



Dear Constituents,

I don't have to tell any of you what a long, tough winter it's been. It's taken a toll on all of us, just as it's taken a toll on our city. Heavy plowing operations and a brutal freeze-thaw cycle have left our roads beaten up and riddled with potholes, while record-setting cold caused the greatest number of calls for broken water mains and frozen water meters on record. This was truly the worst winter we have faced in decades.

But thankfully, that's all behind us now. The broken water lines have been repaired. Crews are out patching and mending the roads, with a significant number of larger road projects scheduled for our part of the city. And if you have any concerns that you would like addressed, you can request any city service outside of police and fire with one simple phone call to 286-CITY, where multi-lingual operators are standing by to connect you with the city's various departments.

It's a time for new beginnings, and there's a lot to feel optimistic about. I've accumulated some of the best stories in this newsletter, which I am proud to share with my constituents once again.

Work is set to begin on a new industrial facility at Century City, the former site of A.O. Smith and Tower Automotive. The city has invested millions of dollars into making this site a home for new jobs, and the construction this summer is just the start of what could become a truly great industrial hub for the city. (Page 5)

Meanwhile, work has wrapped up on a project that will protect residents from the flooding and basement backups that caused so many problems in recent years. (Page 9) Young people are learning directly from police while earning a paycheck and building career skills through the LEAP program (Page 7), and the city is investing more resources into combating the foreclosure crisis (Page 4). And thanks to a unique partnership with the Dominican Center for Women, homes that have been boarded up are getting a new look as part of a repainting program.

So I hope that the advent of Spring (finally!) finds you and your family well, and ready for another glorious Summer in Milwaukee. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 286-3764 or wwade@milwaukee.gov.

Sincerely,

Willie C. Wade
Alderman, 7th District



TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Alderman Wade will hold three district-wide town hall meetings in 2014 on Mondays at the **Department of Public Works facility at 3850 N. 35th St.** The meetings start at **6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.**

June 2nd, 2014

September 8th, 2014

December 1st, 2014



One Call, That's All

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

Alderman Wade 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.

Of course you can always call Alderman Wade's office at 286-3764.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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- Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM)

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- Century City Redevelopment Corporation
- Fresh Coast Basketball Classic

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- Public Works Committee

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- Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB)

Member:

- Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee
- Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) Credit Committee
- Environmental Justice Task Force (SEWRPC)
- Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club Advisory Committee

View meetings at:

www.milwaukee.gov/citychannel

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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 www.city.milwaukee.gov/comptroller.

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

New System for Contracting Police Services Will Benefit Business, Public Safety ➤

It is now much easier for businesses to contract with the Milwaukee Police Department for additional security, under an ordinance amendment approved recently by the Milwaukee Common Council. The changes empower MPD to negotiate contracts with private business entities, and those contracts needn't be tied up waiting for approval from the Common Council unless they exceed \$50,000 a year.

"It goes without saying that the change will make the city a safer place for residents by helping allocate a police presence where it's needed most," Alderman Wade said. "But I believe it will also create economic benefits that have not yet been fully recognized.

“ The owners of these businesses tell me that if they could just have a police officer on hand at certain times of the day, they would see more business from customers who would feel just a little bit safer. This legislation enables them to get just that. ”

"I hear all the time from businesses in the 7th Aldermanic District that are interested in contracting with the Milwaukee Police Department for some additional security," Alderman Wade said. "It's not just bars and taverns, but grocery stores, shops and music venues too. The owners of these businesses tell me that if they could just have a police officer on hand at certain times of the day, they would see more business from customers who would feel just a little bit safer. This legislation enables them to get just that."

And for many establishments that are seeking license renewal, contracting with Milwaukee Police for added security provides a much-needed alternative to closing their doors for good, which costs the city jobs and economic vitality.

"This change is something that I had been pursuing since 2006, and it's gratifying to have finally found a solution that addresses everyone's concerns," Alderman Wade said. ■

Job Seekers Can Learn Skills in Landscape Training Initiative >

Thanks to the generous bequest of a retired city employee, the City of Milwaukee will be able to offer training in valuable landscaping skills to participants in an innovative new initiative.

