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Great News

FROM THE GREATER DOWNTOWN COUNCIL

2006 has arrived and does the GDC have some hot stuff cookin' for the streets of Downtown Duluth. So put your game face on because in 2006

DOWNTOWN DULUTH IS TOO HOT TO HANDLE.

THE BALL STARTS ROLLING ON

JUNE 15th with **Rock the Block**, a brand new summer concert series to the Downtown that will take place over the course of six Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:00 each evening. Every other Thursday from June 15th to August 24th brings to Downtown Duluth a new band in a different block plus a wide selection of food and beverages provided by downtown businesses. Watch for the *Urban Hillbilly Quartet*, *Midnight Ride*, *Dazy Head Mazy*, *Umbrella Bed*, *the High Bridge Flyers*, and the *State Champs*. This is sure to be a favorite amongst the downtown community. Put your party shoes on, get your crew together, and get ready to rock!

We continue to shake things up on July 12, 13, and 14 with the ever popular **Sidewalk Days Festival and 6th Annual Classic Car Show and Harley Revue**. Count on some old favorites and some new and exciting twists as we take to the streets in search of great deals and good times.

New for the **Holidays in 2006**, by popular demand the GDC has diligently been working on a number of special events to add a little more spice to the Downtown during next year's Holiday season. Stay tuned as we unveil our exciting holiday plans over the following months.

READ MORE ON INSIDE FLAP!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



DECC
Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra
"Two Madmen!"
January 21 (Saturday), 8 p.m.

Mardi Gras
February 11 (Saturday), 8 p.m.

Lollipop Concert
February 12 (Sunday), 3 p.m.

Free Family Skating Party
January 22, February 5 (Sunday)
3-5 p.m.

Fun Fair
February 25-26
10 a.m.-7 p.m. (Saturday)
11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Sunday)

THE DEPOT
Free Antique Appraisal
February 15 (Wednesday)
Noon-3 p.m.

Family Day
January 20 (Friday)
February 20 (Monday)
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

DULUTH PLAYHOUSE
"Oliver"
January 26, February 2-5
7:30 p.m. (Thursday-Saturday)
2 p.m. (Sunday)

"The Boxcar Children"
February 10-18
7 p.m. (Thursday-Friday)
1 p.m. (Saturday)
4 p.m. (Sunday)

FITGER'S BREWERY COMPLEX
Bennett's Dinner Theater
"Murder at Casino Royale"
January 22, 27-29
February 3-5, 10-12, 17-19
7 p.m. (Friday-Saturday)
12:30 p.m. (Sunday)

JOHN BEARGREASE
Cutest Puppy Contest
January 28 (Saturday)

SACRED HEART MUSIC CENTER
Peter Mayer
January 14 (Saturday), 8 p.m.

2006 Board Nominations

The Greater Downtown Council brings forth the following slate of candidates for the 2006 Board of Directors:

Chair
Tim Meininger, Beacon Bank

Vice-Chair
Bill Bennett, LHB, Inc.

Secretary/Treasurer
Abbot Apter, Mercury Investment Co.

Immediate Past Chair
Dan Maddy, Fryberger Buchanan Law Firm

Board of Directors
Second Term
Ron Franzen, St. Luke's Hospital
Mary Lundeen, Wells Fargo Bank
Sara Sarvela, Frame Corner & Gallery

First Term
Nancy Adams, Maurices, Inc.
Tony Boen, Grandma's/Canal Park Business Association

Norquist to Speak at 21st Annual Dinner Meeting

Join us for the 21st Annual Dinner Meeting of the Greater Downtown Council on January 18, 2006. Highlighting the evening will be the keynote address by John O. Norquist, President & CEO, Congress for the New Urbanism. Norquist's work promoting New Urbanism as an alternative to sprawl and antidote to sprawl's social and environmental problems draws on his experience as big-city mayor and prominent participant in

national discussions on urban design and school reform.

Norquist was the Mayor of Milwaukee from 1988-2003. Under his leadership, Milwaukee experienced a decline in poverty and saw a boom in new downtown housing. He has overseen a revision of the city's zoning code and



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THE GREATER DOWNTOWN COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK THESE SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE 21ST ANNUAL DINNER MEETING:

SPEAKER: Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, LISC Duluth, CNU Minnesota

PLATINUM: Duluth News Tribune, Minnesota Power, US Bank, Red Rock Radio Corporation, SMDC, Fond Du Lac Casino

GOLD: Beacon Bank ■ Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith, & Frederick PA ■ Oneida Realty Company ■ Republic Bank ■ Security Jewelers ■ Service Printers of Duluth ■ Wells Fargo Bank ■ The Jamar Company

BRONZE: A&L Properties ■ Block By Block ■ Cellular One ■ Holiday Center Merchant's Association ■ Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites ■ Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Duluth ■ Great Northern Music ■ LHB, Inc. ■ Maurices, Inc. ■ North Shore Bank of Commerce ■ St. Luke's Hospital

SPECIAL SERVICES: Fitger's ■ Glenwood Communications, Inc.

