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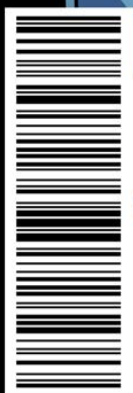
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**COMIC CON**

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# WELCOME!



Dear Comic Con Enthusiasts,  
As the mayor of Elkhart, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the city's first Hall of Heroes (HOH) Comic Con!

Nine months ago, I assembled a committee to assist my office and the Lerner Theatre in organizing this exciting event. My administration feels strongly about supporting and encouraging activities that contribute to our city's quality of place and attract visitors from near and far.

I would like to thank our celebrity guests, vendors and financial contributors who have made this weekend possible. I also want to acknowledge Jay Hershberger, an Elkhart native who designed the event logo, as well as the Hall of Heroes Museum, Secret Door Games and other volunteers who have dedicated their time and expertise. The Downtown Merchants Alliance also deserves recognition for making this event a success with food and drink specials, sci-fi speed dating followed by dancing, and more!

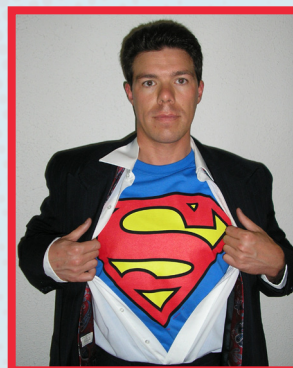
I appreciate your support of HOH Comic Con Elkhart and hope to see you again in 2018!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Neese".

Timothy Neese

# WELCOME!



Hello and welcome to the first annual Hall of Heroes Comic Con!

I am so excited to be able to bring Comic Con to Elkhart the home of the only comic book and super hero museum in the country The Hall of Heroes Super Hero Museum. The Hall of Heroes Super Hero Museum is celebrating its 10 year anniversary this year. We have been bringing thousands of visitors to Elkhart from all over the world that love super heroes, comics, toys, art, history and pop culture.

I was so excited when we were approached by Mayor Neese to put together this amazing event. I would like to thank our donors, vendors and guests that have helped make this such a super event. A huge thanks goes to the following folks who have worked hundreds of hours to make this event possible: Mayor Tim Neese , Deb Barrett, Kim Blank, Dan and Kristin from Secret Door Games, David Smith, Robin Wenger, Grant Mielke from VALA Marketing and the rest of our committee members.

Make sure to check out all of the exciting events on The Lerner Stage this weekend. The Cosplay Contest, Dean Cain Q&A, Allen Bellman Q&A, Comics in WW II, Mystery Science Theatre 3000 Live, Marvel Stunt Show and much more. The complete list is in this program and on our website.

Have fun and we hope to see you back for next year's event in 2018!

Sincerely,

Allen Stewart  
The Hall of Heroes Super Hero Museum



# SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY MARCH 11

### 10:00 AM - SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS

Relax and enjoy the beautiful Lerner Theatre and watch some of your favorite classic cartoons.

### 11:00 AM - 501ST STAR WARS PANEL

Come meet members of the world famous 501st Legion, learn what life is like as an intergalactic crusader for charitable causes while wearing plastic armor, how to get started with building a Star Wars costume of your own, and perhaps even get some cookies. Rumor has it, the Dark side has cookies.

### 12:00 PM - COSPLAY 101

Have you always wanted to learn more about Cosplay? Whether you are a novice or an expert, you will learn something from our three expert judges, Micheal Wilson Knightmage, Mia Bronston, and Alex Wescott

### 1:00 PM - DEAN CAIN Q&A

Here's your chance to ask questions from Superman himself. Dean has a fantastic career and is a super nice guy in person. Don't miss this panel!

### 2:00 PM - COMICS IN WWII

The Hall of Heroes Super Hero Museum presents the fascinating history of comics in World War II. Discover which comic book heroes were the most popular to the soldiers and why. Hosted by Allen Stewart.

### 3:00 PM - SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS Q&A

Come meet some of the best animators in the world. Tom Cook, Mike Toth, Phil Ortiz, who have worked on everything from Scooby Doo, to Aladdin, to the Simpsons.

### 4:00 PM - KIDS COSPLAY CONTEST

Get the kids ready for some fun and prizes! Ages 17 and under.

