

Attention Media: A background briefing on The Commons will take place at Minneapolis City Hall, Room 241 at 11:00am on July 21, 2016. Representatives from the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District, and Hargreaves Associates will be in attendance to provide the project history and next steps and answer any in-depth questions prior to the grand opening event.



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For Immediate Release

City of Minneapolis Invites Public to Attend the Grand Opening of The Commons on Thursday, July 21

WHAT: On Thursday, July 21, the City of Minneapolis will host a grand opening of The Commons from 11:30-1:00pm. The event will take place on the East Block of the park and feature food trucks, a free yoga class by Core Power Yoga, dance performances by *Asian Dance Team*, free play activities hosted by Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District, and more. A brief program with comments provided by Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges; Council Member Jacob Frey; Pat Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ryan Companies US, Inc.; and Mary Margaret Jones, Senior Principal of Hargreaves Associates will take place at 12:00pm. Following the remarks all event attendees will be invited to participate in a commemorative Frisbee toss.

The Commons is a 4.2 acre, new public green space downtown bounded by Park Avenue and 4th and 5th Streets. The Commons was designed as a place for respite, everyday activities, and events large and small for residents, workers, and visitors.

Everyone is invited to attend the grand opening celebration. For more information on The Commons visit www.CommonsMpls.com.

WHEN: Thursday, July 21, 2016
11:00am-1:00pm

Agenda

11:00am Media background event on The Commons
Minneapolis City Hall, Room 241

City of Minneapolis, DID and Hargreaves Associates representatives

11:30am
Asian Dance Team
Food Trucks

12:00pm
Program with brief comments by Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, Council Member Jacob Frey, Pat Ryan and Mary Margaret Jones

12:20pm
Commemorative Frisbee Toss

12:20-1:00pm
Asian Dance Team
Food Trucks
Core Power Yoga free class
DID free play activities

WHERE: The Commons
424 4th Street S
Minneapolis, MN 55415
(East Block)

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