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## Dear 1st District Residents,

I am pleased to share with you this fall edition of my aldermanic newsletter, and I hope you will find it to be helpful and informative.

Two events that took place this fall are good news for 1st District residents and stakeholders, and on page 4 you can read about both. The Villard Square Library is brand new and open to the community, and the Common Council has green-lighted recommendations of the “disparity study” that will help create more and better opportunities for woman- and minority-owned businesses to do business with the city.

On pages 2 and 3 you will find helpful articles about the new voter identification and concealed carry laws, district changes coming because of redistricting, and the second phase of the Bishop’s Creek development at N. 32nd St. and W. Hampton Ave.

The devastating flooding of July 2010 changed Milwaukee and the 1st District forever, and on page 5 there are some related articles and updates. On page 7, I encourage you to find out more about some positive programs Milwaukee young people are now a part of, including the “Be the Change” initiative that I helped create.

The newsletter also includes some helpful parking and DPW information to help you prepare for winter.

Please contact me whenever you have a question or a concern. My phone number is **286-2228** and my email address is [ahamil@milwaukee.gov](mailto:ahamil@milwaukee.gov).

Have a safe and prosperous fall and winter season!

Sincerely,

Ashanti Hamilton

Alderman, 1st District



## Committee Assignments

**CHAIR** City Information Management Committee

**CHAIR** Judiciary & Legislation Committee

**MEMBER** Steering & Rules Committee

**MEMBER** Licenses Committee

**MEMBER** Wisconsin Center District Board of Directors

**PRESIDENT** Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees

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This year’s **Villard Avenue Day Festival** included new attractions for families and children, including a “bouncy house” and pony rides. Sunny skies brought out hundreds of neighbors who enjoyed live entertainment and music, food, games for kids, vendors and displays, and much more on August 27 on Villard Ave. between

N. 35th and N. 37th Streets. Alderman Hamilton said the Villard Avenue Business Improvement District 19 and the Northwest Side Community Development Corp. deserve a huge “THANK YOU” for their efforts with the festival again this year.



**The Atkinson-Capitol-Teutonia Festival on July 9 was a big success.** Above: Alderman Hamilton was joined by State Senator Lena Taylor, Alderman Willie Wade, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, State Representative Barbara Toles (rear) and Mayor Tom Barrett in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Ransby, who were honored for their business HJR Investment. The festival is organized each year by the ACT Business Improvement District 29. Left: Two young ladies show some examples of the creative and beautiful face painting from this year’s ACT Festival.

## Concealed Carry Legislation

The State of Wisconsin has passed legislation allowing for the legal carrying of concealed firearms and weapons. The Common Council passed a resolution that allows for the city to post notice to residents that such concealed weapons are not legal within its buildings. Posted signs prohibiting the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons upon or within buildings and structures owned or leased by the city is in alignment with the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances prohibiting the carrying of firearms in city buildings.

The presence of firearms and other dangerous weapons in places where residents and members of the public engage in city business and public discourse promotes an atmosphere of fear and potential confrontation. The Council resolution provides that the City of Milwaukee will hold to 2011 Wisconsin Act 35. The act provides that any person who enters or remains in any part of a building that is owned, occupied or controlled by a local governmental unit while carrying a firearm shall be subject to a Class B forfeiture of up to \$1,000. This occurs if the person ignores the appropriate posted signs.

A similar resolution was passed urging Class B alcohol beverage licensees to post appropriate signs prohibiting members of the public from carrying firearms onto licensed premises.

To read the files in their entirety, go to <http://milwaukee.legistar.com/Legislation>. File #110469 refers to signage in city buildings and file #110624 refers to postings at licensed alcohol beverage premises.

## Tip Hotline Means \$\$ for Reporting Illegal Dumping

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 material that was 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.



