

*Minneapolis Update is a bi-monthly e-newsletter showcasing the latest Minneapolis news & events.*

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## who'sTALKING



*Lucky Magazine ranks Minneapolis as one of the best places to shop in the U.S.*

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## hotTOPIC

Meet Minneapolis has revamped its website. There is no shortage of things to see and do in Minneapolis and now it's easier than ever to find what travelers are looking for. Shopping, family events, new restaurants and attractions abound as the winter season winds down and spring revs up. And Minneapolis has the places to stay – from upscale, amenity-driven boutiques to the hotel to close the deal – Minneapolis fits into every traveler's profile. You can find all the best deals guaranteed. Check out [www.minneapolis.org](http://www.minneapolis.org).



## HOTELS

**Ivy Hotel + Residences**, a Starwood property, is a 136-room luxury hotel situated steps away from Orchestra Hall, Nicollet Mall, and the Minneapolis Convention Center. Open February 2007. A 17,000 square-foot Ivy Spa Club is located at the historic Ivy Tower. With more than 75 treatments, including specialty massage, body treatments, facials and mani/pedicures, it's a perfect girlfriend or couples getaway.

Minneapolis will add more than 1,000 rooms to its inventory this year. With projects in the works in downtown and uptown, the variety, scale and choices increase in the Minneapolis Saint Paul area.

Construction is underway on a \$100 million hotel and condo development, dubbed the **Hotel Minneapolis**. Developers plan to build a 200-room hotel and restaurant in the existing 10-story, century-old Midland Bank Building on Second Avenue South. Hotel Minneapolis is scheduled to open fall 2008.



## arts&CULTURE

The best and worst of modern social life? Middle-class domestic utopia or conformity at its worst? *Worlds Away: New Suburban Landscapes* is at the [Walker Art Center](#) February 16-August 17, 2008, examining both the art and architecture of the contemporary American suburb and its role in our society since the 1950s.



Meet Minneapolis has a lot of information on what's new and what's up-and-coming in travel and tourism, meeting and convention planning and wedding and reunion planning. We will work quickly to get you to the resources you need to write your stories.

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## CULINARY

It's all new and it's all good on the culinary scene. Check out a few of the newest restaurants to hit Minneapolis:

- Porter & Frye—set to open soon inside the new [Hotel Ivy](#), the star-studded kitchen is attracting attention
- [Nick & Eddie](#) is now open, overlooking Loring Park
- [Red Stag Supper Club](#)—delicious and Earth-friendly, it's the first LEED-certified restaurant in Minnesota
- [Sanctuary](#) is serving up imaginative flavors in a—you guessed it—soothing, comfortable atmosphere

## ATTRACTIONS

**Macy's 2008 Spring Flower Show celebrates Latino culture.** The art, music and botanical gardens of the Latino world transform Macy's Minneapolis store with the debut of *Floranova*. Inspired by Mexican, South American and Spanish flowers, the transformation will occur throughout the store and will run from March 13 – 30.



## festivals&EVENTS

Nickelodeon and the [Mall of America](#) will officially welcome guests into the grand opening of Nickelodeon Universe at Mall of America on Saturday, March 15, 2008. Construction is well underway on several new thrill-seeking rides in the seven-acre indoor theme park including: *SpongeBob SquarePants Rock Bottom Plunge*; *Avatar Airbender*; and *Splat-O-Sphere*.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Twin Cities Food & Wine Experience: This culinary classic for the epicurious and oenophile in all of us takes place February 21 – 24, 2008. Access to celebrity chefs, intimate wine-tastings and gourmet gatherings that foodies love for four whole days.

## sports&OUTDOORS



2008 U.S. Women's Open: With more golfers per capita than any other state in the U.S., Minnesota loves its golf! Check out the 63<sup>rd</sup> [U.S. Women's Open](#) at Interlachen golf course this summer (June 23– 29, 2008).

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