With Alderman Wade as the lead sponsor, the Common Council this Spring approved funding for the Dombrowski Landscape Training Initiative. The initiative will train participants in grounds maintenance, including small trees, shrub and brush removal, as well as sidewalk snow and ice removal, and general landscape maintenance on city-owned foreclosed and vacant properties. Thirty low-income participants will be able to earn valuable job skills and a number of certifications over the course of the 17-week program, and will then be eligible for placement in a fulltime job with a private employer in the community.

The initiative bears the name of the late David John Dombrowski, a lifelong Milwaukee resident who was a Department of Public Works employee from 1966 to 2002. Upon his passing, Mr. Dombrowski generously bequeathed his entire estate to the Department of Public Works to better the city, and nearly \$95,000 of that bequest is being used to launch the Dombrowski Landscape Training Initiative. ■



New Thrift Store Lands in Sherman Park >

More than just a typical thrift store, Repurpose has opened its doors on the former site of the Fruit Ranch market, offering discount clothing and furniture and a chance for young people to learn valuable job skills.

Located at 4610 W. Fond Du Lac Ave., Repurpose is a not-for-profit resale shop managed by Saint Charles Youth and Family Services, Inc. It offers an array of donated items for purchase, including small household furnishings, office furniture, gently-used clothes and gift options.

The store also serves as a training ground for youth and young adults participating in the Youth Employment Services (YES) program, giving them the opportunity to gain “real world” job experience. The YES program, a four-month paid internship and on-the-job training initiative, teaches critical employment skills, along with specific training for retail and customer service industry jobs. This provides at-risk youth with the experience necessary to build their independence and lasting success.

Donations of gently-used items can be made directly to RePurpose during store hours. **You can reach the RePurpose staff at (414) 977-4250.** ■

IMPACT ★

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SNIP Initiative Targets Foreclosure Problems >

The Strong Neighborhood Investment Program (SNIP), a centerpiece of Mayor Tom Barrett's 2014 budget, provides \$11.8 million to double city efforts to reduce the number and mitigate the impacts of tax-foreclosed properties that the city owns.

The Department of City Development is responsible for managing and marketing that inventory. Alderman Wade was the lead sponsor on a budget item that initiated the program. DCD staffers are now moving forward on many fronts to implement SNIP, and the number of personnel devoted to these tasks is growing.

The current inventory of tax-foreclosed buildings is nearly 1,500. 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.

SNIP 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.

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



Century City Gateway Taking Shape >

While new buildings rise within the Century City site, the area around the industrial corridor is also scheduled for a facelift.

Through the use of million-dollar grants from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, work is set to begin this summer on a "Greenway" entrance to the business park. The Greenway will include a road, new utilities and a gateway feature.

The gateway design was part of a competition that drew designers and artists from Milwaukee and Madison. It will be a unique identifier that lets visitors know that they have arrived at the Century City Business Park.

Alderman Wade was part of the selection committee that chose the award winning design by Milwaukee artist Mark David Grey and Landscape Architect Brian Kleismet. Residents surrounding the Century City site will begin to see a transformation take place on W. Hopkins St. during the Summer of 2014. ■



An artist's rendering: a perspective view of linear park with industrial buildings in the background

Stay up to date on the Department of City Development's website: milwaukee.gov/dcd

Century City Update ➤

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer on a new 50,000-square-foot industrial building that will be constructed on Milwaukee’s new Century City development, the \$35 million city project to convert the former A.O. Smith and Tower Automotive site into a business park and other uses.

Fox Point-based General Capital Group is developing the \$5-6 million facility, which was featured in Mayor Tom Barrett’s annual State of the City address this year. By the time construction begins, company leaders and city officials have said that some prospective tenants will already be interested in leasing out up to 20,000 square feet of the space.

