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Spring 2011 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor:

I am pleased to share with you this spring edition of my aldermanic newsletter, and I hope you will find it to be helpful and informative.

The floods last summer were devastating, and I've sponsored legislation that will trigger a sewer inflow and infiltration (INI) study project in the 2nd District to determine what repairs and improvements are needed to reduce basement backups. Also, on page 7 read about another flood control initiative in the district involving bypass pumps with indicator lights.

In addition to helpful sanitation and homeowner information, this newsletter also features a new charter school in the district, ongoing initiatives in Police Districts 4 and 7, a new unique "earn a bike" program, and the story of a manufacturing company in the district that was saved by two of its employees.

Please contact me whenever you have a question or a concern. My phone number is **286-3777** and my email address is jdavis@milwaukee.gov.

Stay safe and please continue to work together.

Sincerely,

Joe Davis, Sr.
2nd District Alderman



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Foreign Trade Zone Effort Gives Boost to City

As chair of the **National League of Cities (NLC) International Council**, Alderman Davis has been promoting Milwaukee as an international destination for doing business.

For instance, Alderman Davis was doing just that when he hosted an International Council forum in March (2011) during the NLC's annual Congressional Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. The forum, part of the organization's ongoing focus on globally competitive cities, also featured Mr. Tommy Berry, a past president of the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones and presently CEO of Point Trade Services in Florida.

Alderman Davis, a former member of the NLC's Board of Directors and Finance Committee, is committed to representing Milwaukee's interest in the conversation. "I'm honored to bring Milwaukee's successes to this national forum, and it's a priority to also increase business and economic ties that can lead to more jobs in Milwaukee and new developments in areas that haven't experienced much growth in recent years," he said. "We have so many representatives in the city working on trade that we can take the lead on these issues."

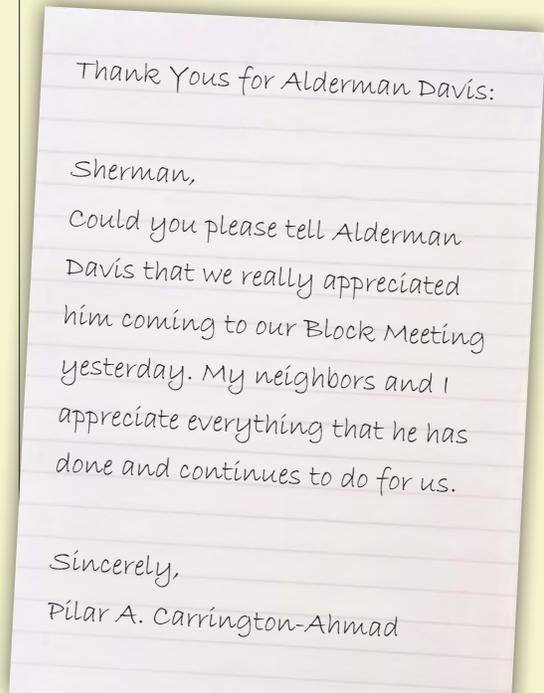
Eric Reinelt, director of the **Port of Milwaukee**, commented on the importance of representation in the discussion. "Participating in world markets is becoming more and more a vital key to local business development and job creation," he said.

"The Port of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee business community give their full support to

the work of the Council and Alderman Davis, whose commitment to identifying and promoting tools such as the Foreign Trade Zone gives our local companies that competitive edge necessary to succeed in world markets," Reinelt said.

Pat Walsh of the **Milwaukee Economic Development Corp.** also praised the city's involvement. "Alderman Joe Davis pushed for a review of **Milwaukee's Foreign Trade Zone**, and with help from Tommy Berry, Milwaukee is now positioned to really capitalize on this important economic development tool," he said.

For further information about NLC or its international programs, contact **James Brooks**, NLC's International Program Director, at **(202) 626-3163** or at brooks@nlc.org.



Council Approves New Payment Terms for Contractors

Earlier this year the Common Council approved legislation changing the way prime contractors and subcontractors on city-awarded contracts are paid – a move that will ultimately help women- and minority-owned businesses looking to garner city-awarded contracts, according to Alderman Davis, the author of the legislation.

