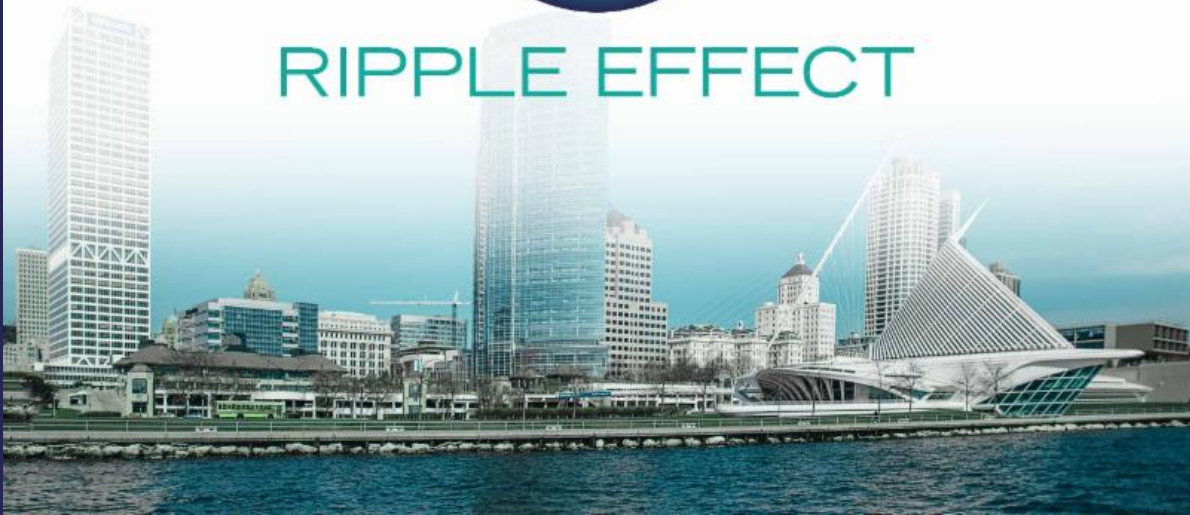




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Hello, Milwaukee Downtown-ers!

Summer is here and Milwaukeeans sure know how to have fun under the sun! Today is the last day of Downtown Dining Week, so after you feast, don't forget to complete a satisfaction survey online by June 10 for a chance to win \$450 in dining gift certificates!

Spot any new additions on Wisconsin Avenue? That's right; Sculpture Milwaukee is back with over 20 unique works placed along the Avenue. Stay tuned throughout the summer and fall for events and sculpture tours for art connoisseurs, visitors and residents alike. Adding to downtown's growing public art initiatives is Emma Daisy Gertel, the artist selected for the Westown Gateway Mural project. Find out how to give your input for the final mural design below.



Thank you to all who attended the Postman's Porch ribbon-cutting ceremony. This newly transformed traffic triangle is a great morning, midday and after-hours meeting spot. Looking to shake up your lunch break? Head to the courtyard at 411 East Wisconsin Center every Thursday for PNC presents Tunes@Noon, a midday concert series featuring local

artists.

Mark your calendars for downtown employees' favorite weeklong lunch break! Downtown Employee Appreciation Week returns July 22 - 26, with lunchtime giveaways, outdoor games, after-hours events and more. Find more information below on how your business or organization can take part in the event.

Thanks for reading!



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SCULPTURE MILWAUKEE RETURNS TO WISCONSIN AVENUE



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Sculpture Milwaukee, the annual outdoor exhibition of public sculpture on Wisconsin Avenue, kicks off tomorrow, June 7, at 11:30 a.m. with an opening celebration sponsored by Associated Bank. Over 20 works by internationally, nationally and locally renowned artists are on display now through October 27, 2019.

The first 500 guests at the 2019 kick-off event will receive a boxed lunch giveaway catered by 600 EAST Café, followed by opening remarks. After the ribbon-cutting, enjoy live music from Siren, Lex

Allen and WebsterX from New Age Narcissism, plus tours by City Tours MKE.

Numerous sculpture tours, workshops and "avenue activation" activities are planned throughout the summer and fall. Visit www.sculpturemilwaukee.com for a complete schedule of events.



WESTOWN GATEWAY MURAL BLOSSOMS THIS SUMMER



Milwaukee Downtown, BID #21 and the Downtown Placemaking Task Force have commissioned local artist Emma Daisy Gertel for the new Westown mural at the northeast corner of James Lovell Street and Wisconsin Avenue. The high-impact, west-facing canvas will feature an urban garden as its subject matter--a metaphor for the resurgence in Westown. Gertel will seek input from the community to design the final composition.

Installation will begin in late-June following community engagement sessions at NEWaukee's Night Market on June 12 and at the Westown Farmers' Market. In addition, a virtual community garden will be created to gather suggestions through social media with unique hashtags.

Gertel was selected from a pool of nearly 60 RFQ applications from around the globe. Examples of Gertel's work in the public realm include *In Full Bloom*, 2018 at Black Cat Alley, *Eyes Open*, 2018 at Merge, a local East Side bar, and *Forest Friends*, 2019 at Wisconsin Hills Middle School.



POSTMAN SQUARE OFFICIALLY TRANSFORMS INTO POSTMAN'S PORCH



Earlier this week, Milwaukee Downtown, BID #21 put its "stamp" on downtown's latest revived public space. Postman's Porch, a place where food, music and fun intersect, is officially open at Plankinton, Wells and 2nd Street.

In partnership with neighborhood businesses and residents, this underutilized traffic triangle is transforming into a morning, midday and after-hours meeting spot. Visitors can hunker down

with a book, work remotely, challenge a friend to a board game or dine al fresco with food options from Brunch and Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery.

Later in the summer, Postman's Porch Unplugged, a concert series featuring intimate acoustic sets from local singer/songwriters, will take place on June 25, July 23, August 20 and September 24. Guests can enjoy the company of neighbors, live music, and free food and beer samples from Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery between 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Popsicles from Pete's Pop's will also be available for purchase. Visit www.milwaukeedowntown.com for the full lineup.



COURTYARD CONCERTS BEGIN WITH PNC PRESENTS TUNES@NOON



Mix up your lunch break with PNC presents Tunes@Noon, produced by Milwaukee Downtown, BID #21. Gather in the courtyard at 411 East Wisconsin Center every Thursday, June 20 - Sept. 5, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for a midday concert series featuring a range of jazz, reggae, alternative, acoustic and folk music. Throughout August, we're celebrating local female vocalists with "Milwaukee Femmes" programming.

Don't have a lunch? No worries. Davians at 411 Café will offer new grab-and-go options each week for guests who want to enjoy lunch in the courtyard.

The PNC presents Tunes@Noon lineup includes: Extra Crispy Brass Band, Joe Wray, Liv Mueller, Brett Newski & The No Tomorrow, CNJ Latin Jazz, Roxie Beane, Urban Empress and the Urbanites, Donna Woodall, Alison Helf, Eliza Hanson, and Jon Hintz of the Rumskis. Visit tunesatnoonmke.com for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DOWNTOWN EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK, JULY 22 - 26



Join community leaders and over 83,000 fellow downtown Milwaukee employees at the 14th annual Downtown Employee Appreciation Week, July 22 - 26. The weeklong celebration rewards the hard work and camaraderie of downtown employees with free lunches, office challenge games, team trivia and more.

If you're a downtown company interested in sponsoring an event or a 1,000-item lunchtime giveaway, contact Erica Chang at

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