

Hello, Milwaukee Downtown-ers!

Last month at our annual meeting, we celebrated our golden birthday of sorts, with 21 years of operation under our belts! We'd like to congratulate all of our Downtown Achievement Award winners. Thanks for consistently going above and beyond and making our City a better place to live, work and play.

While summer has officially come to an end, don't forget to take in Sculpture Milwaukee's beautiful works of art displayed along Wisconsin



Avenue. The world's largest outdoor art gallery will begin to pack up for the season on Oct. 22.

Join us on Oct. 9 for the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's *On the Table MKE*, a region-wide platform for impact-making conversations with community members and civic-minded organizations. Click <u>here</u> for a list of locations.

Plus, we're just over a month away from flipping the switch and illuminating downtown's holiday décor. Get the scoop on the holiday

happenings at our 20th annual Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival below.

Thanks for reading!

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CONGRATS TO OUR 2018 DOWNTOWN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS!



Milwaukee Downtown, BID #21 hosted its Downtown Achievement Award program as part of its 2018 annual meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Nearly 250 downtown stakeholders gathered to hear accomplishments and upcoming initiatives and celebrate the BID's 21st year of operation.

The meeting concluded with presentation of the coveted Downtown Achievement Awards. Catalytic projects, community leaders and impact-makers were honored

for their contributions to the central business district. Representatives from the Milwaukee Downtown Board of Directors, Collaborative Downtown Marketing Group, and Milwaukee Downtown's Marketing Committee selected the 2018 Downtown Achievement Award winners from a pool of community nominations.

The 2018 Downtown Achievement Award recipients were:

- Officer Tom Kline and Community Prosecutor Kelly Hedge, winners of the Downtown Champion Award
- **7Seventy7**, winner of the Brick and Mortar Award
- Homewood Inn & Suites, winner of the CPR Award
- True Skool, Inc., winner of the He(art) of the Community Award
- Brew City MKE, winner of the Downtown Attraction Award
- **310W**, winner of the Downtown Placemaker Award
- Chase Tower, winner of the Downtown Cornerstone Award
- The Hop presented by Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, winner of the Enhancing Downtown Connectivity Award
- Bright Cellars Wine Club, winner of the Downtown Ingenuity Award
- This Is It!, winner of the Night Owl Award
- Fiserv Forum, winner of the Slam Dunk Award

Congratulations to this year's winners! You truly go above and beyond to make our City a better place to live, work and play.



SCULPTURE MILWAUKEE 2018 COMES TO A CLOSE



Robert Indiana, *Love*, 1966-1999. Courtesy of Sculpture Milwaukee. Photo by Kevin J. Miyazaki.

This summer, the world's largest outdoor art gallery, Sculpture Milwaukee, played a major role in the placemaking effort to bring Wisconsin Avenue to life. For just a few more weeks, visitors can take in the 21 unique sculptures created by artists from around the world, located on downtown's main thoroughfare between Prospect and 6th Streets.

Sculpture Milwaukee's world-class art experience will begin to pack up for the year on Monday, Oct. 22. There's still time to download the interactive Sculpture Milwaukee app, which features a sculpture scavenger hunt, a map of sculpture

locations and artist details and even a narrated walking tour. And while you wait for next year's installation, get an insider "Sculpture Scoop" by signing up for Sculpture Milwaukee's e-newsletter! For more info, click <u>here.</u>



ON THE TABLE MKE: AN OPEN FORUM FOR COMMUNITY CONVERSATION Presented by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation



The Greater Milwaukee Foundation's *On the Table MKE* is a region-wide forum offering a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful conversation that spurs civil action and an improved quality of life in our community. Various community leaders will spark the dialogue with introductory speeches, goaloriented antidotes and topic-based icebreaker exercises. Organizations may join a table as a group, however single-seat reservations are also encouraged for individuals interested in participating topicbased discussions. With events held at

various times throughout the day, there's ample opportunity to get involved and let your voice be heard!

On Tuesday, Oct. 9 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., Marcus Hotels & Resorts will hold a "Super Chat" in the Crystal Ballroom at Hilton Milwaukee City Center. The itinerary includes networking, a group panel discussion, breakfast and individual table discussions. Click <u>here</u> to register.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m., NEWaukee will host a community discussion at Milwaukee City Hall. Each table discussion will be led by a special guest serving as a host, plus dinner and beverages will be available for purchase. Click <u>here</u> to register.

To view a complete list of *On the Table MKE* events led by organizations throughout the Greater Milwaukee area, click <u>here.</u>



CATCH THE SPIRIT AT MILWAUKEE'S 20th ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS FESTIVAL



Downtown Milwaukee will ignite the holiday spirit in just a few short weeks. Thursday, Nov. 15 marks the official kickoff of the holiday season.

The evening celebration will begin with a lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. in Pere Marquette Park, followed by the muchanticipated annual fireworks show. The variety show will feature live music, dance acts, high-energy entertainers and even a visit from Santa Claus himself! Pre-show entertainment will take the stage at 6 p.m.,

following the City's Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall.

Best of all, the entire evening features free fun for all ages, plus cookies, hot cocoa and Jingle Bus tours throughout downtown for only \$2 per person. Click <u>here</u> for more info.

