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Downtown Thursdays Kick Off Today

Each Thursday throughout the summer will feature activities, food trucks, themes and games on Nicollet, promotions from local businesses, free parking and more.

Nur-D Performance at Noon

MINNEAPOLIS (June 8, 2023) — [Downtown Thursdays](#) kick off today and will feature activities all along Nicollet between Washington Avenue and 10th Street from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Each Downtown Thursday event beginning today and through September will feature food trucks, musical performances, games, giveaways, photo ops and more. Plus, downtown goers will enjoy weekly promotions from local restaurants, co-working spaces, and free parking. Busses will be re-routed off Nicollet to create a pedestrian experience.

Today's Downtown Thursday kickoff includes food trucks and Street Eat offerings along Nicollet between Washington and 3rd, 4th and 5th, 7th and 8th, and 8th and 9th. Nur-D will hold a free concert performance at 9th and Nicollet at 12 p.m. The Black Market local small business vendors, DJ Keezy, lawn games, a YMCA pickleball court, teeter totter, patio seating, pianos and dog rescues are all part of the experience over the lunch hour.

From 12-1 p.m. throughout June, Pianos on Parade presented by PNC Bank will feature free performances at all 24 piano locations on Thursdays. At 7 p.m., Music in the Park at The Commons will feature weekly performances. On select Thursdays, including tonight, Go Outside with Hennepin County will feature outdoor movie nights at Target Field Station—tonight's movie, "Little Shop of Horrors," begins at 7 p.m.

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“Thursday is a great day to be downtown, and we are offering fun experiences and activities over the lunch hour coupled with incredible deals from local businesses throughout the day,” said Leah Wong, vice president of external relations, mpls downtown council. “We invite you to come to the office, enjoy free parking, head out for lunch and activities on Nicollet, and stay for great experiences.”

During Downtown Thursdays, downtown goers can experience [weekly promotions](#), including the following. Reference Downtown Thursdays to redeem:

Food

- [Candyland](#): Spend 10.00 or more, receive a 4-ounce Chicago Mix® Free.
- [Come Pho Soup](#): 15% off your order on Downtown Thursdays.
- [Dairy Queen](#): 20% off purchase.
- [EaTo](#): \$10 off \$40 purchase.
- [Hell's Kitchen](#): Free 3 oz. house made peanut butter jar with any purchase. Redeemable at the host stand or ground level gift shop after purchase.
- [Jolliet House](#): Present your building badge to receive 15% off food in Jolliet House located on the 3rd floor of the Marquette Hotel.
- [Lutunji's Palate Bakery & Cafe](#): Come see why we are "Built w/Purpose; Fortified with Love at Lutunji's Palate Bakery & Café. Mention Downtown Thursdays sent you and they will take 10% of orders \$15 or more.
- [Sawatdee Thai Restaurant](#): 10% off dine-in (To redeem just mention Downtown Thursday's promo.)
- [The Burger Place](#): 10% off for customers attending Downtown Thursday's events. Just present a brochure or flyer from the event.

Beverages

- [Brit's Pub](#): Happy Hour 4:30 – 6 p.m. Specials on beers, wines, cocktails, and appetizers.
- [Fulton Brewing](#): Thursday Vinyl Nights! Bring in your favorite (or least favorite, new, old, mystery) record to have our in-house DJ spin. Free pint awarded for sharing your tunes.
- [Modist Brewing Co.](#): \$1 off your first 16 oz. tap beer pour.
- [O'Donovan's Irish Pub](#): All draft beers buy one get one free.
- [On the Rox](#): Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. and 10 p.m.-12 a.m., Karaoke 5-8 p.m. and All That Drag at Roxy's Cabaret starts at 8 p.m.

Work/Parking

- [Expansive Workspace](#): Looking for a fresh start this Spring? Check out our private offices and save up to 70% off. Our private offices provide even more space for people and companies to thrive and we want to offer you up to 70% off. Contact us today and see where great work happens.
- Interstate Parking / 910 LaSalle Ramp: \$5 parking after 3 p.m. Exit by 8 a.m. the following day. (No coupon required)

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- [Life Time Work-Downtown Minneapolis](#): Complimentary Lounge Access on Thursdays June-September, during service desk hours Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. First-time Complimentary Conference Room Booking on Thursdays June-September, during service desk hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Holiday exceptions may apply.* To redeem, email Robert at RKraemer@lt.life or call 612-230-0355.
- [FREE Plaza Parking Ramp](#): Free parking on Thursdays (June 8 - August 31) from 7 a.m. -7 p.m. with voucher at the Plaza Park Ramp (116 S. 12th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403) thanks to the City of Minneapolis. Vouchers are available to be picked up at two different locations: Strive Bookstore (81 S. 9th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402) and Minneapolis Visitor Information Center (505 Nicollet Mall, Suite 100, Minneapolis, MN 55402). Ask for the free parking voucher at either store's counter. *(For Plaza Ramp free parking, please note: 1. When leaving ramp, driver first inserts parking ticket; 2. Display will show dollar amount due; 3. Insert free voucher ticket; 4. fee will be waived and arm will go up.)*