The measure, a recommendation of the City of Milwaukee Disparity Study of the city's Emerging Business Enterprise Program, reduces the city's prime contractor payment schedule from 60 to 30 days, and requires prime contractors to pay subcontractors within seven days (instead of 10 days) of receiving payment by the city.

Alderman Davis said the changes equate to "a solid initial move" in an effort to streamline the city's contractor payment system and to direct more city contract money toward women- and minority owned businesses. "Women- and minority-owned businesses typically do not have capital and cash reserves on hand to fall back on if they don't get paid in a timely manner, and therefore suffer cash flow problems that many prime contractors don't experience," he said.

"The speeding up of the city's payment system means this discriminatory barrier for smaller firms owned by women and minorities will hopefully be neutralized, so they can be participants in projects rather than observers left on the outside. It's a long-term win-win for our entire city," Alderman Davis said.

The city now has a gender- and race-neutral program that requires a portion of contracts be given to disadvantaged business enterprises, but a consultant's study determined that the city money was not reaching women and minority contractors. The study also found that late payment to subcontractors was a major impediment to minority- and women-owned businesses doing work for the city.



New Charter School Coming to W. Florist Ave.

A nationally-renowned charter school organization has begun building **Milwaukee Scholars Charter School** in the 2nd District near N. 73rd St. and W. Florist Ave.



Construction work has begun on the new Milwaukee Scholars Charter School near N. 73rd and W. Florist.

The **National Heritage Academies'** (NHA) Milwaukee Scholars Charter School project was approved by the Common Council earlier this year. Alderman Davis said the new school will be the first Wisconsin charter school supported by the NHA. "NHA schools rank in the top 25% of U.S. schools for academic growth, and I'm confident this school will prove to be a valuable educational asset and resource to the 2nd District and to Milwaukee," Alderman Davis said.

"The NHA has built a tradition of academic success, with the goal of preparing kids for high school and college, and they also demand that students consistently behave in an appropriate and responsible manner," he said.

NHA was founded on the four pillars of academic excellence, moral focus, parental partnership and student responsibility.

Construction is set to begin this spring, with classes beginning in the fall of 2011. The school will begin by serving kindergarten through fifth graders; however the NHA hopes to expand this by 2014 to serve all the way through eighth grade. With a capacity of 710 students and 65 teachers, each student will receive personalized attention from both their teachers and their individual advocates.

NHA charter schools boast a 94% parental recommendation rate, according to Alderman Davis. Learn more about NHA on their website at: www.heritageacademies.com

Buy in Your Neighborhood Program

The **Buy in Your Neighborhood Program (BIYN)** is a special mortgage financing program allowing homeowners to purchase a rental property within three blocks of the house in which they live. The idea behind this program is that a rental property owned by a landlord who lives in the neighborhood will be a better-managed property than one that is managed by someone who lives further away.

The program loans the buyer 20% of the purchase price, to be applied toward the down payment – meaning the buyer only needs to provide 10% of the down payment (banks typically require the buyer to pay a 25% to 30% down payment).

When you participate in the program, you also receive free landlord training classes from the **Department of Neighborhood Services**. These classes will provide you with valuable tricks of the trade on how to screen tenants.

The BIYN program also provides financing for rehabilitation work in the form of a forgivable loan for up to half of the cost of the rehab job with its companion Rental Rehabilitation Program. Contact the **Department of City Development** at **286-5608** for details on both programs.

NOTE: There are several program requirements that participants must meet/satisfy.



CITY HALL VISITORS

Alderman Davis greeted **former Governor Martin Schreiber** and his wife, **former first lady Elaine Schreiber**, prior to recent Common Council proceedings in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative

Working with the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation**, the city's **Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp.** is promoting the **Healthy Neighborhoods initiative**. The approach focuses on a neighborhood's positive attributes and works to engage neighbors and homeowners to invest in their neighborhoods and position them as good places to live.

Each Healthy Neighborhood designs its own program to promote the neighborhood, engaging residents around positive actions such as involving neighbors, promoting the neighborhood as a good place to live, improving neighborhood appearance and encouraging homeowners to buy in the neighborhood.

