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HARBOR DISTRICT NEWS

Even with beautiful summer weather tempting us away from our desks, the staff and partners of the Harbor District have been busy all summer long on a number of projects.

Through a partnership with 16th Street Community Health Centers we will be hosting a series of [free tours of the Harbor District](#) this fall, we have [chosen a firm to conduct the WaLUP](#) over the next year, and we are recruiting teams to help us [redesign the water's edge in the Harbor District](#). To oversee all of this work Harbor District, Inc. has recruited a fantastic [board of directors](#), some of who you can meet below.

Even with all of that going on, we've found some time to [take some pretty pictures](#). Read on below for more info and should you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions feel free to contact the Harbor District at info@harbordistrict.org.

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FREE Tours of the Harbor District

Are you interested in the waterfront where Milwaukee's three rivers meet Lake Michigan, in the Harbor District? Curious about what happens at the Port of Milwaukee or MMSD wastewater treatment facility?

Milwaukee's Harbor District is changing, through a collaboration between the City of Milwaukee and Harbor District, Inc. Please join us on a tour to learn more about this area and how it will be revitalized for the next 100 years. All tours begin and end at Wayward Kitchen (1407 S First St). Tour dates and times are listed below. You must register ahead of time to participate in a tour. Click on the preferred date below to register for that tour.

- [Friday, September 11th, 4:30 - 6:00 pm](#)
- [Wednesday, September 23rd, 5:30 - 7:00 pm](#)
- [Friday, September 25th, 4:30 - 6:00 pm](#)

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Water and Land Use Plan (WaLUP)

After a thorough Request for Proposals process, the WaLUP selection committee chose [AECOM](#) as the firm to conduct the Harbor District Water and Land Use Plan over the coming year. A contract has been finalized with AECOM and planning activities are beginning immediately. AECOM will be working together with Harbor District, Inc., the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, 16th Street Community Health Centers, and many other stakeholders to conduct the planning process. Stay tuned to learn how you can provide your input and participate in planning the future of the Harbor District.

Waterfront Innovations Design Charrette

The City of Milwaukee, Harbor District Inc., and the Institute for Ecological Design at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee are hosting the Waterfront Innovations Design Charrette on October 22nd and 23rd to explore ideas for redesigning the water's edge on the Wagon Works site at the East end of Greenfield Avenue. Teams of designers, landscape architects, engineers, and ecologists will be collaborating with regulatory agencies, local stakeholders, and others to develop new ideas for how the water's edge can better serve the variety of current and planned uses in the Harbor District.

A Request for Proposals was recently issued to recruit teams to participate in the two day event to be held at the UWM School of Freshwater Sciences. A large number of responses were received and four participating teams (listed below) were chosen. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the charrette date.

- [DTAH](#) from Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- [PWL Partnership](#) from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- [Studio Gang Architects](#) from Chicago, Illinois
- [Wenk Associates](#) from Denver, Colorado

Meet the Harbor District Board of Directors (part 1)

With the formation of Harbor District, Inc. (HDI) we have assembled a board of

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directors to help guide the organization and ensure that we are focused on our mission to create a resilient waterfront that sets the standard for how waterfronts work - environmentally, economically and socially. You can meet the Executive Committee for the HDI board of directors below and in future newsletters we will introduce the remaining members of the board of directors.

Ivan Gamboa, Board President

Ivan Gamboa is a Senior Vice President of Tri City National Bank. Mr Gamboa is a native of Illinois where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Geography (Urban Studies) from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. For more than nine years Mr Gamboa has worked for Tri City National Bank in various roles before his current position of business development. Mr Gamboa's passion is neighborhoods and his volunteer work reflects it. Ivan serves on the local advisory board of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Carmen High School of Science and Technology a non-instrumentality Milwaukee Public Schools Charter, and board member and founder of the Cesar E Chavez Drive Business Improvement District.

**Dan Druml, Vice President**

Dan Druml has been the President at Paul Davis Restoration & Remodeling since 2002. He started in 1991 as an Associate. Nationally recognized in sales he was promoted in 1994 to Vice President at which time his efforts were directed toward operations management and the continued development of the commercial services division. In 1997, Druml received the award for Salesman of the Year for Paul Davis Systems International, an honor chosen from over 1000 candidates from over 250 offices internationally.



[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Transla](#)**Carolyn Esswein, Secretary**

Carolyn Esswein is a practicing urban designer and planner, who has worked with over 30 communities in the Midwest. Her work promotes investment and provides guidance for public and private development initiatives. Carolyn is a Faculty member in the School of Architecture & Urban Planning, UWM, is Director of Community Design Solutions at UWM, and is owner of Ce Planning Studio, LLC, a firm that adds value through design visioning, public engagement, and community investment. Carolyn's UWM urban design studios and graduate urban planning courses have focused their projects on the Harbor District for several years. Student work has provided innovative redevelopment design concepts, sustainable energy strategies, implementation policies, and influenced City decisions and recommendations.

**Ben Gramling, Treasurer**

Ben Gramling serves as the Director of Environmental Health for the Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers in Milwaukee, WI. Mr. Gramling provides strategic oversight and day-to-day management of the Department's Sustainable Development Program, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and he is the Project Director of the Growing Healthy Soils for Healthy Communities project. Mr. Gramling serves as a member of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Brownfields Study Group and has been appointed by the Mayor of Milwaukee to 3 consecutive terms as a member of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission. He was a past Chair of the District's Operations Committee and is currently serving his second term as Commission Chair.



Mr. Gramling was chosen as a 2008 Geiger Gibson Emerging Leader Meritorious Award Recipient by the George Washington University Medical Center School of Public Health & Health Services, and was chosen as a

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2014 40 Under 40 award winner by the Milwaukee Business Journal. Prior to joining the Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers in 2001, Mr. Gramling traveled extensively throughout Central America. He holds a B.S. in Natural Resource Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (1997) and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2004).

David Misky

David Misky is the Assistant Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee. He has 20 years of diversified experience in real estate and economic development with a strong focus on creative financing and environmental issues. He currently oversees many of the City of Milwaukee’s Real Estate programs including residential and commercial foreclosures, City-developed industrial developments, and Brownfield redevelopment. David and his team manage all sizes of developments from small vacant residential lots to vast economic drivers that address development plans, zoning changes, gap financing, stormwater management, and environmental aspects of remediation and sustainability.



These projects include major developments along each of the three rivers of the City of Milwaukee and the lakefront including the Harbor District.

David holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a Master of Science degree in Water Resources Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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About the Harbor District Initiative

The Harbor District Initiative brings together local, state, and federal government efforts, the private sector, and community to catalyze the redevelopment of Milwaukee's Harbor District. Our goal is to create a resilient waterfront that sets the standard for how waterfronts work – environmentally, economically and socially.

Learn more at our website harbordistrict.org.

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