



Street Talk

Get On Board! 2010 BID Board Opening

Business Improvement District (BID) Ratepayers are encouraged to submit a board nomination application for the Attorney seat currently available. If you or your business are representative of the available seat, and you would like to be considered, please e-mail or fax [an application](#) to tpruitt@downtownspokane.net or fax 509.747.3127.

Please submit your application no later than Monday, August 16, 2010. Once received, the Nominating Committee will review all applicants and recommend a candidate to the Board for approval. The nominee will be voted on at the September BID board meeting.

[Click here for an application](#) and more information or visit DowntownSpokane.net.

Catch a Free Carriage Ride this Summer



STCU horse-drawn carriage rides are back but this summer there's a new twist: they're free!

Join a friend or loved one at the corner of Wall and Main for a one-of-a-kind view of downtown from the seat of a horse-drawn carriage. Rides are from 5-9pm every Friday in July and August. Riders can enjoy a fresh flower and the steady sound of horse hooves on an elegant

ride through the streets of downtown.

Carriage rides are provided by Spencer Carriages and are brought to you courtesy of STCU and Downtown Spokane. For more information, [click here](#).

Downtown Underpasses Get Creative

Downtown's underpasses have been freshened up with some new paint and new perspective. **Thanks to the Inland Northwest Community Foundation, Rotary Club 21 and the Spokane Arts Commission, Spokane artist Melissa Cole lead a group of young artists in a creative paint job the whole city can enjoy.**

Melissa worked with student volunteers from local colleges and universities, as well as artists from Worksource Spokane's Next Generation Zone to remove existing graffiti, discourage future tagging and to provide clean and pleasing walkways throughout



downtown, including Monroe street, pictured here.

Thanks to all who contributed in the efforts to improve and maintain the neighborhood! For more information on the Arts in Spokane, visit SpokaneArts.org.

Spokane Named Bicycle Friendly Community

Spokane is a "Bicycle Friendly Community," and new signs are being installed to show it!



This summer, the League of American Bicyclists awarded Spokane the honor of a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community. Signs have been installed on Howard St. near its intersection with Cataldo Ave., and on High Dr. Three more signs will be installed in other locations later this summer.

"This award is a big deal for Spokane," says Grant Wencel, the City of Spokane's Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator. "We are making significant strides in improving our community for all kinds of cyclists."

Spokane was one of 16 new cities to receive the bicycle friendly award in 2010. The program is designed to revolutionize the way communities evaluate their quality of life, sustainability, and transportation networks.

With an increased number of cyclists in Spokane these days, the City is adding a new bicycle loop in Downtown. For the full release and bicycle safety tips, [click here](#).

For more information on cycling, routes, maps and more, visit BiketoWorkSpokane.org.

More information on the award can be found at bicyclefriendlycommunities.org.

Avista Begins Work on Hydroelectric Project

Locals and visitors to downtown Spokane will see a lot of activity on the river this summer and fall, as Avista begins work on several projects to protect and enhance fish, wildlife, water quality, recreation, cultural and aesthetic resources related to its Spokane River hydroelectric project.

Visitors to the stretch of the river between Upper Falls and Monroe Street Dams will see equipment and temporary work structures in and around the river. All of the equipment will be handled and operated with an emphasis on public safety and protecting the surrounding environment.

For the complete press release from Avista, [click here](#), or click on the links below for more information.

[Click here for a map of the projects](#) or [click here for a list of projects in July and August](#).

Attention Downtown Property Owners...

Don't forget to RSVP for our workshop (and lunch) happening Tuesday, July 27, beginning at noon at the SRBC Building, 801 W. Riverside.

Join us to learn about cost-effective improvements you can make to your building, vacant space and streetscapes, while maximizing your investment in your property and the downtown neighborhood. [Click here to RSVP by Friday, July 23.](#)

For more information, contact Marla at MNunberg@downtownspokane.net.

Don't hesitate to call us for more information at 509-456-0580.

We are happy to help!

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