

2024 NESMEA / NEAUPG
ANNUAL MEETING



From 1923 to 2024

“Let us not consider ourselves as merely guests here to listen to others present their ideas but let us rather consider that we are a part of group assembled to freely discuss our problems and our solutions to these problems and thus, benefit ourselves individually and the group as a whole.”

– **Albert V. Bratt**

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Meeting Details



Springfield, Massachusetts

**Monday, October 14, 2024
through
Friday, October 18, 2024**

Accommodations

☐ Hotel

Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel
1 Monarch Pl, Springfield, MA, 01144

☐ Parking

➤ On-Site Parking

➤ Off-Site Parking

- Springfield Parking Authority
- The off-site 91 North Parking Garage is located at 1870 E Columbus Avenue

Local Attractions

- ❑ Dr. Seuss Museum
- ❑ Basketball Hall of Fame
- ❑ MGM Springfield



Local Attractions

Springfield

Downtown Cultural and Walking Tour Map

ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

CityStage • 150 Bridge Street
Enjoy a concert or a show at CityStage's intimate black box & main stage theaters. citystage.symphonycenter.com

MassMutual Center • 1277 Main Street
The 8000-seat arena caters to a wide variety of sporting and entertainment events, and is the proud home of the AHL franchise, the Springfield Thunderbirds. massmutualcenter.com • springfieldthunderbirds.com

Symphony Hall • 34 Court Street
This performance hall is home to Broadway-style theater, children's programming, concerts, internationally recognized speakers, as well as the much acclaimed Springfield Symphony Orchestra. citystage.symphonycenter.com • springfieldsymphony.org

MGM SPRINGFIELD

This \$950-million integrated luxury resort and entertainment destination offers:

- Gaming Floor with over 2,500 slot machines, over 90 gaming tables, a poker room and a high limit VIP gaming area
- MGM Springfield Hotel – 252 rooms and suites
- Seven Luxury Regal Cinemas – 650 seats
- Topgolf Swing Suites
- TAP Sports Bar, Arcade & Bowling
- The Plaza – outdoor dining & entertainment
- Commonwealth Bar & Lounge
- See Restaurants section for a list of MGM Springfield restaurants

One MGM Way • MGMSpringfield.com

TRANSPORTATION

Bike Share
Bike rentals will be available at 14 different kiosk locations throughout downtown Springfield, all equipped with electric assist and real-time GPS. ValleyBike.org

The Loop
This free bus brings visitors to local attractions such as the Armory, Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield Museums, MGM Springfield and Union Station. The service runs Wednesdays through Sundays from 10am to 10pm. PVTA.com

Union Station • 55 Frank B Murray Street
Constructed in 1926, this station was renovated and reopened in 2017 as a regional transit hub featuring train, intercity bus, and local bus service. Both Amtrak and the new **Hartford Line** commuter service connect to Northeast corridor trains in New Haven, CT. springfieldunionstation.com

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Artist Square Gallery
Information on downtown and regional points of interest, restaurants, events, and attractions. WiFi and charging stations available. springfielddowntown.com

Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame
1000 Hall of Fame Way
The Basketball Hall of Fame museum highlights the history of basketball and celebrates over 300 inductees, with legendary exhibits and interactive displays. In 1891, basketball was invented in Springfield by Dr. James Naismith. HOOPHALL.com

Springfield Armory National Historic Museum • 1 Federal St.
Established in 1794, this is the home of the first American armory and the world's largest collection of American military firearms. nps.gov/spar/index.htm

Springfield Museums • 21 Edwards Street
The Springfield Museums is comprised of five museums plus a memorial to Theodor Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss). The attractions include:

- Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum
- D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts
- George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum
- Springfield Science Museum
- Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden
- Wood Museum of Springfield History

Springfieldmuseums.org

Pan African Historical Museum • 1500 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Featuring artifacts on African American culture. pahmusa.mysite.com

Valley Photo Center • 1500 Main Street, 2nd floor
Featuring a rotation of works by some of New England's best photographers. thevalleyphotocenter.yolasite.com

MORE TO DO

Riverfront Park & 9/11 Memorial • Hall of Fame Avenue
A 3.7 mile bikeway/walkway spans the banks of the Connecticut River, a federally designated American Heritage River. The park is home to the 9/11 Memorial featuring a wall with the names of 450 first responders who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 along with a steel beam from the World Trade Center.

