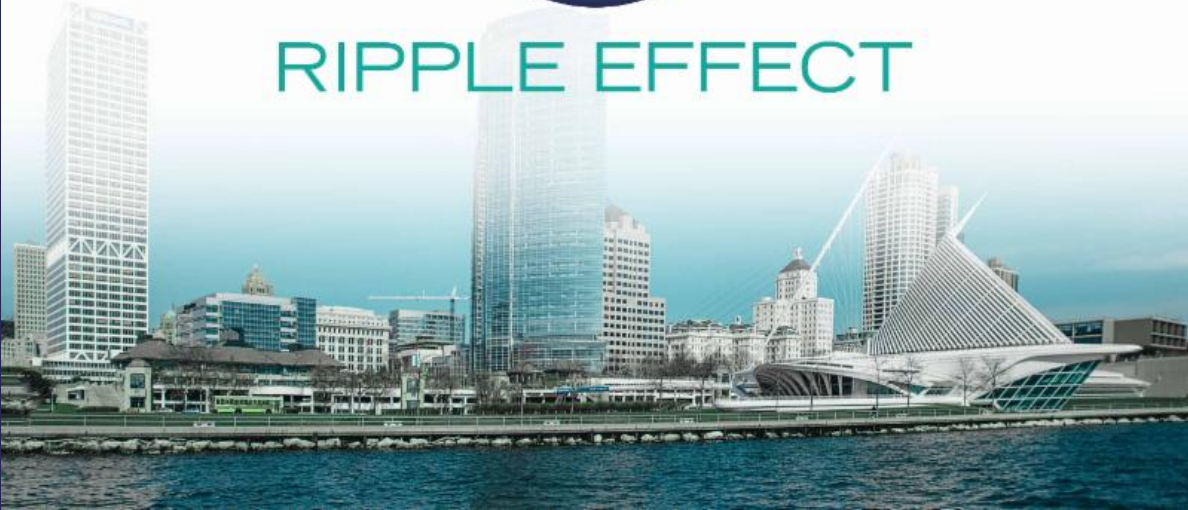




RIPPLE EFFECT



Hello, Milwaukee Downtown-ers!

Spring is in the air and as the weather warms up, we're seeking artists for a new mural at the gateway to downtown. Know any creative collectives? Check out the RFQ today as applications are due April 19.

This month marks NEWaukee's 8th Annual YPWeek, April 19-27. Featuring over 30 events in Milwaukee alone, plus activities in more than 20 other local and national communities, YPWeek channels the passion that young professionals bring to the workplace through volunteering, education and community renewal.



Next week, the first phase of the Kilbourn Tunnel rehabilitation project will begin on the north tunnel. Discover how you will be impacted and find detours below.

Plus, plan your Easter brunch in downtown Milwaukee. From all-you-can-eat buffets and prix fixe meals to Easter Bunny visits and petting zoos, you and your family are sure to have a Hoppy Easter.

Mark your calendars! Downtown Dining Week, Milwaukee's favorite foodie feast, returns May 30 - June 6. Learn about the delicious deals that more than 30 downtown restaurants offer, then, stay tuned for a preview of each promotional menu.

Thanks for reading!



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SEEKING RFQS: WESTOWN GATEWAY MURAL PROJECT



Continuing a series of new projects aimed to enhance downtown's "third spaces," Milwaukee Downtown, BID #21, in partnership with the Downtown Placemaking Task Force, City of Milwaukee, and Westtown Association, announced plans to install The Gateway Mural at the northeast corner of James Lovell Street and Wisconsin Avenue.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was disseminated last month, seeking submissions from an artist or artist collective to create a 50-foot high by 80-foot wide mural that would welcome the thousands of residents, workers, students and visitors who travel the Avenue daily and capture Westtown's revitalization. Neighborhood input will be sought for the final design to ensure the mural corresponds to the context of West Wisconsin Avenue. RFQ applications must be submitted by Friday, April 19. To view the RFQ, [click here](#).



YPWEEK RETURNS APRIL 19 - 27

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Presented by Northwestern Mutual, NEWaukee's YPWeek returns to Milwaukee this month. This young professionals networking event has spread to over 20 Wisconsin communities, along with Chicago, Atlanta, Louisville and Salt Lake City since its inception in 2012.

YPWeek brings key leaders in the community and local professionals together into spaces that foster discovery, meaningful conversations and connections to the community. The event's primary goals are to unite young people from diverse backgrounds with their peers and engage them in interactive experiences that create a positive impact on workforce development.