The 2nd District includes two Healthy Neighborhoods:

- **Capitol Heights** – bounded by N. 60th St. on the east, N. 68th St. on the west, W. Congress St. on the north, and W. Capitol Dr. on the south.
- **Havenwoods** – bounded by N. 43rd St. on the east, N. 76th St. on the west, W. Good Hope Rd. on the north, and W. Silver Spring Dr. on the south. To learn more go to: www.havenwoods.org/Healthy-Neighborhoods-Initiative-151.html

Earn a Bike Program

Youth ages 11 to 16 who live in the **Capitol Heights Healthy Neighborhood** area can earn a bike this summer! Alderman Davis said the program – a partnership between the city, the **Healthy Neighborhoods program** and the **Milwaukee Police Department** – allows youth to work on positive community projects and earn a bike, helmet, gloves and lock.

"This is a creative program that helps young people earn a bicycle while contributing positively to the community through work," the alderman said.

Projects that youth will work on include: helping seniors do yard work, neighborhood cleanups, bike safety class, bike repair class, police station tours, park cleanup, and planting flowers.

To qualify, the youth must reside in the area bounded by N. 60th St. on the east, N. 68th St. on the west, W. Congress St. on the north, and W. Capitol Dr. on the south.

For more information and an application, please contact Lisa Saffold of the MPD at 935-7278, or Brienne Schreiber at (608) 220-4578.



Rental Rehab Program can help Landlords

The rental rehab program offers rehabilitation assistance to responsible investors who agree to rent to income-eligible tenants. The property must be located on W. Bender Ave. between N. 77th and N. 84th Streets and meet program standards when the rehabilitation is complete.

In general, units must have at least two bedrooms to qualify.

Provided they meet other program requirements, landlords are eligible for forgivable loans of up to \$14,999 per unit. The loans bear no interest rate, and after five years they are forgiven.

The owner must provide at least one matching dollar for each Rental Rehab dollar received. For example, a 2/2 duplex would be eligible for up to \$29,998 of Rental Rehab dollars if the landlord spends at least \$29,998 of his or her own (bank loan, cash, etc) funds. The landlord is required to spend his/her money first.

Applicants must have a **Landlord Training** certificate from the **Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS)**. We check to make sure landlords are current with property taxes on all owned properties in the city and that they have a good record with the DNS.

For more information call (414) 286-5608.

Did You Know?

Fresh fruits, vegetables, foods, crafts, clothing and much more can be purchased at:

Milwaukee's Asian Markets
6300 N. 76th St.
(open 7 days a week)

Back from the Brink



A recent tour of Matzel Manufacturing with company co-owners Wayne Nuetzel (left) and Brian Matthiesen.

In 2009, Texas-based MIC Group announced it would be closing the **Universal Brixius Inc.** plant located in the 2nd District at 5880 N. 91st St. The manufacturing operation – a precision tooling and machining company started in Woodrow Brixius' northwest side basement more than 54 years earlier – would shut down, putting more than 100 people out of work.

Things looked bleak, but Wayne Matthiesen and Brian Nuetzel, both longtime Universal Brixius employees who for many years ran the plant's day-to-day operations, had a plan in mind.

Just as liquidation teams were readying the plant's machinery for auction, Matthiesen and Nuetzel saw an opportunity to form a new company, and to save some of the jobs that were about to vanish. Working closely with the president and chief operating officer of MIC Group, Matthiesen and Nuetzel secured a loan and purchased more than 40 milling machines, precision machining tools, and high-speed lathes from MIC Group. Next, they secured a long-term lease for the 55,000 square foot building that formerly housed Universal Brixius.

Matzel Manufacturing Inc. (now at 9001 W. Flag Ave.) was born. Matthiesen and Nuetzel hired back some of the most knowledgeable employees from Universal Brixius, and they have been steadily building up the company's job orders and full-time staff.

Alderman Davis said the commitment Matthiesen and Nuetzel have shown to Milwaukee and to several of their longtime (and almost former) employees is "inspiring." "In this incredibly difficult economy, and under the most trying conditions, Wayne and Brian displayed creativity, business savvy, and true courage," Alderman Davis said.

