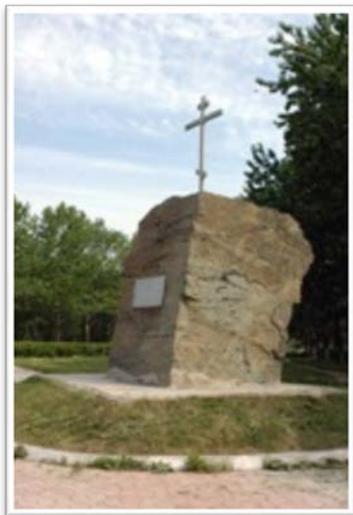
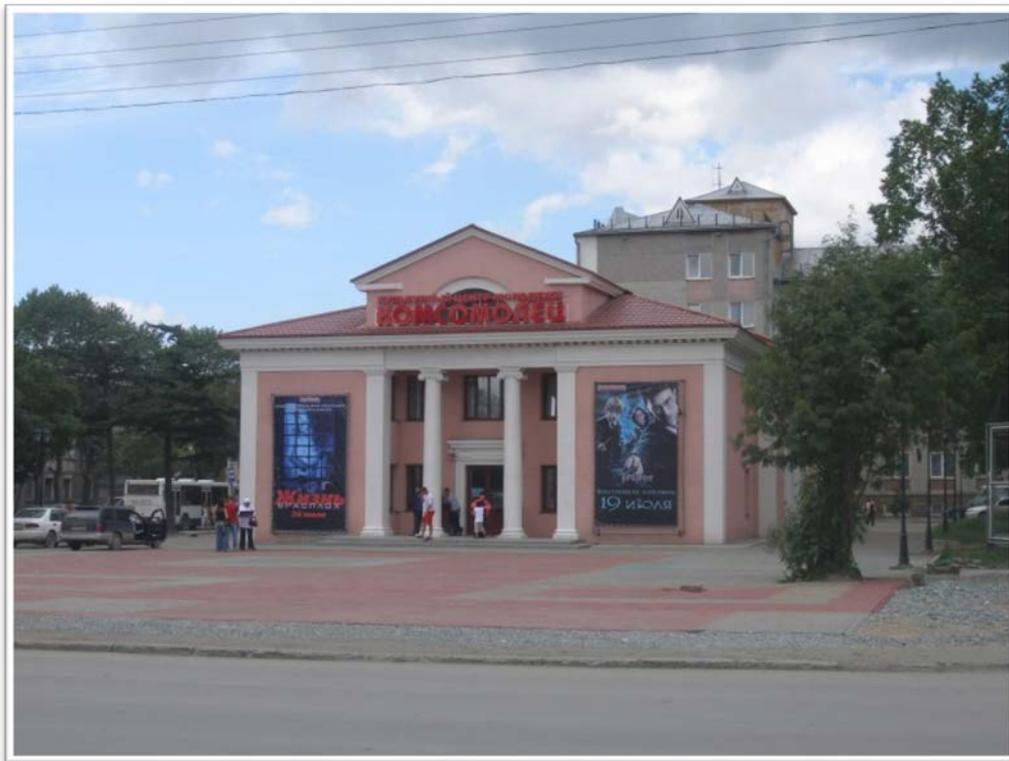


Sakhalinskaya Street



Sakhalinskaya Street is one of the oldest streets of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk. Its length is approximately 4 kilometers. The city begins with it. According to the excavation data, 120 years ago some of the first houses of Vladimirovka were located here. At the place of the early settlements it is crossed by the Susuya River, which consists of two different rivers – Sinyaya and Belaya. Nowadays a 40 tons memorial stone is placed here. In the period of Japanese occupation Sakhalinskaya Street was called “Maoka-dori”, which means “The road to Kholmsk”.

In 1947 the House of Pioneers with a municipal kids' library and music school was opened in Sakhalinskaya Street. More than 800 children visited the library regularly, and more than 8000 books were represented for the readers. The House of Pioneers had existed here until October 1967, and then moved into the new building of the Pioneer Palace in Kommunistichesky Avenue.

The Municipal Children's library also got a new building, and nowadays more than 4000 young readers often visit it. The number of books also has increased rapidly to the number of 38000.



There are 3 different departments in the library – subscription, reading room and non-stationary service. More than 300 events are held here each year. There are also all-inclusive conditions for the readers to provide the best comfort and service.

A great number of cultural, social and shopping buildings appeared on Sakhalinskaya Street in the 60s, for example, the “Komsomolets” cinema, the “Sakhalin” department store, “Sovremennik” and “Politicheskaya Kniga” bookshops, town philharmonic and the «Sakhalin» cafe.

In 1973 the “Tunist” hotel was opened to provide guests with comfortable and convenient rooms.

Some new squares were also established on Sakhalinskaya Street to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the city to the date of 1982. Busts of famous seafarers as G. Nevelskoy, V. Golovnin and I. Kruzenshtern were installed as memorials of the exploration and settling Sakhalin and the Kuril islands. It was also the first successful attempt to plant unique Maoka bird cherry trees, Whitethorn, Ussuri pear and other rare tree species. Squares were also decorated with more than 30000 flowers.



A production-clothing market was established in 1994, which was later reorganized into “Vostok” market.



On 14 May 2000 a brand new sports and gaming Bowling Center building was constructed.

Will anything new and eye-catching appear in Sakhalinskaya Street in the nearest future? There is no doubt in this fact. Nowadays a lot of projects are being constructed and developed here, and each and every day brings something positive to one of the unique city streets.