



2nd District Alderman

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Winter 2014 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor:

After a bit of a hiatus, I am glad to again be back in touch with you through this edition of my newsletter for the 2nd Aldermanic District.

First, there is much to be excited about in the district, including some new business development news (see page 2). Also, young people have opportunities to get early legislative experience and to explore careers in the city services while getting paid a good wage (please see "Just for Youth" on page 4). Additionally, new MPD captains (page 3) and a new Crime Watch signage program (page 5) will be part of the mix as we continue our work to bolster public safety.

But we know the City of Milwaukee continues to face several challenges, and it is up to every citizen to do their part. Many of you did when you voted overwhelmingly last April to support a referendum against ending the practice of same-day voter registration (see below). We continue to fight the foreclosure crisis (page 6), and yet we are fortunate to have some excellent high schools (page 7) molding and readying our young people for the future. Please stay warm and safe!

Sincerely,

Joe Davis, Sr. - 2nd District Alderman



Hiring Our Heroes = Help for Vets



On January 14 at Goodwill Industries' **James O. Wright Center for Work and Training** (located in the 2nd District at 6055 N. 91st St.), Alderman Davis attended the **Hiring Our Heroes** job fair event for military veterans and is pictured with (left to right): Reggie Newson, secretary, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; Eric Eversole, vice president, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and executive director, Hiring Our Heroes, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Jim Gibbons, president and CEO, Goodwill Industries International; and Jackie Hallberg, president and CEO, Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin and Metropolitan Chicago. Please see the article about the Goodwill facility on page 4. To learn more about Hiring Our Heroes please go to www.hiringourheroes.org, and to learn more about Goodwill Industries please go to www.goodwillsew.com.

Voters Express Support for Same-Day Registration

Nearly three out of every four Milwaukee voters at the polls on April 2, 2013 said that they support the state's same-day voter registration laws and would oppose any efforts to repeal them.

The referendum was intended to demonstrate to state lawmakers the overwhelming public support for same-day registration here in Milwaukee.

"Milwaukee voters sent a clear message in support of same-day registration that was heard loud and clear in Madison," Alderman Davis said. "I consider my right to vote to be sacred, and I will do all I can to see that for city residents it is not infringed upon in any way."

Town Hall Meetings

Alderman Davis has scheduled three 2nd District town hall meetings for early March 2014. Town hall meetings are scheduled to give you a chance to talk about the important issues facing your neighborhood and the city. The meeting times, dates and locations are:

- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 4**
Madison High School, 8135 W. Florist Ave. (auditorium)
- **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5**
Goodwill Industries - James O. Wright Center for Work and Training, 6055 N. 91st St.
- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6**
Carmen Middle/High School of Science and Technology (Northwest Campus), 5496 N. 72nd St. (auditorium)

Committees & Boards

- CHAIR**
- Community & Economic Development Committee
 - Sister Cities Committee
 - Convenient Lending Task Force
- CO-CHAIR**
- Fireworks Task Force
 - Black Male Achievement Advisory Council
- VICE CHAIR**
- National League of Cities' International Council
- MEMBER**
- Judiciary & Legislation
 - Public Safety
 - Steering & Rules
 - Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors
 - National League of Cities' Community and Economic Development Committee Board of Directors Rep.
 - National League of Cities Board of Directors Large Cities Council - Board Rep for NLC
- HONORARY CONSUL**
- Republic of South Africa - State of Wisconsin

View meetings on the web at:
www.milwaukee.gov/citychannel

Midtown Center New Development Plans Proposed

The proposal for a \$3.5 million city fund that will be used to attract new retailers to Midtown Center will be expanded \$5 million for street repairs, according to the Department of City Development.

The proposal was presented in March, and much of the focus is on redeveloping the former Lowe's home improvement store. However, developers continue to show interest in buying the 135,000-square-foot building at N. 58th St. and W. Hope Ave.

A \$1.5 million portion of the fund will be used to do street paving projects within a half-mile of Midtown, especially north of W. Capitol Dr. and east of N. 60th St.

The fund would be financed through property taxes paid by Midtown Center, which was developed with extensive assistance from Alderman Davis and the City of Milwaukee.



