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SUMMER 15

Dear Neighbor,

I am looking forward to meeting with you and discussing issues of importance to you and your neighborhood during the **series of early September town hall meetings** I have scheduled for later this month (**please see page 10 for location and time details**). There is much going on in the 2nd Aldermanic District to discuss, and those meetings will be a prime opportunity to share information and ask questions of me and of representatives of other city departments, including the Milwaukee Police Department.

First, there is some positive development news to share with you, including a proposal that could enhance Midtown Center as a destination for fun and entertainment (see page 2). There is also good news about a business expansion project and a new business whose owner made a point of returning to Milwaukee from out of state (please see page 4).

My newsletter also includes several events that I had the honor of taking part in, including a special project honoring the life of Milwaukee civil rights icon Vel Phillips (page 3), a new Sister City agreement with Zadar, Croatia (page 2), recognizing our police department on a prestigious honor (page 8), and honoring Milwaukee Fire Department personnel who helped save the life of a young boy who was trapped in a burning duplex (page 3).

You can also learn more about important sanitation programs and information (page 8), my plan to more closely monitor roadside memorials (page 10), new tools for policing disruptive “afterparties” (page 9), and a safe new way of disposing of prescription drugs (also on page 9).

Please contact me whenever you have a question or a concern. My phone number is 286-3787 and my email address is jldavis@milwaukee.gov.

Please stay safe!

Sincerely,

Joe Davis, Sr.
Alderman, 2nd District

Sailing toward a strong and positive finish for the Bucks and Milwaukee!

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Alderman Davis Announces New Development Proposal for Midtown Center

The vacant Lowes Home Improvement store in Midtown Center is expected to be transformed into a new, state-of-the-art multi-entertainment complex, according to Alderman Davis.

There are plans to redevelop the 116,000-square-foot building that has been empty for several years to house a variety of fun, entertaining attractions for all ages, including cinemas, a bowling center, a bounce house, an arcade, restaurants, a laser tag arena, and spaces for private and public events, including concerts and comedy shows.

The project is a proposed public-private partnership between the City of Milwaukee and private investors. A major step in the development process will be the acquisition of the building still owned today by Lowes—an eyesore to residents in the Midtown community that is adjacent to the neighboring vibrant and growing Midtown shopping center. Alderman Davis noted that public funds will be used to support the acquisition and construction of the new entertainment center, and he said that negotiations to acquire the property have been ongoing.

"A formal purchase proposal was issued recently to Lowes," said Alderman Davis. "It's the first step in an ongoing process that may take another 18 months to complete. We are not finished by any stretch of the imagination, as there are other major discussions to take place with several other parties to bring this type of project to the area."

The development would be funded in part by the Midtown Center Tax Incremental District (TID #42), which was created in 2001 and extended a few years ago. The development is expected to generate at least 250 temporary and permanent jobs, ranging from architects, construction workers, plumbers, electricians, security, wait staff, ushers, cashiers, cooks, janitors and greeters. The goal is to hire as many Midtown residents as possible to fill the positions that will become available, and to offer these residents an opportunity to develop their skills in a professional environment, Alderman Davis said.

"This is an exciting project for Midtown and the City of Milwaukee," said Alderman Davis. "It generates needed jobs and provides resources so our community does not have to travel so far for quality entertainment and dining." ■

Croatian Sister City Signing Ceremony at City Hall

Alderman Davis, chair of the City of Milwaukee's Sister Cities Committee, guided the process that led to a new Sister City agreement between Milwaukee and the City of Zadar, Croatia. The agreement was signed during a special ceremony at City Hall in May that featured **Mayor Barrett** and **Dr. Jelena Grčić Polić**, Consul General of the Republic of Croatia.

Alderman Davis said the Sister Cities International agreement with Zadar, Croatia has strong local support and interest. "It is clear that this important agreement will most certainly be beneficial for the citizens of Milwaukee and the citizens of Zadar, and I would like to thank Dr. Jelena Grčić Polić for her support and work to help bring the agreement together," he said.

"I would also like to thank the Sister Cities Committee, the International Institute, and Mr. Paul Lucas of MillerCoors for all the work and effort that led to this important agreement of mutual cooperation in the fields of business, culture, health care, education, tourism and other areas of interest to both cities for their overall progress," Alderman Davis said.

