

UNION STATION REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Quite a lot has happened at Union Station since USRC's summer newsletter was sent in August. We hope you enjoy reading about interesting news, events, projects, and a USRC job opportunity in our Fall 2018 newsletter.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Union Station Bus Deck Recognized at the 2018 AIA|DC Chapter Design Awards

In September, the <u>winners</u> of the 2018 <u>AIA|DC</u> Chapter Design Awards were announced. These awards demonstrate the value of good design, as well as the wide variety of services performed by architects. <u>Studio Twenty Seven Architecture</u> received an Honorable Mention in Civic Architecture for <u>Tranquil Transit</u>, its design of the pavilions in the <u>Bus Facility</u> at Union Station.



The Holiday Season at Union Station

At the end of November, the station will be decorated for the holiday season. Come one, come all to see the wreaths at the main entrance of the station, the train display in the Main Hall, and, of course, the beautiful holiday tree which is an annual gift from the people of Norway. On November 29th, the 22nd annual tree lighting ceremony will take place in the Main Hall. The time is yet unknown; please check the <u>USRC website calendar</u> in the lead-up to the event for additional details.

Union Station Tours

Upcoming History of Union Station Tours

On September 15, 2018, 15 people who were interested in Union Station's history purchased tickets to take part in a tour. It was such a success that USRC is offering this tour again in November and December. When asked for feedback, John, a September participant, said "This tour offered a great nexus for me. I love old buildings and am fascinated by trains." He also mentioned, "I have already recommended this tour to several people."

If you are interested in learning about Washington, DC's Union Station, please join us for a tour on November 3rd or December 1st. Your tour guide will take you inside and outside beautiful Union Station and impart knowledge on the history of this amazing landmark. You will hear 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.

The Saturday, November 3rd tour is almost sold out. To get one of the remaining tickets, please click <u>here</u>.

The Saturday, December 1st tour still has space. To purchase a ticket, please click here.

Past Union Station Tours

In addition to the inaugural History of Union Station tour, which took place on September 15th, USRC had the privilege of organizing and leading tours for the <u>Council of Minority</u> <u>Transportation Officials</u> and a delegation of the Colombian Association of Ground Transportation Terminals in September. There was also another Atlas Obscura tour on September 30th. In contrast to USRC's history tours, the Atlas Obscura outings take participants throughout the entire station complex and emphasize the multimodal transportation nature of the building. It is great to see how much interest there is in learning about Union Station.

Past Station Events

30th Anniversary Celebration

On September 28, 2018, there was a celebration at Union Station to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the 1988 grand reopening after the 1980s restoration. People coming through the Main Hall were treated to:

- a LEGO® model of the station and the railyard, complete with moving trains;
- a Stuart-Hobson Middle School choir concert;
- dance routines by students of the Shannon Dunne Dance Company; and
- a display of photos which predate the 1980s restoration and from present day.

Special thanks to Chuck Viggiani, Constantine Hannaher, Michael Harrod, and Scott Bertaut of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area LEGO® Train Club (<u>WamaLTC</u>), who not only set up the LEGO® display, but stayed throughout the day to interact with passersby. Also, many thanks to the choir and dance performers for providing excellent entertainment.



Free School Performances

On October 17, 2018, a choir from Craigholme School, an all-girls school in Glasgow, Scotland, performed in the Main Hall. It is wonderful that people near and far come to appreciate the beauty of Union Station.

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 <u>marketing@unionstationdc.com</u>.

For a list of upcoming public Union Station and neighborhood events, please click here.

UNION STATION PROJECTS

Union Station Expansion Project

In the lead-up to a public hearing in spring 2019, representatives of USRC and the <u>Federal</u> <u>Railroad Administration</u> are promoting the <u>Union Station Expansion Project</u> at a variety of events. Past events include the Barracks Row and H Street fall festivals. Upcoming events where we will be reaching out to the community are:

<u>NoMa BID PumpkinPalooza</u> (1150 First Street NE) - October 24, 2018, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm <u>Hill-o-Ween at Eastern Market</u> - October 26, 2018, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm <u>Eastern Market</u> - November 3, 2018, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

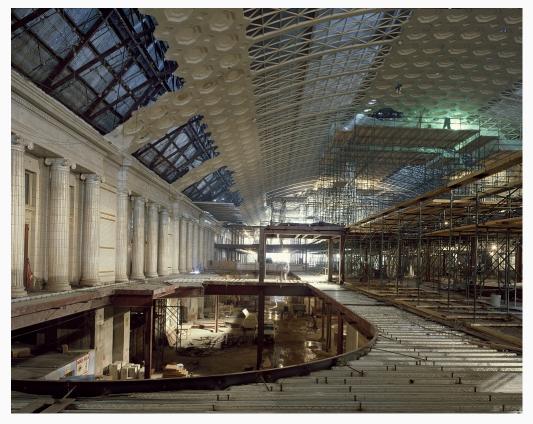
USRC JOBS

Full-Time Program Assistant Position

USRC is currently recruiting for a Program Assistant. The Program Assistant will be responsible for the support of projects and programs within USRC's portfolio.

Full details are available at https://www.usrcdc.com/careers/.

A PIECE OF HISTORY



1980s Restoration of the Train Concourse (now Retail Concourse) (Photo Courtesy of the Library of Congress)

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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