

DISTRICT UPDATES



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Mpls DID Quarterly Newsletter

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What's New in the District

Here is a quick look at what's happening downtown and how DID is impacting our community.

Service Saturday

Looking for opportunities to volunteer downtown? Join us on Earth Day (Sat., April 22nd) from 9:30 am-12 pm for the first Service Saturday of the season! We'll be spring cleaning the area around The Commons Park, just bring a water and a friend.

Downtown Safety Sessions

The Mpls First Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists and DID have partnered to offer free safety update sessions to employers and employees downtown. Interested in scheduling a safety session? [Click here.](#)

IDA Summit

The International Downtown Association's (IDA) 2023 Placemaking, Operations and Security Summit is taking place in Minneapolis May 10-11. Through this summit, we will be welcoming our counterparts from cities across the country, learning from experts in our fields, convening conversations to share experiences with our peers while also showcasing all that our downtown has to offer.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVATIONS

APRIL 22 Earth Day Service Saturday

APRIL 25 Wellness Tuesday with Therapy Dogs, 1-2 pm

MAY 02 First Tuesday Social: Nicollet Office, 3-5 pm

MAY 09 Learning Tuesday - Connecting with Downtown Neighborhoods, 12-1 pm

MAY 10-11 IDA Placemaking, Operations and Security Summit

MAY 16 Service Tuesday, 3-5 pm

MAY 23 Wellness Tuesday with Therapy Dogs, 1-2 pm

BY JUNE 01 Summer Greening Installation

BY JUNE 01 Peavey Plaza Reopens



Partnership with Hennepin County Behavioral Health expands

Beginning in 2021, the DID has worked in partnership with Hennepin County Behavioral Health to add a social worker, James, to our livability efforts. This partnership allows social workers to build relationships with those in need and helps connect them with services to make sure their basic needs are met. In order to extend hours and outreach efforts, the DID, in partnership with the City of Minneapolis, has added an additional social worker to its outreach team. Kristen joined the team as our second social worker in February and has quickly become a great addition to the team. Because of this additional coverage, both of the social workers are now on the street, meeting those in need 5 days a week (Mon.-Fri.) from 9 am-9 pm.

DID Volunteer Calendar

Looking for volunteer opportunities throughout downtown? Check out our volunteer calendar for more details. >> mplsdowntown.com/volunteercal

Ambassador of the Year Story

Our Ambassador of the Year, Elise, was recently featured in the Star Tribune. Read more about her work downtown here >> [Article](#)

MEET THE DID TEAM



Liban Kano

Community Engagement Manager

Bio: Hailing from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Liban Kano embarked on a remarkable 10-year journey as a service member of the U.S. Air Force. This experience took him to various duty locations worldwide, including Utah, Ohio, the United Kingdom, South Korea, Japan, and Germany, each enriching his life and broadening his perspectives. Feeling the pull of home, Liban returned to Minnesota two years ago. Embracing his new role as the Community Engagement Manager for Mpls DID, he is dedicated to fostering connections within the Minneapolis community. Liban's passion and commitment drive him to make a difference in the lives of those around him.

Favorite downtown...

Attraction: Mill Ruins Park

Event: Strangers Meeting Strangers (sms)

Green Space: Loring Park

Restaurant: Wrecktangle Pizza

Hidden Gem: Planet Smoothie

MEET AN AMBASSADOR



Richard Penlund

DID Ambassador since 2018

Bio: Since 2018, Richard has exemplified an exceptional work ethic and a deep passion for keeping downtown Minneapolis clean, safe, and friendly. His unwavering dedication to his work and his community makes him a true asset to the DID Ambassador program. Richard works tirelessly to ensure that everyone who visits or resides in the area has a memorable and enjoyable experience. Keep up the outstanding work, Richard! Your commitment to making downtown a better place is truly admirable.

Favorite downtown...

Attraction(s): Prince and Bob Dylan murals

Event: Anything at Target Field and the Guthrie

Green Space: Peavey Plaza

Restaurant: The Monte Carlo

Hidden Gem: Riverplace