Retail

- [B'YOUtique](#): 30% Off Purchase of \$100 or more.
- [Bonobos](#): 15% off your first order with Bonobos. Just say you saw the ad and that you're a first-time customer.
- [ChiroWay Chiropractic](#): Say Downtown Thursday Promotion to receive your special \$29 discount from Minneapolis Skyway, Minnesota.
- [FedEx](#): Visit our FedEx Office location located inside the Hyatt on Nicollet for a free paper upgrade on any print order.
- [Four Seasons Hotel Minneapolis](#): Four Seasons Hotel Minneapolis has re-opened its pool deck to reveal new menus, aperitivo hour specials, fitness classes, events and complimentary valet parking during the day.
- [Hotel Indigo](#): Receive a 20% discount on our best online rate at the brand-new Hotel Indigo in the heart of downtown Minneapolis. [Click Here to book your stay.](#)
- [Lontis Day Spa and Salon](#): Free detoxification foot treatment with any purchase of a 30-, 60-, or 90-minute massage service. Mention Downtown Thursdays.
- [Tropictrends](#): 15% off every item (ethnic and tropical jewelries, accessories, summer hats, handbags, dresses, and caftans, African market baskets, sculptures, kitchen dining room as well as bedroom decor.)

Each week, Downtown Thursdays' activities on Nicollet will feature activities with different themes. Look for the following throughout the summer:

- **June 8: "Garden Bash"** | Gardens bring people joy and this day will bring the garden to Nicollet. Grab your lunch from one of the food trucks and have a seat at our giant table in the pop-up garden setting.
- **June 15: "Game Day"** | Downtown is fortunate to be the host to four professional sports teams and welcomes hundreds of various sports throughout the year. Join us on Nicollet for a day celebrating sports of all kinds!

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- **June 22: “Pride Day”** | Shake it off and show your pride on Nicollet with all the other Swifties as we celebrate Pride downtown.
- **June 29: “Roller Disco”** | Roll on down to Nicollet for some vintage vibes and skating on Nicollet.
- **July 6: “Garden Bash”** | Gardens bring people joy and this day will bring the garden to Nicollet. Grab your lunch from one of the food trucks and have a seat at our giant table in the pop-up garden setting.
- **July 13: “Game Day”** | Let's get active and hear about all the ways you can MOVE downtown.
- **July 20: “Aquatennial Bey Day”** | It's the best days of summer because its Aquatennial and Beyonce is coming to Minneapolis! Celebrate with free lemonade and fall Crazy in Love with Downtown Thursdays.
- **July 27: “Roller Disco”** | Roll on down to Nicollet for some vintage vibes and skating on Nicollet.
- **August 3: “Garden Bash”** | Gardens bring people joy and this day will bring the garden to Nicollet. Grab your lunch from one of the food trucks and have a seat at our giant table in the pop-up garden setting.
- **August 10: “Carnival”** | Just give us a reason to celebrate all things PiNK with a Carnival on Nicollet.
- **August 17: “Rock Music Appreciation”** | Break out your best emo band t-shirt and join us on Nicollet for a day of throwback music and a celebration of hairbands.
- **August 24: “Game Day”** | Downtown is fortunate to be the host to four professional sports teams and welcomes hundreds of various sports throughout the year. Join us on Nicollet for a day celebrating sports of all kinds!
- **August 31: “Roller Disco”** | Roll on down to Nicollet for some vintage vibes and skating on Nicollet.
- **September 7, 14, 21 and 28: “Fall Fest”** | It's the best time of the year to get outside and celebrate all that is fall with hot coco, fall recipes and the days to get outside.

The mpls downtown calendar includes upcoming events and can help you plan your next visit. Check out the calendar, and enjoy interactive guides, patio/happy hour ideas, and more at www.mplsdowntown.com/events.

Plus, share your experiences on social media tagging [#mymplsdt](https://twitter.com/mymplsdt), and look for downtown giveaways including tickets, gift cards, and experiences on the [@mplsdowntown](https://www.instagram.com/mplsdowntown) Instagram account.

About the mpls downtown summer campaign:

Downtown Minneapolis will be busy with a jam-packed summer events schedule. Now through September 30, there are more than 1,800 events taking place downtown including professional sports, theatre, concerts, performances, outdoor movies, markets and more. The mpls downtown summer campaign is supported in partnership with Pohlad Family Foundation, Target, U.S. Bank, Thrivent, mpls downtown council, Delta Dental, Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Lynx, Minnesota Timberwolves, Sleep Number, the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, and many more. For more information, visit www.mplsdowntown.com.