UNION STATION
REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Since USRC sent the Spring 2019 newsletter in May, quite a lot has happened at Union Station. We hope you enjoy reading about interesting news, events, projects, and USRC's summer intern in our Summer 2019 newsletter.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Travelers Aid Relocated to the Union Station Parking Garage Bus Deck

Thanks to a collaborative effort with USRC, the Travelers Aid information desk was relocated to the Union Station Parking Garage Bus Deck information pavilion and reopened at the end of July. Previously located in the Claytor Concourse, the information desk, which had operated at Union Station for more than 100 years, closed on April 15, 2019.

After resuming operations on the Bus Deck, Travelers Aid case managers are once again providing professional services related to:

- Stranded Traveler Assistance
- Critical Incident Support
- Domestic Violence Assistance
- Missing Persons/Runaways Assistance
- Safe Place
- Tourism Information

• Translation Services

Travelers Aid is happy to continue to provide friendly customer service and guidance to all travelers and visitors at Union Station.

Union Station YouTube Channel Launched

USRC is happy to announce that we launched a YouTube channel for Union Station in early August. The channel features the following playlists:

• Historic Union Station
• Union Station Events (videos of past public events, such as orchestra, band, choir, and dance performances)
• Union Station Restoration Projects
• External Events
• Transportation
• Around the Neighborhood

If you have videos of events in the station that you think would be good additions to our channel, please send an email indicating the subject of the video and who took the video (and to whom to give credit) to washingtondcunionstation@gmail.com.

We hope you will enjoy watching the videos on the Union Station YouTube channel.

Pop-Up Library Installed in the Union Station Parking Garage Bus Deck

In collaboration with the DC Public Library (DCPL) and USRC, the Union Station Parking Garage Bus Deck waiting room is now hosting a digital pop-up library. When you wait for your bus, you can turn on your digital device's Wi-Fi and select Pop Up Library. While on this

network, you can see a collection of eBooks (for both adults and children) available for streaming and downloading. We hope you will enjoy using this wonderful resource.

If you are interested in finding more digital content from DCPL, including additional eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, and more, please visit dclibrary.org/godigital.

Upcoming Free goDigital LIVE Fair at Union Station

On Thursday, September 5th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, the DC Public Library, the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer, Connect.DC (the District's Digital Inclusion Initiative), and DJ EZ Street of WHUR Radio will be hosting a goDigital LIVE Fair in Union Station's Main Hall. At this great, free, public event, organized in collaboration with USRC, people will be able to sample music, videos, audiobooks, and more. Participants can also enjoy family-friendly entertainment, take pictures in the photo booth, and win prizes. This will be a wonderful opportunity to explore how goDigital helps you watch, read, listen, and learn. For more information, please visit dclibrary.org/godigitallive.

Past Station Events

Past Union Station Tours

USRC had the privilege of organizing and leading two History of Union Station tours on June 15 and July 20, 2019. This tour series will continue in 2019 and beyond, with the next tour taking place on October 26th and future dates to be determined. Please keep an eye out on USRC's website calendar and social media if you are interested in taking part.

In addition, USRC representatives led another Atlas Obscura Hidden Union Station tour on August 4th. USRC is happy to collaborate with the National Trust for Historic Preservation on this tour series.

Also, on June 19, 2019, USRC led a tour of Union Station for new hires of the Federal Railroad Administration and two tours for members of the Transportation Research Board on July 16th.

Past Concerts

There were some great, free public performances in Union Station's Main Hall in May and June 2019. On May 30, 2019, the Oakes High School (ND) band and choir performed a number of fantastic songs and the SONUS A Cappella Choir (Nashville, TN) had a wonderful concert on June 5th.

Are you a member of a small band, orchestra, or choir? Groups of 40 or less can apply to perform for free for up to 30 minutes in Union Station's beautiful Main Hall. Union Station hosts over 37 million visitors annually and is a great performance venue. To obtain further information or submit an application, please contact marketing@unionstationdc.com.

UNION STATION PROJECTS

Main Hall Roman Legionnaire Statues Restoration Project

USRC is pleased to announce that the restoration of the historic Roman Legionnaire statues located at the balcony level of the Main Hall will commence in mid-August. Installed in 1912, the 36 statues that adorn the Main Hall were part of the original construction of Union Station. They are included in the set of 46 statues designed by Louis Saint-Gaudens, which represents the number of states at the time of the station's opening in 1907.

USRC has hired John Canning & Co. to clean, repair, and restore the Main Hall statuary, a task that has not been undertaken since the 1980s restoration. This project is partially funded by a Transportation Alternatives Program grant administered by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation.

MEET THE USRC TEAM

Miles Stepleton joined USRC as an intern in May. He is a senior at The George Washington University (GW), studying history and political science. In the future, Miles plans to pursue a master's degree of library and information science and hopes to go on to work as a librarian. In his internship at USRC, he is helping process and reorganize USRC's institutional collection.

Miles is originally from Portland, Oregon. He is a member of GW's history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, and the debate association. During the school year, Miles co-hosts a weekly talk show on GW's radio station, WRGW. In his free time, he enjoys listening to music and playing Dungeons and Dragons with his friends. Miles is a fan of his hometown Portland Trail Blazers, as well as the Washington Nationals and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

A PIECE OF HISTORY

This photo shows that many people came out for the unveiling ceremonies of the Columbus Memorial, which took place in 1912.

(Photo taken June 8, 1912, Courtesy of the 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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