New Businesses to Open Across the 2nd District



A number of new businesses are opening around the district, including two restaurants and a grocery store. These important developments and investments are happening because of hard work and because employers are seeing the value of doing business in the 2nd Aldermanic District.

One restaurant, **Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet**, held its grand opening event on September 26. The restaurant is located at 4138 N. 56th St. at Midtown Center. The 11,000-square foot restaurant complex offers more than 500 entree options, five buffet lines and a hibachi grill for fresh, made-to-order cuisine.

The new grocery store will be called **Pacific Produce – A Full Service Market**, located at 8340 W. Appleton Ave. This location was previously home to a Kohl's department and food store, but has been empty for about 10 years. The owners of Pacific Produce run a similar store in Greenfield.

The other restaurant is the popular breakfast establishment, **IHOP**, located at 5431 W. Fond du Lac Ave. The new Midtown Center IHOP is expected to have 50 full-time and 30 part-time employees, according to the Milwaukee Economic Development Corp.

Residents Can Petition City for Traffic Calming Devices

Residents who want to improve their quality of life by diminishing the speeding traffic through their neighborhood can proactively take steps to get the ball rolling.

The city's traffic calming device ordinance creates a process for neighborhood residents to ask the city to construct a device – such as a mini-roundabout or a "speed hump" – to reduce vehicle speeds on residential streets and to improve pedestrian safety. Other traffic calming devices include speed tables, curb bump-outs, and traffic circles and roundabouts at intersections. All of these installations will be carefully designed to ensure the safe movement of emergency vehicles and snow plows.

Under the ordinance, neighborhood residents can petition the city to install traffic calming measures on residential streets. The city reviews each request, determines the best type of traffic calming measure and calculates the cost of the installation. A public hearing is then held before the Council's Public Works Committee, and if approved, 90% of the cost of the project is divided among adjoining property owners as a special assessment (similar to the process the city uses for street, sidewalk and alley replacement). Special assessments can be paid in a lump sum or over a period of years with interest as part of the property tax bill.

A typical speed hump will cost about \$3,000, and other traffic calming devices will cost slightly more.

If you and your neighbors are interested in looking into some type of traffic calming device, please contact Robert Bryson at 286-3244, or by email at rbryso@milwaukee.gov.

Westlawn Project is Winning Awards

In July 2013, the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee held its annual meeting to celebrate the opening of the innovative, award-winning mixed-income “neighborhood for all” – **Westlawn Gardens**.

The HACM’s annual meeting also coincided with the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for development of the **retail site** at the southwest corner of W. Silver Spring Dr. and N. 60th St., which is expected to be an anchor store for the neighborhood.

Westlawn was not located in the 2nd Aldermanic District until redistricting changes became effective after the 2012 election. However, Alderman Davis has been closely monitoring the project since its early planning stages, and expressed high praise for the development. “Westlawn has been transformed completely and is now truly a nationally-recognized example of how a city can create a vibrant, sustainable and economically viable neighborhood for all,” he said.

“And I am very pleased that the revitalization of Westlawn will serve as a catalytic project that will help spur further redevelopment in the larger Silver Spring area community,” the alderman said.

Construction has finished on the first 250 units and infrastructure for the 37-acre east side of the Westlawn development. The \$82 million project area now includes a diverse mix of new housing, improved storm water management and energy efficiency, and new park and garden space between 60th St. and 64th St. from Silver Spring Dr. on the north to Lincoln Creek on the south.

The Housing Authority has worked to ensure that the redevelopment of Westlawn provides an economic boost for residents, businesses and the surrounding neighborhood while maintaining the availability of high-quality affordable housing for years to come. Through its Emerging Business Enterprise (EBE) and Section 3 programs, HACM has been connecting low-income workers and emerging businesses to work and contracting opportunities at the Westlawn worksite.

Westlawn’s redevelopment has met or exceeded new environmental standards, including LEED Neighborhood Development certification. Sustainable design strategies have created economic efficiencies and will reduce the project’s impact on the environment and city infrastructure through improved storm water management. In addition, new streets reconnect Westlawn to the city grid to improve traffic flow.