As State Senator Lena Taylor and County Supervisor Michael Mayo look on, Alderman Hamilton speaks during a recent special ceremony opening the second phase of the **Bishop's Creek development**, which is affiliated with Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God In Christ. Below: Pictured is the exterior of the dormitory building.

## Second Phase of Bishop's Creek Opens

In August Alderman Hamilton was honored to be a part of the opening for the second phase of the Bishop's Creek Community Development Corp. project at N. 32nd St. and W. Hampton Ave.

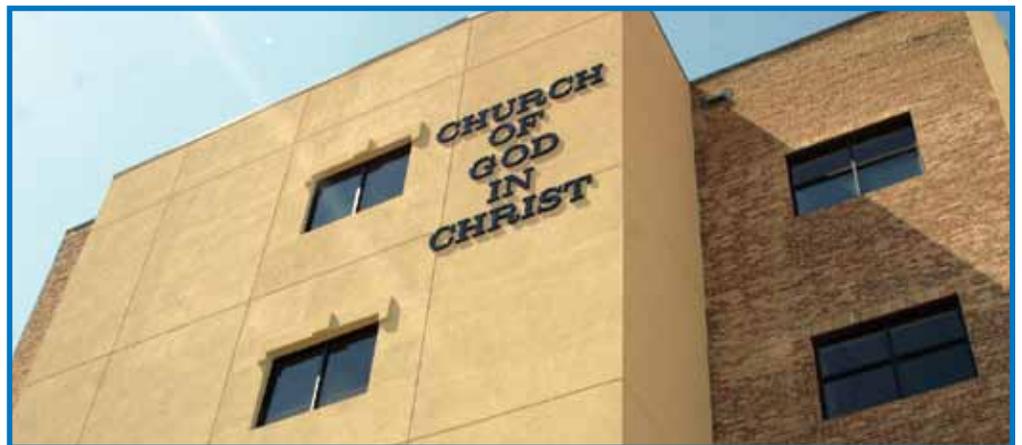
The second phase involved redeveloping a five-story building at the site into a dormitory for 40 students at the proposed Holy Redeemer Christian Academy. The 23,875-square-foot building was renovated and a 2,200-square-foot addition added to the west side of the structure and a 1,500-square-foot addition was added to the east side.

Alderman Hamilton, who has worked with city agencies to help ensure that the City of Milwaukee is an assisting partner in bringing the project to fruition, said he is very pleased with how the development is turning out. "The Bishop's Creek development is a godsend for Milwaukee and the 1st District during a rough economic time when very few projects are being built," he said.

"Just as important, the development is serving as a positive catalyst for economic vitality and possible future development in the surrounding neighborhood," Alderman Hamilton said.

The Bishop's Creek development is part of a seven-acre site that previously housed an abandoned tannery. The final phase of the project would include office space, retail space, an artist's studio, a community arts center, a conference center, restaurants and a hotel.

Bishop's Creek Community Development Corp. is an affiliate of Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ.





Alderman Hamilton was joined by several Common Council colleagues as he launched his **Be the Change program** for young men in Milwaukee Public Schools. The program teaches life skills, literacy, and leadership. He is pictured here at City Hall with the inaugural class.

## Be the Change Celebrates First Students to Complete Program

**A**lderman Hamilton was joined by Dr. Gregory Thornton, Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools, in hosting the culmination ceremony for the inaugural class of the Be the Change program. Held this past summer, the City Hall event honored the 72 young men who completed the five-week program.

“I’m so proud to see how the community came together and offered up their knowledge, passion and commitment to create this opportunity for our students. Recognizing the students’ dedication and work is an incredible reward for us all,” Alderman Hamilton said.

The program, launched earlier this year, brings together community-based organizations, Dr. Thornton, MPS and the City of Milwaukee, including Alderman Hamilton and the Mayor, to provide a structured program for young men to study literacy, leadership and life skills. For five weeks, the students met at Washington High School four days a week to study, work together and be mentored.

