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## Harbor Fest

Saturday, October 7th

11am to 4pm

600 E. Greenfield Ave.

Visit us for the first ever Harbor Fest! This exciting day will be filled with food, activities, and fun for the whole family. Here are just a few of the great things on offer:

### Activities:

- Milwaukee Boat Parade with Milwaukee Riverkeeper at noon – including an “Art Barge” created by Milwaukee Puppet Theater

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- Screaming Tuna will offer sushi rolling demos
- Enlightened Brewing Company
- Drink Wisconsinbly
- Lumpia City

**Entertainment:**

- Salsa lessons with Werk Latin Dance Company
- Music by Nabori

For more of the lineup visit our website, <http://harbordistrict.org/harbor-fest/>

Want to be part of the event? We are currently looking for volunteers. If interested, email Molly at [molly@harbordistrict.org](mailto:molly@harbordistrict.org).

**New Mural Taking Shape on Greenfield Avenue**

If you've traveled east from First and Greenfield towards the inner harbor recently you may have noticed there is a bit more wildlife around the railroad bridge just east of Barclay Street. Local artist Nova Czarnecki has been hard at work putting up a mural that highlights the natural side of the Harbor District with a collection of native birds and fish coming to life on the supports of the railroad bridge. The mural is expected to be completed by October 7th, so make sure to come by Harbor Fest to check out the mural

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when it's complete.

This mural is possible thanks to the support of the Bloomberg Award for Partners for Places – a project of the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, Business Improvement District #51, and in partnership with the City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office.



### **Harbor District Water and Land Use Plan is Nearly Complete!**

Harbor District, Inc., the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development, and our many community partners have spent the past two years conducting a community-oriented planning process to create a vision for the future of the Harbor District. The process involved more than 2,000 public touch points that included public meeting attendees, survey respondents, tour participants, and more. We expect to complete the draft Water and Land Use Plan in early October and will post it online and hold open houses for the public to view and comment. Stay tuned for dates in a future email or follow us on Facebook for the latest news.

Design Drawing: SEH

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### Harbor District “Five Star” Habitat Hotels Receive National Grant

HDI received a 2-year, \$44,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s “Five Star Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program” to build **40 more Habitat Hotels** in partnership with students at Bradley Technical High School! This national grant program aims to provide stewardship and restoration of coastal resources while engaging urban youth in the process. Through this grant, we will:

- 1) expand our Habitat Hotels programming across the Harbor District to provide more aquatic habitat;
- 2) engage over 100 welding students and over 50 elementary students;
- 3) add art work – with the help of Arts@ Large – above the surface of the water for kayakers and paddlers to view;
- 4) start a new “native aquaponics” program with area schools;
- 5) hire a monitoring intern in partnership with the School of Freshwater Sciences; and
- 6) build a web page featuring information on the Habitat Hotels.

Whoa! Stay tuned for more updates as we wrap up this summer’s pilot phase, and start building more structures with students this fall.

Habitat Hotels are submerged habitat features and underwater planter boxes installed into the recessed portion of steel sheet pilings to improve aquatic habitat in the urban environment. For more information – **or to host or sponsor a hotel** – please contact Lindsay Frost, Water Projects Manager, at [Lindsay@harbordistrict.org](mailto:Lindsay@harbordistrict.org). More information on the Five Star Urban Waters program is at <http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx>.

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### About the Harbor District Initiative

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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.

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