Landscaped green space is being added throughout the development, and a new linear park with informal sports fields, a picnic shelter and community gardens managed by Growing Power reconnects the neighborhood to Lincoln Creek on Westlawn’s south end.

Westlawn Project Issues Highlighted in Recent Probes

Alderman Davis said he is very concerned about and will be monitoring closely federal investigations involving the first phase of the Westlawn Gardens project.

In September, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) found that the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee failed to meet federal requirements in terms of hiring and contracting for the project. In November, it was learned that the Department of Labor and the FBI are also investigating a New Berlin contractor for fraud after allegations surfaced that the contractor allegedly lied about paying workers prevailing wages during the first phase of the revitalization project.

“I am very troubled and concerned about the allegations and will be looking to see how these investigations unfold,” Alderman Davis said.

Alderman Davis said he will be proactive in ensuring that compliance requirements are strictly adhered to as the development moves into its second phase.

Your New Police Captains



Captain Victor Beecher is the new commander for the Milwaukee Police Department’s 4th District. His experience includes more than 20 years of service to the Milwaukee Police Department, where he began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer in Milwaukee’s District Three. Upon his promotion to the rank of Detective, he worked the next 10 years in MPD’s Criminal Investigation Bureau, the Sexual Assault Unit and the Vice Control Division’s Major Case Unit. After he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of Detectives, Captain Beecher supervised a number of units and was assigned to be the Early Shift Commander of the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Captain Beecher is a graduate of Northwestern University’s Staff and Command School, the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Drug Unit Commander’s Academy and is a State of Wisconsin certified law enforcement instructor in several law enforcement topics.



Captain Jutiki Jackson is the new commander for the Milwaukee Police Department’s 7th District. His experience includes more than 20 years of service to the Milwaukee Police Department, where he began his career in District Two. After 10 years as a police officer, he was promoted to the rank of police sergeant. While serving as a sergeant, Jackson worked at various locations including District Four, the Vice Control Division and the Tactical Enforcement Unit, where he remained until being promoted to lieutenant. As a lieutenant, Jackson was assigned to District Seven, District Five and the Neighborhood Task Force. On June 21, 2013, Jackson was promoted to the rank of captain and assumed command of District Seven.

Youth Council is Molding Future Leaders

The **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** is looking for committed young leaders between the ages of 14 and 18 with the time, energy and passion to work for change. Youth Council members must live in the City of Milwaukee. Go to www.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil to learn more about becoming a member of the Youth Council.

Youth Council members represent young people in their aldermanic districts, and they regularly meet with leaders like the Mayor, Common Council, County Executive, School Superintendent, city department heads, business owners and community groups to advocate for youth. In recent years, members of the Youth Council have also traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet and exchange ideas with members of Congress and other key federal officials.

The community is invited to attend all Youth Council meetings, and most meetings are broadcast on the city's government television station – the City Channel, streaming online at www.milwaukee.gov/citychannel, Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable and on Channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse.

Earn & Learn Summer Youth Internship Coming Soon

Online applications for the city's 2014 Earn & Learn Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) became available on January 13, 2014. Applicants who are selected for city government internships will work 20 hours a week for eight weeks (beginning June 20, 2014) and will earn \$8.25 per hour.

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Earn & Learn is the City of Milwaukee's program to help young people make a successful transition from adolescence to adulthood by providing opportunities to develop work-readiness skills while they earn wages working in government, community- and faith-based organizations and private sector businesses.

To qualify for an internship, applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 19, live within the Community Development Block Grant area and submit their high school transcripts after completing the online application. Individuals who have previously held a city government internship position are encouraged to apply for the private sector positions.

To learn more or apply for an internship, visit www.milwaukee.gov/SYIP. The deadline for SYIP application and submitting the transcripts is **April 4, 2014**.

Tip Hotline Offers Cash 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, alleys or vacant properties.

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 materials that were 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.

Goodwill Industries: A Strong and Positive Neighbor



Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc. is the largest of more than 165 Goodwill organizations in the world, and the **James O. Wright Center for Work and Training** is located in the 2nd District at 6055 N. 91st St.