“Now the work begins,” Alderman Hamilton said. “The core of the program is to follow these students through the school year and to make ourselves and other resources available to them through continued mentoring and opportunities to help them stay on track.”

The culmination ceremony included presentations of the work the students completed and recognition of the students themselves.

## Free Cribs to Promote Safe Sleeping

**I**n Milwaukee, the second leading cause of infant mortality is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), which is often related to unsafe sleep.

Free cribs are available to families who are unable to purchase one. Before a family is given a crib, parents are provided education and training on proper sleep position and sleep environment for the baby. The cribs are available from the Milwaukee Health Department at (414) 286-8620 as well as from the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin at (414) 933-0064.



## Youth Council Making Most of Opportunity

**S**ince it was approved by the Common Council in 2004, the City of Milwaukee Youth Council has successfully deliberated and taken action on important issues affecting the health, safety, and welfare of young people in Milwaukee.

The Youth Council regularly meets at City Hall, but members also discuss issues by talking to peers, family, and neighbors. To name just a few, the Council has: lobbied against fare increases and cuts in county bus funding; has allocated \$25,000 in block grant funding to Milwaukee agencies that specialize in youth intervention, leadership, and education; and has talked about youth behavior and mall policy with the general manager of Mayfair Mall.

Alderman Hamilton said he believes the Youth Council is molding some of Milwaukee’s future leaders. “The Youth Council has been asking tough questions and sharing some new and insightful ideas on many issues, and I believe that is a positive sign of things to come for Milwaukee,” he said.

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. The community is invited to attend all Youth Council meetings and most meetings are broadcast on the city’s government television station – Channel 25 (streaming online – [www.milwaukee.gov/CityChannelLive](http://www.milwaukee.gov/CityChannelLive) - and found on Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable and on Channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the city of Milwaukee).

The Youth Council is looking for committed young leaders between the ages of 14-18 with the time, energy, and passion to work for change. Youth Council members must live in the City of Milwaukee. To learn more about becoming a member of the Youth Council go to [www.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil](http://www.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil).



Alderman Hamilton delivered remarks (above), helped in the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and even took part in a neighborhood parade (right) on October 15 during the special official opening ceremonies for the **Villard Square Library**, 5190 N. 35th St.

## Villard Square Library Opens

On a windy fall Saturday (October 15) Alderman Hamilton was joined by Mayor Barrett, City Librarian Paula Kiely, fellow Council members and Library Board members, the developer, local business people and residents in officially opening the Villard Square Library, 5190 N. 35th St.

The building – a new mixed-use development by Gorman & Company and the Northwest Side Community Development Corp. in cooperation with the City of Milwaukee and LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corp.) – includes the library and 47 apartment homes targeted to families where grandparents are the primary caregivers. The new branch covers 12,770 square feet, and includes 50 desktop and laptop computers for users, community meeting and study rooms, children’s and teen areas, and self-checkout stations, as well as an on-site parking lot for 32 cars.

Alderman Hamilton said Villard Square will be catalytic, infusing new life into the Villard Avenue Business District and also incorporating sustainable design in such a way that developers predict a 15% savings in operating costs. The design and new facility also include a park-like setting on the roof for residents to enjoy.

“I am extremely proud of the partners and the developer for making this dream come true, and I strongly encourage residents, students, business people – everyone – to come and explore this wonderful new branch library,” said Alderman Hamilton, who is President of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees.

### Alderman Hamilton to Have Villard Library Office Hours

If you have issues of concern or questions you would like to discuss with Alderman Hamilton, please come to the Villard Square library.

Alderman Hamilton will hold office hours at the library from 10 a.m. to noon on every second Friday of the month.

## Council: Implement Recommendations of the Disparity Study



Alderman Hamilton addressed the media at a news conference at City Hall on October 11, 2011 – shortly after the Common Council approved implementing the recommendations of the disparity study.