GDC Annual Meeting ■ Wednesday, January 18, 2006 ■ DECC Harbor Side Ballroom

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Annual Dinner *continued ...*

reoriented development around walkable streets and public amenities, such as the city's 3.1 mile Riverwalk. He has drawn widespread recognition for championing the removal of a .8 mile stretch of elevated freeway, clearing the way for an anticipated \$250 million in infill development in the heart of Milwaukee.

Norquist became President of the Congress for the New Urbanism in 2004. New Urbanists are involved in new development, urban retrofits and suburban infill. In all cases,

New Urbanist neighborhoods are walkable and contain a diverse range of housing and jobs.

A leader in national discussions of urban design and educational issues, Norquist is the author of *The Wealth of Cities*, and has taught courses in urban policy and urban planning at the University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning and at Marquette University.

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for information on the Diamond Necklace Raffle and silent auction. **GDC**



WELCOME NEW GDC MEMBERS

Curran Tax Service
230 East Superior Street

DAC Deli
11 East Superior Street

Tadasana Massage
404 West Superior Street #280

Everyone Loves a Parade

Thousands of people lined the streets of Downtown Duluth for a holiday season tradition, The Christmas City of the North Parade.

It's estimated the November parade attracts nearly 14,000 people to the Downtown each year and it's all made possible thanks to the organization from KBJR Television.

"Organization for the Christmas City of the North Parade begins in early spring with a committee of 12 that slowly

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grows to a team of over 80 volunteers and employees on parade night," says Dave Jensch, Vice President and Station Manager of KBJR. This dedication and volunteerism is what keeps the Christmas City of the North Parade thrilling attendees year after year.

The event first started in 1959 as a way to kick off the holiday shopping season for the downtown businesses. It was an entire festival that enticed thousands to the Downtown and encouraged Downtown store owners to stay open for the additional exposure. For 46 years the Christmas City of the North Parade has brightened children's faces all over the Northland.

"We are honored to be able to continue to bring this unique event to the community," says Jensch. Like many



of us, he too grew up experiencing the joy of the Christmas City of the North Parade and intends to continue the tradition for years to come.

An additional thank you goes out to the DTA for allowing the GDC to fill the red trolley with members and their families to ride in the parade. Due to their generosity everyone that participated with the GDC for the Christmas City of the North Parade was able to go home with warm toes and bright smiles on their faces! **GDC**



Going Once, Going Twice, Sold!

On October 27th the *Deal of the Century Bridge Auction* took place at the Lake Superior Railroad Museum. Those who attended enjoyed a plentiful spread of hors d'oeuvres provided by the Radisson, ragtime music performed by Alex E. Sandor, and living statues representing individuals from Duluth's exciting past. They also were entertained by "Colonel" Ken Buehler, of the Railroad Museum, as he auctioned each bridge away to the highest bidder.

Eleven bridges were auctioned off that evening with "Shipping on the Great Lakes" earning the highest winning bid. Overall, the Bridging the Decades project raised \$4,365.87. These earnings will be split between the Duluth Legacy Fund, Visit Duluth, and the Greater Downtown Council.

Fourteen statues depicting the aerial lift bridge were unveiled in the summer of 2005 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our famous landmark. These statues that peppered the city were designed by a selection of local artists who worked continuously for three days to ensure that the bridges would be completed in time for the unveiling.

We sincerely thank all of the sponsors, artists, and committee members that took the time to participate in this public art project which thrilled a number of residents and tourists through out the course of the summer season. A thank you goes out to the Depot as well for providing a fantastic venue for our celebration. **GDC**



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Let There Be Light

Great things happen when organizations develop partnerships for the betterment of the community. Such is the case when the Duluth Downtown Waterfront District secured the assistance of Electrical Workers Local 242. Union members donated a total of 167 hours of work so that the trees could be lit again in Canal Park and along 5th Avenue West. That "holiday labor of love" was provided by twenty-one members who spent numerous evenings volunteering their time to help brighten up the Downtown Waterfront for the holidays. The DDWD purchased the lights and Clean & Safe Team members took over the duties of decorating the trees.

This project was also made possible thanks to the help from the City of Duluth, Twin Ports Arrowhead Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association and the Canal Park Business Association.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to make it a brighter holiday! **GDC**



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We are thankful to have this enormous amount of support as we prepare to make the downtown sizzle with hot events all year long.

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- Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites • Great Northern Music • Minnesota Power •
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GOLD:

- A&L Properties • Great Northern Music • Holiday Center Merchant's Association • Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites • Maurices Inc. • Republic Bank • SMDC

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