Milwaukee is officially affiliated with Sister Cities International, a program with more than 50 years of promoting people-to-people diplomacy. As a result, Milwaukee's city-to-city relationships, including former friendship cities and unofficial sister cities, are now moving forward. In addition to Zadar, **Carora**, Venezuela, **Medan**, Indonesia, **Galway**, Ireland, **Morogoro**, Tanzania, **uMhlathuze**, South Africa, and **Bomet County**, Kenya are Milwaukee's current Sister Cities. ■

MFD heroes rescue, revive boy trapped in burning duplex

During a special ceremony prior to a meeting of the full Common Council at City Hall earlier this year, Alderman Davis led a formal recognition for Milwaukee Fire Department personnel who saved the life of a five-year-old boy found in a burning duplex in the 7700 block of W. Villard Ave.

The firefighters searched the building and found the boy unresponsive on the first floor, and then brought him outside, where he was revived. The boy was taken to a hospital and made a full recovery. In a touching moment during the ceremony, the boy's father tearfully thanked the MFD personnel and expressed heartfelt gratitude for their heroic efforts.

"These firefighters risked their lives and their own safety to save a life—something they are asked and trained to do on a daily basis. On behalf of my constituents and the city, I applaud them for their bravery and the emergency medical personnel for their quick actions," Alderman Davis said.

"I will also take this opportunity to remind all property owners to make sure they have working smoke detectors located throughout each and every residence. Smoke detectors save lives!" he said. ■

Vel Phillips recognized in Washington

Thanks in part to the efforts of Alderman Davis, **Milwaukee civil rights icon Vel Phillips**, the first African American and female member of the Milwaukee Common Council and Wisconsin's first African American Secretary of State, was honored at the National League of Cities (NLC) conference in Washington D.C. earlier this year.

Phillips is the subject of "Dream Big Dreams," a newly-released documentary produced by Wisconsin Public Television that details her life as a civil rights leader and her career in public service. Alderman Davis, who serves as chair of the NLC's International Council, arranged to have the documentary screened before a gathering of NLC's National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials.

"It was an absolute honor to have facilitated the screening of this documentary during the same NLC conference where President Barack Obama addressed the membership," Alderman Davis said.

The film was screened in the Thurgood Marshall Room of the Marriott Wardman Hotel, and Vel Phillips herself participated in the event via a live video feed.

Alderman Davis has been an active member of the NLC for years, serving as chair of various committees and a member of its board of directors. He currently serves on NLC's Advisory Council, and credits his involvement with the NLC to his "NBC-LEO family," as he fondly refers to the organization.

"I would like to personally thank everyone who worked to make it possible for the City of Milwaukee to showcase such an important local figure on a national stage," Alderman Davis said. "We owe a great debt of gratitude to Northwestern Mutual CEO John Schlifske, Northwestern Mutual Foundation vice president John Kordsmeier, WPT Director of Production Kathy Bissen and WPT Special Projects Coordinator Karole L. S. Kimble for their hard work and sponsorship of this initiative." ■

Asian Market expansion project underway

The Milwaukee's Asian Market location at 6300 N. 76th St. is growing!

"This expansion is great because it means jobs and business growth in the 2nd District, and it tells me that the market is thriving and attracting a wide array of customers of many races and ethnicities," Alderman Davis said.

The market specializes in Asian goods, and is especially known for fresh foods and vegetables, Hmong traditional clothing, music and its bazaar of exotic goods. Milwaukee's Asian Market is also known as a mini market mall featuring more than 30 individual vendors, a full market place, coffee and sandwich shop and water purification store. ■

New chiropractic clinic opens

Alderman Davis extended a warm welcome to Dr. George "Nai" Lor, D.C. earlier this year on the occasion of the opening of the Lor Chiropractic Clinic at 4701 N. 76th St.

Alderman Davis said Dr. Lor is looking forward to building strong ties with his new neighbors along N. 76th St. and in the area. "The economic heart of our city is embodied in small businesses like Lor Chiropractic, and they help make our commercial areas vibrant and diverse," he said.

