



## A Fresh Take on Fringe (& Fray)

Fringe & Fray opened their doors in February of this year, providing the Downtown neighborhood with a new boutique with a fresh spin.

As a "resale boutique" the store offers hand-selected, previously-owned items, with a mix of vintage and modern brands for clothing, previously owned home decor and accessories, as well as some hand-made pieces by Grace Johnson, who owns the store with her husband.

"We have always been drawn to city centers," said Grace of their Downtown location. "The foot-traffic is great, we really like being next to the [Rocket] bakery and Browne's Addition, and we love the the historical buildings."



**Fringe & Fray is located at 1325 W. 1st Avenue.**

They are open Monday-Saturday, 10am-6pm. You can also find them on Facebook, where followers receive special deals on occasion. To learn more about Fringe and Fray, or how you can buy and trade items, visit [FringeandFray.net](http://FringeandFray.net).

## Finders Keepers Finds New Location

After an unfortunate flooding incident at their original location, Finders Keepers I Jewelry Galore has taken the opportunity to adapt and revitalize. The store will be **re-opening in the SoDo District Downtown on 2nd Avenue** between Serendipity and LoLo.

"This location will give us the chance to be better than ever, reopened and revamped, specializing in jewelry from every era," said store owner Deena Caruso.

**A grand opening is slated for the First Friday in August** with a ribbon cutting to celebrate! Visit the new store at 309 W. 2nd and see what's new!

## Rejuvenate in Downtown

With summer's arrival often may come the realization that your toes could use some attention before getting into sandals, that your hair could use a nice summer cut or that tension remaining in your shoulders will *not* do before you go on vacation. Which is why Downtown has become a great place to serve all your spa

needs!

With the variety of salons and spas throughout Downtown, there's sure to be one to fit your needs and inspire you to treat yourself or someone else. Here are some of the latest ones to open:



- **Green Salon & Day Spa**, 227 W. Riverside, committed to bringing wellness to their clients and the environment. [GreenSalonandDaySpa.com](http://GreenSalonandDaySpa.com)
- **Strata Salon** has a new location at 827 W. First, making them even more centrally located! [StrataSalonSpa.com](http://StrataSalonSpa.com)
- **Urbanna Day Spa**, tour the facility for First Fridays at 168 S. Division, [UrbannaSpa.com](http://UrbannaSpa.com)

And don't forget to look for these spas and salons on Facebook! **For a listing of spas in Downtown, visit the Downtown directory at [downtownspokane.net](http://downtownspokane.net).**

## The Club Scene

If you're looking for a new club to check out this weekend, look no further than Downtown! The nightlife is bursting with newcomers these days, in addition to great standbys. Here are some of the latest bars and clubs to open:

- **A Club** at 406 1/2 West Sprague, [AClubSpokane.com](http://AClubSpokane.com)
- **Emperor Nightclub**, 321 West Sprague
- **nYne Bar and Bistro**, 232 W. Sprague, find them on [Facebook here](#)
- **Revolver**, 227 W. Riverside

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## A Ruby in the Rough, But Not for Long

**Hotel Ruby**, formerly Rodeway Inn, is in the midst of a substantial remodel, recently completing room renovations in the first phase. The hotel now offers new flat-screen TVs, plush beds, new carpet, paint and stylish accessories in their comfy rooms. And the next phase of renovations will introduce a new spot to the Downtown nightlife: **The Sapphire Lounge**.

At **901 W. First Avenue**, with the Knitting Factory, the Bing, the Fox and the Davenport nearby, Hotel Ruby will offer a cool boutique hotel with value pricing, style, comfort and personalized service. Not to mention a lounge boasting a modern atmosphere with art, eclectic food and drinks.



Look for the Sapphire Lounge to be completed in the Fall 2010. For more information about the Lounge and Hotel Ruby visit [hotelrubyspokane.com](http://hotelrubyspokane.com).

## Auntie's Bookstore Opens a New Chapter

[Auntie's Bookstore](#), the region's largest independently-owned bookstore, is opening a branch store at River Park Square. **Auntie's at the Square** will offer book lovers a **convenient location in Downtown's centrally located River Park Square**.



"Auntie's is a Spokane icon and we are thrilled for them to join River Park Square's unique mix of local retailers," said Stephen Pohl, general manager at River Park Square.

Auntie's at the Square is **scheduled to open in July**. The design of the store will especially appeal to a younger audience, carrying larger volumes of book titles popular among 18-34 year olds. It will also carry magazines, greeting cards and sideline items such as Out of Print brand t-shirts, which donates one book to a community in need for every shirt sold.

The store will be located on the second floor, east of Whiz Kids, near the Macy's skywalk.

## The Return of the HotZone!

The City of Spokane and a team of partners are **re-launching the SpokaneHotZone**, a free\* wireless network covering parts of the Downtown city center.

Originally launched in 2004 to much media fanfare and attention, the HotZone had been sustained on the donations and contributions of technology partners. Now, two new partners have come on board. Ptera Wireless Inc. will entirely redesign the wireless system, provide user and access management and ongoing maintenance. Tierpoint LLC will provide internet bandwidth.

The Ptera team will work with the City on redesigning and upgrading the system over the next few months to provide more consistent coverage and higher speed.

"We are very excited to have renewed community support for the SpokaneHotZone. Our thanks go out to Ptera and Tierpoint for helping us rejuvenate this asset," Spokane Mayor Mary Verner said.

*\*The SpokaneHotZone network is free for the first two hours of usage.*

## Some New and Familiar Faces

Downtown's variety of restaurants continues to diversify with the new addition of [Queen of Sheba](#), an **ethiopian restaurant in the Flour Mill at 621 W. Mallon**. They are open Tuesday-Saturday, 11:30am-8:30pm and Sundays from 1-4pm for lunch.

And don't forget about [Churchill's](#)! After a great deal of damage in a July 2008 fire, the steakhouse is open for business again, with a slightly less formal feel to it. Churchill's still boasts great food, however, so stop by at **165 S. Post**.

If its a coffee break you're needing, [Brews Bros Lounge](#) has new owners, but continues to serve great coffeehouse atmosphere at **734 W. Sprague**.

Down the street from Brews Bros, in **River Park Square**, [Oil & Vinegar](#) opened in May, offering a variety of ways to liven up your favorite pasta dish and so much more!

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## Also Coming Soon to Downtown...

- If you miss getting your pretzel fix at River Park Square, relief is in sight! **Auntie Anne's Pretzels** will soon be filling the pretzel void.

Don't hesitate to call us for more information at 509-456-0580. Or check out [DowntownSpokane.net](http://DowntownSpokane.net)

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