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UPCOMING

September Charity Drive
COMPANIES to CLASSROOMS
September 12th - September 16th
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FEATURE STORY

by: Joan Firnhaber

Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language - Henry James

Summer has many fantastic aspects that can be sampled at Northland Center. Untiedt's Farm is on site every Wednesday bringing fresh produce direct from their farm to your table. Northland Center has seen several tenant parties, company picnics and some fierce bocce ball competitions utilizing the picnic and bocce area to the North of the 3500 building. Looking to break your routine and enjoy a summer afternoon? Northland Center now offers two bean bag toss games as another option to get out and enjoy the summer. Bags and boards can be reserved on Property Direct and picked up from the Cushman & Wakefield / NorthMarq receptionist on 2nd floor of the 3500 building.

KBS Realty Advisors continues to invest in Northland Center. The 3600 lower level restroom renovation project is now complete. These restrooms are used frequently due to their proximity to the building conference rooms. The new finishes are fabulous! Check them out when you are able.

Northland Center will also be upgrading the audio visual equipment in the Team and Excellence this month. New equipment will be installed August 24th thru August 26. Watch for upcoming announcement with some training dates on how to use the new equipment.

Plaza renovations are underway. Landscaping work will include the removal of some of the existing trees, shrubs, flowers and plant materials. A new planter will be added on the West side of the plaza. Finally, new trees and other plantings will be added to give a fresh look to the plaza. Grab a bench, bring your kindle or favorite book and enjoy the fabulous sunshine over your lunch hour. Plaza renovations will continue in September with the installation of a deck area and new site furnishings. Stay tuned for more exciting details.

Cushman & Wakefield/NorthMarq along with the ownership team at KBS Realty Advisors are proud to keep improving Northland Center to better serve the tenants. If you have a suggestion on items to be addressed, please contact the property management office.



NORTHLAND CENTER REFERRAL

Northland Center is offering a \$500 VISA gift card for leasing referrals that turn into a lease and for referrals that turn into a showing, two (2), \$25 coupons for Isabella's Café or VIP Auto Detailing.

Contact Dan Wicker at dan.wicker@cushwakenm.com or Bill Rothstein at bill.rothstein@cushwakenm.com



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UPCOMING TENANT CHARITIES

Thank you for all the wonderful donations during July's charity Heading Home K9 Rescue. It was an amazing success! We have many fabulous animal lovers at Northland Center.



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GREEN/SUSTAINABLE ITEM



USGBC - LEED Certification

Did you know the Northland Center is a LEED certified building?

LEED certification means a healthier, more productive place for you to work by reducing the stress on the environment and running energy and resource efficient buildings. *LEED* stands for *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*. It is a way to define and measure "green buildings" and is a national certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to encourage the construction of energy and resource-efficient buildings that are healthy to live and work in. The USGBC uses a rating system for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of green buildings. Buildings can qualify for four levels of certification: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

Northland Center Recycling Program

One of the programs at Northland Center to help maintain LEED certification is our recycling program.

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Our recycling program allows each employee to have a blue recycling container at their desk that is emptied nightly by the cleaning staff. All recycling is comingled so no need to separate items. Trash cans for non-recyclable items are placed conveniently throughout open office areas. For more info. on our program click [here](#). For additional info. check out Hennepin Counties Rethink Recycling Business Guide, 5 Steps to Better Business Recycling at www.rethinkrecycling.com



Cushman & Wakefield/NorthMarq strives to be leaders in sustainability initiatives and Northland Centers program is one way in helping to reduce our carbon footprint. We have several

Tenants at Northland Center that participate in the program, please contact Property Management if you are interested.

DID YOU KNOW...?

St. Paul's own Xcel Energy Center is the only NHL arena in the United States (2nd in NHL, Montreal) to be LEED Certified for Existing Buildings and the first arena in the world to receive Green Globes and APEX/ASTM certifications. Saint Paul RiverCentre is one of less than 20 convention centers in the nation to be LEED Certified for Existing Buildings, the first convention center in the world to be Green Globes certified and among first 10 in North America (11th worldwide) to be APEX/ASTM certified. Click [here](#) for info. on the sustainability certifications. The Saint Paul RiverCentre and Xcel Energy Center work hard to reduce water/waste, they are a top five purchaser of wind power in MN, conscious of purchasing green materials and providing clean air quality so fans and guest can breathe easier.





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TENANT FEATURE

This month we interviewed Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. They have been at Northland Center since August 2008 and are located in the 3600 building, suite 500. Please take a moment to get to know what they do and how they have enjoyed their time so far.

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (AJG): As one of the world's leading insurance brokerage firms, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. delivers a broad range of commercial insurance, employee benefits and risk management products and solutions to clients around the world.

NC: How long has Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. been in business?

AJG: Since 1927

NC: How many employees are located at Northland Center?

AJG: 140 employees at Northland Center and 23,000 companywide.

NC: What made Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. locate to Northland Center?