The Goodwill location at 6055 N. 91st St. also includes a store and donation center, and on January 16, 2014 it hosted **Hiring Our Heroes** – a job fair for veterans, active military members, National Guard and Reserve members, and military and veteran spouses.

"Milwaukee has significant needs in the areas of training, support for those looking for gainful employment and positive support services for people with disabilities, and Goodwill provides for those needs daily," Alderman Davis said.

Meet Bishop R.J. Burt, Sr. of the Greater New Birth Church

Bishop R.J. Burt, Sr. was born in Milwaukee, and has always been dedicated to working in the service of the Lord. He shares this experience with his wife, Pastor Patricia Burt. They are the proud parents of four children, and grandparents to four as well. Bishop Burt received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Marquette University, and also holds an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Logos Christian College. In 1990, Bishop Burt was named Pastor of Greater New Birth Church. In 1999, Bishop Burt was consecrated to the office of International Presiding Bishop of Grace International Fellowship (GIF), of which he is also the founder.



In addition, Bishop Burt has served on the Board of Directors for TranCenter for Youth, Inc, an organization committed to meeting the needs of challenged and troubled teens. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Hands OFF God's Property Coalition, the Clergy Amani Association and the Martin Luther King Jr. Economic Development Commissions, and he currently serves on the CEO Leadership Academy Board of Directors. He also finds time to travel around the world, preaching a message of spiritual, educational and economic empowerment. Outside of the Church, Bishop Burt continues to spread his word through radio ministry on WGLB AM1560. He is also a singer/songwriter, and on the trail to becoming a successful author, as well.

New 2014 Virtual Night Parking Permit System

For the convenience of the city's night parking permit customers, there will be no requirement to display a physical permit for 2014. When residents buy a night parking permit after December 20, 2013, they will complete the same application accurately listing the applicable license plate number. Residents will receive a confirmation number to prove purchase of the permit, but will not receive a physical permit to place on the vehicle's window.

The license plate number will be used by parking enforcement to determine whether it has a purchased, valid permit. All customer service problems arising from misplaced or stolen permits will be eliminated. Failure to purchase a permit will still be subject to a \$20 citation.

When a resident purchases a permit online, the cost savings of no permit production, handling and mailing will be passed on to customers. The convenience fee will be reduced from the current \$2.25 to \$1.00.

Visit www.milwaukee.gov/parking to purchase a night parking permit online and avoid the hassle of standing in line to pay in-person. Please call 286-CITY (2489) with any questions.

Bring Block Watch Program to Your Neighborhood

The Block Watch program provides residents with specific information on how to reduce or eliminate opportunities for crime. And it works. But block watch groups can also do so much more.

The support of local businesses is vital to the block watches, and the support of block watches is vital to local business. They can accomplish many things by working together that they may not be able to do if working alone. This cooperation is essential to making a neighborhood a cohesive community.

Block watches have been a priority of Alderman Davis during his service on the Common Council, and he would like to see continued expansion of the program in the 2nd District. "If you join forces with your neighbors and form a Block Watch group, you will become proactive in improving the quality of life in the 2nd District," Alderman Davis said.

To become involved in a Block Watch, you can contact a community liaison officer for the 4th Police District at 935-7248, or at the 7th Police District at 935-7278. If you would like Alderman Davis to attend a Block Watch meeting, please call his office at 286-3787.

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, businesses and block watch groups, provisions for the three types of crime watch signs have already been made.

