Milwaukee has long been known as a gathering place. The confluence of three rivers emptying into Lake Michigan are seen today as a benefit for residents to enjoy. But in reality, they have long nourished and been nourished by generation upon generation of indigenous people.

Historic Milwaukee, Inc. would like to begin our 10th Doors Open by respectfully acknowledging the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi, the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac du Flambeau Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa, the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa and Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and others who are the past, present and future stewards of this land. We pay respect to their elders, past and present.

As we marvel over the next 16 days at architectural innovation and design, we ask you to also learn more about the legacies of violence, displacement, dispossession, migration and trauma that have created the landscape we see today. Uncovering these truths and committing them to our collective memory is but the first step to fully understanding the past.

We invite you to explore the resources we have on our website and encourage you to begin a deep exploration of the full history of Milwaukee.

Use this neighborhood activity booklet and the neighborhoods web pages to explore Milwaukee’s neighborhoods on self-guided adventures.

Special thanks to artist CK Ledesma who designed and created the Doors Open Neighborhoods Activity pages. Thank you to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation for their support of the Activity Booklet.
FIND YOUR WAY TO SOME TASTY DINING

CUBANITAS
728 N. MILWAUKEE ST.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

AMILINDA
315 E. WISCONSIN AVE.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

ALEM ETHIOPIAN VILLAGE
307 E. WISCONSIN AVE.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

DOWNTOWN
SPOT THE 4 EMPANADAS THAT ARE DIFFERENT

NEAR WEST SIDE

TRICICLO PERU
3801 W. VLIET ST.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53208
WRITE YOUR OWN MY NEIGHBORHOOD POEM

Instructions: Fill in the blanks in this template to create your own My Neighborhood poem.

My neighborhood is _____________ and _____________ .
(two qualities that make your neighborhood unique)

It wants ________________ .
(something real or imaginary you feel it might want)

It worries ________________ .
(something real you feel it worries about)

My neighborhood is _____________ and _____________ .
(repeat the first line)

It understands ________________ .
(something you, your neighbors and your neighborhood understand)

It believes ________________ .
(something you, your neighbors and your neighborhood believe in)

It dreams ________________ .
(something you, your neighbors and your neighborhood dream about)

My neighborhood is _____________ and _____________ .
(repeat the first line)
SPOT THE 2 DIFFERENCES & COLOR IN

CESAR CHAVEZ PLAZA
916 S. CESAR CHAVEZ DRIVE
MILWAUKEE, WI 53204

CLARKE SQUARE
WASHINGTON PARK
WASHINGTON PARK BANDSHELL
4599 W. LLOYD ST.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53208
COLORING PAGE
FIND YOUR WAY TO THESE THREE DELICIOUS SPOTS

HISTORIC MITCHELL STREET

START HERE

YUMMY!

ANMOL RESTAURANT ★
711 W. HISTORIC MITCHELL ST.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53204

LOPEZ BAKERY ★
1100 W. HISTORIC MITCHELL ST.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53204

DAMASCUS GATE ★
807 W. HISTORIC MITCHELL ST.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53204
THINK OF YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE. PICK A SCENE FROM THAT MOVIE. PLACE THAT SCENE WITHIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOUR HOME OR YOUR CITY. DESCRIBE IT OR DRAW IT BELOW!

EXAMPLE: IF LION KING WAS SET IN MILWAUKEE, THE MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM WOULD BE PRIDE ROCK.

AND... SCENE!
RIVERWEST

SPOT THE 3 DIFFERENCES

ORIGINAL CLAY DESIGN BY: ETHAN KASTNER

YOURS TRULY

833 E. CENTER ST.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53212
FOUR NEW MURALS ARE BEING CREATED ON CONCRETE SUPPORTS THAT ELEVATE INTERSTATE 794. YOU CAN FIND THE BEAUTIFUL CREATIONS NEXT TO THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MARKET ALONG N. BROADWAY.

IF YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A MURAL HERE, WHAT WOULD YOU PAINT?

USE THE CONCRETE SUPPORT TEMPLATES ABOVE TO SKETCH SOME IDEAS.
Along Villard Avenue and 35th street there is a littering campaign with yard signs and art on trash cans that features artist Briona Conway’s Floral Lungs that promotes positive messages about keeping our neighborhood clean.
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD HERE

CREATE YOUR OWN ACTIVITY FOR YOUR BLOCK, NEIGHBORHOOD OR CITY.

ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW TO ASSIST YOU IN DEVELOPING AN ACTIVITY

- WHAT MILWAUKEE NEIGHBORHOOD DO YOU LIVE IN?
- WHAT ACTIVITY WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SOMEBODY THAT HAS NEVER VISITED YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?
- WHAT LOCATIONS DO YOU FREQUENT THE MOST?
- WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT THOSE LOCATIONS?
- CAN YOU DESCRIBE THESE LOCATIONS TO SOMONE THAT HAS NEVER BEEN THERE?
- WALK US THROUGH AN EXPERIENCE WE SHOULD INVEST IN WHILE VISITING.
- LOOK AROUND YOU, WHAT DON’T YOU SEE?
- WHAT WOULD YOU ADD TO THIS LOCATION?
- HOW CAN THIS LOCATION BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL MILWAUKEEANS?
- CAN YOU MAKE A DRAWING OF THESE LOCATIONS?
WE APPRECIATE YOU

THANK YOU FOR ENGAGING RESPONSIBLY AND RESPECTFULLY