In Milwaukee alone, there are over 30 YPWeek events ranging from a Speaker Crawl to a Laughing Lunch, from SideWAUK Sessions to assisting with the Milwaukee River clean-up, plus bus tours, brunches, tastings and much more. The week kicks off with a Boss Lady Breakfast featuring PechaKucha-style presentations from female leaders in Milwaukee. For more details and to view the event schedule, [click here!](#)



KILBOURN TUNNELS REHABILITATION PROJECT



Next week, the Department of Public Works will begin a six-month rehabilitation project on the north and south Kilbourn Tunnels. The work will consist of replacing leaking expansion joints in both tunnels and a portion of the ceiling in the south tunnel. In order to minimize construction impacts on residents, businesses and visitors, the rehabilitation project will be split into two phases.

During the first phase, the North Tunnel (I-43 northbound entrance ramp) will be closed to traffic from April to June. The South Tunnel (I-43 northbound exit to Kilbourn Ave) will be closed from June through October for the second phase. Traffic detours and advanced warning signs will direct motorists to use the Fond du Lac/McKinley I-43 entrance/exit and North 6th Street. On-street parking and pedestrian access may be restricted throughout the project. To view closures and more information, [click here](#).



HOP DOWNTOWN FOR EASTER BRUNCH



Enjoy an elegant brunch in Downtown Milwaukee this Easter, April 21. With so many options, there's something for every bunny to love! Call ahead for reservations to ensure your preferred seating time.

Hilton Milwaukee City Center
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Enjoy a buffet-style brunch, an outdoor petting zoo and a visit from the Easter Bunny. [Click here](#) for more info.

The Pfister
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Create holiday memories at this buffet-style brunch with Easter activities and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. [Click here](#) for more info.

The Capital Grille
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Enjoy a prix fixe brunch featuring a special kid's brunch menu. [Click here](#) for more info.

Bacchus

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

This three-course brunch has something for everyone to enjoy. [Click here](#) for more info.

Harbor House

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

This buffet style brunch features a build-your-own Bloody Mary station. [Click here](#) for more info.

Pastiche at Hotel Metro

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Featuring chef-attended carving and omelet stations and a full dessert spread, this buffet-style brunch includes an abundance of brunch favorites. [Click here](#) for more info.

Sazama's Fine Catering at the Marcus Center

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Enjoy this European buffet-style brunch that overlooks the Milwaukee River. [Click here](#) for more info.

Café Calatrava at the Milwaukee Art Museum

11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Enjoy a brunch buffet under the wings of the Milwaukee Art Museum, then explore the paintings inside *Bouguereau & America*. [Click here](#) for more info.

The Grain Exchange

11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

This brunch buffet includes a bottomless mimosa fountain and an appearance from the Easter Bunny. [Click here](#) for more info.



DOWNTOWN DINING WEEK, MILWAUKEE'S FAVORITE FEAST, RETURNS



Milwaukee's first-rated, weeklong foodie fest returns for its 14th course, May 30 - June 6, 2019. Downtown Dining Week continues to dish out deals and tantalize the taste buds of downtown employees, residents and visitors alike.

The eight-day feast features two- or three-course lunch menus priced at \$12.50, and \$25 or \$35 three-course dinner menus at more than 30 downtown restaurants, bistros, and steakhouses.

Among this year's participants are: Ale Asylum Riverhouse, Benihana, Blue Bat Kitchen & Tequilaria, Brunch, Café at the

Pfister, Cantina Milwaukee, Capital Grille, Carson's Ribs, Char'd, DOC's Commerce Smokehouse, East Town Kitchen & Bar, Flannery's, Garden Grille & Bar, Kanpai, The Knick, Mader's, Mason Street Grill, Milwaukee Chophouse, Mo's...A Place for Steaks, Oak & Shield Gaming Pub, Oak Barrel Public House, Onesto, Pastiche at the Metro, Pier 106, Rare Steakhouse, Rodizio Grill, Rumpus Room, SafeHouse, Smoke Shack, Third Coast Provisions, TRiO, Vagabond, Ward's House of Prime, Water Street Brewery, Who's on Third, and Zarletti.

Prepare your downtown dining itinerary and preview Downtown Dining Week Menus at www.downtowndiningmke.com. Menus of participating restaurants will be posted in early May. Reservations are strongly suggested for this week.

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