

**\* Name of Business**

Heights Coffee Bar

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**\* Name of Business Contact**

Nicole or Holly

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**\* Business Phone Number**

+1612314 [REDACTED]

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**\* Business Email**

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

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**Years in Columbia Heights**

Under one

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**Number of Employees**

**\* Nominator Name**

Arianna Ransonet

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**Nominator Address**

**\* Nominator Phone Number**

320237 [REDACTED]

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**\* Nominator Email**

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

They are so very supportive of the PD and staff. So welcoming of truly everyone and the community. Such a peaceful place that takes pride in diversity. Love going every Friday to chit chat while grabbing a latte

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**\* Name of Business**

Heights Theater

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**\* Name of Business Contact**

Jeremy Marder

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**\* Business Phone Number**

(763) 789-████

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**\* Business Email**

████@heightstheater.com

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**Years in Columbia Heights**

100

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**Number of Employees**

**\* Nominator Name**

Theresa Strike

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**Nominator Address**

**\* Nominator Phone Number**

505414████

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**\* Nominator Email**

████@gmail.com

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

The Heights theater was built in 1926. A 100 year old jewel of our community, it very much deserves recognition on this milestone year.

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**\* Name of Business**

Heights Theater

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**\* Name of Business Contact**

Jeremy Marder

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**\* Business Phone Number**

763789 [REDACTED]

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**\* Business Email**

[REDACTED]@heightstheater.com

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**Years in Columbia Heights**

100

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**Number of Employees**

**\* Nominator Name**

Greg Sandy

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**Nominator Address**

**\* Nominator Phone Number**

763498 [REDACTED]

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**\* Nominator Email**

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

Probably the only business in town that's been operated for 100 years. It's endured and kept us on the map. It's an essential, most recognized landmark.

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**\* Name of Business Contact**

Jeremy Marder

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**\* Business Email**

[REDACTED]@heightstheater.com

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**Years in Columbia Heights**

100

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**Number of Employees**

10

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**\* Nominator Name**

Noah Nelson

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**Nominator Address**

[REDACTED]

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**\* Nominator Phone Number**

612998 [REDACTED]

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**\* Nominator Email**

[REDACTED]@yahoo.com

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

The Heights Theater is the oldest continuously operated theater in Minnesota, originally opening in 1926. Rather than showing the biggest Hollywood blockbusters that you can see at any chain movie theater, the Heights specializes in critically acclaimed original films, often made by independent studios, that often don't get screened at other theaters, as well as repertory showings of classic films that people love, including annual screenings of Wizard of Oz, Singin' in the Rain, White Christmas, and more. While the previous owner of 27 years, Tom Letness, recently retired and sold the theater to the owners of the Music Box Theater in Chicago, they have done a wonderful job of maintaining the programming that people already know and love while also expanding the programming to bring in new audiences, including weekly Saturday morning family films, late night special screenings, and monthly silent films with live accompaniment. In any given month, there's likely something showing at the Heights that will appeal to you no matter your taste in films.

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**\* Name of Business**

Rail Werks Brewing Depot

**\* Name of Business Contact**

Denise and William Roberts

**\* Business Phone Number**

612-367- [REDACTED]

**\* Business Email**

[REDACTED]@railwerksbrewingdepot.com

**Years in Columbia Heights**

2 years

**Number of Employees**

I don't know

**\* Nominator Name**

Jennifer Pyper-Muno

**Nominator Address**

[REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Phone Number**

612-616- [REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Email**

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

My first time at Rail Werks they hosted an event for the community and I have been to several at Rail Werks that let you use their space for your event. If you ask Denise it's a space for the Community and they have been a wonderful addition to our community with allowing their space to be used to help the community do what is needed to thrive and they have wonderful food and drinks.

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**\* Name of Business**

Railwerks Brewery

**\* Name of Business Contact**

Denise Roberts

**\* Business Phone Number**

612367 [REDACTED]

**\* Business Email**

[REDACTED]@mail.com

**Years in Columbia Heights**

3

**Number of Employees**

20

**\* Nominator Name**

Ed Higgins

**Nominator Address**

[REDACTED] Columbia Heights, MN 55421

**\* Nominator Phone Number**

202604 [REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Email**

[REDACTED]@purplenoodlemarketing.com

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

Denise and her husband and staff have been so welcoming to the community here in Columbia Heights, hosting many citywide events, and helping strengthen community in so many different ways. I don't even drink and it's my place to go if I need to chill. I do really enjoy their macaroni and cheese brisket with fried onions. I may grab some today.