### 5:00 PM - ADULT COSPLAY CONTEST

Now it's time for the big kids to have some fun and win some prizes. Check out these amazing cosplayers

### 6:00 PM - THE BIG SHOW: MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATRE WITH FRANK AND TRACE

Enjoy a live performance of this beloved show.

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## SUNDAY MARCH 12

### 10:00 AM - SUNDAY MORNING CARTOONS

Relax and enjoy classic cartoons in the beautiful Lerner Theatre

### 11:00 AM - HALL OF HEROES MUSEUM COLLECTION

Where did they get all of those cool toys. Learn about the largest super hero memorabilia and comic book collection in the world right here in Elkhart, Indiana. Hosted by Allen Stewart.

### 12:00 PM - THE MADS FROM MST3K Q&A

Frank and Trace discuss their career and answer questions about this beloved series from the 90's.

### 1:00 PM - ALLEN BELLMAN

Allen Bellman is the oldest living comic book artist today at age 92. Allen started drawing Captain America in 1942 alongside Stan Lee at Timely Comics, now known as Marvel Comics.

### 2:00 PM - MARVEL STUNT ARTIST CHRIS BREWSTER

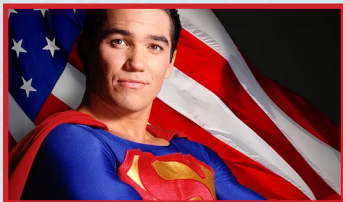
Meet Chris Brewster. Chris is the stunt double for Chris Evans' Captain America, Charlie Cox's Daredevil, and is the stunt coordinator for Marvel: Agents of Shield.

### 4:00 PM - NERDZY PARTY PODCAST: DC V MARVEL ROUND TABLE

Come join and listen to these local podcasters go head to head in a debate of the ages...DC vs. Marvel comics. Who will come out on top?

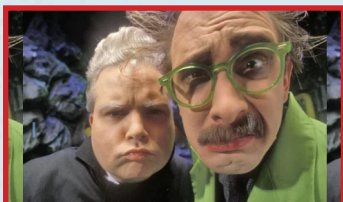


# SPECIAL GUESTS



## DEAN CAIN - ACTOR

Supergirl; Vendetta; God's Not Dead; Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman; Smallville; Las Vegas; Ripley's Believe it or Not!; Masters of Illusion, The Broken Hearts Club; Operation Cupcake, Bailey's Billion\$; Stars Earn Stripes.



## THE MADS FROM MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000

Created, wrote, and starred as Dr. Clayton Forrester/Crow T. Robot (Trace) and TV's Frank (Frank) on a little Minnesotan puppet show you may have heard of called Mystery Science Theater 3000. Now they're back on the road again, riffing movies.



## REB BROWN - AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYER(USC) AND ACTOR.

Brown is perhaps best known for playing the lead in the 1979 television production of "Captain America" and the action war film "Uncommon Valor". He is also known for the 1983 cult classic, "Yor, the Hunter from the Future", regarded as a B-Movie classic, as well as the sci-fi film, "Space Mutiny" Sci-Fi film, and for the collaborations with director Bruno Mattei in films "Strike Commando" and "Robowar".



## ALLEN BELLMAN - ARTIST

Captain America; The Patriot; The Destroyer; The Human Torch; All Winner Comics; Marvel Mystery; sub Mariner Comics; Young Allies; Let's Play Detective.



## CHRIS BREWSTER - ACTOR / STUNTMAN / STUNT COORDINATOR

After meeting several high level stuntmen, Chris decided this is the career he was meant to pursue. His martial arts, gymnastics, and parkour training lend itself very well to the stunt world. Over the next 13 years, he was given the opportunity to work in over 150 movies and television shows.

\*Attendance Subject to change due to filming schedule

# ANIMATION ALLEY



**PHIL ORTIZ** - Come and be Sketchanized by Phil and see what you would look like if you were to appear as a character on the Simpsons. Phil was a designer on the first 2 seasons of the show and is responsible for designing many of the characters such as Apu, Flanders, Otto, Herman, Lou and Eddie, and Ralph. The cost is \$70 per person and that includes penciling, Inking and professional coloring so you will have an amazing piece of art that you will keep for the rest of your life... featuring you or you and your family!

