http://infrastructureweek.org/blog/>.

UNION STATION TOURS

[Infrastructure Week/Atlas Obscura Tour](#)

USRC is pleased to have a continuous Union Station tours partnership with [Atlas Obscura](#) and the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#). On May 20th, this time also in collaboration with [Infrastructure Week](#), USRC President and CEO Beverley Swaim-Staley and Archivist Sarah Mayersohn led another behind-the-scenes tour of the station.

For this tour, the fourth in the series, in addition to visiting the West, East, and Main Halls, the participants were taken to areas not usually accessible to the general public, including:

- the Presidential Suite,
- the balcony area to see the Roman Legionnaire statues up close, and
- the H Street Bridge underpass.

To commemorate the sixth annual National Infrastructure Week (May 14 to 21, 2018), the tour participants also learned about infrastructure-related initiatives in the station.

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS AT UNION STATION

[Memorial Day American Flag Display](#)

On Monday, May 28th at 10:00 am, Mitch Mendler, who is a fire fighter/paramedic, will be bringing a large American flag to the Main Hall of Union Station. He will call on passersby to help him unfurl the flag and hold it out for ten minutes. Mr. Mendler has dedicated much of his life to commemorating the lives lost in 9/11. In an effort to do so, he is on a [mission](#) to display a large American flag in notable buildings throughout the United States.

[Human Trafficking Exhibit](#)

From June 5 to 15, 2018, there will be a human trafficking exhibit in the Main Hall of Union Station. [Human trafficking](#) is a terrible crime that happens in the United States and all around the world and USRC looks forward to raising awareness through [Kay Chernush's Artworks for Freedom](#) exhibit. **Advisory:** the content of this display might not be suitable for all ages.

To find out about these and other upcoming free, public events at Union Station, please check <https://www.usrcdc.com/events/>.

PAST STATION EVENTS

Infrastructure Week Kick-off Event

On May 14, 2018, DC's Infrastructure Week was kicked off with an event in Union Station's Presidential Suite. Topics discussed included:

- Business, Labor, and Building America's Economy,
- Infrastructure for the 21st Century,
- Funding and Finance, and
- Connecting Rural America Through Infrastructure.

The Keynote Conversation featured U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao and The Business Roundtable's President and CEO Josh Bolten.

Earth Day Commemorated At Union Station

NASA Earth Day Event

On April 19 and 20, 2018, Union Station's Main Hall was host to the fifth annual Earth Day celebration with [NASA](#). At this great, free, public event, people could learn about space through multimedia stories of discovery, hands-on activities, and amazing technology. Additionally, attendees had a chance to meet and get an autographed photo from former NASA Astronaut [Paul Richards](#) on April 19th. Also, in the afternoon on April 20th, participants were treated to an American folk and bluegrass performance by Round Earth Ramblers, a band of NASA employees.



USRC had a table which people could visit to learn about the beautiful, historic station. On both days from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, there were some very special guests – Sergeant Micah Jones and K9 Summer of the Amtrak Police Department. [Summer](#) is in the running for a [Hero Dog Award](#), so we encouraged all who stopped by to vote for her.

