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Dear 5th District Residents,

A major Milwaukee Public Library redevelopment initiative will see the city invest \$22.4 million during the next six years to replace four aging branch libraries and to fully renovate a fifth. The project will lead to the replacement of two northwest side branches near the 5th District – Mill Road (6631 N. 76th St.) and Capitol (7401 W. Capitol Dr.).

I believe residents want libraries which meet their needs and are accessible and user-friendly, and I will continue to work closely with the library to identify potential new library sites that make sense. Like the library, I am interested in hearing from residents about how they use our libraries, what features and locations are preferred, and where improvements might be made. Please go to my webpage (www.milwaukee.gov/district5) to take the library's online survey, or type the survey's URL (located beneath the library article on page 10 of this newsletter) into your browser.

Under an amended ordinance (please see page 5) I authored, it is now easier for the city – with the help of neighbors – to eliminate nuisance properties that are hurting the quality of life in otherwise peaceful neighborhoods. The amended ordinance now counts each separate and distinct incident of nuisance activity occurring at a premises on a single day as separate nuisance activities (prior to the approval of the ordinance, whenever the chief of police determined that the police department had responded to three or more nuisance activities at a premises on separate days during a 30-day period, or that the police department responded to two or more nuisances of certain types occurring at a premises within one year, the chief could notify the premises owner or other responsible party in writing that the premises is a nuisance). Under the ordinance, properties declared a nuisance require the owner to develop an abatement plan of action that is submitted for review by the pertinent Milwaukee police district captain and the City Attorney's Office, or risk administrative costs and fines for continued problems.

Articles about upcoming street and alley paving projects in the district – as well as other repaving efforts – can be found on page 7.

This edition of my newsletter also includes an update on the work at Hartung Park, information about the city's crime watch sign program and details about the Strong Neighborhoods Plan, the city's key initiative to reduce the number and mitigate the impacts of tax-foreclosed properties that the city owns.

Sincerely,

Jim Bohl
Alderman, 5th District

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

I will hold two town hall meetings this fall to meet residents and discuss important issues affecting 5th District neighborhoods and the city as a whole.

Residents are welcome to attend either meeting.

Saturday, October 18th – 9:00 a.m.
West Granville Presbyterian Church
6935 N. 107th St.

Located in the community room
(enter through doors on facility's southwest corner).

Tuesday, October 21st – 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee German Immersion School
3778 N. 82nd St.

Located in the gym/MPR.

I look forward to seeing you there!

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**Chair**

- Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee

Member

- Public Works Committee
- Steering and Rules Committee

View meetings at:

milwaukee.gov/citychannel.

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Alderman Bohl had the honor of meeting Hank and Billye Aaron during a special evening in celebration of Mount Mary University’s 100th anniversary (Billye Aaron was the keynote speaker for the centennial dinner). The Aarons co-founded the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation to help children with limited opportunities and financial barriers develop their special talents and pursue their dreams. After Billye Aaron’s remarks, the university held a special recognition ceremony to thank her for participating in the 100th anniversary celebration. All proceeds from the dinner supported scholarships for Mount Mary students.

New Polling Location for Ward 77 ➤

Craig Montessori School, 7667 W. Congress St. is the new voting site for residents in Ward 77. The former polling location for Ward 77 was at Hmong American Peace Academy, 4601 N. 84th St. The city Election Commission notified residents about the change when it mailed registered voters of Ward 77 a polling place change postcard earlier this year. ■



City Now Hiring Election Workers ➤

Do you support fair, transparent and accurate elections? If so, the City of Milwaukee Election Commission needs your help.

The Election Commission is hiring election workers for the November 4 General Election. Earn some extra money, work at a site close to home, and serve as a role model of civic responsibility to your friends, family and neighbors.

For more information, please call **414-286-3491**, email **Election Worker Coordinator Dan Puhek** at dpuhek@milwaukee.gov, or visit www.milwaukee.gov/election. ■



Alderman Bohl spent some time talking to students following a flag raising ceremony on the first day of classes (September 2) at Emerson School, 9025 W. Lawrence Ave.