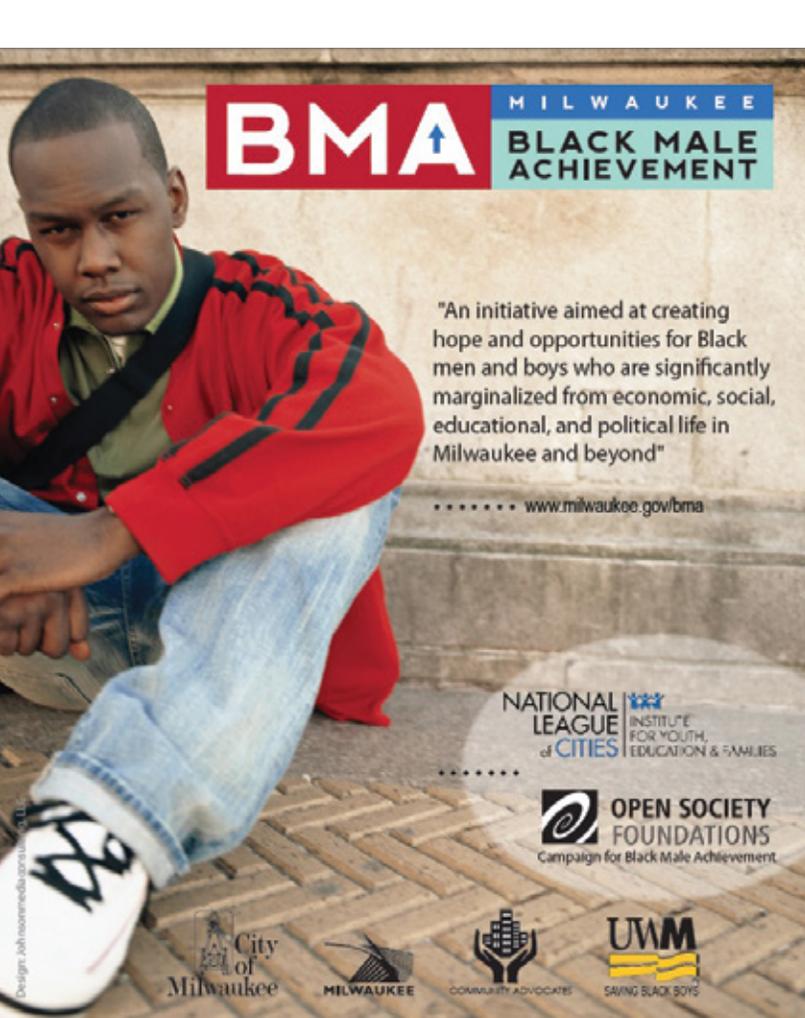
The three types of signs that will be put in for the program will be those installed at locations along the perimeter of participating neighborhood crime watch areas, those installed in a business watch area and signs installed on individual blocks.

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. They will be responsible, though, for any sign fabrication costs that may come up in the future.

"It is extremely important that residents feel safe within our city, and I know this new crime watch sign program will let everyone know that there are eyes and ears monitoring what's going on," Alderman Davis said of the new ordinance.

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.



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Foreclosure Help for Homeowners

The City of Milwaukee is committed to helping our neighborhoods remain healthy for generations to come. As curbing foreclosures is key to this goal, the city is coordinating with various organizations, government agencies and private lenders to reach out to homeowners facing foreclosure through prevention, intervention and stabilization efforts. For access to more resources, visit www.milwaukeehousinghelp.org.

If you or someone you know is facing foreclosure, the most important thing to do is to contact a certified foreclosure counselor. The city, in partnership with the Milwaukee Mediation Program, can help. For more information, contact (414) 939-8800 or visit www.mediatemilwaukee.com.

The following organizations also offer foreclosure solutions:

Select Milwaukee
 (414) 562-5070 • info@selectmilwaukee.org • www.selectmilwaukee.org

Neighborhood Stabilization Project
nspinfo@milwaukee.gov
www.milwaukee.gov/NeighborhoodStabilizationProgram.htm

Additionally, if problems exist with boarded up properties in your neighborhood, you should report them to the Department of Neighborhood Services. Call (414) 286-2268 with the property address or visit www.milwaukee.gov/dns for more information.

Treasurer's Office Offers "Pay at the Bank" Option

The City Treasurer's Office is now accepting property tax payments at several US Bank branch locations across Milwaukee, an arrangement that enables the city to reduce staffing costs while increasing convenience for city taxpayers.

The new program eliminates the time and inconvenience of having residents drive downtown to pay their bill at City Hall. Instead, residents can pay their city property tax bill at one of 13 US Bank locations in the city. **One does not need to be a customer of U.S. Bank to participate in this program.**

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.