The 84-acre Century City site has undergone extensive demolition, remediation and renovation in order to prepare it for redevelopment. Bordered by W. Capitol Dr., W. Hopkins St., W. Townsend St., N. 27th St. and railroad tracks, Century City is intended as a new home for much-needed urban industry, providing good-paying jobs to residents in nearby neighborhoods. The city continues to invest in building additional infrastructure to make the area desirable to industrial developers.

General Capital plans to buy eight acres for its upcoming project, and expects to eventually develop a second 50,000-square-foot building similar to the first.

The city plans to make available between 50 and 60 acres of developable parcels within the business park, at a listed price of \$55,000 per acre. ■



Milwaukee is known as “the gathering place.” Century City will be the gathering place of people and ideas, the gathering place of community and commerce, the gathering place of new energy that is rich with expectation and hope for the future.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR MINORITY BUSINESS OWNERS

These organizations are at your disposal to help:

African American Chamber of Commerce
 aaccmke.org
 6203 W. Capitol Dr.
 Milwaukee, WI 53216
 (414) 462-9450

Wisconsin Black Chamber of Commerce
 twbcc.com
 3020 W. Vliet St.
 Milwaukee, WI 53233
 (414) 306-6460

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin
 hccw.org
 1021 W. National Ave.
 Milwaukee, WI 53204
 (414) 643-6963

Painting With Purpose in the Amani Community >

Responding to resident concerns about safety and vacant foreclosed properties, the City of Milwaukee is partnering with the Dominican Center of Milwaukee, Amani United, ArtWorks for Milwaukee and the Volunteer Center of Milwaukee to bring the Painting with Purpose project to District 7. Painting with Purpose is focused on recharging the Amani community by installing decorative panels on city-owned vacant homes.

Fifty youth volunteers from the Amani neighborhood will create decorative panels, meet with other Amani residents to talk about Amani's past, present and future, and participate in community meetings and clean-ups. Forty city-owned vacant homes will get "alternative board-ups" using the boards created by youth volunteers, who will also learn basic life, job and art skills. And to help out, 300 community volunteers will pick up 6,000 pounds of litter to help recharge Amani.

The community clean-up and board-up installation will take place April 26th at 10:00 a.m. with volunteers meeting at 23rd St. and Burleigh.



Painting with Purpose is made possible with the support of the Cities of Service Impact Volunteering Fund, funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and the City of Milwaukee Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation.

If you're ready to **recharge Amani**, contact Project Coordinator Anwar Floyd-Pruitt at 708-9996 or the Dominican Center for Women at 444-9930. **To learn more contact Vanessa Llanas from the Department of City Development at vanessa.llanas@milwaukee.gov.** ■

Meet 7th District Youth Council Member Sydnei Parker >

Sydnei Parker is serving as the 7th District's representative on the **City of Milwaukee Youth Council**.

Sydnei is currently a junior at University School of Milwaukee, where she is an honor student enrolled in AP coursework, as well as two foreign languages. Sydnei is very active in her school community, serving as a member of Student Council, Chinese Culture Club and the Spirit Club. She also competes in three varsity sports: tennis, basketball and lacrosse.

For the past six years, Sydnei has participated in the Milwaukee Tennis and Education Foundation. Through this program, she has won the National Student Athlete Competition, which focuses heavily on academics and tournament play. With Sydnei winning the competition in 2011 and 2013 and her younger brother, Sydan, winning the competition in 2012, they have become the first siblings in NSAC history to win.

Sydnei has always been active in her community through service. At the age of 15, she was selected to the Milwaukee Youth Task Force organized by State Sen. Nikiya Harris, and she is also a member of the YMCA's Teen Achievers program. A lifelong Sherman Park resident, Sydnei has participated in the Annual Sherman Park clean up for the past two years. Sydnei is dedicated to making Milwaukee a safe and fun environment for its citizens and is very excited to serve on the Youth Council, hoping to continue to help transform Milwaukee into the best city in the Midwest.

