

6th District Alderwoman

# Milele A. Coggs



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## Dear Residents,

I am honored to serve the residents of the 6th District and greatly appreciate the feedback and communication we have had thus far. I value the efforts of residents who are organizing block watches, community groups and neighborhood initiatives. Your dedication to our district is what makes it strong.

In this newsletter, you will find information on city services in our area, scholarship offerings for District 6 residents, legislative updates regarding good jobs and fair wages and a reminder that we are hosting our town hall meeting on **February 4, 2009 at the Martin Luther King Library from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Please watch for more news and information on our website, [www.milwaukee.gov/district6](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district6) or feel free to contact our office at (414) 286-2994.

Best wishes in the new year!

Peace, Love & Justice,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Milele A. Coggs".

Milele A. Coggs, J.D.  
6th District Alderwoman  
City of Milwaukee



## Committee Assignments

Licenses - *Vice Chair*

Finance & Personnel - *Member*

Library Board of Trustees - *Member*

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Commission - *Member*

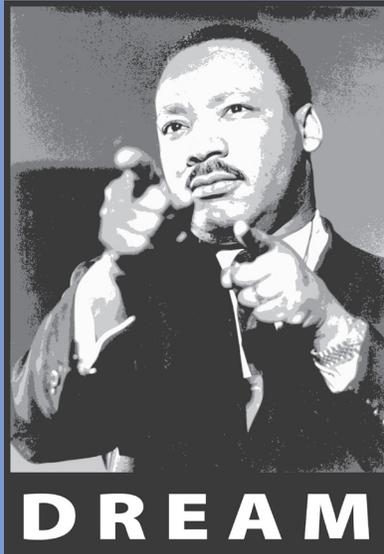


Ald. Coggs celebrated the 40th anniversary of Milwaukee's Fair Housing Law with former Ald. Vel Phillips. The Fair Housing Law was passed on a unanimous vote of the Common Council on April 30, 1968. The law initially outlawed racial discrimination in the purchase of real estate and has since been expanded to include all protected classes. Aldermen present at the anniversary event included Nik Kovac (3rd District), Ashanti Hamilton (1st District), Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. (15th District), former Alderwoman Vel Phillips, Milele A. Coggs (6th District), Michael Murphy (10th District) and State Senator Spencer Coggs.



## New Scholarship Opportunity

Alderwoman Coggs is offering another scholarship opportunity to our students - the "I AM THE DREAM" Scholarship.



### Eligibility:

- High school senior
- Resident of 6th District
- 2.8 cumulative GPA or better
- Accepted to a two- or four-year college or university
- Essay of 1,000 words or less
- Completed application

**Deadline: April 15, 2009**

Applications available at:

MPS High School guidance offices

Martin Luther King Library  
310 W. Locust St., Milwaukee

Northcott Neighborhood House  
2460 N. 6th St., Milwaukee

Wisconsin Black Historical  
Society Museum  
2620 W. Center St., Milwaukee

[www.milwaukee.gov/district6](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district6)

[www.compassguide.org](http://www.compassguide.org)



## Eye On Our Youth

This summer, Ald. Milele A. Coggs (pictured above with Diandra Marbley) offered college-bound students a chance to help pay for their education in exchange for their statement on what the concept of "freedom" means to them. Ms. Khadijah Aleem and Ms. Diandra Marbley were the winners of the 1st Annual Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest. Aleem is a 2008 graduate of Rufus King High School and is a freshman at Spelman College. Marbley is a 2008 graduate of Whitefish Bay High School and is a freshman at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

The contest was announced in spring 2008 and candidates were solicited from college bound residents of District 6. Each winner has received a \$500 scholarship award for her essay.

"It is my sincere hope that at some point all those who seek higher education and are willing to work hard for the opportunity have it and this scholarship is one small way that I have found to contribute to such opportunities," Ald. Coggs said.

The scholarship contest is slated to be an annual event, so watch for updates on 2009 deadlines.

## Support Your Local Library!

As you may know, unfortunately libraries are continuously struggling to stay open, but there are some things you can do to support your local library.

- Get a library card
- Return books on time
- Pay fines
- Hold community meetings there
- Patronize
- Participate in programming
- Encourage others to use the library

Find out more at [www.mpl.org](http://www.mpl.org).

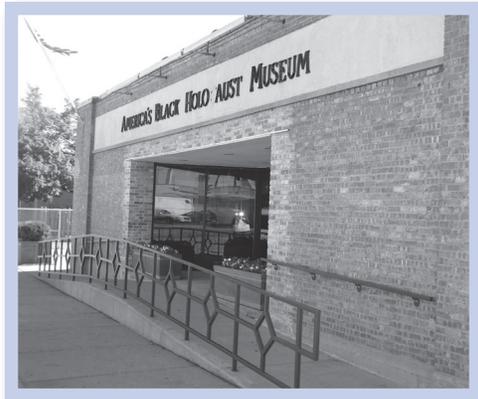
## Earn & Learn Summer Youth Internship Program

Ald. Coggs also encourages youth to participate in the Mayor's Earn & Learn Summer Youth Internship Program. The program offers paid positions to city youth to experience a professional working climate for 20 hours per week. It is designed to help them learn employment and life skills and meet educational, job readiness and career exploration goals. Students must be 16 by June 15, 2009 to be eligible. More information is available at: [www.mkedcd.org/syip](http://www.mkedcd.org/syip).