**MIKE TOTH** - began his long career in the animation field in 1978 at Filmation Studios. Having been inspired by the Warner Brothers cartoons of the 1940s he always dreamed of being an animator. Starting his career at Filmation Studios he worked on He-Man and the Masters of the Universe, She-Ra Princess of Power, Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids, Tarzan, Lone Ranger Zorro Adventure Hour, Shazam, Blackstar, Bravestarr, Ghostbusters, New Adventures of Tom & Jerry. He also worked freelance for Bill Melendez on This is America Charlie Brown, Snoopy's Reunion and It's Spring Training Charlie Brown. When Filmation closed its doors in 1988 he moved over to the Baer Animation Studios

**TOM COOK** - began his career as an animator and director in 1978 at Hanna-Barbera Studios where he was hired to work as an assistant animator on Challenge of the SuperFriends, Godzilla, Scooby Doo, Smurfs, Pacman and the Flintstones. A short stop at Ruby-Spears had him working on Thundarr the Barbarian (had the privilege to meet and work with Jack Kirby), Heathcliff, Fang Face and Plastic Man. Freelancing at Film Roman he worked on the Garfield Special Babes and Bullets and for Bill Melendez on the Peanuts Special This is America Charlie Brown. He then moved over to Filmation Studios in 1980.

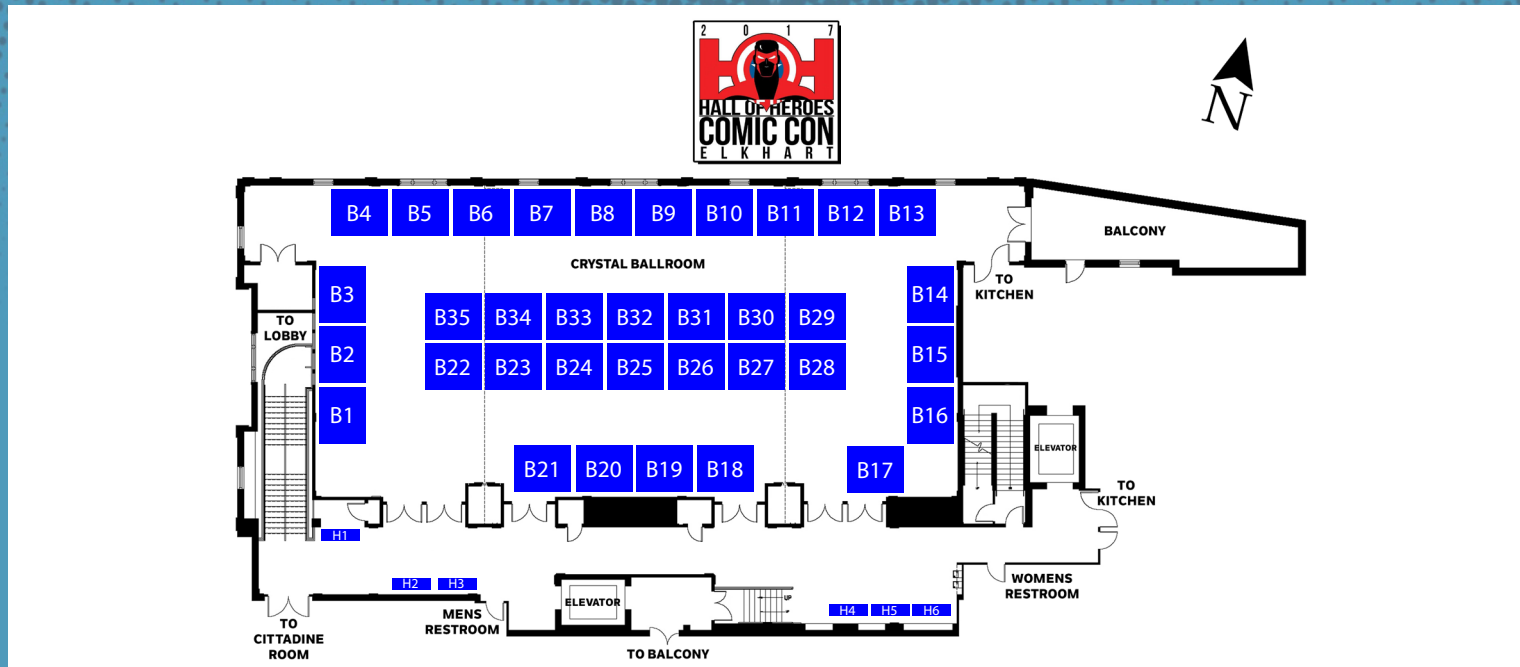
**SCOTT ROSEMA** - Graduated from Kendall College of Art & Design in 1979. He has since made a name for himself as an artist and illustrator. Scott is most famous for drawing Space Ghost in the late 90s Archie Comics. Sadly it was a short run as Archie Comics lost the rights shortly after. Before Space Ghost, Scott worked with Warner Bros. International Publishing on Tiny Toons/ Looney Toons comic books. Some of his work included Batman: The Animated Series Gold Book "Terror of Two-Face"; X-Men Adventures Season II; Rogue & Storm pinup poster; Disney Comic Hits; Solar, Man of Atom and many others.