The City of Milwaukee Youth Council is a group of young leaders committed to making a difference in Milwaukee and advocating for youth issues. They represent young people in their aldermanic districts, meeting with leaders like the mayor, Common Council members, the school superintendent, business owners and community groups.

To learn more, visit milwaukee.gov/youthcouncil. ■



Young People Benefit from LEAP and STOP ➤

Dozens of Milwaukee youth are gaining valuable on-the-job experience, earning a paycheck and learning from the people behind the badge as the city's LEAP summer youth work program and STOP education campaign continue to make a difference.

Short for "Learn, Earn and Achieve with Police," LEAP places young people in paid summer internships with local companies. The Milwaukee Police Department, Lead 2 Change Milwaukee, and the City of Milwaukee's Earn and Learn program collaborate to strengthen communication between teens and police, preparing the teens for future career success, all while introducing Milwaukee companies to a diverse group of Milwaukee's future workforce.

Alderman Wade created the LEAP program in 2012 to bridge the gap between the city's major corporations and our city's most talented young adults. The LEAP program addresses the city brain drain issues and our major corporation's efforts to diversify its workforce. "There is a major benefit for these young people and for Milwaukee when we invest in them by helping them gain the skills they will need to be excellent workers and leaders," he said.

"We need to increase our base of skilled workers, and LEAP is showing itself to be a program that can help prepare young people, giving them skills and confidence," Alderman Wade said, noting that some of the graduates were quickly offered full-time employment opportunities by participating employers.

Participating companies employed teens (ages 17-19) 20 hours per week for eight weeks (June through August), Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, the interns took part in the Milwaukee Police Department

STOP ("Students Talking it Over with Police") Program, an initiative designed to improve communication and build trust between police and teens. STOP was developed to educate young people on the nature of police work and explain the reasons that law-abiding citizens might find themselves interacting with police officers.

Students who participate in STOP receive a photo ID, a T-shirt, and certificate of completion.

To learn more about STOP or LEAP, please contact:

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Cullin Weiskopf

Police Officer – Community Services Section
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Check out a video about the LEAP Program on Alderman Wade's webpage at milwaukee.gov/district7. ■

Big Ups for the Fresh Coast Classic! ➤

The 7th Annual Fresh Coast Classic College and Resource Fair in November 2013 was a huge success, serving more than 3,500 Milwaukee Public Schools students. More than 65 colleges, community partners, and vendors were represented at the Wisconsin Center for the largest Fresh Coast Classic College and Resource Fair ever.

As a special activity, more than 100 first and second grade families attended the event to increase postsecondary awareness and expectations for future generations. Alderman Wade said he especially wants to extend thanks to the Mandel Group and the MPS TEAM UP College Access Centers for organizing the effort and for working closely with the Fresh Coast Classic Board of Directors and the Running Rebels to assist students and parents in realizing their postsecondary aspirations.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Fresh Coast Classic College and Resource Fair on November 26, 2014," Alderman Wade said. ■





New Saturday Programming at Boys and Girls Club ➤

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee is now offering Saturday programming at its Mary Ryan Club, located at 3000 N. Sherman Blvd. in Milwaukee. Club members from all locations can attend the Mary Ryan Club from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each Saturday, where they can engage in fun activities monitored by caring adults within a safe facility. Club kids will have access to the gym, art room, computer lab and more.

“Young people are looking for places to hang out with their friends on Saturdays, and with age restrictions in traditional hangout spots like malls, the options for safe gathering places are becoming fewer and fewer,” said Vincent Lyles, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs. “Offering Saturday Club hours will provide area youth with a place to go where they can spend time with their friends and have access to fun, structured activities. Parents will have the peace of mind of knowing their children are safe and in great hands.” Alderman Wade, who is a member of the Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club Advisory Board, hopes that this will be a good weekend oasis for our youth.

The Mary Ryan Club is the first to open on Saturdays, and is being used as a pilot location to gauge the community’s interest in Saturday programming. Boys & Girls Club is considering expanding Saturday programming to other club locations later in the year.