Originally from Oshkosh, Dr. Lor graduated from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa and went into practice in Wausau, and recently moved back to Wisconsin (to Milwaukee) from Minnesota with his wife and five children to open Lor Chiropractic. The clinic treats patients with spine-related issues including back pain, disk injuries, neck pain, numbness, muscle spasms and other symptoms. ■

Alderman Davis led the Common Council in congratulating Divine Savior Holy Angels senior Arike Ogunbowale on her selection to the 2015 McDonald's All-American Game. Ms. Ogunbowale is the first girls basketball player from Milwaukee and only the third in Wisconsin history to receive the honor, and her hard work and dedication have earned her a full scholarship to the University of Notre Dame.

Alderman Davis also honored 2nd District resident Diamond Stone (Arike Ogunbowale's cousin) of Dominican High School for being selected to play in the McDonald's All-American boys basketball game in Chicago (played in April). Diamond was just one of two boys players in Wisconsin to receive the honor, and he went on to lead his team in winning the 2015 WIAA Division 4 State Championship, and was also named the Player of the Year in the state of Wisconsin by the Associated Press.

Alderman Davis says goodbye to long time resident and Block Watch Captain, Pam Raymus. "Since the beginning of my career in public service, you have been with me and your support was unwavering. I will miss you."

ARBOR DAY AT LANCASTER SCHOOL

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COMMITTED TO MILWAUKEE'S YOUNG PEOPLE

BLOCK PARTY WITH POLICE DISTRICT 4

A Bold Plan moving forward

On July 21, the Common Council voted not to approve my Bold Plan to help reduce the violence in too many of our neighborhoods by allocating federal funding back into the community. Despite the vote, I strongly believe my plan is a common sense way of addressing the ongoing crisis of poverty and violence here in the City of Milwaukee by reallocating a total of $2 million in CDBG funding from city services and channelling it directly into neighborhoods where it is needed. The surge of violence here in Milwaukee is unacceptable, and we have allowed it to get out of control. My plan offers a bold approach to fund our solid community partners who have given it their all every year with the same or, worse yet, reduced funding.

My plan proposed to increase funding to our Neighborhood Strategic Planning organizers by $10,000 each so that they can fight the increase in violence head-on, using city resources to augment their street smarts. It also included an additional $15,000 to each NSP coordinating agency for outreach and organization of solid, active block watches and neighborhood associations. These organizers (such as the Southside Organizing Committee and Sherman Park Community Association) have put their lives on the line, and it's about time we include them in this critical objective of identifying the threats in their areas.

In addition to funding organizers' positions, I proposed to increase funding for Safe & Sound to neutralize the negative behavior that is on the increase, including the uncontrollable gun violence we are seeing. Safe & Sound's reputation of mobilization is the missing link to fighting the illegal drug-dealing issues that are plaguing Milwaukee's streets and destroying children's families. This partnership must be expanded due to the crisis that is before us.

And then finally, I proposed to offer funds directly to the Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation—without issuing a request for proposals—through our Special Economic Development category, to concentrate on blighted retail corridors and abandoned businesses. They would put together a citizens' panel that would oversee the resources' allocation. Criteria would be used to address the Business Improvement Districts' needs by recruiting new, or existing, businesses back into the area. Certain uses and businesses would be prohibited. ■

City increases snow and ice removal fines

It might be warm now, but we know that winter is just around the corner. For that reason, it is important that residents know that the fines for failing to remove snow and ice from sidewalks in Milwaukee have increased, effective January 20, 2015, in order to provide uniformity with other city regulations and ensure that sidewalks remain passable in winter.

City of Milwaukee private property, residential or commercial property owners and occupants are required to clear the sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours of a snow fall. This includes the corner crosswalk area for property owners with corner lots, and those whose properties abut a mid-block crosswalk.

If a property owner is found to be in violation of this ordinance, a special charge of $50 (up from $25) will be assessed. Property owners who fail to clear all sidewalk snow and ice within 24 hours of receiving a notice of the violation will be assessed additional special charges of $75 (up from $45) for the second violation and $100 (up from $90) for third and subsequent violations in a given winter season. These special charges are in addition to the cost of snow and ice removal billed to the property owner if the city is forced to do the work.