Alderman Bohl joined other elected officials on the phones at the WISN-TV studios during a recent special "Food for Families" fundraising drive. Donations helped the Hunger Task Force provide food for families facing times.

Remember the "Pay at the Bank" Option >

Tax bills will be arriving in the mail in mere weeks, and residents are reminded that the City Treasurer's Office accepts property tax payments at several U.S. Bank branch locations across Milwaukee.

The 'pay at the bank' option – made possible by legislation authored by Alderman Bohl – provides taxpayers with the ease and convenience of making tax payments near their home, eliminating the necessity of driving downtown to pay their bill at City Hall.

In the 5th District, there are U.S. Bank branch locations at 7901 W. Burleigh St., and at 9921 W. Capitol Dr. Please note that the bank branches will not issue tax refunds, nor will they accept payments on prior year delinquent tax accounts. Any refund check owed and a tax receipt will be separately mailed by the city to anyone who uses the program.

One does not need to be a customer of U.S. Bank to participate in this program. ■

MEET THE 5th DISTRICT STAFF

Tess Reiss is Alderman Bohl's new Legislative Assistant.

Tess has been a substitute Legislative Assistant for the Common Council for seven years and often worked in Alderman Bohl's office when his regular assistant was away.

Tess is a Milwaukee native who has been involved in a variety of community and neighborhood issues on the North, East, and South sides of the city. She has a wealth of experience with city departments and procedures and is happy to assist you.

Tess may be reached at the same office number, 286-3870, or via email at aide5@milwaukee.gov.

Seven Inches is Maximum Height for Grass and Weeds ➤

The Common Council has adopted an ordinance that shortens the maximum allowed height of grass and weeds in yards and vacant lots from nine inches to seven inches.

The ordinance change also increases the penalties for those who fall out of compliance with the grass and weeds height requirement -- an attempt to address complaints about blighted and vacant properties in the city. Alderman Bohl said complaints about tall grass and weeds should be forwarded as soon as possible, while grass and weeds are near the 7-inch height.

“The complaint process provides for a 72-hour period after an inspector has provided an order to a property owner, and in most cases it will take 48 hours merely for that order to reach the owner,” Alderman Bohl said, adding the entire process can sometimes take 10 days. “Therefore, it is critical for a tall grass or weeds complaint to come as early as possible so that it can be addressed quickly.” The ordinance includes new graduated charges/fines:

- Violation of code provisions, from \$25 to \$50.
- Failure to mow or otherwise abate any condition that remains in violation, from \$65 to \$100.
- Subsequent failure to comply in the same calendar year, from \$100 to \$150.
- Administrative charge on a lien placed on a subject property, from \$10 to \$25.

Questions about the ordinance change can be directed to 286-CITY(2489) and Alderman Bohl’s office – 286-3870. ■

Is the Next City/County Christmas Tree in Your Yard? ➤

The City of Milwaukee’s Department of Public Works is accepting nominations through October 24 for a tree to serve as the 2014 City/County Christmas tree to be displayed in Red Arrow Park in downtown Milwaukee. Residents and property owners within the City of Milwaukee are asked to check their yards for a Christmas tree to donate this holiday season. Eligible trees must be located in the City of Milwaukee.

The ideal tree should be 30 to 40 feet tall, and must be accessible for harvest with a crane, meaning no overhead wires present to interfere with the process. Generally the crane is parked near the front yard or side yard to harvest the tree. The tree candidates are judged on size, shape, uniformity, density, and color - the same criteria that residents use to buy their own trees.

Remember New Garbage and Recycling Set-Out Policy ➤

A significant change proposed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council as part of the 2014 city budget requires residents with driveways to roll their own carts out to the street during the winter.

Alderman Bohl said the new policy offers residents year-round guaranteed collection dates while also saving significant city taxpayer dollars.