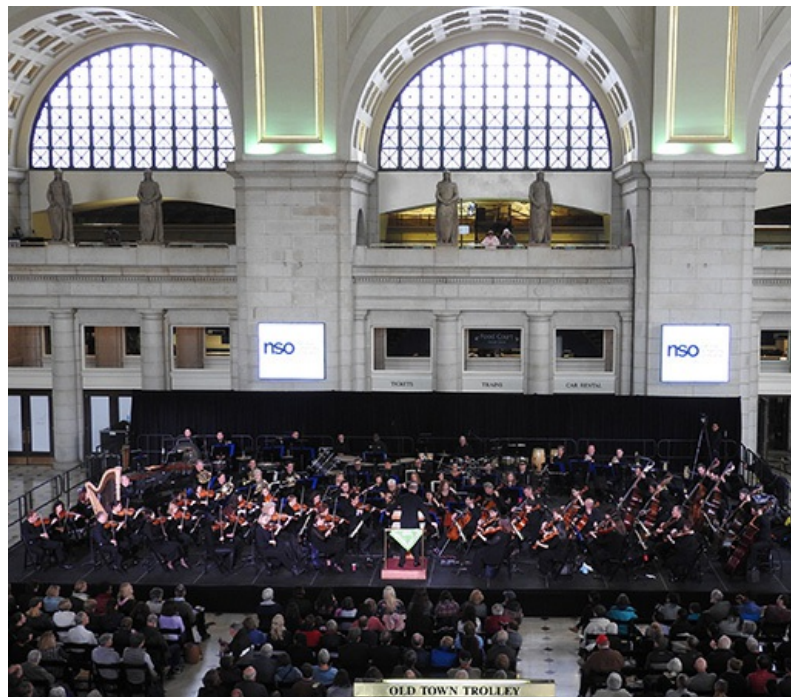


Earth Day Sculpture Exhibit

From April 24th to 28th, Union Station's Main Hall was home to an Earth Day sculpture exhibit. On display were [George Sabra](#)'s pieces Exhausted Tree and Plastic Storm. To see photos of the exhibit, please click [here](#).

NSO Concert at Union Station

On April 11th, as part of the National Symphony Orchestra's [In Your Neighborhood](#) event series, the **NSO** had a wonderful, free concert in the Main Hall at Union Station. The performance was conducted by new Music Director [Gianandrea Noseda](#) and featured violinist [Nurit Bar-Josef](#). The repertoire, comprised of pieces by American, Czech, French, German, Italian, and Spanish composers, was enjoyed by all who attended.



Free Performances at Union Station

On March 1st, passersby were treated to a St. Paul Central High School (MN) jazz band concert in the Main Hall. On March 16, 2017, students from the McGrath Academy of Irish Dance performed some routines to commemorate St. Patrick's Day. This was the second time the academy had a group dance in the station. Another repeat performance happened on March 23rd when students from Sutherland Middle School (Charlottesville, VA) had a band concert. On March 30, 2018, Lone Peak High School (Highland, UT) ballroom dancers gave a riveting

performance in Union Station's Main Hall.

USRC would like to thank all the performers for bringing music and dance to Union Station.

— UNION STATION PROJECTS —

WASHINGTON UNION STATION (WUS) EXPANSION PROJECT

The [Federal Railroad Administration](#) (FRA), along with project proponents USRC and [Amtrak](#), hosted the [fourth public meeting](#) for the [WUS Expansion Project](#) on March 22, 2018. At the meeting, which was held in Union Station's Presidential Suite, FRA presented the current alternatives that are being refined as part of the environmental impact statement (EIS) process. In addition to the presentation, an open house took place in the East Hall of the station. The public was welcome to ask questions of FRA, USRC, Amtrak, and the project team. The meeting was well attended by representatives from the community, as well as many industry professionals.

FRA, USRC, and Amtrak welcome feedback on the WUS Expansion Project throughout the EIS process. Comments can be provided [online](#).

CLAYTOR CONCOURSE MODERNIZATION RENOVATION PROJECT

In March 2018, USRC and [Amtrak](#) kicked off the early phases of the [Claytor Concourse Modernization Renovation Project](#). The Amtrak-led project will transform the existing rail concourse and provide new waiting areas, restrooms, and work stations. USRC is happy to announce the selection of [Hill International, Inc.](#) (Hill) as the construction management firm that will be assisting with the project. USRC looks forward to continuing to partner with Amtrak and Hill as the project progresses into the construction phase in 2019.

— MEET THE TEAM —

Gavin Derleth joined USRC as an intern in March. He is a sophomore at George Washington University, studying Geography and Political Science, with a minor in GIS. In the future, Gavin hopes to combine his practical knowledge of GIS with urban geography and development. As an intern at USRC, he is working on projects pertaining to the historic preservation of the station, as well as some ongoing planning and maintenance projects.

Gavin is originally from Claremont, California and is an avid follower of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Kings. In his free time, when he is not watching sports, he enjoys biking, backpacking, mapping, and going to concerts. One day, he hopes to hike the John Muir Trail in Northern California.



— A PIECE OF HISTORY —

FEATURE PHOTO



President and First Lady Roosevelt greeting King George VI and Queen Elizabeth outside Union Station - June 1939 (Source: FDR Presidential Library and Museum)

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