"The City of Milwaukee salutes these two manufacturing entrepreneurs for their confidence in the city's skilled workforce and for their belief and faith in the abilities of those workers to perform at a high level, thus bringing the company success and growth," he said.

UPDATE: New Stores Open at Midtown Center

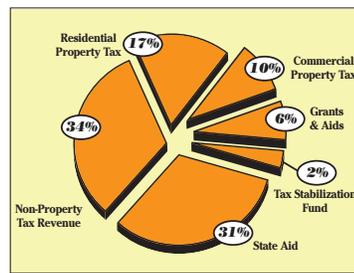


A new **Marshalls** store is now open in the former AJ Wright space at Midtown Center – a credit to faithful customers of Marshalls and the former AJ Wright, according to Alderman Davis. AJ Wright was a TJX brand that the company chose to discontinue by closing 71 locations and converting 91 others to related concepts. "The company chose to convert the store at Midtown Center to a Marshalls because of its history of strong sales and its loyal customer following," the alderman said.

Penzeys Spices also opened a new retail location there late in 2010, and **J-Bees** is also now open at Midtown, offering footwear and apparel.

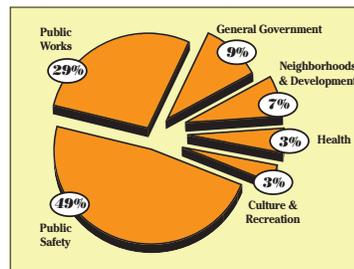
Also, a new **PNC Bank** branch location is being constructed at N. 52nd and W. Capitol Dr.

2011 Budget Sources of City Revenue



Non-Property Tax Revenue (\$ IN MILLIONS)	\$ 291
State Aid	\$ 271
Property Taxes: Residential	\$ 149
Property Taxes: Commercial	\$ 86
Grant & Aid Projects	\$ 52
Tax Stabilization Fund (TSF)	\$ 15
*Total	\$ 864

City Services Provided by this Revenue



Public Safety (\$ IN MILLIONS)	\$ 424
Public Works	\$ 248
General Government	\$ 78
Neighborhoods & Development	\$ 61
Culture & Recreation	\$ 29
Health	\$ 24
*Total	\$ 864

**Excludes G.O. debt service paid by the City for MPS purposes.*

Milwaukee's 2011 Budget News

The city budget for fiscal year 2011 includes no major service cuts and no increase in the property tax levy.

This March, the Common Council opposed the governor's Budget Repair Bill in its entirety because of concern with collective bargaining restrictions in the bill.

The Council vehemently advocated for including police and fire unions in the discussion – groups that are currently exempt from increased pension contributions, health care contributions and are still allowed to collectively bargain with the city. Fire and police employees constitute more than 60% of the city's employees and without equal restrictions and "sacrifices" related to the costs of their employment, the City of Milwaukee will still face extreme budget constraints.

Therefore, the concept of "shared sacrifice" also drove another action by the Council related to including fire and police union members in the pension and health care contribution changes.

New Garbage Cart Policies – Waste Reduction Works!

More people are finding they no longer need two or more garbage carts because they're doing an effective job of recycling and generating less garbage. If you have an extra cart, please call **286-CITY (2489)** or fill out an online service request at www.milwaukee.gov/eservices, and the city will collect it. One of the changes brought about by this year's budget, however, includes a \$20 annual fee for every extra garbage cart you'd like added to your residence. The Sanitation Division repairs broken carts. Call 286-CITY (2489) or fill out an online service request to have your cart picked up for repair or replacement.

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

District 7 Community Involvement Program

By Capt. William Jessup

At MPD's District 7, we have been proactive in following through on the department's efforts to improve the condition of neighborhoods through a collaborative effort involving officers, community groups, and representatives from other government agencies. Several District 7 officers are assigned to work solely on community issues, including Officers Shellee Lubus and Lisa Saffold (Community Liaison Officers) and Officers Bryon Downey, Craig Leffler, and Darcie Trunkel – all assigned to the District 7 Community Prosecution Unit (CPU). The officers work as a team to resolve problems that impact our neighborhoods, and they attempt to develop long-term solutions that will improve the condition of our community.