“It allows crews to more quickly and efficiently complete their routes, and it also reduces injuries to our workers from slips and falls on icy driveways and walks,” he said.

NOTE: Residential households with cart collection received garbage cart tags in March 2014 with designated collection dates from April 7, 2014 through April 2, 2015. Residents can check online (www.city.milwaukee.gov/mpw) to see their next scheduled garbage collection day.

Most recycling routes (except automated and twice monthly) will revert to non-guaranteed winter schedules on December 8th and crews will retrieve the recycling carts from their storage location. Residents can check online to see their next estimated (2 – 3 day window) recycling collection date. ■

When a tree is selected, the City’s DPW Forestry staff will cut the tree, use the crane to place it on a flatbed truck for transportation downtown, remove the stump, and fill in the hole. The tree will receive a police escort to Red Arrow Park.

Residents who wish to have their tree considered for 2014 should contact the City of Milwaukee at 286-CITY (2489) by Friday, October 24, 2014.

All tree candidates will be evaluated, and one will be selected and harvested in early November, and lit at the City/County Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, November 20 in Red Arrow Park. ■

Alderman Bohl Sponsors Tougher Nuisance Property Measure >

Alderman Bohl was the primary sponsor of a successful ordinance that makes it easier for the police department and the city to declare a problem property a public nuisance.

Prior to the approval of the ordinance, whenever the chief of police determined that the police department had responded to three or more nuisance activities at a premises on separate days during a 30-day period, or that the police department responded to two or more nuisances of certain types occurring at a premises within one year, the chief could notify the premises owner or other responsible party in writing that the premises is a nuisance.

Under the ordinance authored by Alderman Bohl, each separate and distinct incident of nuisance activity occurring at a premises on a single day are now considered separate nuisance activities.

Under the ordinance, properties where numerous problems are occurring will be targeted and required to develop an abatement plan of action that is submitted for review by the pertinent Milwaukee police district captain and the City Attorney’s Office. Failure to develop and follow the abatement plan will result in administrative costs for police calls for service to the property. If problems persist, the property faces being placed on “chronic nuisance status” which could result in fines to the property owner of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

“ For the process to work, always make sure you have the correct address to report where the problems are occurring. ”

According to Alderman Bohl, in most cases a nuisance declaration at a property results in the owner evicting a troubled tenant. It is critical that neighbors correctly report nuisance activities when observed, making sure they have the correct address of the nuisance property and reporting timely incidents to the police non-emergency line (933-4444).

“It is not adequate to make reference to ‘the house across the street,’ or ‘the gray house near the corner,’” Alderman Bohl said. “For the process to work, always make sure you have the correct address to report where the problems are occurring.” ■

New Ordinance for City Bird Feeders >

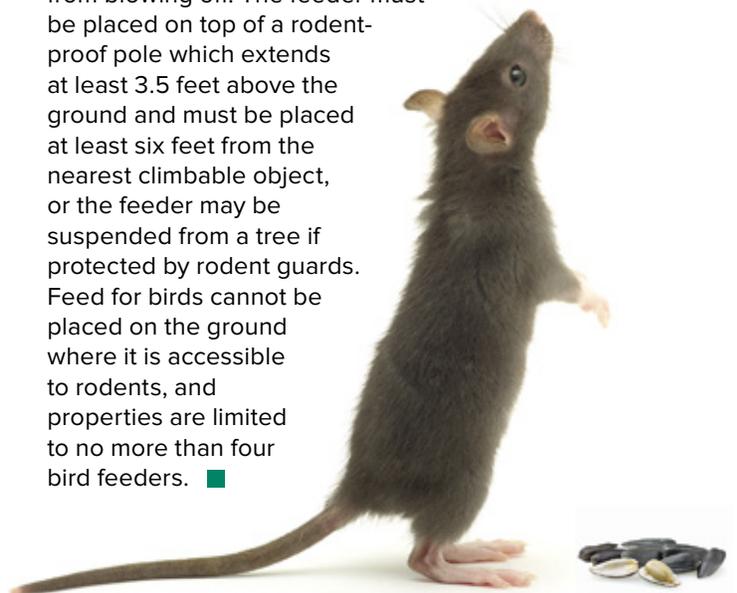
An amended ordinance authored by Alderman Bohl seeks to reduce the chances of bird feeders becoming rodent feeding stations.

