



Downtown Businesses are Open Despite Construction

As the City's \$2.1 million Second Avenue improvement project continues, the public is reminded that **Downtown businesses remain open and there are alternative routes available to get you where you want to go Downtown.**



Today, Walnut and Maple street intersections at Second are closed until late afternoon for paving. Drivers should be able to access the area for the afternoon commute. Second will be closed from Jefferson to Sunset Boulevard today until late afternoon.

On Friday, paving will continue, however, Second and its major intersections will be open.

During closures, motorists are able to use Washington, Stevens, Division and Browne streets for north-south traffic. East-west traffic are able to use First or Third avenues.

Workers have made sure to leave one-lane access to businesses affected by the work. *Please patron your favorite businesses in these areas as they are open, accessible, and welcoming your business.*

And remember to check out those participating in the [Visual Arts Tour](#) this weekend as well!

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Vote for *Your* Favorite Starting Friday!

The Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) is proud to announce [Sterling Savings Bank](#) (Sterling) as the new sponsor of First Friday! In addition, Sterling is introducing "**First Friday Favorite**," a quarterly, **people's choice award**, that you can start voting on *this* weekend at the Visual Arts Tour!



The award will be presented quarterly to the qualifying downtown Spokane venue that has received the most votes by First Friday attendees. The public is able to vote via a ballot in the Inlander with the listings each month, at participating First Friday venues, at any Sterling Savings Bank branch location and online at DowntownSpokane.org.

Voting begins on October 1 and 2 at the Visual Arts Tour and will continue through December for the first quarterly award. Winners will receive a traveling trophy as well as a permanent award, media recognition and a featured spot on the First Friday web page for being the "First Friday Favorite."

The First Friday Art and Retail Walk, presented by Sterling Savings Bank, occurs the first Friday of every month, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at various venues throughout downtown Spokane. To view a list of monthly participants or for details, visit <http://www.downtownspokane.org/first-friday.php>.

Can Design Contribute to Good Health?

The **6th Annual Design Research Conference**, being held next week on **October 7 and 8**, sets out to answer some thoughtful questions. Can good design contribute to good health, and if so, how can we study this relationship and facilitate the most healthful outcomes?

Designing Health explores these and other questions that arise from intersections of the design and health care fields. This annual conference is notable for its intimate size, in-depth discussions, and a variety of participatory sessions that facilitate interaction between students, paper presenters and invited speakers.



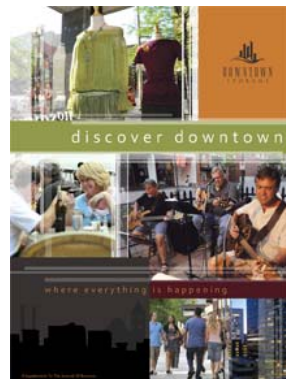
The conference will be held at the WSU Spokane Riverpoint campus and past conference participants have come from all over the world. For more information, and to register, [click here](#).

Celebrate University District Month!

October is the time to reflect on and celebrate all that is happening in the University District, beginning with the **kick-off reception and 2010 Catalyst Awards on October 6 at 4pm**.

Tickets can be purchased at events.greaterspokane.org. Details and other University District events can be found at SpokaneUniversityDistrict.com

Advertise Yourself in Downtown!



Help the Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) create a more complete representation of Downtown by including your ad in the **2010-2011 Annual Downtown Magazine**.

This is the number one information source on Downtown Spokane and the DSP's main business development piece. The magazine is requested by local real estate firms, hospitals, universities and others in addition to the initial distribution in the Journal of Business on December 2.

For more information [click here](#) or contact your Journal of Business rep to book your ad TODAY!

And be on the lookout for information on holiday advertising opportunities, coming soon!

Mark Your Calendars!

Don't miss out on these upcoming events:

- **Visual Arts Tour, October 1 & 2**, [Click here](#) for listings or visit DowntownSpokane.net.
- **Spokane Arts Awards**, Monday, **October 4**, [click here for more info.](#)
- **Ladies Day Out** at the Flour Mill, **October 5**. [Click here](#) for specials, presentations and tastings from [Flour Mill Businesses!](#)
- **Central City Mobility Open House, Tuesday, October 26**, at the Riverpoint Campus. More details to follow. For more information, visit ConnectSpokane.org.

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

We are happy to help!

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