

Welcome New Tenants

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Thanks to our Renewing Tenants

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Tenant Referral

All tenants and their employees can be paid for referring new tenants to the Grain Exchange Buildings. We have spaces available in many different shapes and sizes. Contact Crystal Holt at (612) 321-7170 or cholt@mgex.com for more information.

Alternate Forms of Transportation



The upcoming spring and summer months mean two things: warmer weather and road construction. Whether you are trying to save money on gas or you want to avoid the hassle of driving through detours, consider some of Minneapolis' unique public transportation offerings. Listed below you will find several forms of public transportation that are easily accessible to and from the Grain Exchange Buildings.

- **Metro Transit Light Rail:** The Hiawatha Line offers a fast commute with 19 stations located between Mall of America and Downtown Minneapolis. Visit www.metrotransit.org/light-rail for more information.
- **Northstar Commuter Rail:** The commuter rail provides service from Big Lake to downtown Minneapolis. There is also a connecting coach bus service from St. Cloud to Big Lake. There are commuter rail stops in Elk River, Anoka, Coon Rapids, Fridley and Downtown Minneapolis at Target Field Station. Visit www.northstartrain.org for more information.
- **Metro Transit Ride Share:** Use MetroTransit's free Ride Share planner to connect with others who are traveling the same direction at the same time. Those who participate in the Ride Share program may qualify for free or reduced priced parking around the city. Participants also qualify for the Guaranteed Free Ride Home Program. Visit www.metrotransit.org/rideshare-carpool.aspx for more information.
- **Metro Transit Bus Routes:** Many bus routes drop off at the various bus stops that surround the Grain Exchange Buildings. In addition to bus routes connecting Minneapolis and Saint Paul, there are also a variety of suburban bus routes. Find out if you can easily connect to one of these bus routes by visiting www.metrotransit.org or www.suburbantransitassociation.com for more information on suburban bus routes.



Severe Weather Awareness

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety has a severe weather awareness week scheduled for April 11-15. On Thursday, April 14, the MN Department of Public Safety will hold a Tornado Drill Day. This day will consist of simulated watches and warnings that are intended to test statewide warning communication systems.



Our Spring Tenant Event is coming in May. Be on the lookout for more details.



Upcoming Road Construction

Construction plans are in the making for several streets surrounding the Grain Exchange Buildings. Streets that will be worked on in the coming months are 3rd Street South, 4th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South. All three of these streets surround the Grain Exchange Buildings and will likely affect your commute.

There will be no parking on these streets during the work. Construction on 3rd Street South, adjacent to the North Building, will begin late June or early July. You can expect construction on the other roads to begin shortly thereafter.

For more information about the resurfacing projects throughout Minneapolis, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/.

Nice Ride MN Update

- Nice Ride Minnesota launched last June. There have been 100,000 rides taken on Nice Ride bikes.
- You must first subscribe to Nice Ride Minnesota, and then pay a fee for the amount of time you use the bike.
- There are currently 65 stations throughout Minneapolis with a total of 700 bikes.
- Nice Ride Minnesota has made funding commitments to expand to North Minneapolis and St. Paul, hoping to add 50 new stations this spring.
- Minneapolis has been ranked the #1 urban bicycling city in the nation. If you do not have access to your own bike, Nice Ride Minnesota is a perfect opportunity for you.

Visit <http://www.niceridemn.org> to find out more about Nice Ride Minnesota.

Vault Storage Available

As you complete your office spring cleaning you may realize your storage needs have changed. The Minneapolis Grain Exchange Buildings offer storage vaults. Please contact Crystal Holt at cholt@mgex.com or 612-321-7170 to find out more information about vault storage.



Get into Gear



As nicer weather approaches, consider participating in one of the many community athletic events offered in Minneapolis/Saint Paul. Below you can find some upcoming athletic events to get involved in this spring.

- **Big Climb for Cures at Fifth Street Towers in Minneapolis- Saturday, April 16:** A family event for age 8 and above. Support cancer research by climbing the Fifth Street Towers Building. Entertainment, refreshments and a t-shirt are included in the registration fee. <http://mn.bigclimb.11sevent.org/>
- **Cinco Du Mayo Duathlon at Square Lake in Stillwater- Saturday, May 7:** Have you ever wanted to participate in a triathlon but the swim scared you away? Compete in a duathlon (run-bike-run). A new short course race is available this year for beginners or for those whose prefer a sprint. Tasty tacos will be served following the race. http://trifitnesswbl.com/as_cinco-du-mayo-overview
- **Mother's Day 5K at Como Lake in Saint Paul- Sunday, May 8:** Celebrate moms everywhere by participating in the 5th Annual Mother's Day 5K. There is also a 1.5 mile family & friends fun walk scheduled. All proceeds will go to Charities Challenge, an organization that promotes improving health and fitness. http://charitieschallenge.org/html/mothers_day_5k.html