In October the Common Council approved an ordinance authored by Alderman Hamilton implementing the recommendations of the city disparity study by redesigning the city’s emerging business enterprise program as minority, woman and small business enterprise programs. The action also created an Office of Small Business Development to implement and oversee these programs.

Alderman Hamilton said it is hoped the changes will create more and better opportunities for woman- and minority-owned businesses to do business with the city. “I believe the changes are clearing away some roadblocks that had been in place for far too long,” he said.

### Under the recommendations approved by the Council:

- Goals for participation of minority, woman and small businesses are established for city contracting departments (the goals will be reviewed and adjusted annually with the approval of the Common Council).
- Certification standards for a minority business enterprise are established, including the requirement that the business be at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by one or more African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic or Native American individuals.
- Annual requirements for the participation of minority business enterprises are established.
- Certification standards for a woman business enterprise program are established, including the requirement that the business be at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by one or more non-minority women.
- Certification standards for a small business enterprise program are established, including the requirement that the business shall meet the size standards of the U.S. small business administration and that the business have a physical business address located within the limits of the Milwaukee metropolitan area for at least one year prior to certification.

D. Wilson Consulting Group, LLC was retained to conduct a disparity study for the City of Milwaukee to determine whether there was a legal basis for the city to establish a race and gender-based business enterprise program for the procurement of goods and services by the city. In December 2010, the final disparity study was completed and released for public comment.

The disparity study found that a statistically significant disparity exists between the number of minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises that are ready and able to provide goods and services, including construction, to the city and the number of those businesses that are providing goods and services, including construction, to the city. The disparity study also found anecdotal evidence that discrimination patterns and practices have occurred with the city’s procurement of goods and services.



## Growing Food and Creating Jobs

Earlier this year Alderman Hamilton joined Mayor Barrett and **Will Allen, founder of Growing Power, Inc.**, during a bill signing ceremony after the Common Council voted unanimously to award \$425,000 to Growing Power to build 150 hoop house gardens on vacant land within the city. The farms will be tended by beginning urban farmers, creating 150 new jobs that will be filled by unemployed people in Milwaukee.

Growing Power's proposal, called "Growing Capacity for the Green Economy," was made in February to Milwaukee's African-American Male Unemployment Task Force, which is co-chaired by Alderman Hamilton. The task force is working with community organizations and businesses to reduce joblessness among black males in Milwaukee, where some estimates have put the African-American male unemployment rate at more than 25%, one of the highest rates in the nation. The Growing Power grant, which comes from federal Housing and Urban Development funding, is being administered by the city's Community Development Block Grant office.

"This is a unique way of creating jobs, teaching people valuable sustainable food and farming skills, and providing fresh, nutritious food for inner city Milwaukee families," said Alderman Hamilton.

Will Allen predicts that the program will serve as a model for low-cost, minimal-footprint urban farming in other cities and become a significant component of green job creation efforts in the U.S.

## The Big Rebuild

Although it's been 16 months since the devastating torrential rain storms and flooding hit the 1st District (July 2010), for many of us the memories and the aftermath are still all too vivid.

Though much of Milwaukee was impacted by the flood waters, the 1st District was hit particularly hard. Alderman Hamilton, in cooperation with Representative Annette Polly Williams, 1290 WMCS Eric Von and Wallace White, brought together staff and services to create a Flood Emergency Assistance Team (FEAT) to help address flood victims' needs. The group was formed to help the community work together to provide assistance and resources to restore a healthy quality of life and to provide some relief from the flood. Community-based organizations played a large role in supporting the district and part of the FEAT effort was to bring all available resources to the table.

Alderman Hamilton was also very involved in helping the effort that led to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) federal disaster area declaration and its declaration that funds be made available to individuals to help counter the costs of the damage.

Working with the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp. and the Department of Neighborhood Services, Alderman Hamilton and the Common Council launched a program to allow residents who lost their homes in the flooding to purchase vacant foreclosed homes for \$1. The program has helped some and is still evolving, and if you are interested in learning more please email [nspinfo@milwaukee.gov](mailto:nspinfo@milwaukee.gov) or call 286-5812.