The changes create a relatively uniform fine structure for sidewalk clearing violations in the winter and lawn mowing violations throughout the rest of the year. Property owners are required to keep grass and weeds trimmed to seven inches or less, or they will face an assessed fine of $50 on a first offense and $100 if the violation is not addressed.

The Department of Public Works staff is responsible for monitoring properties for snow and ice removal compliance and provides clean-up services when necessary. Residents can also alert DPW to problem properties by calling (414) 286-CITY.

Finally, if residents have physical difficulties with keeping their sidewalks shoveled and cannot find alternative options, they can contact the Department of Public Works to sign up for city crews to clear the city-owned sidewalk. A cost is assessed for each instance when this service is utilized. Please call **Alderman Davis** at **286-3787** if you are in need of these services. ■

Foreign Trade Zone booming for city

The Foreign Trade Zone #41 at the Port of Milwaukee – created four years ago with the help of Alderman Davis – has been a huge economic success so far for Milwaukee.

According to the Port of Milwaukee, employment in the zone has increased from 2,962 (2012) to 3,624 (2014) – an increase of 662 jobs or 22.3 percent. Merchandise value brought through FTZ #41 was $851,974,122 (2012) and has increased to $1,192,201,814 (2014).

As chair of the National League of Cities (NLC) International Council, Alderman Davis has long been promoting Milwaukee as an international destination for doing business. "Our local economy can be helped immensely by having global trade and global transactions through the port, and it is very good news to see that Foreign Trade Zone #41 is giving us the boost we were looking for," said Alderman Davis, chair of the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee. ■

Alderman Davis helps recognize MPD for receiving major award

Late last year the Milwaukee Police Department was awarded the **Webber Seavey Award** for the **Students Talking it Over with Police (STOP) Program**. It is a high honor, as the Webber Seavey Award is one of the most respected awards in law enforcement. During a ceremony in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Alderman Davis and his fellow Public Safety Committee members escorted Chief Flynn and other MPD members to the front of the chamber.

Jointly sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Motorola, the Webber Seavey Award is presented annually to agencies and departments worldwide for promoting a standard of excellence that exemplifies law enforcement's contribution and dedication to the quality of life in local communities. This program helps law enforcement agencies worldwide and the communities they serve by redefining the concept of law enforcement and how it is routinely performed.

The STOP program is a school-based initiative that addresses the relationship between young leaders, ages 12–17, and police, with the goal of decreasing an initial volatile interaction while cultivating sustainable positive relationships. For one hour per day, one day per week, for seven weeks, officers educate juveniles on

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not only the nature of police work, but also on how to appropriately communicate and interact with officers. A process and outcome evaluation assesses measurable effects of the training. STOP has been successful in improving general knowledge, proper behavior during a police stop and has led to a better perception of the police. Officers are aware that juveniles have been informed of the appropriate ways in which police should act, thereby creating a two-way accountability mechanism. Approximately 94 percent of STOP program participants reported feeling better about the police after taking part in the program. ■

Dispose of Prescription Drugs at MPD District Stations

In order to keep them from falling into the wrong hands, residents may now dispose of expired or unwanted prescription medications at drop boxes located at Milwaukee Police Department district stations throughout the city.

"Too often, those who suffer from heroin or opioid addictions have developed the habit based on their experiences with prescription painkillers," Alderman Davis said. "Disposing of unwanted meds in a responsible manner is a simple step anyone can take to protect their loved ones."

Alderman Davis said the drop boxes give residents the option of securely and anonymously disposing of their solid medications by leaving them in around-the-clock drop boxes at MPD headquarters. CVS's Drug Disposal for Safer Communities Program donated seven household pharmaceutical waste receptacles to MPD that will be located at Municipal Court and District Stations 2 through 7. A pilot version of the initiative has been operating at MPD's District 6 and District 3 stations since late 2014.

The program is made possible through a partnership with the Milwaukee Health Department, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division and the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Coalition. ■

MPD MED DROPS

MUNICIPAL COURT
951 N. James Lovell St.

POLICE DISTRICT 2 STATION
245 W. Lincoln Ave.

POLICE DISTRICT 3 STATION
2333 N. 49th St.

POLICE DISTRICT 4 STATION
6929 W. Silver Spring Dr.