When crime or nuisance problems impact a neighborhood, the liaison officers develop a strategy to resolve the problem and that strategy very often involves action from the Department of Neighborhood Services, the District Attorney's Office, the Department of Corrections, or the City Attorney's Office. In addition, Alderman Davis, representatives from the Department of City Development, community organizations, and even individual citizens, take part in much of the problem-solving work.

While the enforcement of laws and ordinances is critically important to our neighborhood improvement efforts, the coordinated action of the "community team" enables District 7 to have an even greater impact on crime and disorder. Each agency, group, or individual can provide valuable resources that, when combined in a coordinated manner, can reduce or eliminate neighborhood problems. To that end, Alderman Davis has taken the lead in helping establish more block watches in his own neighborhood and throughout the 2nd Aldermanic District. He also regularly attends block watch meetings and is always in communication with the Police Department concerning issues in his district. Through this collaborative effort, problems are quickly identified and effectively addressed.

Each month, members of the MPD and members of the Block Watch Council host a crime and safety meeting at a location within District 7. These meetings are always held on the third Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 p.m. In attendance are representatives from the MPD as well as members of the District Attorney's Office, the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Corrections. If you would like more information as to where the next meeting will be held, you can go online to our website at www.milwaukeekeepolice.org and go to District 7's community liaison link. You can also contact us at our office number of **(414) 935-7278**.

DO YOU HAVE A NUISANCE PROPERTY OR DRUG HOUSE RUINING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? Are gang members holding your block "hostage?"

Please feel free to contact your community prosecutor:

Nicole Sheldon - Assistant District Attorney

- MPD District 7

Phone: (414) 430-1762

District: (414) 935-7272

Email: Nicole.Sheldon@da.wi.gov

Mark Sanders - Assistant District Attorney

- MPD District 4

Phone: (414) 687-7265

Email: Mark.Sanders@da.wi.gov



FLOOD MEETING

Alderman Davis and city **Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp.** officials took part in a May 7 public meeting in the **Grasslyn Manor Healthy Neighborhood** area regarding flooding issues related to the July 2010 storms.

Working with MPD's District 4 Stakeholders

By Capt. Jerome O'Leary

The Fourth District of the Milwaukee Police Department embodies the practice of working cooperatively with community stakeholders in order to reduce crime, fear, and disorder. Some of those stakeholders include block watch groups, business partners, faith-based members and various government agencies.

Alderman Davis was instrumental in helping organize owners and assure residents that he was involved in the Northwest Triangle / Valhalla Neighborhood. Because we have a close partnership with the District Attorney's Office, ADA Mark Sanders, who's assigned to D4, we were able to utilize his assistance along with that of Safe & Sound Community Coordinators to further our efforts for a safer community.

Additionally, the Alderman assisted in building a new program to address incidents occurring within two of our district schools, Northwest Secondary School and James Madison High School. The Youth Leadership Initiative involved many stakeholders coming together with the students to discuss school and neighborhood concerns. The idea is to guide and empower the students to come up with solutions.

Lastly, the district stakeholders along with Alderman Davis, are working to build our Faith-Based Initiative. Greater New Birth Church has provided space for meetings and a willingness to partner, mostly due to the relationship they had formed with the alderman.

Did You Know?

You can visit the Milwaukee Art Museum for free on Thursdays!

www.mam.org

Capitol Drive Reconstruction set for 2012

The highly-traveled and well worn stretch of **W. Capitol Dr. from N. 60th to N. 84th Streets** will undergo reconstruction next year, according to Alderman Davis.

The reconstruction will include all intersections and a portion north and south of the intersection at W. Appleton Ave. The work will consist of removing existing, deteriorated roadway and reconstruction/replacement of all roadway, curb and gutter, and driveway approaches. Some sidewalk will also be replaced as needed.

“For those of us who commute with frequency on this stretch of Capitol Drive, we are well aware of how rough this roadway has become,” Alderman Davis said. “The project will restrict traffic to one side of Capitol Drive, meaning east-west traffic will be reduced to just two lanes from 60th to 84th at various times.”

“In other words, we will need to be patient and make alternate commuting plans during the project. In the end our patience will be rewarded with a brand new roadway that will be a major improvement over the current conditions,” he said.

