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## Dear 1<sup>st</sup> District Residents,

I have energetically supported several new city programs that should not only create jobs, but also help stabilize neighborhood aesthetics and property values throughout the city, including in the 1st Aldermanic District. HOME Program, Strong Neighborhoods Plan, street repair, Police Ambassador Program, Community Service Officers and Promise Zones are all projects that I voted for and/or helped create, and you can read more about them in this newsletter.

Warmer weather also means “construction season,” and that will include the reconstruction of N. Teutonia Ave. from W. Capitol Dr. to W. Ruby Ave. (please see page 7). The project will be getting underway during July (weather permitting) and is scheduled to be completed by November. The project is being funded by the City of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and this newsletter includes details about county bus route changes that are happening because of it.

Once again, I look forward to seeing many of you as we begin to enjoy the warmer weather in our city. I welcome the thoughts or ideas that you feel could help improve the 1st District and our city. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at 414-286-2228 or ahamil@milwaukee.gov.

Sincerely,

**Ashanti Hamilton**  
Alderman, 1<sup>st</sup> District



## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### Chair

- Judiciary and Legislation Committee

### Co-Chair

- Black Male Achievement Advisory Council

### Member

- League of Wisconsin Municipalities
- Library Board
- Finance and Personnel Committee
- Steering and Rules Committee
- Wisconsin Center District Board of Directors

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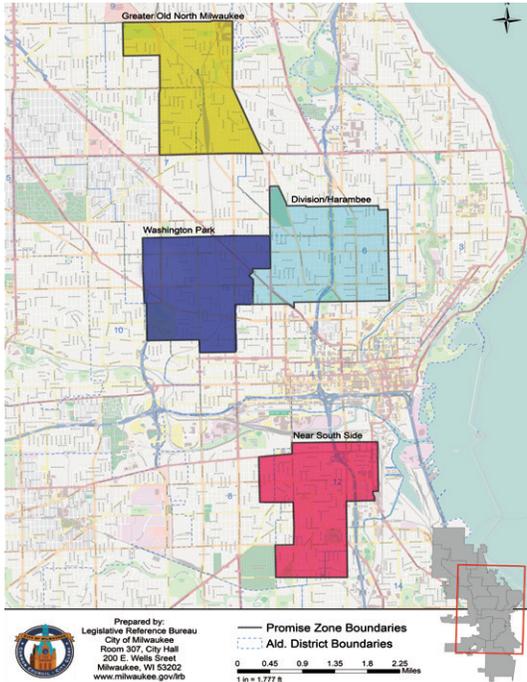
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## One Call, That's All

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 Hamilton 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 Hamilton's office at 286-2228.**

## Council Approves Promise Zones to Help City Neighborhoods ➤



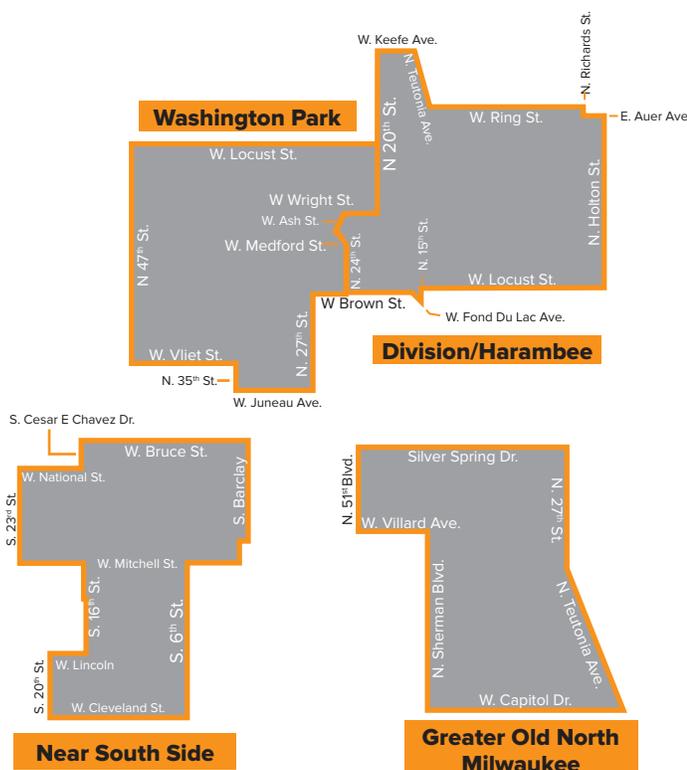
The Common Council has approved allocating \$300,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding for the **Milwaukee Promise** initiative – a multifaceted city effort to address systemic poverty, joblessness, poor health, crime and low educational achievement in city neighborhoods.