Smith's Billiards • 201 Worthington Street, Upstairs
Smith's Billiards is the region's oldest and best-known billiard hall, catering to pool players of all ability levels. smithsbilliards.com

Springfield's Great Escape • 141 State Street
A real-to-life scenario themed interactive adventure game for the whole family. springfieldgreatescape.com

VISITORS INFO

Main Street Regional Visitors Center • 1319 Main Street
Offering information on downtown and regional points of interest, including restaurants, events and attractions. WiFi and charging stations are available. springfielddowntown.com

RESTAURANTS

DINE IN:

350 Grill • American Steak House – 350 Worthington St. – 413-439-0666 - \$\$\$
Adolfo's • Italian – 254 Worthington St. 413-746-5000 - \$\$
Art-o-Pizza • Brickoven Pizza – 272 Worthington St. – 413-301-8654 - \$\$
Cal Mare • Southern Coastal Italian – MGM – 413-273-5000 - \$\$\$
Chandler Steakhouse • Fine Dining – MGM – 413-273-5000 - \$\$\$
Chef Wayne's Big Mamou • Cajun – 63 Liberty St. – 413-732-1011 - \$\$
Ciro's • Italian – 912 Main St. – 413-265-0301 - \$\$
Felix's Breakfast & Sandwich Shop • American Diner
67 Liberty St. – 413-306-6010 - \$
Le Souk Hookah Lounge and Restaurant
Mediterranean and American Tapas Style – 77 Worthington St. - \$
Luxe Burger Bar • Burgers – 1200 Hall of Fame Ave. – 413-785-5893 - \$\$
Malecon Bar and Restaurant • Latin American Comfort Food
136 Chestnut St. – 413-285-8407 - \$\$
Max's Tavern • American Steak House
1000 Hall of Fame Ave. – 413-746-6299 - \$\$
Nadim's • Mediterranean – 1390 Main St. – 413-737-7373 - \$\$
Naismith Pub & Pretzel • American Cuisine and Craft Brews
211 Worthington, St. - \$\$
Panjabi Tadka • Indian – 1688 Main St. – 413-732-1453 - \$\$
Petra Hookah Lounge and Restaurant • Mediterranean
270 Worthington St. - \$\$
Picks Restaurant/MVP • American Grill – 1414 Main St. – 413-263-2088 - \$\$
Plan B Burger • Burgers – 1000 Hall of Fame Ave. – 413-285-8296 - \$\$
Ralecs • Latin American – 1021 Main St. – 413-733-5618 - \$\$
Red Rose • Pizza/Italian – 1060 Main St. – 413-739-8610 - \$\$
Samuels • Pub Fare – 1000 Hall of Fame Ave. – 413-731-7267 - \$\$
Shalago • Classic American Fare – 23 Hampden St. – 413-781-8886 - \$\$
Student Prince/The Fort • German – 8 Fort St. – 413-734-7475 - \$\$
Tap Sports Bar • American Grill – MGM – 413-273-5000 - \$\$
Theodores • BBQ – 201 Worthington St. – 413-237-0696 - \$\$

Tower Square Bar and Grill • American Grill
1500 Main St. – 413-750-3011 - \$\$
Uno Pizzeria and Grill • Pizza – 820 Hall of Fame Ave. – 413-789-1600 - \$\$

GRAB & GO:

