

RRF A FINALIST FOR A MANDI BREWERS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PUBLIC SPACE AWARD!

The Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (known as the MANDIs) celebrate the "good news" of successful efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and strengthen the community. From public nominations, a volunteer Selection Committee has named 15 finalists for the awards this year.

"The MANDIs provide an opportunity to celebrate Milwaukee's diverse neighborhoods, and the many passionate, committed people working together to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities," said Laura Bray, former Executive Director, LISC Milwaukee. "These finalists represent the future of our city."

Sponsored by U.S. Bank, in partnership with LISC Milwaukee, the MANDIs recognize individuals, organizations, and corporations who are improving conditions in Milwaukee's central city neighborhoods. Finalists are selected from public nominations by a 40-member, independent, cross-sector volunteer committee. Winners will be announced at an Oscar-style gala on Wednesday, March 16, at the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino.

Finalists in five categories were announced at a public event at Company Brewing in Riverwest. A sixth category, the "Wells Fargo People's Choice Award" will be given to finalists who receive the most public votes March 7-15. This award is hosted by the Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service milwaukeeenns.org/MANDIvote2016.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE
VOTING TAKES PLACE
MARCH 7-15, 2016 AT

milwaukeeenns.org/MANDIvote2016

TOP 3
ORGANIZATIONS
CAN WIN \$1,000!
VOTE FOR RRF!



The finalists in our category — the "Brewers Community Foundation Public Space Award", recognizing a public space that helps build the community — are:

- Moody Park Revitalization, Milwaukee County Parks & Partners
- Open Doors, Historic Milwaukee, Inc.
- Turtle Park, River Revitalization Foundation!

About LISC: Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is the recognized leader in neighborhood development. Since 1980, LISC national has marshaled \$9 billion from 3,100 investors, lenders and donors to foster the revitalization of more than 300 urban neighborhoods and rural communities. Since 1995, LISC Milwaukee has invested \$130 million in Milwaukee's neighborhoods through grants, loans and technical assistance to neighborhood-based community development efforts. More information is available at www.lisc.org or www.lisc.org/milwaukee.

LOOK INSIDE
FOR MANY
OPPORTUNITIES
TO GET INVOLVED
AND MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

UPCOMING EVENTS – GET READY FOR SPRING!

TO VOLUNTEER, contact the RRF office at 271-8000. All events listed on our website: www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org.

FORB NEEDS YOU!

Starts Monday March 7 – November 30

Mondays: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fridays: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

All volunteer days and times begin at the RRF offices at 2134 N. Riverboat Rd.

Love the Milwaukee River and its surrounding greenspace? Then get involved in RRF's drop-in volunteer opportunity, F.O.R.B. (Fostering Our Riparian Biodiversity)! Please join the RRF land management team in restoration activities along the Milwaukee River. Meet and work alongside individuals passionate about the natural world and

preserving its integrity! Activities will include, but are not limited to: removing invasive species, establishing native plants and trees, maintaining trails, seed collecting, and controlling erosion. All activities are important for improving the quality and access of the habitat surrounding Milwaukee's river basins.

Please arrive at our riverfront property at or just before each start time. Gloves and

equipment will be provided by RRF. Volunteers must be willing and able to participate in manual labor for at least two hours outdoors in varying weather conditions. Please wear comfortable weather appropriate clothing you don't mind getting dirty. Most importantly bring a willingness to smile, have fun, and get dirty!

Volunteers who donate 10 hours (or more) of service have free access to use any of our kayaks and canoes! Offer is limited to the number of boats and staff members' availability.

If you have any questions please contact our Administrative Assistant, Emily Thornburg at 414.271.8000 or email: ethornburg@riverrevitalizationfoundation.org



APRIL EARTH DAY RIVER CLEAN UP!

Saturday, April 16, 9:00 am – Noon

Earth Day river cleanup and weed out! Join us to beautify our Turtle Park site and Kiwanis Landing. Volunteers will meet at the RRF offices at 2134 Riverboat Rd. Gloves, tools and supplies will be provided. See you there!

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

Friday, April 29



MAY KIWIS OPEN GOLF OUTING!

Monday, May 23

SAVE THE DATE! – The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee will hold its 12th Annual "Kiwi Open" Golf Outing on Monday May 23rd at the beautiful Western Lakes Golf Club. All proceeds benefit Kiwanis Landing at Turtle Park, southern entrance to the Greenway. Please call the Kiwanis Club office for details on golf and sponsorship opportunities at 414-276-1331 or email at kiwanismke@sbcglobal.net.

"KIWI OPEN"

JUNE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Join us for two evenings in nature to celebrate National Trails Day® locally.

