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Improving Bikeability and Walkability Downtown

The Urban Neighbors Health & Safety Subcommittee will meet this Thursday, September 25 at 5 PM in the bar area of Trattoria il Centrino, 500 W. Main. Autumn Radle of the City of OKC Planning Department will give us an informal presentation on the Downtown Strategic Initiative (DSI). She will update us on the DSI Movin' Around committee's work on walkability and bikeability, which was recently featured in the [Oklahoma Gazette](#). If you have ideas and feedback but can't make it then please email [Mark Gibbs](#).

Monthly Social at the Melting Pot

The next U.N. social will be on **October 9** at the [Melting Pot](#). Come out and meet your neighbors! Free appetizers and a cash bar will be provided.

Ward 6 Election Forum

In conjunction with the Neighborhood Alliance, the U.N. is planning a forum for the candidates of the upcoming [City Council election](#). Downtown OKC falls under both Ward 6 and 7; Ward 6 is currently vacant due to the departure of Ann Simank. Plan to attend so you can decide who will best serve the needs of downtown. Terry Watkins will serve as moderator.

Ronald J. Norrick Library
Tuesday, October 21
7:00 PM

If you'd like to volunteer for this event, please contact [Jeff Bezdek](#).

Myriad Gardens Survey

You were recently surveyed about your thoughts on the Myriad Gardens. Now you can [view the results of the survey](#). Results will help planners redesign the park!

Bowling League starts October 1

DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS!!! The next [U.N. bowling league](#) at the Red Pin begins Weds., October 1st and runs for 10 weeks. \$15 each week per person includes 3 games and shoe rental. Email [Holly](#) to sign up!

Let's Use The Racks! Urban Ride – October 4

This will be an informal event on Saturday, October 4 from 9 am to 12 noon to promote public awareness of the new neighborhood amenities. We will have tents set up at several of the bike rack locations throughout eastern Downtown. Come by anytime on your bike for free refreshments and try your luck at a Poker Run. There will be prizes of gift certificates for several Downtown restaurants and the grand prize will be a free night at the Skirvin. If you can volunteer some time to help out please contact [Mark Gibbs](#).

Oklahoma Today Magazine

If you haven't already seen it, the most recent issue of [Oklahoma Today](#) magazine celebrates and chronicles the success of downtown Oklahoma City. A great read for anyone passionate about downtown OKC!

Thunder Fan Site

[Check it out here.](#)

Media Clips

September 9, *Oklahoman*, [Proposed bridge over I-40 promises to catch eyes](#)

Upcoming Downtown Events

September 25: [Urban Affair](#) at Red Prime Steak

September 27: [Plaza District Festival](#)

September 27: [Origami Workshop](#), Untitled Artspace

September 27: [Renegade Picture Show](#) Presents: Young Frankenstein

October 3: [5th Annual Art on Tap](#), A Beer Tasting Event! Oklahoma City Museum of Art

October 3: [World Neighbors WorldFest](#), Coca Cola Bricktown Events Center

October 4: [Race for the Cure](#)

October 3-5: [Oklahoma Regatta Festival](#), Oklahoma River

[Complete list of downtown events](#)

Successful launch for Rack Up Downtown!

The September 10 launch of Downtown OKC and Urban Neighbors' bike rack project was a tremendous success! A special thanks to Mayor Mick Cornett, Georgie Rasco of Neighborhood Alliance, OCPD and Metro Transit, amongst many others. We received great media coverage and photos of the event are [here](#).

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