



Street Talk

Downtown Spokane Receives an AGORA



The Downtown Spokane Partnership is the proud recipient of a 2009 AGORA Award! The AGORA awards, hosted by Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI), celebrate business excellence in the greater Spokane community.

Thank you to those who nominated Downtown Spokane, the judges, GSI and all who support our mission to create a dynamic, vital and sustainable Downtown!

Downtown Bike Racks Roll Out

Eight new bike racks have been installed throughout Downtown with others to follow in the coming weeks. In partnership with the Growth and Transportation Efficiency Center (GTEC), the DSP has installed these bike racks to support those who cycle in and around Downtown.



There's still time to reserve a bike rack for your Downtown business for only \$50, which covers both the rack and installation fees! Contact Andrew Rolwes at ARolwes@downtownspokane.net or 509.456.0580 and reserve yours today!

Blue is the New Green



Think twice before throwing away your plastic water bottle at Hoopfest this weekend! The DSP installed four new, **blue recycle bins** *this* week. The bins are receptacles for glass, plastic and aluminum, and have been placed within the Downtown core.

In addition to the recycle bins and 18 trash receptacles that replaced Expo '74 cans last summer, 11 more of the 30-gallon, black bins are being installed this summer. So look for the new blue recycle bins and black trash cans as you enjoy the the festivities in Downtown!

Make a Downtown Date Night Friday, July 3

Summer horse and carriage rides begin Friday, July 3, sponsored by STCU! So grab your sweetie and head to the corner of Wall and Main to catch a romantic ride through Downtown. Rides are \$5 each, which includes a rose for the ladies, dining coupons and a chance to enter in a drawing for a Downtown

Romance package. Rides are from 4-10pm, every Friday in July and August, and **kids 8 and under ride free with a paying adult!**

And while you're Downtown for a carriage ride, check out the amazing art exhibits, great summer deals and delicious specials at participating **First Friday** venues! In honor of the 4th of July, River Park Square is hosting Jed Conklin's photography exhibit of Spokane area soldiers in Iraq. Stop by the River Park Square Atrium on July 3 at 6pm to hear Mayor Mary Verner speak and enjoy the artist reception to follow.

[Click here](#) to check out a complete list of venues, or pick up the July 2nd Inlander.

To learn more about what's going on Downtown this summer, check out the Calendar of Events page on DowntownSpokane.net.

Downtown is in Full Bloom!

The Downtown Clean Team, Security Ambassadors and Sharon Curtis, have made Downtown streetscapes blossom. Thanks to their planting efforts the planters have never looked better and signs of spring and summer have arrived!

In addition to the blossoming planters in Downtown, the DSP recently organized an energetic group of volunteers to makeover the Maple Street off-ramp gateway area.

In early June over thirty volunteers collected 15 bags of trash, removed 2,100 pounds of debris and replaced 40 sprinkler heads. (Check out the before and after shots below!)



Thanks to all the volunteers from East Spokane Kiwanis, Downtown Spokane Kiwanis, The Revolutionary Project, the DSP, arborist Paul Heindl, and Land Expressions for helping to make great strides to improve Downtown gateways.



Before



After

Celebrate Hoopfest's 20th Anniversary!

Hoopfest is this weekend! To view a complete map of Hoopfest and for street closures, visit DowntownSpokane.net/getting-downtown

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We are happy to help!

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