



# Bucyrus Commons

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## **Bucyrus Commons Groundbreaking Scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am**

On February 20, 2020, the Bucyrus Foundation announced an historic investment in its legacy in the City the company called home for nearly 120 years. The Foundation committed to a \$2 million gift to the City of South Milwaukee to enable two projects to help transform the downtown. \$1.5 million was dedicated to the renovation of 1919 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and \$500,000 was to be put toward a public space at 11<sup>th</sup> and Madison Avenue.

The project at 1919 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue was completed in 2021. The building is now known as the [Bucyrus Club & Event Center](#) and it is the home of [Skyline Catering, Inc.](#) and the [Bucyrus Museum](#).

The City-owned property at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Madison Avenue is currently used for the Downtown Market, European Been Gardens, and as the home of events like Crusherfest and the Festival of Trees.

After several stakeholder committee meetings and two public surveys, the [design was finalized](#) to include greenspace, an open-air pavilion, a public restroom building, and an open-air, covered stage. The design is intended to enhance the events already held onsite and foster new ones.

In recognition of the Bucyrus Foundation's contribution, the space's name was determined to be "Bucyrus Commons," and design elements will feature Bucyrus history and branding.

The construction contract for the project was awarded to [Rasch Construction & Engineering](#) by the Common Council on March 15, 2022.

A groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for 10am on May 2, 2022. Mayor Shelenske, Common Council members, Plan Commissioners, and Bucyrus Foundation representatives will be in attendance.

Said Bucyrus Foundation Chairman Tim Sullivan: "The Bucyrus name was at the center of South Milwaukee's downtown for nearly 120 years. We are pleased that this will continue through the Bucyrus Club & Event Center, the Bucyrus Museum, and the Bucyrus Commons."

Said South Milwaukee Mayor Jim Shelenske: "We are fortunate to have the support of the Bucyrus Foundation. Their contributions have further enhanced our downtown revitalization and ensured that the Bucyrus name and legacy will live on in South Milwaukee."

A grand opening ceremony for the Bucyrus Commons is expected this fall.

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