The changes to the ordinance, Alderman Bohl said, are meant to address a growing problem across the city: Excess spilled bird feed attracting opportunistic rodents. “We are blessed with an abundance of songbirds and other birds in Milwaukee, and many residents enjoy watching them and seeing them visiting their yards and bird feeders year-round,” he said.

“But bird feeders that are not maintained properly can actually attract rats, and we are seeing that, and that is what the amended ordinance is meant to address,” he said.

The added ordinance provisions now require that bird feeders be maintained in a sanitary condition and be cleaned regularly. It also requires that areas below bird feeders be kept free of accumulations of feed.

Under provisions of the existing ordinance, feed for birds must be placed in a covered hopper, gravity-type feeder, and the feeder’s platform must be of reasonable size and surrounded by a ledge to deter food from blowing off. The feeder must be placed on top of a rodent-proof pole which extends at least 3.5 feet above the ground and must be placed at least six feet from the nearest climbable object, or the feeder may be suspended from a tree if protected by rodent guards. Feed for birds cannot be placed on the ground where it is accessible to rodents, and properties are limited to no more than four bird feeders. ■





On April 25th Alderman Bohl joined students, teachers, staff, parents, and special guests in celebrating Milwaukee's 49th observance of Arbor Day at Eighty-First Street School, 2964 N. 81st St.

More Than 500 Kids Waiting for a Big Brother or Sister ➤

In Milwaukee, adult volunteers are needed for the growing number of children ages 6 to 15 who are waiting for a Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) mentor. The majority of waiting children are boys in need of Big Brothers.

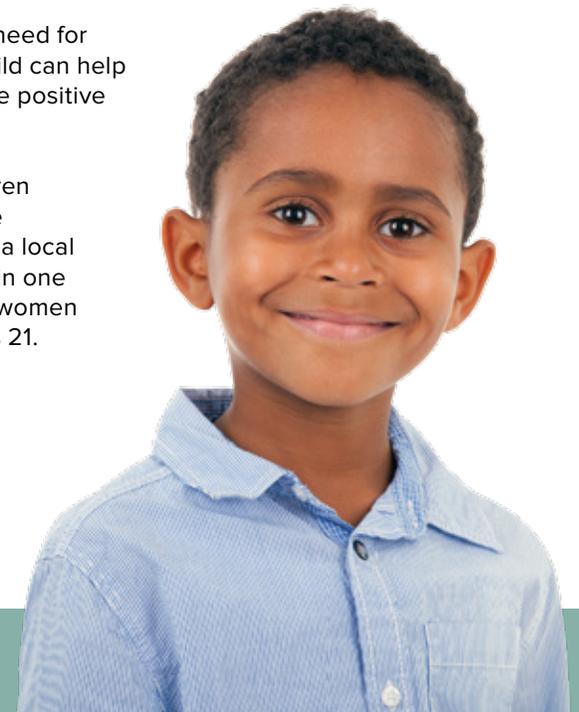
Alderman Bohl said more than 500 children are waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister in Milwaukee, including many who live in the 5th Aldermanic District. "Most of us were fortunate to have loving and devoted parents who taught us how to live and who spent time with us each and every day," he said. "Today, that's not always the case, and many boys especially are in need of positive male mentors."

Amy Chionchio, president and CEO of BBBS of Metro Milwaukee said, "The need for volunteers, especially males, is critical. Your generous gift of mentoring a child can help increase their ability to succeed in school, gain greater self-confidence, make positive choices and change their lives for the better, forever. "

In the Community-based Mentoring Program, BBBS volunteers mentor children one-on-one, three to four times a month, and schedule outings based on the availability of the volunteer. Activities may include going to the park, visiting a local museum, working on homework, attending sporting events, or participating in one of the group's 80 planned and staffed events throughout the year. Men and women may volunteer individually or as a couple. The minimum age for volunteers is 21.

