

Reasons To support The



The Uptown Association's mission is to improve the economic vitality and sustainability of Uptown through programs, promotions and partnerships within the community.

We go above and beyond

Uptown Association took the lead during the pandemic and civil unrest to work directly with MPD and businesses.

- Assisted with damage/police reports
- Plywood installation help
- Clean-up Efforts
- Handed out gift cards for supplies
- Communicated Safety Updates,
- Created a text alert system
- Weekly Zoom check-in meetings
- Coordinated over 50 plywood mural paintings.



We organize and we represent

We took the lead to support and organize businesses and stakeholders in our push-back of the Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction project to ensure city leaders were hearing business concerns and issues with the project, leading to a better outcome.

- Organized Meetings between businesses with: City Leaders and Public Works
- Communicated with businesses and residents
- Formed petition to demand a multi-use design
- Created and distributed signage



We give back

We always strive to do our best for Uptown, and we directed a portion of the funds raised from our sole fundraiser, the Uptown Art Fair, directly back to the community. Canceling the Art Fair in both 2020 and 2021 hurt our organization but we continue to push forward and support Uptown.



We get it going

This past August, the 58th Uptown Art Fair returned, and we enjoyed the benefit of a great deal of positive press for the Uptown area, a well-needed boost for our community. The Uptown Association will continue to strive to fulfill our mission, to improve the economic vitality and sustainability of Uptown through programs, promotions and partnerships within the community which bring people back to the area and improve the Uptown business community.

Businesses hope return of Uptown Art Fair reinvigorates area

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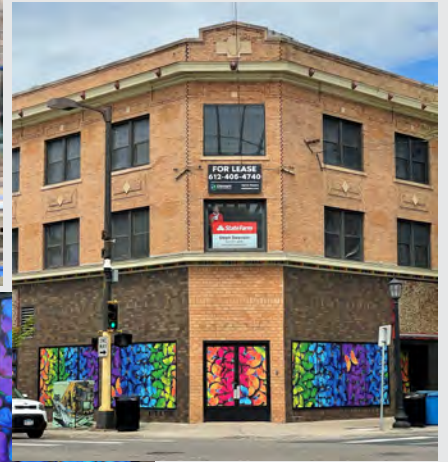
Over 15 Television News Stories featured the 2022 Uptown Art Fair



We keep innovating

In addition to bringing back the Uptown Art Fair in 2022, we are also creating new events and projects for Uptown including:

- Spring Into Uptown: A Multi-Cultural Celebration May 7th 2022
- Beautification window cling project - ongoing
- Uptown Dog Fair, October 2021 and 2022
- October 2022 Uptown Restaurant Coasters
- And more to come!



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A close-up of Barbie and Ken figurines. Barbie is on the left, wearing a red top and a gold necklace. Ken is on the right, wearing a white shirt and a red tie.

We are focused where it matters

We are working on several safety initiatives, including videos and information from safety experts which will be available on our website, and a potential Safe Zone location near Lake & Hennepin to support law enforcement efforts. And we are working on the revitalization of Uptown with several key initiatives such as coordinating the efforts of commercial brokers working in the area, and a potential redo of Hennepin between Lake & 31st.



We need your help

We currently raise \$32,000 per year from 84 member organizations. We have a need now for \$200,000 in additional funding, due to increased expenses at this year's Art Fair and to support our additional communication, safety, and revitalization efforts. Some key stakeholders are already on board, and we want you to be part of these efforts.

Thank you for your support and for being a valued partner. We are grateful and look forward to partnering with you and other Uptown businesses!

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