Medians along the stretch are proposed to be narrowed and reshaped to provide for improved safety and to allow for left turn lanes. On-street parking will not be allowed on W. Capitol Dr. and W. Appleton Ave. as posted during construction.

Work is expected to begin in April 2012, and the project will be completed during the fall of 2012.

The funding breakdown for the project is 93% (approx.) paid by state and federal funding, and 7% local (city) funding.



ARBOR DAY

On April 29 an Arbor Day event was held at **Greater Holy Temple Christian Academy**, 5575 N. 76th St. (in the 2nd District).

Tip Hotline Means \$\$ for Reporting Illegal Dumping

The Common Council has approved a tip hotline whereby callers can be eligible to receive reward money after anonymously providing information on incidents of illegal dumping of debris and/or hazardous materials.

Illegal dumping includes dumping of items, brush, and/or materials on streets, sidewalks, parking lots, vacant lots, alleys, or at vacant properties.

The 2011 city budget appropriated \$25,000 in funding for the tip hotline, and on March 1 the Common Council voted to get the hotline up and operating.

If you see or know of illegal dumping, call **WeTip** at **1-800-78-CRIME**. If the information provided leads to a conviction, **you may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.**

If you witness illegal dumping, please provide a detailed description of the vehicle/s (license plate info, make/model, etc.) and the individual/s involved. If possible, also provide a description of the items and/or material that was dumped.

The hotline is answered by bilingual operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are taken for all crimes. **All calls are anonymous, not just confidential.**

The Redistricting Process – it’s Underway

The United States conducts a census of the entire population every 10 years. This information is used for many purposes, including the distribution of federal and state revenues and the drawing of boundaries for election districts at the federal, state and local levels.

Wisconsin law requires that once the census data becomes available, local governments and the state legislature are required to adjust the boundaries of election districts so that they are as equal as possible in population. The **U.S. Census Bureau** is required to distribute detailed 2010 census data to the 50 states no later than April 1, 2011. This begins the local redistricting process. Counties are first required to develop a tentative supervisory district plan for their county boards. After that, municipalities are required to revise the boundaries of election wards and then their city council districts. Subsequently, school districts and the state legislature are also required to update the boundaries of their election districts.

For the City of Milwaukee the redistricting process will be overseen by the Common Council’s Judiciary and Legislation Committee. Final election wards and aldermanic districts will be adopted by the Common Council.

Go to **www.milwaukee.gov/Redistricting** for more details about redistricting in the City of Milwaukee.

Sanitation Changes & Project Clean & Green

In order to adjust to the four holiday weeks that occur over the summer, **Milwaukee's DPW Self Help sites** will be closed Mondays instead of Wednesdays. This schedule went into effect on April 4, 2011.

Project Clean & Green is also being held again this spring, allowing residents of the 2nd District to leave extra materials and items out for pickup by Sanitation crews. However it should be noted that no construction materials, hazardous waste, paint, electronics, more than five automobile tires, or brush piles larger than 1 cubic yard (about the size of an easy chair) will be accepted.

For residents south of W. Congress St., Clean & Green took place May 4-10, and for residents north of W. Congress St., it will occur May 18-24.

It should also be noted that no garbage or recycling will be collected on the following days:

- Memorial Day – Friday & Monday – May 27 & 30, 2011
- Independence Day – Friday & Monday – July 1 & 4, 2011
- Labor Day – Friday & Monday – September 2 & 5, 2011
- Thanksgiving – Thursday & Friday – November 24 & 25, 2011
- Christmas Eve & Day – Friday & Monday – December 23 & 26, 2011
- New Years Eve & Day – Friday & Monday – December 30, 2011 & January 2, 2012

For more information please visit www.milwaukee.gov/district2

PLEASE NOTE

A city budget change means residents who take materials to the city's Self Help Centers can expect to **PAY a \$15 per load fee** for waste resulting from construction or demolition, alteration or repair, including excavated material (dirt). This includes, but is not limited to: roofing material, bricks, stones, dirt, concrete, lumber, drywall, paneling, and flooring material.