**MIKE GASAWAY** - is an award-winning Director with over 8 years of directing/producing experience, specializing in computer animation. He's directed on three award winning shows and has helped build 2 animation studios. The prequel to his first feature, a short film titled, Help Me First!, was shot in early spring and premiered with rave reviews at Fantastic Fest 2016. The website for the movie can be found at [www.helpmethetmovie.com](http://www.helpmethetmovie.com).



# GUESTS AND VENDORS

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**B1:** Allen Bellman: Golden Age Marvel/ Timely Captain America Artist

**B2:** Charles Urbach- Artist

**B3:** My Comics Grader

**B5:** Formula 350 Collectibles

**B6:** CW25 ABC 57

**B7:** Comics Are The Norm

**B8:** Tom's Vintage Toys

**B9:** Agnizab Comics & Robert's Collectibles

**B10:** Kevin Cuts Vinyl

**B11:** Battle Bunker Games /Coliseum Comics

**B12:** Media Madhouse

**B13,B37:** Chocolate Moonshine Fudge

**B14-B17:** Animation Alley: Tom Cook, Mike Toth, Phil Ortiz, Scott Rosema, and Mike Gasaway

**B18:** Better World Books

**B19:** BC Models

**B20:** Cash Comix

**B22:** Andy's Toys

**B23:** Fun F/X

**B24-B25:** Terry Huddleston Art

**B26:** Secret Door Games

**B27-B28:** Gotta Have It Collectibles

**B29:** Art-Toons

**B30:** E.B.'s Closet

**B31:** Greg Rhodes Comics and Toys

**B32:** Comic Wreck

**B33:** Grand Rapids Comic Con

**B34:** Buy Me Toys.Com

**B35:** Two and a Half Sisters

Accessories

