

mpls downtown council annual meeting award winners

father of waters award | Barb Johnson

The Father of Waters Award is conferred periodically as our highest expression of gratitude. This year, former Minneapolis City Council Member and City Council President Barb Johnson was awarded the honor. Council Member Johnson brought strong leadership and focus to the Minneapolis City Council, helping create a vibrant and strong downtown through collaboration and a vision for community success. Her work helped our city thrive and neighborhoods work closely together.

skyline award winners

The skyline award is given for distinguished service to downtown Minneapolis. This year's skyline award recipients include:

- Spencer Cronk
- Janee Harteau
- Betsy Hodges
- Jayne Miller
- Russ Nelson
- John Quincy
- Blong Yang

Mpls Downtown Improvement District ambassador of the year | Dennis Clark



Dennis Clark has worked as a DID Ambassador for more than six years. He has been a true asset to the Ambassador's cleaning team, whether it be sweeping cigarette butts, clearing snow from the corners, power washing or lending a smile to a passerby. Dennis has led the overnight power washing crew removing thousands of gum spots in the Warehouse District and collecting hundreds of leaf bags. In 2017 alone, Dennis was nominated by his peers five different times for his outstanding commitment and teamwork. His continuous positive attitude, dedication & hard work has proven him to be the 2017 Ambassador of the Year.

2025 plan leadership award winners

Each year, the mpls downtown council recognizes and honors leadership by individuals, organizations and initiatives alike through our 2025 plan leadership awards. Recipients were given their award at the mpls downtown council gala in October. For more information, visit www.mplsdowntown.com/2025awards.

- BKV Group
- Hennepin County
- Hippy Feet
- Housing Options Coalition (co-chaired by J. Scott Andresen & Mark Becker)
- Washington Square (Shorenstein Properties)
- **2025 plan impact award:** Minneapolis Sculpture Garden