



# Fairbanks North Star Borough

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**PRESS RELEASE AND MEDIA AVAILABILITY on Friday, October 7, 2016 @ 6:00 PM**

## **Fairbanks' Golden Heart Plaza Named One of 15 Great Public Spaces in America by the American Planning Association**

Fairbanks, AK – The Fairbanks North Star Borough along with local partners from the City of Fairbanks, Festival Fairbanks, PDC Engineers and the FNSB Chena Riverfront Commission and FNSB Community Planning Department will accept an award on Friday evening, October 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in recognition of the Golden Heart Plaza being recognized as one of five 2016 Great Public Spaces on the American Planning Association's annual Great Places in America list.

“This award is meaningful for our community as we were the only one from the entire state of Alaska, and only one of 15 Great Places in the nation for 2016. Recognizing the historical, cultural and year round value of Golden Heart Plaza is part of what makes our downtown area shine. We celebrate and thank all of the partners who worked on the nomination for this award.” said FNSB Mayor Karl W. Kassel.

Created in 2007, the American Planning Association (APA) has designated 260 neighborhoods, streets and public places across the nation in three categories as a part of their Great Places program.

For complete information on the American Planning Association's Great Places Award for Great Public Spaces visit: <https://www.planning.org/greatplaces/>.

**The media is invited to attend the award presentation on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Golden Heart Plaza.**

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