**H1:** James Wylder

**H2:** Legacy Rising

**H3:** Donovan Scherer

**H4:** Portraits by Alan

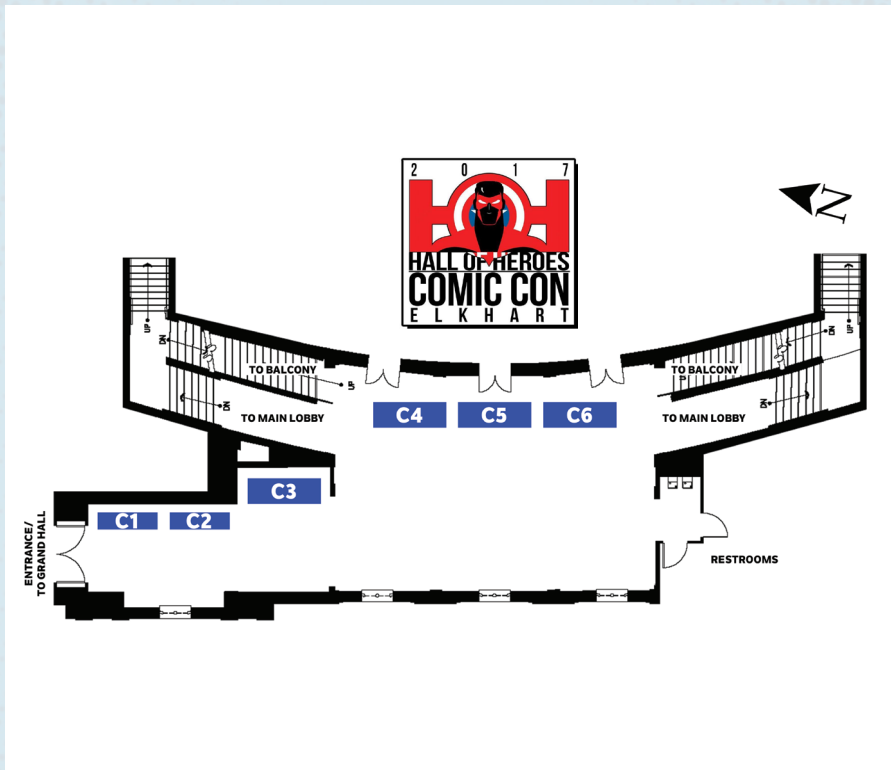
**H5:** Penguin Attacks Studios

**H6:** Blake Brady Artwork

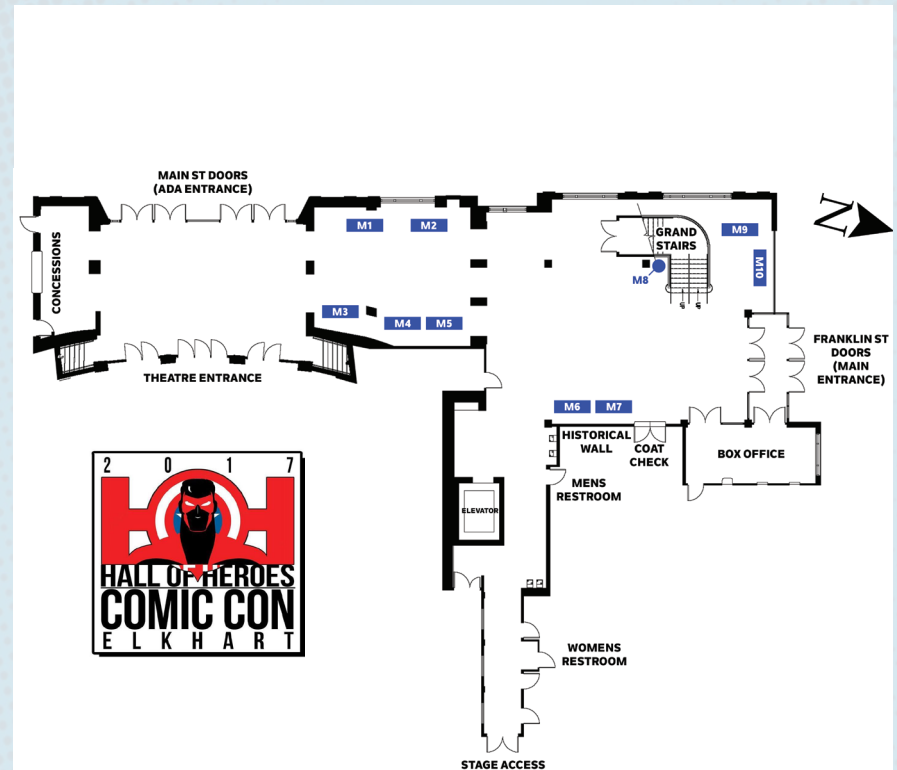


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- C3:** Chris Brewster - Sunday Only
- C4:** The Mads of MST3K
- C5:** Dean Cain
- C6:** Reb Brown
- M1:** Star Wars 501st
- M2:** Garage Games
- M3:** Elkhart Area Career Center
- M4:** CAPS



- M5:** Center For Hospice
- M6-M7:** The Hall of Heroes Super Hero Museum: Marvel Movie Props
- M8:** Tim The Balloonatic
- M-9:** Knightmage Michael Wilson and Mia Bronston Cosplay Judges and Cosplay Area and sign up for Cosplay Contest
- M-10:** GET GEEK'D : Alex Wescott also Cosplay Judge and sign up area



# DOWNTOWN EVENTS

# MAP OF DOWNTOWN ELKHART

## SECRET DOOR GAMES

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Stop by the basement of the Elkhart Public Library at 300 S 2nd St, Elkhart, IN 46516 for the following fun filled activities, vendors and more:

Relive Saturday morning cartoons all day Saturday and Sunday in Meeting Room 1. Watch Scooby Doo, SuperFriends, Jetsons and more.