Saturday, June 4, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

New this year! We're partnering with the Natural Resources Foundation on a tour of Turtle Park followed by a paddle down to Lakefront Brewery. MKE Kayak will provide the boats. Participants registration includes a donation that will go directly to RRF for purchasing trees and plants!

Monday, June 20, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Solstice hike with Vince along the Beerline Trail Loop, a 2.5 mile trail along the Milwaukee River. Wear appropriate clothing, bring a water bottle and a snack and we'll do the rest!

For more information, call Vince Bushell at 414-588-7281 or visit us online.



RIVER REVITALIZATION foundation

RIVER REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM The River Revitalization Foundation was created to establish a parkway for public access, walkways, recreation and education, bordering the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic Rivers; to use the rivers to revitalize surrounding neighborhoods; and to improve water quality. **Thank You!**

YES! I'D LIKE TO JOIN THE SUSTAINERS CIRCLE!

- \$ 25
- \$ 50
- \$100
- \$250
- \$500
- \$1,000
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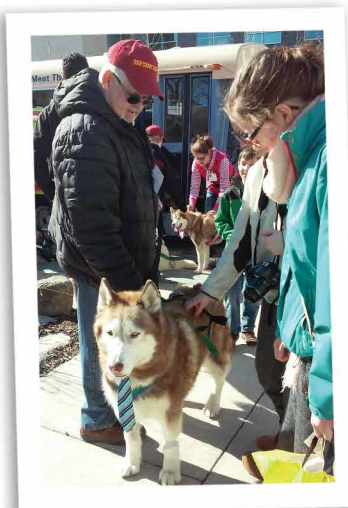
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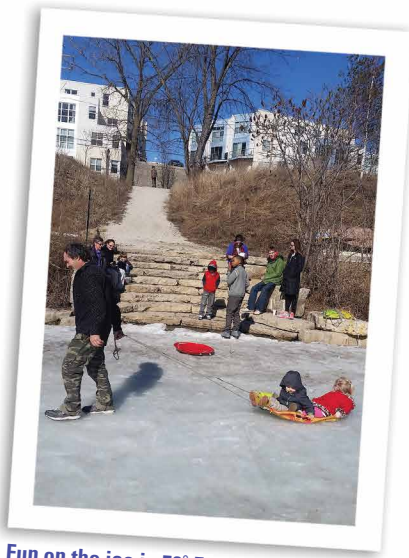
Give securely online through PayPal at www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org click on the "DONATE" tab.

WOOLLY BEAR 2016 A BIG HIT

Although it was tough to top last year's smashing success, Woolly Bear 2016 managed to do just that! Seasoned Woolly Bear attendees arrived hopeful for the classic festivities: hot dogs and sled dogs, a roaring river side fire, playful ice romps, and friendly people. Woolly Bear 2016 delivered all that and so much more: face painting, butterfly house building, snacks by the fire, and even a life sized woolly bear made a special appearance for the event serving hot chocolate and homemade woolly bear shaped cookies!



"Happy"



Fun on the ice in 50° February sunshine!

Special thanks to our headliners — the Door County Sled Dogs, a nonprofit rescue organization, AND nature photographer, Brian Wolf. Families and friends enjoyed an exclusive photo opp with the huskies as well as a photo hike to capture wildlife and urban greenspace shots.

We say it every time, but this year's Woolly Bear was our best one yet! Thanks to everyone who came and we hope to see you next year.



Roasted marshmallows anyone?

POTAWATOMI HOTEL & CASINO DONATES MORE THAN \$1 MILLION TO COMMUNITY THROUGH HEART OF CANAL STREET



For more than two decades, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino has provided meals for hungry children, safe places to stay, supplemented youth education and much more through Heart of Canal Street.

Last December PHC donated \$1,031,543 to 31 local children's charities; the third straight year the program has surpassed the \$1 million mark. In total, the Casino has donated nearly \$16 million since 1994.

RRF received \$31,051 in the random drawing to benefit our Student Stewards program! Staff enjoyed a celebratory evening and expresses our thanks to PHC for supporting us and all the other charities doing good work in the community.



Potawatomi presents our check at the Kiwanis holiday party.

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A close-up photograph of several honeybees on bright yellow wildflowers. The bees are in various positions, some on the petals and others near the centers of the flowers. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage.

HONEYBEES ON THE RIVER

Starting this spring, Turtle Park will be the home of two brand new honeybee hives. The apiary will be located near our greenhouse: Dorr's Seed Den. RRF staff Joanna and Aaron underwent the UW-Extension's Master Beekeeper certification course last year. They learned all about the biology of bees and gained valuable experience working in the Extension's apiaries. We are very excited to have honeybees pollinating our wildflowers and turning them into delicious honey!