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Amtrak considers bringing back Detroit-Toronto train service

Could passenger train service between Detroit and Toronto reopen?

Report by DeJanay Booth | Detroit Free Press

Detroit — A passenger rail connecting Detroit and Toronto is up for discussion in the future.

According to Curbed Detroit, Amtrak presented a plan and grant request to Congress for fiscal year 2020 that including a line item labeled, "restoration of the Detroit-Toronto Service." As for funding, the report listed it as "TBD."

"Amtrak is exploring places it can modernize and expand its services and network," Amtrak Spokesman Marc Magliari told Curbed Detroit. "A Chicago/Western Michigan-Detroit-Toronto corridor is one of the services where we see promise."

At one time, trains to Toronto, Detroit, and New York City ran through a 1907 train tunnel located about a mile west of the Detroit-Windsor car tunnel.

The last Detroit-New York train last ran in 1979.

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Lenny Kravitz firm to help design new Temple Detroit Hotel

By Kirk Pinho | Crain's Detroit Business

The \$72 million redevelopment of the former Standard Accident Insurance Co. building in downtown Detroit is slated to feature a new hotel called Temple Detroit and have an interior design by rock star Lenny Kravitz's New York City-based Kravitz Design, the project backers announced Wednesday.

The Albert Kahn-designed building at 640 Temple St., a block west of the historic Masonic Temple, is to have 100 rooms and 70 apartments, adding to a bevy of hotel space planned and under construction in and around Detroit's central business district. There are more than 2,000 rooms recently built or in the pipeline to add to its existing 5,000 or so.

Birmingham-based McIntosh Poris Associates is the architecture firm on the project while the Detroit office of Grand Rapids-based Rockford Construction is the general contractor/project manager. Detroit-based Kraemer Design Group is the historic consultant on the project.

"When you adapt a building it's important to weave together its history and program to create a place that's fitting for today," Michael Poris said in a statement. "We've created a design to cohesively reflect the past, present, and future for 640 Temple."



The former Standard Accident Insurance Co. building at 640 Temple St. in Detroit is undergoing a \$72 million renovation and being converted into the 100-room Temple Hotel along with 70 apartments.

Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre — reveals 2019 summer shows

By Brian McCollum | Detroit News

This summer will bring the 35th year of concerts for the riverside amphitheater long known as Chene Park.

But it will be the first season of shows under the venue's new name: Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre.

Gladys Knight (Aug. 11), Charlie Wilson (June 15-16), UB40 (Aug. 2) and Herbie Hancock (Aug. 8) are among the acts lined up to perform this summer at the former Chene Park, which was renamed by Detroit City Council weeks after the Queen of Soul's death in August.

Venue operator the Right Productions has also announced performers for its popular Wednesday Jazzy Nights series, which will kick off June 5 with Damien Escobar and wrap up Aug. 21 with Michael Franks. A complete list is below.

Tickets for the newly announced shows will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday at the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre box office and via Ticketmaster.com.

Single-show tickets for the Wednesday jazz series start at \$19, while season tickets are \$268. Seat licenses — which lock in preferred seats and give fans first dibs on all tickets — start at \$300.

Three events are already on sale at the venue they're calling "the Aretha": Kem (June 1), Snoop Dogg with Warren G and Bone Thugs-N-Harmony (July 5) and the Lost '80s Live Tour featuring A Flock of Seagulls, the Tubes, the Motels and others (Aug. 9).

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Legendary songstress Gladys Knight will take the stage at the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre on August 11 with Will Downing

Morningside Community Meetings

Our general community meetings are the first Saturday of every month from 12-2 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 11475 E. Outer Drive. If you live in the boundaries of I-94 to Mack Ave., Alter Rd. to E. Outer Drive, you're automatically a member of our great community. We hope to see you soon!

Gleaners Food Bank Distribution

If yourself know of anyone in need of food assistance, please come out to the Gleaners Food Bank distribution on April 8th at U-SNAP BAC, 14901 E. Warren Avenue. The food distribution will begin at 11 a.m. All food given away is free.



Detroit artists can have their work featured on a billboard this summer

By Lee DeVito | Detroit Metro Times

Attention Detroit artists: Here's a chance to have your work seen by thousands.

Playground Detroit is partnering with SaveArtSpace to put the work of Detroit-area artists on six billboards around the Motor City this summer.

The campaign will be curated by Detroit-based artist Ellen Rutt. Artists are invited to submit up to 10 images before May 28, and winners will be announced the week of June 10.

The billboards will be up for the month of July to coincide Detroit Art Week, which is planned for July 16-21. The artwork will also be featured in a gallery exhibition at Playground Detroit, with an opening reception from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on July 13. More information is available at saveartspace.org/detroit.

Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre — reveals 2019 summer shows

Get your tickets now!

Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre (formerly Chene Park), 2019 concert schedule to date:

Wednesday Jazzy Nights shows indicated with asterisk (*)

June 1: Kem (Tom Joyner's One More Time Experience tour)

* June 5: Damien Escobar

* June 12: Jonathan Butler and Kirk Whalum

June 15-16: Charlie Wilson with Lalah Hathaway

* June 19: Kenny G

* June 26: Black Violin

* July 3: Loose Ends and Rahsaan Patterson

July 5: Snoop Dogg with Warren G and Bone Thugs-N-Harmony

* July 10: Superstars of Jazz Fusion featuring Roy Ayers, Miki Howard and Lonnie Liston Smith

* July 17: Robert Glasper and Christian Scott

* July 24: PJ Morton and Dwele

July 27: Maxwell with Corinne Bailey Rae

* July 31: Najee

Aug. 2: Reggae band UB40 kicks off its 40th-anniversary U.S. tour joined by reggae band Steel Pulse.

* Aug. 7: Rose Royce and Con Funk Shun

Aug. 8: Herbie Hancock with Kamasi Washington

Aug. 9: Lost '80s Live Tour with A Flock of Seagulls, the Tubes, the Motels, Bow Wow Wow, the Vapors, Wang Chung, Real Life, Animotion, Farrington & Mann, Boys Don't Cry and Escape Club

Aug. 10: Anthony Hamilton with Ledisi and Tweet

Aug. 11: Gladys Knight with Will Downing

* Aug. 14: "Double Vision" Revisited featuring Bob James, David Sanborn & Marcus Miller with guests Billy Kilson and Larry Braggs

* Aug. 21: Michael Franks



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Chinese Chicken Stir Fry Recipe

American Heart Association



It takes just a few minutes to prepare your own delicious, healthful stir-fry. Our version combines juicy chicken with plenty of veggies.

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups uncooked, instant brown rice

3 Tbsp cornstarch

1 1/3 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth

3 Tbsp dry sherry

3 Tbsp fresh orange juice

2 Tbsp soy sauce (lowest sodium available)

1 Tbsp plain rice vinegar

2 tsp chili oil

1 Tbsp peeled, grated gingerroot

3 medium garlic cloves (minced)

1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts (all visible fat discarded, cut into 1-inch cubes)

2 tsp toasted sesame oil

8 oz mushrooms (sliced)

1 cup diced red bell pepper

8 oz canned water chestnuts (drained)

3/4 cup sliced green onions

1/2 cup pecan halves (dry-roasted)

1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes

Serves 6

Enjoy!