In 2013 BBBS of Metro Milwaukee served approximately 1,300 children in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

For more information, contact BBBS of Metro Milwaukee at (414) 258-4778 or online at bbbsmilwaukee.org. ■



Alderman Bohl Supports Roadway Repair Shift >

The brutal winter of 2013-2014 showed just how badly Milwaukee's streets need repairs – and now. Hundreds of local or side streets in Milwaukee have been neglected to the point that they can no longer go without attention, and it is time for the city to begin a short-term repaving effort to address the situation, Alderman Bohl said.

Many major streets in the city have been repaved with asphalt this year in what is termed “high impact” paving operations by the Department of Public Works. Alderman Bohl said the new, smooth asphalt surface is welcomed by motorists, but it is only a short-term, 8-10 year fix. He said he supports a similar program to address deteriorating side streets, but only as a 2-3 year measure to catch up on the log of poor conditioned roads.

“I think the ‘high impact’ paving approach can address our deteriorating side streets, and I believe residents would welcome such a program,” he said. “But, a better financed strategy for long-term paving needs to be on the horizon.” ■

5th District Roadway, Alley Paving Projects >

Alderman Bohl said there are several roadway and alley paving projects to highlight in the 5th District. Paving work on the stretch of N. 94th St. from W. Burleigh St. to W. Keefe Ave. has been completed. Roadway paving for the following are expected to be completed this year:

- N. 97th St. from W. Concordia Ave. to W. Keefe Ave.
- N. Beckett Ave. from W. Courtland Ave. to W. Hampton Ave.
- N. 91st St. from W. Locust St. to W. Burleigh St.

Additionally, four 5th District alley paving projects are expected to be completed this year:

- Alley W. Appleton, W. Congress, W. Hope, W. Potomac. N. 80th St. (north-south leg).
- Alley W. Hadley, W. Locust, N. 81st St., N. 82nd St.
- Alley W. Capitol Dr., W. Fiebrantz Ave., W. Fiebrantz Ct., N. 79th St., N. 81st St.
- Alley W. Lisbon Ave., W. Metcalf Pl., N. 97th St., N. 98th St. ■

Update on N. 92nd St. >

Last repaved in 1984, 92nd Street is on the border between Milwaukee and Wauwatosa, with the east side under the jurisdiction of the city of Milwaukee, and the west side Wauwatosa's.

Any reconstruction of the road would be a combined project between the two communities, largely involving state transportation aides provided to each city.

There have been two opportunities in recent years to reconstruct the road when Milwaukee was ready to fund the combined city project, but where Tosa's decision to use their state transportation aides elsewhere pushed back this necessary work.

The road was last targeted to be done in 2015 and Tosa was finally agreeable to that, but then a state funding formula change pushed 92nd Street off the eligibility list of projects.

As a short-term remedy to upgrade the street, the city of Milwaukee proposed doing a “high impact paving project” on both sides of the street in fall 2014. High impact paving includes grinding the surface down and resurfacing with two inches of asphalt paving. The cost would be less than a full reconstruction and would help extend the life of the roadway for another five to ten years. However, Tosa did not have funding allocated for that project in their 2014 budget.

Alderman Bohl then initiated the drafting of a resolution directing DPW to resurface the east side of the street and to offer a loan to Tosa for the west side, to be paid back from their 2015 budget.

This resolution has not been scheduled at committee because, as it was pending, Tosa and Milwaukee officials came to appeal WisDOT's funding formula and successfully got WisDOT to restore the full 92nd Street reconstruction project in the state's 2014-18 funding cycle.

What is not yet known is where in the 4-year state funding cycle eligibility for the 92nd Street project will occur – a decision is anticipated in Spring 2015. Alderman Bohl is also exploring the feasibility of doing a “high impact paving project” in 2015 if full reconstruction won't be happening for several more years .