Saturday programming is only available to Boys & Girls Clubs members, but becoming a member is simple. **Visit boysgirlsclubs.org to find a location nearest you where your child can join, or you can call the Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club at 414-447-5333.** ■

No Texting While Driving – Take the Pledge ➤

AT&T, AAA, and the Wisconsin State Patrol have joined forces for the It Can Wait® movement to urge everyone—especially students and young people—that text messages can and should wait until after driving.

“Texting while driving is inattentive driving at its worst, and can lead to terrible accidents with serious injuries and even worse outcomes,” said Alderman Wade. “I urge students to take the pledge to never text behind the wheel at www.ItCanWait.com.”

Wisconsin marked the third anniversary of its texting-while-driving ban in December 2013. The law prohibits sending an e-mail or text message while driving and imposes a fine of up to \$400. As a primary enforcement law, officers may stop and ticket drivers solely for texting and driving. Wisconsin is among 41 states that ban text messaging by all drivers. ■



“ I urge students to take the pledge to never text behind the wheel at www.ItCanWait.com. ” Alderman Wade said.

Sewer Lateral Work Should Prevent Future Problems >

More than 80 percent of homes in an area hit hard by flooding and sewer backups have undergone repairs at no cost to the owners to prevent the issues from cropping up again, thanks to a \$61 million, 10-year proposal initiated by Alderman Wade in his role as a member of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Board.

Several years ago, heavy rains overwhelmed the sewer systems in parts of Milwaukee, causing sewage backups in basements throughout the city. Part of the problem stemmed from leaky sewer mains and laterals that allowed excess rainwater to filter into the system and fill it beyond capacity.

So last fall, crews from the city undertook a project in the Clemens School Neighborhood, bounded by N. 36th St., W. Capitol Dr., N. 42nd St. and W. Congress St., to seal sewer laterals to prevent them from absorbing more rainwater. Residents were given the option to receive the repair work at no cost to them, thanks to funding from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, and 359 of the 449 property owners in the area accepted the offer.

Using remote cameras, contractors inspected and cleaned the sewers, a process had very little impact on neighbors because it was done from existing manholes. Next, crews installed a liner in the lateral leading to the house, inflating

it and curing it with either steam or hot water in order to make the repairs permanent. Once the liner was cured, the contractor reestablished the lateral connections and the sewer returned to its normal function.

All totaled, crews installed 18,339 linear feet of lateral liners at a total cost of \$2.17 million. The Department of Public Works will monitor flows in sanitary sewer systems this spring and compare them to previous data to determine how effective the process is at reducing inflow to the sewer system. ■



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—a slight increase, 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 in city taxes and municipal service fees.

The 2014 adopted budget again meets the state's directives for local government budgets (the 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. Key 2014 budget items passed by the Council reflect key priorities. Some of those items include:

- The Strong Neighborhoods Investment Plan, an \$11.7 million initiative to oversee the demolition or rehabilitation, marketing and sale of city-owned foreclosed homes.
- The filling of 100 new police officer positions, along with the retention of 50 grant-funded officer positions for which grant funding is ending. An additional 20 officer positions will also be filled after a separate measure was offered at the budget adoption meeting. The measure takes advantage of grant funding and taps into excess funds from a health care special purpose account to fund the 20 positions, rather than placing them on the levy. ■

UWM Congratulates Panthers on Historic Season >

During a Panthers pep rally, Alderman Wade warmed up the crowd and personally congratulated Coach Rob Jeter on UW-Milwaukee's berth in the 2014 NCAA tournament this year. Along with State Sen. Chris Larson and Common Council President Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Wade had been invited to take part in the event, which served as a sendoff for the Panthers as they got set to head to the NCAA tournament in Buffalo, New York.

The trip to the NCAA tournament was the fourth in program history, the first since 2006, and capped a 21-13 season that saw the Panthers earn the 2014 Horizon League conference tournament title with a 69-63 victory over Wright State. Under the leadership of Coach Rob Jeter, whose eight-year tenure with the team has included a 75-63 conference record and 2011 Coach of the Year honors, the UWM Panthers completed an impressive four-game run en route to their conference title, knocking off Detroit, Valparaiso and top-seeded UW-Green Bay to advance to the championship game.