A list of certified homebuying counselors and participating lenders is available at: [www.MilwaukeeHousingHelp.org](http://www.MilwaukeeHousingHelp.org)

"Residents and neighbors came together to help one another during the floods, and I believe we still have that spirit alive in the district today," Alderman Hamilton said.

Residents should be reminded, however, that water in your basement is often a result of sewer lines and back up and homeowners should attend to the condition of their lateral sewer line extending from their home to the city system. Often roots or other debris impede the efficiency of these lines. Basement damage that is the result of sewerage backups is not covered by flood insurance, so homeowners should take care to be preventative in their home maintenance.



Alderman Hamilton spoke with residents following an inspection of the flood-damaged homes near the **5000 block of 19th Place**.

## Flooding Study Task Force Report & Recommendations

The report and recommendations of the Flooding Study Task Force, co-chaired by Alderman Hamilton, were approved by the Common Council on July 6. To view the task force's report and recommendations, please visit [www.milwaukee.gov/district1](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district1).

The task force was created after the devastating flooding and basement backups of July 2010 resulted in millions of dollars in property damage and eventual disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The task force was charged with recommending remedies for storm water and sewage backup flooding of city residential and commercial properties, and flooding of streets and alleyways.

To date, the city – in partnership with residents and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) – has initiated a pilot project to repair private sewer laterals as a cost effective approach to combating the problem of basement backups. It is possible that the pilot project could expand to other city neighborhoods where damaging basement backups have occurred during and after heavy rain events.



## Basement Backup: The Video

A 7-minute video released by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District shows how excess flows of storm water in private sanitary sewer laterals can contribute to sewage backups in basements.

To view the video, go to the MMSD website: <http://v3.mmsd.com/NewsDetails.aspx>

MMSD has established a 10-year, \$156 million program to replace or repair leaky laterals and to disconnect foundation drains from laterals.

## Milwaukee Volunteers Needed for Big Brothers Big Sisters

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 Hamilton said hundreds of children are waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister in Milwaukee, including more than 50 who live in the 1st Aldermanic District. "These children have talents and abilities that need to be nurtured, and that's just one key role you could play as a Big Brother or Big Sister," he said.

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."

BBBS volunteers mentor children one-on-one, three to four times a month, and scheduling is based on the availability of the volunteer. Activities may include going to the park, sharing a meal, working on schoolwork, and attending sporting events, or participating in simple everyday activities and hobbies such as cooking and gardening. Men and women may volunteer individually or as a couple. The minimum age for volunteers is 21.

BBBS of Metro Milwaukee is an affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, the largest donor- and volunteer-supported mentoring network in the nation. In 2010 BBBS of Metro Milwaukee served more than 1,500 children in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

For information, contact BBBS of Metro Milwaukee at (414) 258-4778, online at [www.bbbsmilwaukee.org](http://www.bbbsmilwaukee.org), or on Facebook or Twitter.



The two-hour **forum on black male achievement**, sponsored by the City of Milwaukee in partnership with UW-Milwaukee, was held in UWM's Student Union Ballroom East, and attracted more than 100 participants.

## Forum on Black Male Achievement

Alderman Hamilton gave an impassioned speech during a community forum on black male achievement last May at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Mayor Tom Barrett and Dr. Marc Levine, a senior fellow and the founding director of the Center for Economic Development who teaches in the Department of History and the Urban Studies Programs at UW-Milwaukee, also spoke at the event, which was hosted by Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.

The forum was scheduled after the Open Society Institute selected Milwaukee as one of six U.S. cities where an in-depth study of black male achievement would be conducted. It is Alderman Hamilton's intention to join with other Council members to push for a comprehensive plan to address black male achievement.