In the meantime, the city will continue to fill potholes on the east side of 92nd Street.

Look for another update about this important project in the next newsletter. ■

TID Ordinance Helps City Housing Stock, Affordable Housing ➤

Alderman Bohl co-sponsored successful Common Council legislation which extends the lives of tax incremental districts to benefit affordable housing in the city and to improve the city's housing stock.

A tax incremental district (TID) is a funding tool that enables developers to borrow money from the city, and then pay it back through the increased property taxes they pay on the property they improve (known as increment). Normally, a TID is "closed" when the loan is paid back, and the increment becomes a part of the city's property tax revenue. But the new ordinance will allow the Common Council to pass a resolution that extends the life of any TID by one year and diverts the increment to projects that improve the city's housing stock.

A TID's life could also be extended for one year if the city clerk forwards a copy of the Council resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, notifying it that it is required to continue to authorize the allocation of tax increments to the district under the applicable state law. If the city receives tax increments from this type of extension to the life of a tax incremental district, it shall use at least 75% of the increments received for the benefit of affordable housing in the city. The remaining portion of the increments shall be used by the city to improve its housing stock.

"This (ordinance) is a creative mechanism for harnessing TID dollars that can be used to address two of Milwaukee's greatest needs – affordable housing and our aging housing stock," he said. ■

New Crime Watch Sign Program ➤

An ordinance to establish a crime watch sign program throughout Milwaukee has recently been approved by the Common Council. Although the police have yet to set up eligibility guidelines for participation of neighborhoods, business and block watch groups, provisions for the three types of crime watch signs have already been made.

The three types of signs that will be put in for the program will be those installed at locations along the perimeter of participating neighborhood crime watch areas, those installed in a business watch area and signs installed on individual blocks. The chief of police has yet to establish standards for the size, placement, wording, etc. for all of the signs, but that is said to be happening soon.

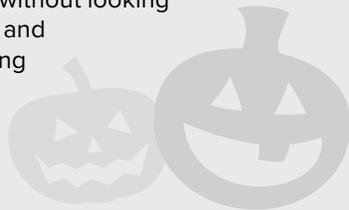
Residents will be glad to know that the Department of Public Works will be installing these signs at no cost to the participating neighborhood association, business group or block club. The requesting party will be responsible though, for any sign fabrication costs that may come up in the future.

Any neighborhood association, business or block watch group interested in participation in the crime watch sign program should apply to the police department through the community liaison officer at the nearest district police station. ■

OFFICIAL TRICK OR TREAT HOURS SET

Sunday, October 26th 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Alderman Bohl urges motorists to take great caution on October 26 as children will be crossing streets frequently – sometimes without looking adequately/both ways – and some may also be wearing costumes or masks that obstruct their view.



Alderman Bohl joined Ken Cook Co. President Kenneth J. Cook in September after touring the company facility located in the 5th District near N. 99 St. and W. Silver Spring Dr. During the visit, Alderman Bohl also delivered remarks to company employees and others during a special event marking the I Make America initiative.

Strong Neighborhoods Plan Targets Foreclosure Problems

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NEIGHBORHOODS PLAN

The Strong Neighborhoods Plan, a centerpiece of Mayor Tom Barrett's 2014 budget, provides \$11.8 million to redouble city efforts to reduce the number and mitigate the impacts of tax-foreclosed properties that the city owns.

The Department of City Development (DCD) is responsible for managing and marketing that inventory. Alderman Bohl was a supporter of the budget item that initiated the program. DCD staffers are now moving forward on many fronts to implement the Strong Neighborhoods Plan, and the number of personnel devoted to these tasks is growing.

The current inventory of tax-foreclosed buildings is nearly 1,200. Real estate staff members handle the intake of tax-foreclosed properties, inspecting them, negotiating leases with tenants living in units at the time of foreclosure, arranging to re-key and board vacant properties, referring some properties for demolition and marketing the inventory that can be redeveloped.