In front of 7,784 fans at the Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio, the fifth-seeded UWM Panthers led the Wright State Raiders from the opening tip to the final buzzer, becoming the first team seeded lower than third to win the Horizon League tournament in its current format. ■

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

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

Alderman Willie Wade said more than 500 children are waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister in Milwaukee, including dozens who live in the 7th 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.

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





Jackie Robinson Senior Living Facility ➤

Originally built as Peckham Junior High School in 1926, Jackie Robinson Middle School has long been a staple of life in the Sherman Park area. But now seniors in search of housing can return to this facility—not for an education, but for unique living accommodations in a National Register of Historic Places-recognized landmark.

Sherman Park Senior Living at Jackie Robinson—a 68-unit affordable, independent living facility—is located in the former middle school at 3245 N. 37th St. Amenities include on-site health and vocational training services, a media center, a 16-seat cinema and an existing historic theatre, a community center, a business center and a fitness center.

The project was made possible by Youthbuild and a partnership with Gorman & Company. With a little renovation, the developers turned the school into a 68-unit affordable, independent senior living facility that opened last year.

Alderman Wade said the dedicated space in the facility for the vocational and health services—provided directly to the residents to help them find jobs and health care—is extremely helpful and valuable. “We judge a culture by how they care for their seniors,” Alderman Wade said, “and we want to ensure ours have safe, affordable living space. This project is a great example of collaboration between Milwaukee Public Schools and the city.”

Most importantly, Alderman Wade said, the Sherman Park Senior Living Community allows seniors in Sherman Park to remain in the area they know and love.

If you are a senior citizen and you would like to learn more about Jackie Robinson Senior Living, call (920) 966-9905. ■

Garbage Collection ➤

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

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

- **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 ■

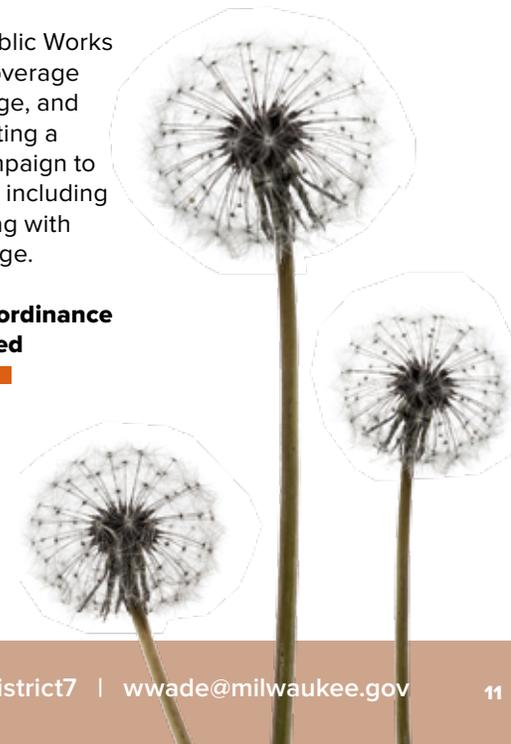
New Maximum Height for Grass and Weeds ➤

On July 23, 2013, the Common Council 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.

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). ■



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Alderman Wade joined and greeted participants in the Dombrowski Landscape Management Training Initiative on a worksite. Through the program, unemployed low-income Milwaukee residents are recruited, trained and placed in the landscape profession. You can learn more on page 3 of this newsletter.

Breaking Ground in Century City ➤



After years of work and millions of dollars spent on demolition and remediation of the former site of AO Smith and Tower Automotive, there are exciting plans in the works for the City of Milwaukee's new Century City Development. Alderman Wade has been working for years to find businesses to set up shop on this site and bring new jobs to the area.

Inside this newsletter, you can learn more about the exciting future of this project, which promises to bring new jobs and opportunities to the area. ■