Others who participated included: Leon Andrews – National League of Cities; John Chisholm – Milwaukee County District Attorney; Jeff Street – CoMission Against Diseases of Poverty; Diann Dawson – United States Department of Health & Human Services; Victor Barnett – Running Rebels; Jim Bartos – Silver Spring Neighborhood Center; Sharlen Moore – Urban Underground; Terrance Ray – Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative; and Pastor Christian Winkel – Lighthouse Youth Center.

## Milwaukee's New Single Sort Recycling Program

The city's new single sort recycling program is now in effect. Single sort recycling is a system that allows all recyclables to be mixed together in the recycling cart or bin. It means that only one sort is necessary – separating all the recyclables from trash. Papers and containers no longer need to be kept separate. Special equipment will be used to separate them once they reach a recycling facility. However, it does NOT mean that garbage and recyclables may be mixed together.



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- > Phone books
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## Redistricting Brings 1st District Changes

According to Alderman Hamilton, the redistricting process completed earlier this fall by the Common Council will mean new 2012 voting wards, polling locations, and district boundaries for aldermanic districts, including the 1st District.

### Effective in April 2012:

- The western boundary of the district will be N. 43rd St. between W. Calumet Rd. and W. Silver Spring Dr., N. 55th St. between W. Silver Spring Dr. and W. Hampton Ave., and the 30th St. rail line from W. Hampton Ave. to W. Capitol Dr.
- The area west of N. 43rd St. and north of W. Silver Spring Dr. will be in the 9th Aldermanic District.
- All voting wards within the district have been renumbered, and several have had their boundaries altered.

Go to [www.milwaukee.gov/District1](http://www.milwaukee.gov/District1) to view the new map of the 1st District (effective April 2012).

Go to [www.milwaukee.gov/Redistricting](http://www.milwaukee.gov/Redistricting) for more details about redistricting in the City of Milwaukee.

The Election Commission will have updated ward and polling place information available soon. To reach the commission, please call 286-3491 or go to the webpage at [www.milwaukee.gov/election](http://www.milwaukee.gov/election).

## Alliance can be Job Creating Engine, Alderman says

An alliance linking the African American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) of Greater Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAHA) can help create jobs and promote business development in economically strained areas of Milwaukee, Alderman Hamilton said.

MICAHA and the AACC have agreed to create and maintain a member quality assurance program to train and vet contractors capable of doing work on single and multi-family residential properties, small commercial facilities and churches. MICAHA has agreed to tout those successfully enrolled in the program to their member churches. The pilot program, called the Certified Professional Grade Contractor Program, is now accepting applicants and is expected to start by December 1.

Alderman Hamilton said the alliance can be a job creator that can help begin to slowly bridge the economic divide that separates too many city neighborhoods from areas just a mile or two away in surrounding communities. "The divide that separates much of Milwaukee from our neighbors is staggering in its breadth, but I believe this program and the alliance formed by the African American Chamber and MICAHA can help us narrow that divide," he said.

MICAHA and the AACC hope the effort will be expanded following the pilot program to include possibly other ethnic and small business chambers, as well as expanding the referral program to professional service providers, such as architects, lawyers, barbershops and beauty salons, and other personal care services.

For more information please call the chamber at 462-9450.

## Support Your Local Library!

This year, the Common Council worked hard during budget season to keep all city libraries open, though their hours may have changed. Here are some things you can do to support your local library:

- Get a library card
- Return books on time
- Pay your fines
- Hold community meetings there
- Patronize
- Participate in programming
- Encourage others to use the library

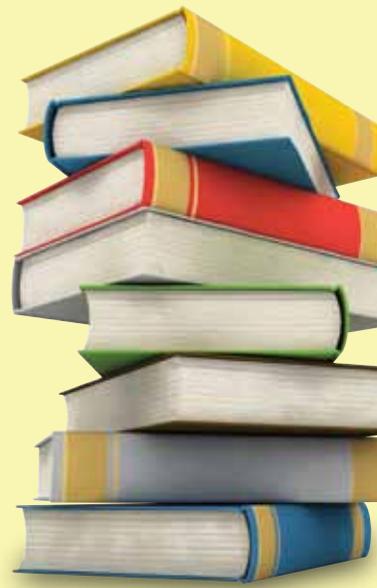
Go to [www.mpl.org](http://www.mpl.org) or call 286-3000 for more information or to check hours for your favorite libraries!

