



Inspiring a More
**LIVABLE
AKRON**



**A week with
8 80 Cities**

With generous funding from the Knight Foundation, 8 80 Cities will visit Akron for a week to immerse the Akron community in liveable city concepts. Focus areas will include retaining youth and talent, sustainable mobility, community engagement and fostering local business.

Who is 8 80 Cities?

8 80 Cities is an organization that improves the quality of life for people in cities by bringing citizens together to enhance mobility and public space so that together we can create more vibrant, healthy, and equitable communities.

Why 8 80 Cities? We believe that if everything we do in our public spaces is great for an 8-year-old and an 80-year-old, then it will be great for all people.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUES. JUNE 7th



8:00am – 12:00pm

Shift Akron: Creating Conversations to Transform Akron

A LeaderSource Live event brought to you by Leadership Akron Alumni Association & Torchbearers

Akron-Summit County Public Library Main Branch, 60 South High Street

Shift Akron will bring leaders across sectors together to explore the shifts in perspective, direction, and tactics that will drive the next decade of change in the city. As leaders recognize how our perceptions influence our views of assets and challenges, we can open new avenues for leaders to create the positive change in the city that will foster population growth.

Keynote Presentation by Gil Penalosa, founder of 8 80 Cities.

To register visit: LeadershipAkron.org/ShiftAkron \$35/person Questions?
330.436.5291

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Schools and our Community: Making the most of these important public spaces

Portage Path CLC, 55 S. Portage Path, Akron

Opening Remarks from City of Akron Ward 1 Councilmember Rich Swirsky and Andy Davis, SRTS Coordinator for Akron Public Schools

Attendees will tour the CLC and school neighbourhood with Gil Penalosa, Andy Davis, and Councilmember Swirky. The tour will be followed by a keynote from Gil Penalosa about how to make the most of the schools in our neighbourhoods.

Open to the Public RSVP: <http://bit.ly/1P1wjpA>

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WED. JUNE 8th



8:00am – 9:00am OR 2:00pm – 3:00pm

The Ecology of Small Business

**Akron-Summit County Public Library Microbusiness Center
60 South High Street**

How can streets and public space help your business thrive? Learn from 8 80 Cities' Emily Munroe and Alyssa Bird about how we can make the most of our streets to encourage pedestrian activity and foster a culture of thriving local business.

This event is being offered twice to accommodate business owners from various sectors.

Open to the Public. To register visit: <http://bit.do/bizakron> Please indicate if you will be attending the morning or afternoon session.

5:30-7:30 p.m

Sustainable Mobility Solutions Talk

**Presented by the Greater Akron Innovations Network for Sustainability (GAINS)
Musica complex, 51 E. Market St. in Akron, Ohio**

Redesigning transportation infrastructure and public spaces with active mobility in mind will be the subject of the GAINS meeting on June 8th. Gil Penalosa, Founder of 8-80 Cities, will speak to the design and use of streets as public places, as well as walking, riding bicycles, using public transit, and the new use of cars. Other guest speakers include: Andy Davis, Active Transportation Coordinator Sport Science & Wellness Education, College of Health Professions, The University of Akron; Rich Enty, Director of Akron METRO; and Jimmy Smith owner of EV Solutions.

GAINS is a local gathering of sustainability practitioners who focus on advancing sustainable values and practices in the marketplace. The salon style meetings, held the second Wednesday of the month are free and interactive and open to anyone interested in learning about and engaging with community partners on the leading edge of innovations in sustainability.

Open to the Public. For more information, visit:
www.facebook.com/GAIN4Sustainability

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURS. JUNE 9th



6:00pm - 8:00pm

Moving from Talking to Doing:

Keynote By Gil Penalosa

Akron Civic Theatre, 182 South Main Street

The goal of creating a healthier and more vibrant community will take center stage when Toronto-based urban expert Gil Penalosa brings his celebrated 880 message to Akron. Gil will deliver an inspiring keynote presentation and will highlight innovative approaches and practical solutions for creating a more walkable, bikeable, and people-oriented Akron.

Open to the Public! Free admission.

Come early to secure your seat! Doors open at 5:30pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRI. JUNE 10th



8:00am - 1:00pm

Pop-up Coffee Shop

Akron Civic Theatre, 182 South Main Street

Come and enjoy free coffee and sweet treats while re-imagining the future of Akron's Main Street. Share something you've learned throughout the week or a new idea that you have.

Open to the public. Bring your children! Free Live Music and more!