"Pay at the bank" programs are popular in many communities across the U.S. In Milwaukee, the program enables the Treasurer's office to reduce the number of temporary staff hired in December and January to handle the large number of taxpayers who typically come to City Hall during those months to pay their property tax bills.

To learn more, visit www.milwaukee.gov/treasurer.

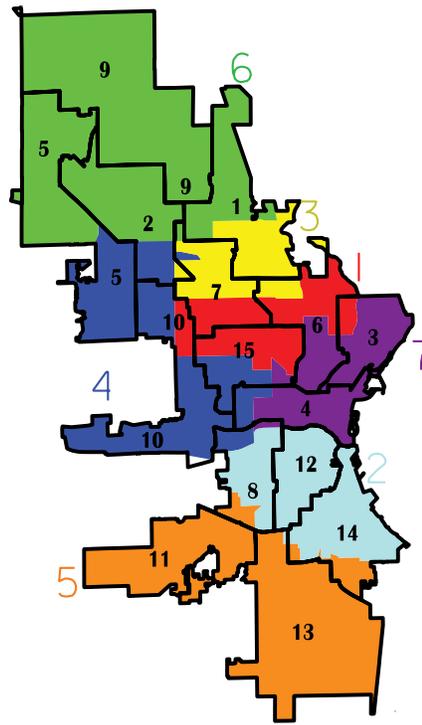
Project Clean and Green

Project Clean & Green will be 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 5 automobile tires or brush piles larger than two cubic yards (equivalent to a six-foot sofa) will be accepted.

In the 2nd District (please see map), Project Clean and Green will take place from May 6 - May 12 for residences south of W. Hampton Ave., and from May 20 - May 28 for residences north of W. Hampton Ave.

If you have questions about the project, please call 286-CITY(2489).

- **Zone 1: April 14 - April 21**
- **Zone 2: April 22 - April 28**
- **Zone 3: April 29 - May 5**
- **Zone 4: May 6 - May 12**
- **Zone 5: May 13 - May 19**
- **Zone 6: May 20 - May 28**
- **Zone 7: May 29 - June 4**



Priorities and Services Maintained in Council-Approved 2014 Budget

The 2014 amended city budget approved November 1, 2013 by the Common Council addresses key priorities and maintains quality city services at current levels.

The 2014 tax levy approved by the Common Council is \$253.809 million – up slightly but less than the projected rate of inflation of 1.6 percent – and approximately \$560,000 less than the Mayor’s proposed 2014 budget levy.

When fees are included, the 2014 tax levy means the owner of an average city home valued at \$103,000 will see a \$16.94 increase reflected in city taxes and municipal services fees.

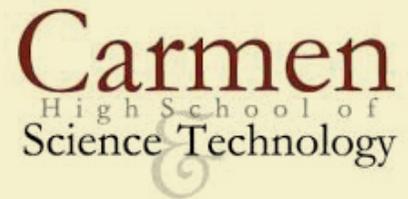
The 2014 adopted budget again meets the state’s directives for local government budgets (property tax levy freeze) and reflects the Council’s overall agreement with residents in terms of priorities and flat spending. The budget is also in line with the recent report from the non-partisan Public Policy Forum that gave the city high marks for the 2014 budget –

especially given the city’s substantial pension contribution, stagnant state aids, state-imposed property tax limits and \$7.6 million in expiring grants.



A Look into Our High Schools

Carmen Middle/High School of Science and Technology is located at 5496 N. 72nd St. Carmen’s mission is to graduate critical thinkers and self-directed learners prepared for success in college, meaningful careers, community involvement and family life. All students are required to take four years of college prep English, Mathematics, Science, and History/Social Studies, three years of Spanish and two semesters of Fine Arts. In addition, students develop ties and experience in the community through completion of 40 volunteer service hours each year, and by interning one day per week at a local corporation or nonprofit organization. Carmen ranks 5th out of all public high schools in Wisconsin, according to the U.S. News & World Report’s 2013 Best High School rankings. Among charter high schools nationwide, Carmen is listed in the top 100, and is the only charter facility in Wisconsin to receive a ranking. This is especially significant given the fact that Carmen is a non-selective MPS charter school and accepts students on a first-come, first-served basis.



