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Yet Another Venue Scheduled to Open in Fremont East

Fremont East continues to gain traction, with the recent announcement of yet another venue in the downtown entertainment district.

The newcomer will be called **Commonwealth**. It will be located in 6,000 square feet on the southwest corner of Fremont and Sixth streets, next to **Le Thai**. It is tentatively scheduled to open during the summer of 2012.

The two-story venue will offer an atmosphere that conjures up a mixture of English country home, distressed Boston pub and urban rooftop garden, according to partner and local businessman **Michael Parks**. Owners include **Vegas Seven** publishers **Justin Weniger** and **Ryan Doherty** and **Brio** managing partner **Kenna Warner**.

"We want to be part of the downtown story...and we feel that particular city block has some amazing momentum right now," Parks said.



Rendering of **Commonwealth**, the newest venue to be added to the **Fremont East Entertainment District's** eclectic lineup of bars, clubs and cafes. Rendering courtesy of Sherwin Yumul.

The former retail space will be transformed with a design that retains exposed original brick and wood beams. Leather and wood seating will also be part of the ambiance. A long main bar will dominate downstairs, while two stairwells will lead up to a rooftop deck festooned with lights, a DJ booth and a second bar.

In keeping with the Prohibition-era feel of the place, bartenders will serve all drinks, from wine (on tap) to cocktails, in humble tin camping cups. For the good of the commonwealth...

New Downtown Market Features More Than Fresh Produce

A weekly indoor farmers market featuring fresh regional produce from growers throughout Nevada, Utah and California, recently made its debut in downtown Las Vegas. The downtown farmers market will be held



every Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 300 N. Casino Center. Situated in 10,000 square feet of indoor space and providing free parking, this new farmer's market will operate at the former Downtown Transit Center, which is next to the newly opened **Mob Museum**.

In addition to farm-fresh produce, the **Downtown3rd Farmers Market** includes cooking demonstrations by city chefs, local bakers and food truck vendors offering freshly prepared food, and UNLV Master Gardeners providing advice on preparing home-grown springtime crops.

Children can get their hands dirty in the Kids Craft Zone. As the market develops, more activities for children will be planned.

Sponsors and volunteers are needed in many areas. Those interested in participating are encouraged to visit www.downtown3rd.com for more information.



Downtown Las Vegas in pictures. Visit <http://bit.ly/yPW4zo>.
Photo by: Heather Vallejos

One-Stop Assistance for Businesses & Residents Offered

A new service center, designed to provide business owners, developers and residents with a one-stop destination for permits, licenses and much more is now open. Located at 333 Rancho Drive near I-95, it is called the **Development Services Center (DSC)**. The DSC was created to enable the following:

- Consolidation of related departments from six to three and locating them in a single facility.
- The addition of new technology to improve customer service, including interactive kiosks and online application and payment capabilities.
- The addition of a management support team to assist customers through the approval process, especially where multiple departments are involved.
- An on-site Fast Track team member, who helps area business owners and operators with Las Vegas entitlement, permitting and licensing procedures, in order to expedite company openings.

For more information, visit <http://1.usa.gov/wb6OUu>.



The DSC is located on Rancho Drive and easily can be seen from U.S. 95 when driving north.



The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, located in downtown's Symphony Park, officially opened on March 10. Photo courtesy of The Smith Center.

Smith Center Sets New Tone for Arts in Las Vegas

A \$485 million world-class performing arts center officially opened to the public on March 10, 2012 in downtown Las Vegas.

The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, a public/private partnership, will offer a blend of performances by resident companies, as well as first-run touring attractions.

The five-acre cultural campus will feature three performance spaces: the 2,050-seat main area in Reynolds Hall, Boman Pavilion's 258-seat Cabaret Jazz and the 250-seat Troesh Studio Theater.

There is also an adjacent 1.7-acre park, which can be used for outdoor concerts. Additionally, the **Discovery Children's Museum** will be relocated on the campus; it is scheduled to open in November 2012.

Located in downtown's 61-acre urban development, **Symphony Park**, The Smith Center broke ground in May of 2009 with a ceremonial carillon bell casting and ringing.

For more information about The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, **visit www.thsmithcenter.com**. Keep up with news and events on Facebook.

Kudos!

"We have been coming to downtown Las Vegas since 1978. We always stay at the Golden Nugget and gamble at all the other casinos. We have seen the decline of some and are very excited to see the renovations that are taking place...things sure are looking better. [On] our visit to Vegas March 10-14, 2012 we saw marked improvements...so kudos for a job well done."

— Vickie Bambini

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