The initiative will address conditions in four city “**Promise Zones**” (see maps) where combined, more than 45% of households make less than \$25,000 annually (compared to 36% citywide and 22% statewide), the median household income is less than \$26,000 (compared to nearly \$36,000 citywide and over \$52,000 statewide), and where in some areas more than 56% of the total population and more than 71% of children live in poverty.

**Alderman Hamilton**, author of the legislation that created the Milwaukee Promise, said the funding will provide “a bright flame that can ignite revitalization of neighborhoods and lives” across Milwaukee. “The Milwaukee Promise will be fostering effective and productive collaboration among agencies of city government and the development of place-based and data-driven approaches to community revitalization that I believe can transform neighborhoods.

Alderman Hamilton, chair of the Common Council’s Judiciary and Legislation Committee and co-chair of the Black Male Achievement Advisory Council (BMAAC), said the BMAAC has recommended specific Milwaukee Promise funding targets, which were also approved by the Council.

### Funding Targets:



Alderman Hamilton said the CDBG funding is leveraged by more than \$500,000 in resources allocated in the 2015 budget through the amendment process (and the zones were also approved) with the support of the Mayor and Common Council Members **Milele A. Coggs, Willie C. Wade, Nik Kovac, José G. Pérez, Russell W. Stamper, II, Michael J. Murphy, Terry L. Witkowski, Joe Davis, Sr. and Robert J. Bauman.**

In a related move, the Council has also approved an ordinance revising the composition of the BMAAC to add new members. The new members will be the city treasurer, a representative of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (Khalif Rainey), a representative of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors (Mark Sain), and two members representing the philanthropic community.

The ordinance also expands the purpose of the BMAAC to include making recommendations relating to the My Brother’s Keeper presidential initiative. The initiative is an interagency effort to measurably improve the expected educational and life outcomes for and address the persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color. The My Brother’s Keeper initiative encourages communities to implement a coherent cradle-to-college-and-career strategy for improving the life outcomes of all young people to ensure that they can reach their full potential. ■

## Alderman Hamilton Outlines Need For Safe Zone Initiative ➤

In the first seven months of 2015, Milwaukee already has nearly 70 homicides. For all of 2014, the city tallied 94 homicides.

Alderman Ashanti Hamilton said the neighborhoods experiencing the intense level of violence and criminal activity this year are also the same neighborhoods plagued by foreclosures, high unemployment, failing schools and general disorder.

“The Milwaukee Police Department has been working hard to fight crime throughout the city, but as we all know, they cannot do it alone,” Alderman Hamilton said. “MPD has repeatedly called on community members to take a more active role in stabilizing their neighborhoods, and in our most challenged areas, unfortunately, there are few residents willing to answer that call.”

In an effort to change that, Alderman Hamilton is working with Khalil Coleman, Shawn Moore, Muhammad Mosque #3, New Hope Baptist Church, Northwest Side Community Development Corp., the Garden Homes Neighborhood Association, Peace for Change Alliance, True Strength Group Milwaukee, We Got This, I Will Not Die Young campaign, Crossing Jordan Ministries, Alpha and Omega Ministries, the Coalition of Hope and the Universal Companies to build a coalition to address the void in what he calls “our community organizing strategy.”