Join in the fun, family actives in Meeting Room 5,6&7  
Play family friendly games, enjoy fun crafts, relax in our reading nook or explore our dress up corner.

Check out the following vendors and more in Meeting Room 2&3  
Temporary Tattoos by Ruthmere Museum  
Heroes and Heroines of Ballet with Tutu School of Elkhart  
The Aurora Chronicles by author Alice Redd  
Breeches and Bloomers- Mary Moran  
Boys & Girls Club of Elkhart  
Action Park Paintball Heroes vs. Villains.

### ARTS ON MAIN:

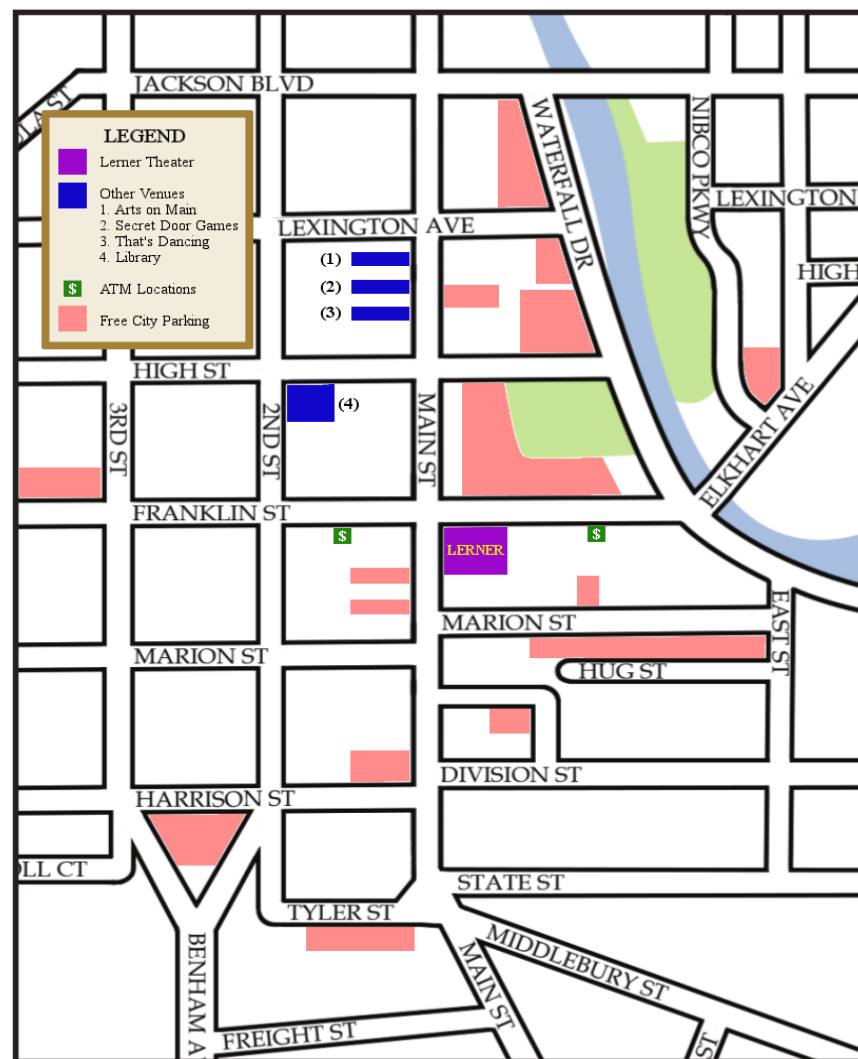
Hall of Heroes museum exhibits

## SATURDAY EVENING: THAT'S DANCING STUDIO:

Speed Dating followed by new brew from Iechyd Da and dancing (7 pm)

## OTHER EVENING ACTIVITIES:

Hear live music at New Paradigm, try a special Comic Con brew at Iechyd Da, a special dessert at the Vine, or join in on the evening Pub Crawl!





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