



UNION STATION

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WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Since USRC's last newsletter was sent in May, the station has been as busy as ever. We hope you enjoy reading about exciting news, events, projects, and USRC's summer intern in our Summer 2018 newsletter.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Summer Update

Summer is the Union Station [Amtrak Police Department](#) K9 that was in the running for an [American Humane Hero Dog Award](#). Thanks to everyone who supported this amazing dog, Summer advanced to the second round of voting. Unfortunately, she did not make it through to the final round. Nonetheless, Summer is still a hero in our hearts.

On July 10, 2018, Summer and her handler Sgt. Micah Jones were featured on [WJLA ABC7 News](#). Also, on July 2nd, Summer was included in a 24/7 Wall Street [list](#) of the 25 most heroic dogs in the United States.

For those of you who have not heard about this courageous dog before, please click [here](#) for more information on her illustrious background.



Independence Day Observed at Union Station

To commemorate the 4th of July, the nation's capital's multimodal station was adorned with American flags.



Union Station Tours

History of Union Station Tour

Are you interested in learning about the history of Washington, DC's Union Station? If so, please join USRC for a tour on Saturday, September 15th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Your tour guide will take you inside and outside beautiful Union Station and impart knowledge on the history of this amazing landmark. You will learn about Daniel Burnham's vision, the station through two world wars, the 1980s restoration, present-day endeavors, and much more.

Additional Information:

- This tour will involve a fair amount of walking.
- We can offer free vouchers for those who park in the Union Station parking garage.
- Attendees will be emailed the exact meeting location prior to the event.
- Participants will receive a Union Station tote bag and book to commemorate the experience.

To purchase tickets, please click [here](#).

Past Station Events

Human Trafficking Exhibit

From June 5 to 15, 2018, there was 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 awareness was raised through Kay Chernush's [Artworks for Freedom](#) exhibit.

On Wednesday, June 6th, Mick McKeown, Director of the DHS [Blue Campaign](#); Kenya

Davis, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, [DC Human Trafficking Task Force](#); and [Barbara Amaya](#), human trafficking survivor and advocate, shared some information pertaining to this grave issue.

Memorial Day American Flag Display

On May 28th, Mitch Mendler, who is a fire fighter/paramedic, brought a large American flag to the Main Hall of Union Station. He called 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.



Free School Performances

There were some wonderful, free school concerts in Union Station in April, May, and June 2018. The Haddon Township High School (NJ) choir sang beautifully in the station's West Carriage Porch on April 20, 2018. On May 30th, the Bismarck High School (ND) band gave a riveting performance in the Main Hall. A choir from Aitkin High School (MN) entertained passersby with some lovely songs in the Main Hall on June 5, 2018. Many thanks to all the students who came to the station to perform.

Are you a member of a small band, orchestra, or choir? Groups of 40 or less can have an opportunity to perform for free for up to 30 minutes in Union Station's beautiful Main Hall. To obtain further information or submit an application, please contact marketing@unionstationdc.com.

For a list of upcoming station events, please click [here](#).

UNION STATION PROJECTS

Main Hall Roman Legionnaires Restoration



Thanks to a [DDOT Transportation Alternatives Program](#) (TAP) grant that USRC received, the Main Hall Roman Legionnaire statues and surrounding granite will be restored and cleaned this winter. The TAP grant will allow USRC to continue the momentum of the statuary preservation effort at Union Station after the success of the 2017 West Hall Roman Legionnaires restoration project. For timely information about this preservation effort, please check for updates on USRC's [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter](#).

Retail Concourse Ceiling Restoration

In fall 2018, the final phase of the Retail Concourse ceiling project will be undertaken. The remaining broken laylight glass panes will be replaced with new glass. When this project is complete, the ceiling will be brighter and cleaner.

USRC TEAM UPDATE

Sara Kim joined the USRC team as a summer intern from June to August. This fall, she will be in her senior year at New York University where she is majoring in Metropolitan Studies with a minor in Urban Design and Architecture. As Sara prepares for her future, she hopes to gain more experience and insight in urban administration, as well as related legal issues, before attending law school for land use law and zoning law. During her time at USRC, Sara worked on restoration, historic preservation, and maintenance projects for Union Station. Raised in nearby Rockville, Maryland, Sara was happy to be back in the area to spend time with her family and friends during her summer break. In her spare time, Sara enjoys hiking, singing, café hopping, and discovering new restaurants.

A PIECE OF HISTORY



Columbus Memorial Unveiling Ceremony - June 8, 1912 (Photo Courtesy of DC Public Library)

Founded in 1983, Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) is a nonprofit organization charged with preserving and restoring Union Station's historic and architectural significance, in addition to maintaining the station's long-term function as a multimodal transportation and commercial center.

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