UNION STATION
REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Since USRC's Winter 2019 newsletter was sent in February, Union Station has been quite a busy place. We hope you enjoy reading about interesting news, events, and projects in our Spring 2019 newsletter.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Honorable Mention in Civic Architecture for the Union Station Bus Deck Pavilions

Architecture DC's The Spirit of Design: Annual AIA | DC Awards Issue features the Union Station Parking Garage's Bus Deck pavilions, which received an Honorable Mention in Civic Architecture. The article can be found on page 20.

Union Station Featured in Preservation Magazine

In the Spring 2019 edition of Preservation Magazine, there was an article entitled "Visit These 8 Monuments to America's Rail Heritage" that features Union Station.

Past Free, Public Events at Union Station

Armed Forces Concerts

On April 25, 2019, the United States Navy Band performed a number of classical favorites in the Main Hall of Union Station.

In addition, the Swiss Armed Forces Central Band and "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band had their first joint performance in the Main Hall on April 29th.

NSO Concert

On February 8, 2019, the National Symphony Orchestra, led by the Kennedy Center's Music Director,Gianandrea Nosea, gave a free concert in the Main Hall of Union Station. This performance marked the third time that the NSO visited Union Station as part of its commitment to engaging communities beyond the Kennedy Center and sharing live classical music with new audiences.

Annual Earth Day with NASA Event

On April 22 and 23, 2019, Union Station's Main Hall was host to the sixth annual Earth Day celebration with NASA. At this great, free, public event, children and adults learned about space and science through multimedia stories of discovery, hands-on activities, and amazing technology.

Additionally, USRC had a table which people could visit to learn about the station. We shared information on the history of the building, upcoming events, station tours, and restoration and expansion plans. On April 23rd, there were some special guests, Sergeant Micah Jones and Staff Sergeant Summer, a K-9 unit of the Amtrak Police Department. Summer, an 8-year-old female Labrador Retriever, is in the running for an American Humane Military Hero Dog Award, so we encouraged all who stopped by to vote for her.

Other Free Performances

There were some great, free, short public performances in Union Station's Main Hall in March and April 2019. On March 15, 2019, to commemorate St. Patrick's Day, members of the McGrath Academy of Irish Dance performed. This was the third year that the McGrath

Academy had a group come to Union Station to perform. The Blue Springs High School (MO) Jazz Band had a magnificent concert on April 10th. On April 15, 2019, the Carmel High School (IN) Select Sound Choir performed a number of wonderful songs. The El Monte High School (CA) A Cappella Choir had a fantastic concert on April 15th. Many thanks to all who came to the station to perform.

Union Station Tours

Did you know that USRC regularly organizes and leads History of Union Station tours? Also, were you aware that, in collaboration with Atlas Obscura and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, USRC leads Hidden Union Station tours four times a year? USRC staff enjoy imparting knowledge about the beautiful Beaux-Arts station.

The next History of Union Station tours are taking place on Saturday, June 15th and Saturday, July 20th. The June tour is sold out, but there are still tickets for the July one. The most recent Atlas Obscura tour was on Sunday, April 28th. Please keep an eye out on the Atlas Obscura website for information pertaining to upcoming tours.

Additionally, USRC organized and led tours for European transportation officials visiting as part of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, members of the Washington, DC Chapter of Young Professionals in Transportation, and participants of the 60th annual Transportation Research Forum.

In addition to these tours, USRC donated a private Union Station tour for two to the silent auction that will be taking place at Ready, Willing & Working's 11th annual Magic and Miracles Gala on June 3, 2019.

UNION STATION PROJECTS

Union Station Information Session

On June 5, 2019, USRC will be hosting an Information Session on future endeavors at Union Station. Over 30 years ago, the beautiful Beaux-Arts building was reopened as a vital transportation and commercial hub. USRC intends to ensure that the station is rehabilitated, renovated, and upgraded as necessary. To that end, we will have a number of projects, sponsored by a variety of stakeholders, in the years to come.

For further details, please send an email to usrc@usrcdc.com, indicating the name of your organization or company and your interest in the station.

Union Station Expansion Project Update

USRC and our partners, Amtrak and the Federal Railroad Administration, continue to promote the Union Station Expansion Project (SEP). USRC handed out flyers at the Earth Day with NASA event on April 22 and 23, 2019, in addition to having flyers distributed at the Capitol Hill and NoMa BID Bike to Work Day pit stops on May 17th. Thanks to our counterparts at the neighborhood BIDs for their collaboration.

For details on future SEP outreach, please check the project page on the USRC website.

A PIECE OF HISTORY

TO GATES 21 TO 30
To Train
Concourse
USO
quote Newsweek

This photo, taken in 1968, shows that prior to the 1980s restoration, there was no Retail Concourse in Union Station. Instead, upon leaving the Main Hall to the north, people went straight into the Train Concourse. Now, the multimodal station has a number of transportation and retail options.

(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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