AC Produce • Deli – 489 Main St. – 737-3086 - \$
Café Du Jour • Coffee, Tea and Pastries – 1365 Main St. – 413-732-3900 - \$
City Jakes Cafe • All American Breakfast and Lunch
1573 Main St. – 413-731-5077 - \$
Citywalk Cafes • Food Court – 1500 Main St. – 413-733-2171 - \$
Cold Stone Creamery • Ice Cream
1000 Hall of Fame Ave. – 413-736-6060 - \$
Cornerstone • Deli – 1414 Main St. – 413-746-1025 - \$
Dunkin Donuts • 1500 Main St. – 1211 East Columbus Ave. – Union Station - \$
Frijo's • Italian – 90 Williams St. – 732-5428 - \$
Gino's Pizza • 459 Dwight St. – 413-734-4466 - \$
Hot Table • Paninis and Salads – 1500 Main St. – 413-731-1200 - \$
Kringle Candle Café • MGM (couldn't find any details on this)
La Fiorentina/Zoini's • Pastry shop/Sandwiches – 883 Main St. – 732-3161 - \$
Mama Mia's Pizza • 1441 Main St. – 413-439-0330 - \$
Milano's • Homestyle Italian – 988 Main St. – 737-7367 - \$
Mocha Emporium • Coffee and Desserts – 1623 Main St. – 413-363-9491 - \$
Mom & Rico's • Specialty Market - 899 Main St. – 732-8941 - \$
Nosh • Artisanal Sandwiches and Salads
1341 Main St. (Rear), – 413-237-1822 - \$
Sun Kim Bop • Korean – 1244 Main St. – 413-259-4161 - \$
Palazzo • American – 1350 Main St. – 413-731-0011 - \$
Sol Caribe • Latin American – 1236 Main St. – 413-737-1217 - \$
South End Market • Food Court – MGM – 413-273-5000 - \$
Starbucks • 1414 Main St. – MGM – E. Columbus Ave. \$\$
Subway • Union Station – 1400 Main St. – Basketball Hall of Fame - \$

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL SITES

Court Square • Main & Court Streets
Court Square, long the heart of Springfield, is surrounded by note-worthy buildings. Old First Church (1819) was the fourth meeting house on the site dating back to 1637. Neo-Classical City Hall and Symphony Hall (1909) flank the Campanile, a bell and clock tower similar to St Mark's in Venice, Italy. Bronze bas-reliefs of Springfield history adorn the front doors. The granite former county courthouse (1871) was designed by important 19th century architect H. H. Richardson. The elaborate Court Square Building (1892) is slated to be renovated for housing. One of the oldest commercial buildings remaining in the city is the small brick Byers Block (1835). The President McKinley Memorial is located behind the church.

