

HISTORIC THIRD WARD

THE RNC IN MKE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Milwaukee hits the national and world stage this month as we host the Republican National Convention. All over the city and the Historic Third Ward, preparations are underway to welcome tens of thousands of visitors, delegates and media to our community.

The main message for the Historic Third Ward the week of the RNC? We are OPEN for business! The Third Ward is not included in the security zone recently announced by the Secret Service and public safety officials during the week of July 15-18. Freeway access, city streets, transit, the river (south of Clybourn) and bike lanes will all be open and accessible for the entire week.

We plan to roll out the red carpet not only for the RNC event attendees but for ALL of our office employees and regular visitors. On any given summer day in the Third Ward, our restaurant patios, boutiques, salons/spas, and the Milwaukee Public Market are open and ready to make your visit to the neighborhood special and memorable.

And don't forget our Beerpartisanship event on Wednesday, July 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Third Ward Beer Garden in Catalano Park. Featuring local craft brews, on-site voting registration, music, and both sides of the aisle coming together over our favorite Milwaukee libation, beer!

However, the RNC opening event on the Henry Maier Festival Grounds, scheduled for Sunday, July 14, will result in freeway closures, street closures, and a soft security zone for some residents and businesses on that Sunday. The yellow shaded area (map below) is the "Vehicle Screening Perimeter."

According to the Secret Service and Milwaukee Police Department:

- The start time for setting the perimeter will be 5 a.m. on Sunday, July 14. It will be broken down in the early morning hours on July 15.
- If coming from the west from the Marquette interchange on I-794, the Jackson St./Van Buren St. exits **WILL BE OPEN**.
- Restrictions in the yellow area will be limited to any required vehicle screening for explosives. Erie Street is OPEN, no restrictions.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists will be able to move freely in the yellow area.
- The areas marked in shaded red will only allow folks with credentials to enter.
- There will be maritime restrictions in the areas marked by red lines on July 14. No recreational or commercial boats will be allowed between the confluence of the Milwaukee River/KK River, Lake Michigan, and at Lakeshore State Park.