The Strong Neighborhoods Plan funds this work, along with several new programs: a rent-to-own initiative that helps tenants purchase the houses in which they live; a pilot program that allows licensed real estate brokers to market properties; new loan and grant programs to encourage the purchase and renovation of foreclosed properties; the artistic board-up program that involves young people in creating visual art on boarded properties; and a vacant lot beautification effort. Housing development and preservation staff also are involved in these initiatives.

Alderman Bohl noted the DCD's increased attention to neighborhoods is a positive step for the city. Chair of the Common Council's Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee, the Alderman said that while oftentimes development focuses on the city's commercial corridors, he has pushed to shift efforts to where people live.

"Our commercial corridors cannot succeed if our neighborhoods are struggling," Alderman Bohl said. "I'm glad that the Department of City Development is willing to rethink their approach to development and try new, promising tactics."

To learn more, visit the DCD website at milwaukee.gov/cityrealestate. ■

Homebuyer Assistance Program

Forgivable Loans up to \$20,000 for the Rehabilitation of City-Owned Homes

Are you interested in purchasing and fixing up a city-owned home? As part of Mayor Barrett's Strong Neighborhoods Plan, the City of Milwaukee's Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC) is providing fully forgivable loans of up to \$20,000 to assist owner-occupant buyers with the rehabilitation of city-owned foreclosed homes.

The Homebuyer Assistance Program is available throughout the City of Milwaukee, is not limited to first time homebuyers, and has no maximum income limits for qualification. As part of the program, applicants are provided free technical assistance to help with scope of work development, soliciting bids from licensed contractors, and monitoring rehabilitation. Attend the next Homebuyer Orientation Session to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Washington Park Library, 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
(2nd floor meeting room)

To learn more about the program and view property listings, contact NIDC at (414) 286-5610 or NIDC@milwaukee.gov or visit the website at www.milwaukee.gov/HBA. ■

\$500 Roots Landscaping Incentive

The Roots incentive offers an additional reimbursement of \$500 and is exclusively for city-owned properties sold to owner-occupants. This cash-back reward allows for landscaping that includes flowers, sod, grass seed, bushes and fencing. **To learn more, visit the ROOTS website at www.milwaukee.gov/roots.** ■

SIGN UP FOR CITY REAL ESTATE NEWS

Sign up for E-notify to receive the monthly City Real Estate E-newsletter and be the first to know when new properties are listed on our website. Subscribe to "City-Owned Homes" under New Property Sales Listings. **To sign up, go to milwaukee.gov/enotify.**

Mill Road and Capitol Libraries to be Replaced by 2020 ➤

Over the next six years, you can expect to see new libraries take shape as the two northwest side branches near the 5th District – Mill Road (6631 N. 76th St.) and Capitol (7401 W. Capitol Dr.) – are replaced. Our library system is undergoing a major redevelopment initiative that includes replacing four aging branch libraries and fully renovating a fifth. The city will invest \$22.4 million into the project.

The Council is actively working with the library to identify potential sites for the new, technology-rich libraries near their current locations. In late August, the library issued a Request for Interest (RFI) to developers to learn more about potential projects and partnerships.

Later this year, the library will hold public meetings at each library to seek community input. You are also invited to take the library's online survey. Your input is valued and will be taken into consideration throughout the development process.

Visit www.mpl.org for most up-to-date information. Sign up for weekly e-mails from the library and find them on Facebook or follow on Twitter: www.facebook.com/milwaukee.public.library. @MilwaukeePubLib. ■



TAKE THE SURVEY AT <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TZMZJZP>

Important Hartung Park Update ➤

An urgent state Department of Natural Resources-ordered project on the city's far south side this summer diverted the city Department of Public Works personnel who would have been working on the next or 4th phase of the Hartung Park project, Alderman Bohl said. That emergency project was completed just before Labor Day, and work has now resumed at Hartung.

