



Department of City Development  
**Media Advisory**

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**MAYOR TO MARK QUIET REBIRTH IN CENTRAL CITY  
LINDSAY COMMONS OPENS IN AREA OF HOUSING RENAISSANCE**

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) Executive Director Antonio Riley will celebrate the latest redevelopment project in an area of the central city that is seeing a quiet housing renaissance. Barrett and Riley will join Gorman & Co on **Wednesday, August 10th at 3 p.m.** to mark the grand opening of Lindsay Commons, a former problem property turned into a unique, affordable residential community at **2035 W. Galena Street.**

Once a bleak neighborhood nuisance, London Square apartments has been transformed by developer Gorman & Co into Lindsay Commons: a 115 unit residential community that is attractive and affordable for families. The development includes a new community building that will house a learning center, community room with kitchen and several outdoor playgrounds.

**WHAT: A Grand Opening & Before/After Tour of Lindsay Commons**

**WHEN: Tuesday, August 9, 3:00 PM**

**WHERE: 2035 Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI.**

**WHO:** Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett  
WHEDA Executive Director Antonio Riley  
Common Council President Willie Hines, Jr.  
4<sup>th</sup> District Alderman Robert Bauman  
Gorman & Company Representatives

**BACKGROUND:**

Lindsay Commons is located in an area of the central city that is seeing a continuing momentum of housing developments:

- City Homes, the first residential subdivision created in the central city in over 30 years, added 90 new homes to vacant lots between W. Walnut, W. Brown, N. 20<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets.

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### **Background Continued**

- Lindsay Heights, a second residential subdivision created near City Homes in which 120 new homes were constructed and 100 existing homes were renovated. Mayor Barrett approved an additional \$1 million for a TIF district to fund new construction and additional renovations to homes north of North Avenue.
- Josey Heights – a 53-unit house and condo project to be built on land that was cleared for the never-built Park West Freeway.
- Cherry Court – a typical public housing high-rise will be reconstructed as a smaller mid-rise with additional 6 single-family homes added to the area, offering both home ownership opportunities and affordable rental options.
- The Housing Authority is replacing a series of rowhouses with 46 single-family homes that will serve as part of its scattered sites rental program
- City acquisition of vacant, blighted Sentry building on 20<sup>th</sup> & Walnut for additional residential redevelopment.

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