POLICE DISTRICT 5 STATION
2920 N. 4th St.

POLICE DISTRICT 6 STATION
3006 S. 27th St.

POLICE DISTRICT 7 STATION
3626 W. Fond du Lac Ave.

YouthBuild Teaches Job Skills, Improves Neighborhoods

Young people can learn important on-the-job skills and contribute to making their neighborhoods more vibrant through Milwaukee's YouthBuild program.

The Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) is administering the community-based alternative education program, which is for at-risk individuals who have been in the juvenile justice system, have dropped out of high school, are aging out of foster care or are at-risk of not graduating.

Participants receive work as a member of a construction crew building affordable housing in neighborhoods where there is a need. In addition to providing valuable work skills, YouthBuild helps them obtain their GED or high school diploma, and teaches them that they have an important role to play in society.

"The YouthBuild program is a great model for introducing young people to careers in construction," Alderman Davis said.

To qualify, residents need to live in Milwaukee's central city on the near north or near south sides. That area is being targeted because the poverty rate is about 30 percent, only about 54 percent of residents have a high school diploma and the unemployment rate is 28 percent for young people aged 16 to 24.

Contact MAWIB at milwaukeewib.org or (414) 270-1700 ■

New Tools for Policing Disruptive Afterparties

Milwaukee police will be able to crack down on persistent late night parties in homes and businesses past bar time under new legislation passed by the Common Council.

The ordinance adds "after set activity"—the unlicensed sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or the operation of public entertainment on an unlicensed premises—to the city's official list of public nuisance activity. Alderman Davis said this opens up new avenues for enforcement that were not available to police before, and will make unlicensed premises owners or operators subject to fines and administrative costs associated with enforcement.

Once police respond to an after-hours party at a location, the department will issue a written notice of the violation to the premises owner. If there are repeated violations within two weeks of the written notice, the chief of police may notify the premises owner that, under the city's nuisance abatement law, they will be subject to fines up to $5,000 for repeated violations in a given year, as well as paying the cost of enforcement.

All costs are charged to the owner as a lien against the property, requiring payment as a special fee included in the annual property taxes.

To learn more, visit milwaukee.gov/ChronicNuisance ■

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TOWN HALL MEETING DATES

Please attend the meeting that best fits your schedule or location. **Each of the meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the school auditorium.**

- **TUESDAY, SEPT. 1** – Morse-Marshall, 4141 N. 64th St., **6–8 p.m.**
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2** – James Madison Academic Campus, 8135 W. Florist Ave., **6–8 p.m.**
- **THURSDAY, SEPT. 3** – Carmen Middle/High School of Science and Technology, 5496 N. 72nd St., **6–8 p.m.**

Representatives of city departments—including the Milwaukee Police Department—will be present to answer questions and discuss issues that you are concerned about. Topics to likely be discussed include crime and crime prevention, sanitation, foreclosure prevention, recycling and neighborhood development.

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Roadside Memorials Will be Monitored

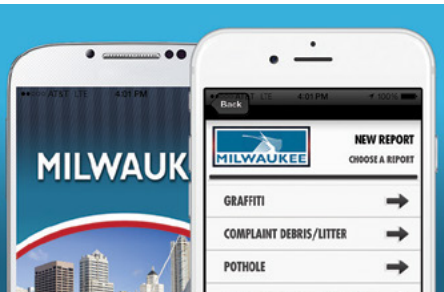
Memorials along city streets erected to honor the memory of accident victims and homicide victims have become too commonplace across Milwaukee, and especially in the 2nd Aldermanic District.

Unfortunately, these memorials are now often used to mark gang territory, and many of the sites—including some erected on boulevards (in the public right-of-way)—are strewn with liquor bottles and other items that make areas look littered. This issue will be closely monitored in the 2nd District, and Alderman Davis will be working closely with police and the Department of Public Works to ensure memorials are removed at the appropriate time.

The city does have official procedures for addressing roadside memorials, and the process includes:

- Location of memorial and date of notification/identification
- Date alderman's office is notified about memorial
- Schedule remediation date with MPD (10 days after initial notification)
- Date of memorial removal and date of removal notification to alderman's office

To report a roadside memorial, please call 414-286-2489



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