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**\* Name of Business**

Railwerks

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**\* Name of Business Contact**

Denise Roberts

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**\* Business Phone Number**

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**\* Business Email**

████@railwerksbrewingdepot.com

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**Years in Columbia Heights**

**Number of Employees**

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**\* Nominator Name**

Stephanie Stroik

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**Nominator Address**

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**\* Nominator Phone Number**

763486████

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

On top of being an environmental conscious business. This year Rail Werks Brewing Depot opened up their doors to make a safe space for Columbia Heights volunteers to gather and support the local community and neighborhood.

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**\* Name of Business**

Rail Werks Brewing Depot

**\* Name of Business Contact**

William & Denise Roberts

**\* Business Phone Number**

(612) 367- [REDACTED]

**\* Business Email**

[REDACTED]@railwerksbrewingdepot.com

**Years in Columbia Heights**

**Number of Employees**

**\* Nominator Name**

Christina Burton

**Nominator Address**

[REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Phone Number**

651212 [REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Email**

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

Rail Werks has been instrumental in suppressing the community during ICE's occupation of Columbia Heights. They've been a gathering place for supplies and organizers, and none of what has been done for mutual aid during this crazy time would have been possible without them.

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Rail Werks Brewing Depot

**\* Name of Business Contact**

Denise & William Roberts

**\* Business Phone Number**

612367 [REDACTED]

**\* Business Email**

[REDACTED]@railwerksbrewingdepot.com

**Years in Columbia Heights**

1 year 8 months

**Number of Employees**

**\* Nominator Name**

Callie Czech

**Nominator Address**

[REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Phone Number**

763568 [REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Email**

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

Rail Werks Brewing Depot has become an invaluable asset to the Columbia Heights community, particularly over the past several months. Denise and her husband have consistently demonstrated generosity and a genuine commitment to supporting local residents. They have graciously opened their space to community members in need and created a welcoming environment where people can gather and connect. During some of our most challenging times, Rail Werks has played an important role in bringing people together. By hosting a wide variety of events and live music, they continue to foster community engagement and strengthen local connections. In addition to their outstanding hospitality, they offer excellent food and craft beer, further enhancing the experience for all who visit. We are truly grateful that they chose Columbia Heights as the place to establish their business and invest in building a stronger community.

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**\* Name of Business**

~~Amanda Hassinger~~ **Rail Werks**

**\* Name of Business Contact**

Amanda Hassinger

**\* Business Phone Number**

612708 [REDACTED]

**\* Business Email**

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**Years in Columbia Heights**

Unsure

**Number of Employees**

Unsure

**\* Nominator Name**

Amanda Hassinger

**Nominator Address**

[REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Phone Number**

612708 [REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Email**

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

The first time I went to Rail Werks Brewing Depot was on Mother's Day 2025. I loved the chill environment and the live music. The food was spectacular as well. The next time I was able to go to Rail Werks was later in the year and I was picking up a donation from them for my daughter's school. It was in the morning and there wasn't a lot of people there. I was able to meet the owners William and Denise. As I thanked them for the donation for the school raffle, we got to talking about how they've been in the area for years and how they love to give back to their community. Since then, I have followed them on Facebook to stay up to date on events that they have held for the community. They have helped out the community by having benefits for the community and holding a donation drive. They also bring the community together by having trivia nights, live music, sip and paint nights, etc. I personally love when the owners of a business live in the community and help lift it up. I feel like Rail Werks does this in so many ways and that it why I nominated them.

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**\* Name of Business**

Columbia Heights VFW Post 230

**\* Name of Business Contact**

Matt Rynolds

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**\* Business Phone Number**

763788 [REDACTED]

**\* Business Email**

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

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**Years in Columbia Heights**

95

**Number of Employees**

12

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**\* Nominator Name**

Debi Hultman

**Nominator Address**

[REDACTED]

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**\* Nominator Phone Number**

612295 [REDACTED]

**\* Nominator Email**

[REDACTED]@att.net

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**Supporting Nomination Information**

The VFW has reached 95 years of existence in Columbia Heights this year. They have made cash donations to SACA many times over the years and have volunteered their services for bagging and delivering food to home bound seniors in the city. They have educated the community on respect and proper disposal for the US flag every year with the Flag Burning Ceremony, held in September. Provided help for local vets such as mowing, shoveling, grocery shopping to hair cuts and rides to the VA for appointments. Always welcoming to the public and Veterans in the establishment with directions and information to vet services in Anoka county.

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