AJG: The location, amenities and AJG had a client relationship with the ownership who operated the building at that time.

NC: What types of community involvement does Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. do/have?

At Arthur J. Gallagher we know the importance of being a socially responsible company. That is why we strive every day to promote environmental, social and economic benefits to the communities in which we live and work. We believe in running our business with integrity and strong values, and pride ourselves in a culture that embodies both.

TENANT FEATURE (CONT.)

The Gallagher culture empowers employees to serve our communities by supporting our favorite charities and organizations. And, to assist in those efforts, the Gallagher Matching Gift Foundation matches qualified employee donations each and every year.

Whether we are working to help our communities, the environment or striving to always be an ethical company, Gallagher's employees are making a difference around the world.

NC: Any other interesting facts or information would you like to share about your company?

AJG: COMPANY 2015 AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Ethisphere Institute recognizes Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies
- J.D. Power survey of North American risk professionals ranks Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among Brokers for Large Commercial Insurance
- Forbes magazine names Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. one of America's Best Employers
- The Women's Forum of New York honors Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. as a Corporate Champion for its work to achieve gender balance within the boardroom
- Chief Executive magazine ranks Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. among its Best Companies for Leaders
- HR.com presents Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. with Leadership 500 Excellence Award (Large Companies category)



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HOUSE CLEANING ITEMS:

After Hours HVAC: If you need afterhours HVAC please contact the service line at service@cushwakenm.com to let Northland Center's engineering department know to turn it on. Please note that there are additional charges for after hours HVAC use, please contact Property Management with questions.

We now have two sets of bean bag toss board games. Tenants may check out on our Property Direct calendars or call CWN Receptionist at 952-831-1000 or ncreception@cushwakenm.com

KBS and Northland Center are excited about the progress on the plaza. Look for an up-coming announcement regarding mid-October dates for the Grand Opening. The plaza will have a new, fresh look and will offer upholstered lounge seating and cafe tables with umbrella's.



BUILDING AMENITIES :

Ink Plus | 612-382-0257
 Isabella's | 952-831-1698
 Gift Shop | 952-835-5694
 Solution Builders IT | 952-854-8188
 The Style Gallery | 952-835-4462
 VIP Auto Detailing | 612-869-3773
 ATM | Concourse level near Ink Plus
 Team, Excellence and Vision Conference Rooms
 Northland Fitness
 Bocce Ball Court
 Bean Bag Toss Board Games
 Farmer's Market/Seasonal CSA Program
 Dry Cleaning Service
 Shoe Repair Service

OUT ON THE TOWN!

Here is a look at what is going on in the Twin Cities area!

MN State Fair, St. Paul - Aug. 25th - Labor Day, Sept. 5th
 Visit www.mnstatefair.org for details.

MN Renaissance Festival, Shakopee - Aug. 20th - Oct. 2nd
 Visit www.renaissancefest.com for daily events and tickets.

Dinosaurs at the Zoo, MN Zoo, Eagan, now through Labor Day. Get face to face with life-size roaring, moving dinosaurs. Visit mnzoo.org for details and pricing.

Minnesota Zoo / Weesner Family Amphitheater, Eagan - The Music at Zoo concert series is a family friendly environment for music lovers of all ages! Visit suemclean.com/zoo/ for the last few weeks of this summers exciting outdoor lineup and tickets.

MN Centennial Showboat - Features "Under the Gaslight" now through August 27th. Interactive style of theatre based upon old-time vaudeville traditions which offers great music, wit, charm, and lots of laughter. Visit www.theatre.umn.edu

MN Landscape Arboretum, Chaska - special event featuring, Savage Gardens, The real and imaginary world of carnivorous plants, now through Sept. 18th. Visit www.arboretum.umn.edu for more information.

Boundary Waters Blues Festival, Ely - Get out of town and enjoy some Blues, visit www.elyblues.com for tickets and info.

World War I Weekend, Fort Snelling, Aug. 20th and Aug. 21st, 10 am - 5 pm (each day). Explore the ways this conflict shaped the world we know today and learn about Minnesota's role in the "Great War" visit www.historicfortsnelling.org

The Defeat of Jesse James Days, Northfield, Sept. 7th - Sept. 11th, fine-arts festival, tractor pulls, bike tours, reenactments of the famous bank raid and parade. Visit www.djjd.org

James. J. Hill Days, Wayzata, Sept. 9th - Sept. 11th. Street market and carnival, craft-beer fest, water-ski show, fireworks and parade, more info. at www.jamesjhilldays.com

St. Paul Classic Bike Tour on Sept. 11th, ride a 15, 30 or 45 mile route along the Mississippi, Lakes Como and Phalen and St. Paul Parkways, starts and ends at the University of St. Thomas. Visit www.bikeclassic.org for details and registration.

Madden's Food & Wine Weekend, Gull Lake, August 25 - August 28 . Enjoy a paired weekend of food, drink concoctions of all kinds, wonderful chefs and entertainment. Visit www.maddens.com for rates, rooms and reservations.