The 4th phase at Hartung will focus on the eastern end of the park and the creation of an overlook and a gently sloping sledding hill. Also, as part of this phase, work is scheduled to be done to create a natural amphitheater that will form a crescent around the existing labyrinth, Alderman Bohl said.

Alderman Bohl said the 4th phase is also to include grading and installing an asphalt path (and removing a fence) near the Townsend St. park entrance.

The 5th and final phase of work, involving the park's southeastern quadrant, will include the removal of a small city utility building and an asphalt driveway to create a formal park entrance. The expected completion for all elements of the park is late 2015 to mid-summer 2016. Also, the alderman said he is working closely with the Hartung Park Community Association to plan an intergenerational exercise equipment area.

Securing additional park benches and rain garden water control efforts are also a part of the 5th phase.

For more information about HPCA and the park, visit the website: www.hartungpark.com. ■

New NML Tower Downtown Creating Jobs >

Work has begun on a new high-rise office tower downtown that will reshape the city skyline, and City of Milwaukee residents will play a crucial role in building it.

As part of a deal negotiated with the Milwaukee Common Council, Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership will help Northwestern Mutual meet an objective in which 40% of the jobs on the site will go to residents of the City of Milwaukee. In addition, the program has a stated goal of connecting 350 people to a career in the construction trades and placing up to 150 workers on the job site.

Overall, the project is expected to create 1,000 construction jobs. Northwestern Mutual is building the 32-story, 550-foot tower next to its historic 1914 headquarters.

To learn more, call WTRP/Big Step at (414) 342-9787. ■



Second Chances Working for Milwaukee >

Dozens of people trying to make a career for themselves after periods of unemployment or incarceration are finding second chances working for the City of Milwaukee through new transitional jobs programs.

One such program created 25 positions to supplement Department of Public Works efforts to patch potholes and repair roads. In the program, which is administered by United Migrant Opportunity Services, participants earn a living wage of \$10.10 an hour working for a limited term with the city and gaining valuable on-the-job experience.

“For people who are down on their luck, sometimes all that’s needed is for one employer to give them a chance,” Alderman Bohl said. “With the skills and experience these temporary employees will earn, they will be better qualified for permanent jobs that open up with the city or with private employers.”

Another program, the Dombrowski Landscape Training Initiative, has focused on landscape maintenance of city-owned foreclosed and vacant properties. Thirty low-income participants earned valuable job skills and a number of certifications over the course of the 17-week program, all while cleaning up blight in urban neighborhoods. The program was made possible by the bequest of the late Department of Public Works employee, David John Dombrowski.

And under the Milwaukee Jobs Act, \$180,000 was allocated to the transitional jobs Garage Demolition Program. ■

REPORT FRAUD

It is everyone’s job to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse of public funds. If you suspect or witness any fraud, waste or abuse against City of Milwaukee resources, **TAKE ACTION** and **REPORT IT** to the Fraud Hotline at 286-3440, via email (hotline@milwaukee.gov), or online. See milwaukee.gov/comptroller.

Tips may be made anonymously. The Fraud Hotline ensures confidentiality and will not share contact information without consent.



Alderman Bohl helped owners Joanie and Tony LeDonne (to the alderman's left) cut the ribbon to open the new Lisbon Ave. Ace Hardware store location, 8325 W. Lisbon Ave. Also pictured is president and CEO of Ace Hardware Corp., John Venhuizen (left).



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Hazardous Waste Collection Coming Up ➔

Friday, October 10th, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 11th, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Located at Wisconsin State Fair Park, Gate 8 (off S. 76th St.)

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District will have a mobile collection weekend event for household hazardous waste. Many products in your home, garage and yard contain hazardous materials. Improper disposal of these products can cause fires, injuries to people and animals and groundwater contamination.

Keep your home safe by disposing of hazardous products properly. Please do not put hazardous waste in the garbage or recycling container. Always take products like pesticides, paint, solvents and other potentially harmful chemicals to household hazardous waste disposal locations.

For more information go to www.mmsd.com or call 225-2066.