Alderwoman Coggs addressed area youth at the Jared C. Bruce Academy celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Marches.

## Legislative Updates



### America's Black Holocaust Museum

This fall, the Common Council supported a move to purchase the building that housed America's Black Holocaust Museum. The building is a key part of the Bronzeville historic district development, but because of failing revenues, the museum fell into crisis with its mortgage. To preserve the opportunity the property and museum provide, the Department of City Development's Redevelopment Authority, through a resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Coggs, agreed to purchase the property and the full Council approved the measure in December.

### Milwaukee Opportunities for Restoring Employment (MORE)

Ald. Coggs has been working with Aids. Hamilton, Wade and Kovac on new legislation that will enhance local development and encourage job growth within the City of Milwaukee. The MORE ordinance includes regulations for a bidding system that offers added value to bids that come from businesses and contractors within the City of Milwaukee as well as new percentage requirements for resident employment in city projects.

Businesses will be creating jobs and apprenticeship opportunities that employ local residents and this broadens the benefits for both the area and the business involved.

"This legislation works to enhance moves the city has already made to help guarantee that local businesses and minority owned businesses get the opportunity to earn contracts within the city. More importantly, however, the legislation provides a framework for what Milwaukee considers solid wages, good work and valuable training so we can continue to develop our workforce and the opportunities available," Ald. Coggs said.

The legislation also considers whether the business bidding on the project is local and pays its employees using the prevailing wage rate—a rate that is different than minimum wage—helping guarantee family-supporting jobs.

The ordinance also details how apprenticeship opportunities and training situations are offered. "We have worked long and hard on this legislation and are eager to see it come to the Council floor this year," Ald. Coggs said.

## Help for Homeowners Facing Foreclosure

The City of Milwaukee is committed to helping our neighborhoods remain healthy for generations to come. We are coordinating with various organizations, government agencies and private lenders and reaching out to homeowners facing foreclosure. Contact these agencies as a first step in getting assistance:

**Hope Now**  
[www.hopenow.com](http://www.hopenow.com)  
Hotline 1-888-995-HOPE

**Foreclosure Rescue**  
[www.foreclosurerescue.com](http://www.foreclosurerescue.com)

**Home Ownership Preservation Foundation**  
[www.995hope.org](http://www.995hope.org)

**The Neighbors Work Center for Foreclosure Solutions**  
[www.nw.org](http://www.nw.org)



## How to Challenge Assessments

If you received your assessment and believe it to be incorrect you can challenge it. Here is how:

- Go to [www.milwaukee.gov/assessor](http://www.milwaukee.gov/assessor).
- Click on "Appeals and Assistance" in the left hand column and follow the instructions posted there.
- Alternately, you can call the Assessor's office at (414) 286-3651.

Remember, objections to an assessment must be written and filed before the third Monday in May.



Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs was present as State Senator Spencer Coggs received the 2008 Wisconsin Alliance of Cities Senator of the Year award. He was also awarded a Common Council commendation by the alderwoman.

*"It is the responsibility of us all to give back to the community that helped to make us who we are."  
M.A.C.*

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Winter 2008-09

## 6th District Town Hall Meeting

It is critically important for me to stay in touch with you, so please join me at our 6th District Town Hall Meeting. At the meeting, you will have the opportunity to voice your concerns to me and representatives from the Department of Neighborhood Services, Department of Public Works and the Milwaukee Police Department.

**Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**MLK Library**

**310 W. Locust St. 53212**

***See you there!***

### **Want to invite me to a block club meeting?**

Call me at (414) 286-2994 or  
e-mail me at [mcoggs@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mcoggs@milwaukee.gov)

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## Fight the Flu!

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) still has a limited amount of influenza vaccine available at any of its three walk-in immunization clinics. Flu shots are \$30.00 for adults and free to children under 18 years of age. Medicare Part B and Medicaid are accepted.

For more information, call the flu hotline (414) 286-3616 or visit our website at [www.milwaukee.gov/health](http://www.milwaukee.gov/health).

## Important Contact Information

**Police, District 1:** (414) 935-7212

**Police, District 5:** (414) 935-7252

**Flu Hotline:** (414) 286-3616

**Department of Public Works:** (414) 286-8282  
Snow removal, garbage pickup, etc.

**Department of Neighborhood Services:** (414) 286-3441  
Landlord questions, graffiti, etc.

**E-Notify:** [www.milwaukee.gov/enotify](http://www.milwaukee.gov/enotify)

**E-Services:** [www.milwaukee.gov/eservices](http://www.milwaukee.gov/eservices)

## A Helping Hand For District Seniors

Seniors in the 6th District who need help around the house with lawn care, snow shoveling or minor maintenance are invited to call Interfaith Older Adult Programs at (414) 220-8669. Interfaith can also add some excitement to the lives of our seniors who are looking to keep active with such activities as arts and crafts, board and table games, health workshops and more.

In addition, Ald. Coggs wants residents to know that the city has a special needs service to help remove snow from sidewalks for older citizens and disabled persons. They must certify that they and all occupants of a home are physically unable to shovel. The service is provided only when plowing operations are called and only for the public sidewalk, not for driveways or walkways from the sidewalk to a door. For information call the DPW Call Center at (414) 286-8282.