Mr. Coleman, Mr. Moore, and their partners have designed an approach that is similar to the Interrupters model that has worked in other cities called H.O.O.D. Ambassadors (Helping Others Obtain Direction). H.O.O.D. will operate the Safe Zones across certain neighborhoods where crime, violence and disorder are prevalent, the alderman said.

“We are pro actively inviting the media and others out so we can provide additional information about the initiative and the type of neighborhoods that can benefit from this effort,” Alderman Hamilton said. ■



## COMPETE Milwaukee Transitional Jobs ➤

Alderman Hamilton’s efforts to put city residents to work have continued this year, including the hiring of 115 people for newly-created six-month transitional jobs with the city.

The Compete Milwaukee transitional jobs program is a City of Milwaukee effort, in collaboration with the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) and the United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS), to hire unemployed individuals interested in the transitional positions.

The 115 workers are gaining skills and experience while working under the direct supervision of city supervisors and alongside city employees, and will be paid at least \$10.10 per hour.

“It is my hope that these workers will have their lives transformed by a rewarding and meaningful job, and that their experience will help them climb the ladder to better-paying jobs after the six months is over,” Alderman Hamilton said. ■



## 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](mailto:hotline@milwaukee.gov)), or online. See [milwaukee.gov/comptroller](http://milwaukee.gov/comptroller).

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

## Mr. Perkins' Takes Top Soul Food Honors >

In a list of the top 60 Soul Food restaurants in America, teabreakfast.com selected Mr. Perkins' Family Restaurant on Atkinson Avenue as the #1 best in the country. Alderman Hamilton, along with his colleagues Alderman Wade and Alderwoman Coggs, stopped by to offer their congratulations to owner Cherry Perkins. Mr. Perkins' is open Wednesday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and the first Sunday of each month from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. ■



### Top Soul Food Restaurants

- #1 Mr. Perkins' – Milwaukee, Wis.
- #2 Oohhs & Aahhs – Washington, D.C.
- #3 Hip Hop Fish & Chicken – Tallahassee, Fla.
- #4 Southern Kitchen – Tacoma, Wash.
- #5 Ezell's Famous Chicken – Seattle, Wash.
- #6 Sweet Potatoes Kitchen – Savannah, Ga.
- #7 Lillie Mae's House of Soul Food – Santa Clara, Calif.
- #8 Frisco Fried – San Francisco, Calif.
- #9 Bonnie Jean's Soul Food Café – San Diego, Calif.
- #10 London's Wing House – St. Louis, Mo.



## Join Us at the 2015 Night Out >

Alderman Hamilton is partnering with state Sen. Lena Taylor for a night of free food, music, trolley rides, a movie, giveaways and much more on Tuesday, August 4th at the Blatz Pavilion! "This is an opportunity for Milwaukee citizens to come together, celebrate, and to advocate for public safety. This is about building neighborhood unity and having fun," Alderman Hamilton said.

The Blatz Pavilion is located in Lincoln Park, 1301 W. Hampton Ave. For more information call (414) 342 7176. ■



## City Now Hiring Election Workers >

Do you support fair, transparent and accurate elections? If so, the City of Milwaukee Election Commission needs your help. The Election Commission is hiring election workers for the 2016 elections (February 16th, April 5th, August 9th, and **November 8th**). Earn some extra money, work at a voting site close to home, and serve as a role model of civic responsibility to your friends, family and neighbors.

For more information visit [www.milwaukee.gov/election](http://www.milwaukee.gov/election) and click on the Election Workers tab where you will also find the application (either an application to print and mail or one to complete and submit on-line). You may also pick up an application at our office at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Room 501 or call the Election Worker Coordinator Dan Puhek at 414-286-3491 and request an application by mail. ■

## Community JOBS Resource Fair Attracts NML HQ Project Job Seekers >

Last year Alderman Hamilton hosted a Community JOBS Resource Fair at the School for Career and Technical Education (former Custer High School) for residents interested in finding out about possible job opportunities available on the \$450 million Northwestern Mutual Life headquarters building project.