James Madison Academic Campus (JMAC) is a comprehensive high school, located at 8135 W. Florist Ave. on Milwaukee’s Northwest side. JMAC offers a challenging curriculum of highly rigorous classes, as well as an alternative program. In addition to classroom learning, Madison offers students a chance to participate competitively in athletics and a variety of clubs. Their student council governs many of the academic and social aspects of the school, along with student leaders who work within the community of Madison, as well as the community at large, to create a positive school environment. Under the leadership of Principal Gregory Ogunbowale, the Madison community strives to encourage strong character, develop leadership and build positive role models today, as their graduates will enhance society tomorrow.

Morse-Marshall School for the Gifted and Talented is a multi-cultural school located at 4141 N. 64th Street on the Northwest side of Milwaukee. The mission for Morse-Marshall School, in collaboration with parents and the community, is to energize both students and staff to achieve and teach, in an academically stimulating, clean and safe environment. Morse-Marshall strives for their students to become creative thinkers, self-directed learners, effective communicators, collaborative workers and productive citizens who value the importance of education and lifelong learning. Last year, Morse-Marshall led the district in the increased number of students taking Advanced Placement courses. They continue to build upon the commitment to developing students’ readiness for college by adopting a Spring Board program that helps develop the skills needed to excel in college-level course work. The staff uses their energy, together with research and development in best practices within balanced literacy, to help their students reach their full potential.





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Important Contact Information

- Emergency Police/Fire/Ambulance..... 911
- Police (non-emergency)933-4444
- Police District 4935-7243
- Police District 7935-7273
- City Services and Questions ...286-CITY(2489)
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault286-2997
- Flu Hotline.....286-3616
- Parking Hotline286-8350
- Snow removal, garbage pickup, etc.*
- Dept. of Neighborhood Services286-3441
- Landlord questions, graffiti, etc.*

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Winter Garbage Cart Collection

Winter garbage and recycling schedules are in effect until April 4, 2014. Effective January 27, 2014 residents, with curb-side garbage pick-up must place their garbage carts at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day, just as they do in spring, summer and fall. Residents with alley garbage pick-up are not affected by this change. Recycling collection does not change – this new program applies to garbage carts only.

For more information on your next garbage and recycling collection days, go to www.city.milwaukee.gov/mpw or call 286-CITY.

There is NO garbage or recycling collection on the following city holidays:

- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Monday – January 20, 2014
- **Good Friday**
April 18, 2014
- **Memorial Day & Furlough Day**
Friday & Monday – May 23 & 26, 2014
- **Independence Day & Furlough Day**
Thursday & Friday – July 3 & 4, 2014
- **Labor Day & Furlough Day**
Friday & Monday – August 29 & September 1, 2014
- **Thanksgiving**
Thursday & Friday – November 27 & 28, 2014
- **Christmas Eve & Day**
Wednesday & Thursday – December 24 & 25
- **New Year's Eve & Day**
Wednesday & Thursday – December 31, 2014 & January 1, 2015

Please Shovel Your Sidewalk – It's The Law

Remember that residential and commercial property owners and occupants are required to clear sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice **within 24 hours of a storm**. If violations are reported, a 24-hour notice is issued. If the sidewalks still are not cleared, a sanitation crew will clear a path and put the charge on the property tax bill. **Note: the city does not plow alleys.**

If you have elderly or disabled neighbors who need help with snow shoveling, please help them out when you can.

And make our city safer by shoveling out the fire hydrants near your home. "Adopting" a fire hydrant will ensure maximum visibility for firefighters in the event of an emergency.

New Maximum Height for Grass and Weeds

On July 23, 2013, the Common Council adopted an ordinance sponsored by Alderman Davis 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.

The Department of Public Works has received media coverage about the height change, and has also been conducting a public information campaign to alert property owners, including a DPW garbage cart tag with details about the change.

Questions about the ordinance change can be directed to 286-CITY(2489).