Time to Think About Your Block Party Permit



Block Party Permits are issued to residents in the City of Milwaukee who would like to barricade the residential street they live on for a neighborhood event - main thoroughfares are not closed for block parties. Planning a block party is a big job and requires the support of all those who reside on the block that will be closed. For first-time events and at the request of the District Alderman, residents on the block must sign a petition verifying their support.

The block party applicant must reside on the block and is responsible for the event – including setup and take-down of the barricades as described in the permit – cleanup of the public right-of-way following the event, and maintaining a clear lane for emergency vehicles.

Applications should be submitted 30 days prior to the event because they must be reviewed and approved by the District Alderman, the Department of Public Works, and the Milwaukee Police Department. When choosing the date and time of your event, it is important to be mindful and considerate of those who reside in the surrounding area as well as on your block.

Residents may apply for one non-fee block party permit annually. A fee for subsequent block parties in the same year will be imposed for the delivery of barricades, which typically is \$31.00.

Block Party Applications may be downloaded from DPW's website at www.milwaukee.gov/mpw/BlockParties.htm or call the **Special Event Permit Office** at **286-3329**.

2nd District Pumps Getting Indicator Lights



City Department of Public Works crews are installing red indicator lights at the tops of the 10 sanitary sewer bypass pump control cabinets located within the 2nd Aldermanic District, according to Alderman Davis.

On each affected pump control cabinet, the light will be connected to the bypass pump system such that it will become lit when the pump is running. It will remain lit while the pump runs and will turn off when the pump turns off.

If there are equipment problems and the pump fails to run when it should, the light will start flashing. Although city staff members do monitor the sites for pump failures, each control cabinet will have a sign encouraging residents to **call 286-CITY (2489) if the light is flashing**.

Alderman Davis said he will be encouraging residents to watch for any instances of flashing lights on the cabinets. "DPW staff cannot be everywhere when a major rain event happens, and they might miss problems that lead to the bypass pumps shutting down," he said.

"So the helpful role residents can play during rain events is to be the eyes in the field, watching for the flashing lights and alerting the city immediately when those flashing lights are encountered," the alderman said.

Did You Know?

You can get paid to work at the polls: 286-3491 or www.milwaukee.gov/election

You can save money with a weekly bus pass: www.ridemcts.com



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“ I wish you a safe, healthy and enjoyable spring season. ”

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One Call That's All: 286-CITY (2489)

That one number can connect you with 21 departments, 8,800 employees and 100s of city services, ranging from building permits to parking permission to library hours to garbage pickups.

Alderman Davis says the city continues to seek ways to improve communications with residents, and this one-stop number for city services makes it even easier to find the right department and person to handle your complaint or request. Residents will still call 911 for emergencies but can use the new number for any other city-related calls. **Of course you can always call my office at 286-3777.**

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FREE Landlord Training Program

Visit www.milwaukee.gov/landlordtraining for more information. To register call the Department of Neighborhood Services Program Assistant Jeanne Hagner at **286-2954** or email her at jhagne@milwaukee.gov.

SIGNING CEREMONY



Alderman Davis attended a special signing ceremony last year for an agreement for educational and scientific cooperation between the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee** and the **University of Zululand** (located north of Durban, South Africa). The agreement was spawned during a Milwaukee delegation's visit to South Africa in December 2009. Alderman Davis, who helped lead that delegation, said the agreement is "an historic milestone" and will allow students and faculty members from UWM to visit, study, and teach at the University of Zululand, and vice versa. **UWM Provost Johannes Britz** and a representative of the South African Consul General's Office in Chicago signed the accord, and others looking on at the ceremony were: **Jacques du Plessis**, associate professor in UWM's School of Information Studies; **Patrice Petro**, academic program director in UWM's Center for International Education; **Peter Lor**, visiting professor in the School of Information Studies; **Shana Poneis**, visiting assistant professor in the School of Information Studies, and **Alderman Nik Kovac**.

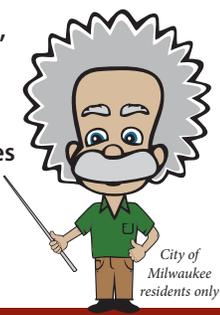
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