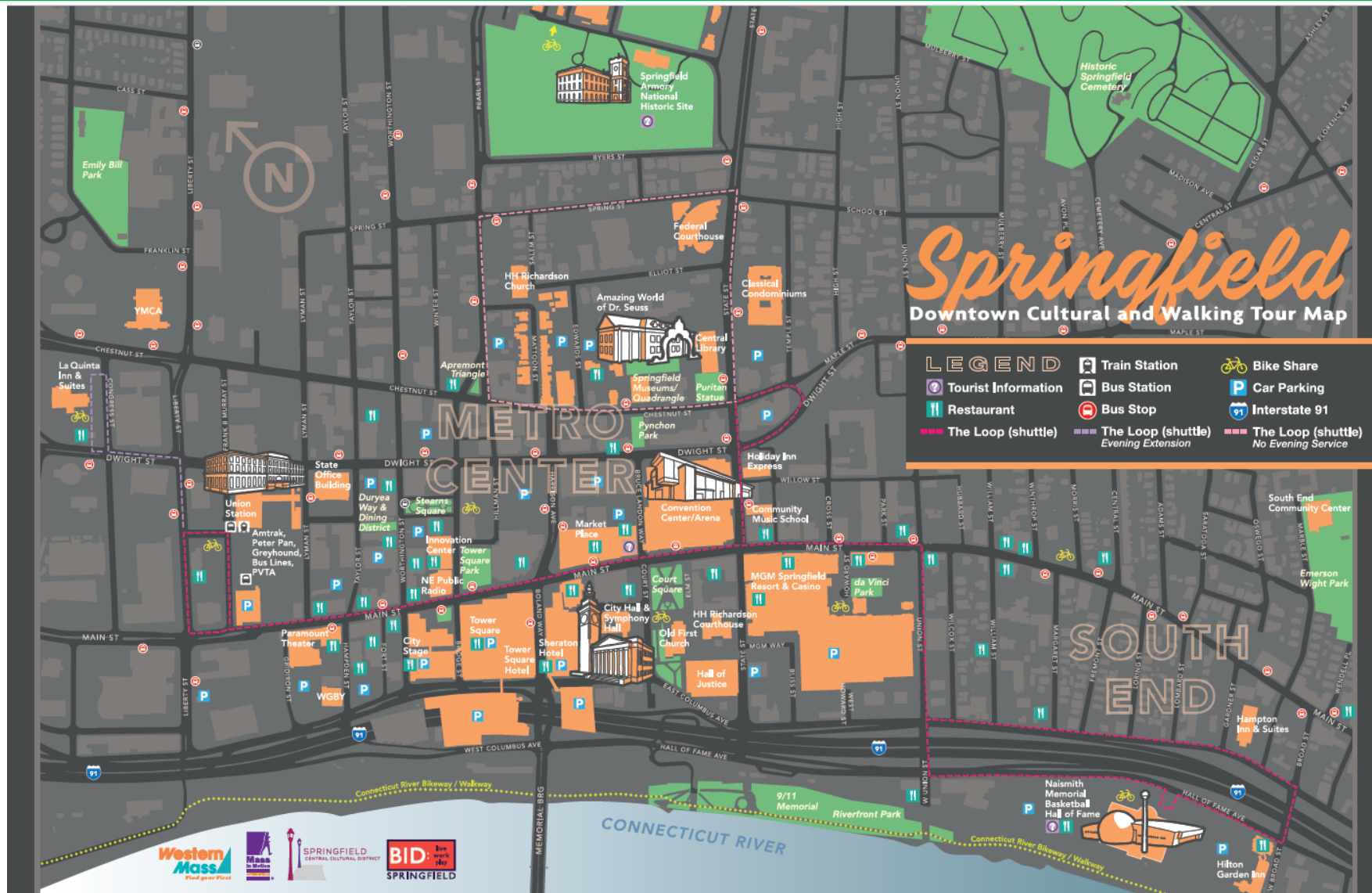
Duryea Way • between Worthington & Taylor Streets
A copy of an early automobile marks where Frank Duryea built America's first gasoline powered car. The second Duryea car was built just around the corner in the Stacy Building (1893), 49 Taylor Street.

Stearns Square • between Worthington & Bridge Streets
Augustus Saint-Gaudens designed the fanciful Turtle Fountain (1887) while noted architect Stanford White designed the fountain's base and the large granite bench.

Historic Mattoon Street • Mattoon & Elliot Streets
Developed between 1870 and 1890, this street is one of the few in the region with high style brick Victorian row houses. Former Postmaster General Lawrence O'Brien grew up at 42 Mattoon Street. The brownstone church was designed by H. H. Richardson and features Tiffany windows.

Merrick Park & The Puritan Sculpture • Chestnut & State Streets
The bronze statue of Samuel Chapin, one of Springfield's founders, was created by famous sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Bordering the park are the Renaissance Revival Central Library (1909) and the brownstone Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral (1874). Across State Street is one of Springfield's architectural gems designed by the noted Boston architectural firm of Peabody and Stearns.

Local Attractions



Hotel Accommodations