The effort to prepare city residents so they are job-ready continues, as many, many jobs will be created for the massive project, including at least 45 percent reserved for City of Milwaukee residents, and Alderman Hamilton helped spearhead city efforts to connect residents with NML HQ job opportunities (the 1st District is included in the Milwaukee Promise Zone, making district residents eligible for the city resident job openings on the project).

Residents flocked to the resource fair to find out what is required to become a skilled trade worker and how to prepare and qualify for registered apprenticeship programs in the building and construction trades. Organizers also provided resources for prospective workers, including where to get assistance with barriers to employment, how to obtain a GED or a driver’s license, and assistance with handling outstanding child support issues.

The alderman said WRTP/Big Step training was critical in helping land jobs for many city residents. “WRTP/Big Step has been an outstanding partner in the effort to make sure city residents are trained and ready for jobs at the NML site, and on other projects, and I tip my hat to them,” he said.

For his part in bringing the program forward and helping to design its successful outreach component, Alderman Hamilton received the **2015 Public Leader of the Year Award** from WRTP/Big Step. ■



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY WALKTHROUGHS

**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:00 A.M.**

4304 N. 19TH PLACE

**JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:00 A.M.**

20TH AND VILLARD

**JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:00 A.M.**

2301 W. ROOSEVELT

**JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**10:00 A.M.**

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**If you would like Alderman Hamilton to come to your block or neighborhood, please call his office at 286-2228 to request a walkthrough.**

## 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 Hamilton said. “Disposing of unwanted meds in a responsible manner is a simple step anyone can take to protect their loved ones.”

Alderman Hamilton 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. ■

MPD Med Drops	
<b>Municipal Court</b> 951 N. James Lovell St.	<b>Police District 5 Station</b> 2920 N. 4th St.
<b>Police District 2 Station</b> 245 W. Lincoln Ave.	<b>Police District 6 Station</b> 3006 S. 27th St.
<b>Police District 3 Station</b> 2333 N. 49th St.	<b>Police District 7 Station</b> 3626 W. Fond du Lac Ave
<b>Police District 4 Station</b> 6929 W. Silver Spring Dr.	

## 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

## Community Service Officers Augment Police Force >

In a first-of-its-kind program in Milwaukee, the city will hire 10 police “Community Service Officers” (CSOs) in 2015 as part of a budget amendment supported by Alderman Hamilton.

These civilian law enforcement assistants will enhance existing policing services by handling lower-priority matters, freeing up officers for more urgent calls and reducing wait times.

“Public safety is the most pressing service that the city can provide its residents,” Alderman Hamilton said. “These community service officers are not meant to replace members of the existing police force, but rather to enable them to do their jobs more effectively.”

With rising police costs, Alderman Hamilton said he and his colleagues on the Common Council have been searching for ways to make the delivery of police services more efficient. Civilian community service officers, or CSOs, were one recommendation that resulted from a 2007 study.

However, in the years since the initial proposal, more than 75 cities nationwide have implemented similar programs, including San Francisco, Seattle, Memphis, Tampa and Minneapolis. More than 20 Wisconsin cities now utilize CSO operations, including Green Bay, Oshkosh, Kenosha, Wauwatosa and West Allis.

“Many of the police calls the city receives do not warrant a full response from a police officer with a badge and a gun,” Alderman Hamilton said. “Having a dedicated corps of police Community Service Officers should free up officers to patrol our neighborhoods and reduce wait times for police services, and that will be a win-win for everyone.” ■

diploma, and teaches them that they have an important role to play in society.

“This program is a great model for introducing young people to careers in construction,” Alderman Hamilton 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 [milwaukeeewib.org](http://milwaukeeewib.org) or (414) 270-1700. ■

## North Teutonia Ave. Reconstruction Project >

The reconstruction of N. Teutonia Ave. from W. Capitol Dr. to W. Ruby Ave. is scheduled to start in July, with an estimated completion in November 2015. The project is being funded by the City of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Businesses and other institutions in the area include Lena's Food Market, Walgreens, Happy Lawns, Inc., Astronautics Corp. of America, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and Lloyd Barbee Montessori School. All will be open for business during the construction project. The project is also located within Business Improvement District #29.

The existing pavement surface is in poor condition and the roadway has been heavily patched over the years. The project will consist of removing the existing roadway and replacing it with concrete pavement. All curb, gutter and driveway approaches will be replaced. Sidewalks will be replaced as necessary because of grade and condition. The roadway will be reconstructed with a wider cross section to provide required bicycle accommodations. This new requirement enables the city to utilize federal funding for the project.

The Department of Public Works Support for Business Program (SFB) has reached out to businesses in the area to help identify concerns and to address them prior to the start of the program. The SFB will provide timely construction updates and temporary way-finding signs, and will work with the construction supervisor to address any concerns that may arise during the project.



**Traffic:** The construction of N. Teutonia Ave. will be done in two stages. During Stage 1 construction, two-way traffic will be maintained in the existing southbound lanes. During Stage 2 construction, two-way traffic will be switched over to use the newly-constructed northbound lanes. **On-street parking will not be available during construction.** Provisions will be made to ensure that pedestrian access will be maintained to abutting properties and businesses during construction with the least amount of inconvenience.



**Bus Routes:** The #12 Teutonia – Hampton bus will continue to operate on N. Teutonia Ave. in the southbound two-way traffic lanes during Stage 1, and in the northbound two-way traffic lanes during Stage 2.

During **Stage 1** of the project, the #19 Atkinson Avenue bus will be detoured due to the N. Teutonia Ave. and W. Atkinson Ave. intersection reconstruction. The northbound bus will proceed north on W. Atkinson Ave., then turn right onto N. 22nd St., proceed north on N. 22nd St. to W. Roosevelt Dr., turn left onto W. Roosevelt Dr. and head west to W. Atkinson, make a right turn onto W. Atkinson and continue north on the route.

The southbound #19 Atkinson Avenue bus will proceed south on W. Atkinson Ave. to N. Teutonia Ave., then turn right onto N. Teutonia, proceed south on Teutonia to W. Capitol Dr., turn left onto Capitol, proceed east on Capitol to Atkinson, turn right onto Atkinson and continue south on the route.

During **Stage 2** the northbound #19 Atkinson bus will proceed north on Atkinson to Teutonia Ave., turn right onto Teutonia and proceed north to W. Roosevelt, turn left onto Roosevelt D, proceed west to Atkinson and turn right onto Atkinson and continues north on the route.

The southbound #19 Atkinson bus will proceed south on W. Atkinson to Roosevelt, turn left onto Roosevelt and proceed east to N. 22nd St., turns right onto N. 22nd proceeding south to Atkinson, turn left onto Atkinson and proceed south on the route. ■

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Alderman Hamilton spoke during a news event in May where it was announced that \$375,000 in new funding would be available to the Earn and Learn program, allowing for the city to create 200 additional new summer jobs for young people. "It is critical for our city's future to put young people to work and to get them on the proper path," he said. Since its creation several years ago, Earn and Learn has placed more than 22,000 students into summer jobs.



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**From Boys in the 'Hood to Young Gentlemen on the Town** – Boys and young men who took part in the "We Got This" campaign are shown above in fine formal wear for a celebratory time downtown. "We Got This" is a grassroots effort started by Andre Lee Ellis during the summer of 2014, and is now growing into a very influential program for young men in Milwaukee. The purpose of the "We Got This" campaign is to employ and empower young black males, specifically targeting minority males residing in the 53206 area code. In 2014, the program started as a Saturday employment opportunity for young males from the 9th and Ring Streets and surrounding area. If young men showed up to the community garden by 8 a.m., they were exchanged twenty dollars for the labor of maintaining the community garden and cleaning up the neighborhood.