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## Voter Identification Laws Have Changed

A new law in the state of Wisconsin requires that all voters show valid identification at the polls. The law goes into effect with the spring primary election, Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

Valid forms of identification include:

- A Wisconsin driver's license, even if driving privileges are suspended/revoked
- A Wisconsin DOT identification card
- A military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. Passport

*Any of the above identifications must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.*

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in WI
- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following:
  - Date of Issuance
  - Signature of Student
  - Expiration date not later than two years after Date of Issuance

If you do not have any of the above identification, you may obtain a FREE identification card from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. For more on obtaining proper identification for voting, please look to [www.milwaukee.gov/election](http://www.milwaukee.gov/election) or contact the Election Commission at 286-3491.

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## Emergency Loan Program for Homeowners

If you or someone you know has run into any serious emergency home problems, the City of Milwaukee's Homeowners' Emergency Loan Program (HELP) may be available to offer assistance. The HELP is available to income-eligible owner-occupants anywhere in the city. The program is for emergencies that, if not corrected, would make the home uninhabitable. HELP is not for maintenance, code violations, or other work that is not a true emergency. The program offers loans for low to moderate income homeowners. It does not offer grants. Call the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp. at (414) 286-5608.

For application information, or to see if you qualify, please go to:  
[www.milwaukee.gov/EmergencyLoanProgram.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/EmergencyLoanProgram.htm)

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## Winter Garbage & Recycling Collection

Garbage and recycling collection schedules will change in the winter due to the management of snow and ice by city crews. Schedule changes will begin December 5th. Residents must clear snow and ice to provide access to carts.

**If you have curbside collection:** Carts will be retrieved from yards during winter months. Extra items must still be placed curbside for pickup.

**If you have alley collection:** Carts will continue to be serviced at the alley line.

*NOTE: There is a \$50 charge for collection of trash piles larger than one cubic yard (roughly the same size of an easy chair).*

## No Garbage or Recycling Collection on City Holidays

It should be noted that no garbage or recycling will be collected on the following days this calendar year:

- Thanksgiving  
– Thursday & Friday – Nov. 24 & 25, 2011
- Christmas Eve & Day  
– Friday & Monday – December 23 & 26, 2011
- New Years Eve & Day – Friday & Monday  
– December 30, 2011 & January 2, 2012
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
– Monday – January 16, 2012

## Holiday Tree Disposal

Garbage collection crews will pick up the tree if it is placed where the garbage is collected. If your collection is in an alley, trees must be placed at the alley line for collection, not on the street. Only residents whose garbage is collected from the street may place their tree at the curb to be picked up.

The Self-Help Centers winter hours, November 27, 2011 through April 7, 2012, are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. They will be closed on Sundays, Mondays and city holidays. For more information visit [www.milwaukee.gov/selfhelpcenters](http://www.milwaukee.gov/selfhelpcenters).

## Winter Parking

No overnight parking is allowed on through highways and mass transit (bus) routes from Dec. 1 to March 1. These streets are not posted. For a list of these streets please go to [www.milwaukee.gov/parkingregulations](http://www.milwaukee.gov/parkingregulations). In case of a "Snow Emergency" prior to Dec. 1 or after March 1, vehicles must be moved to a side street and must be legally parked in conformity with all other regulations on the proper side of the street.

## Please Shovel Your Sidewalks

A reminder that property owners and occupants are required by city law to clear sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours after the snow and ice have stopped falling. Failure to do so could result in the city doing it and charging you.

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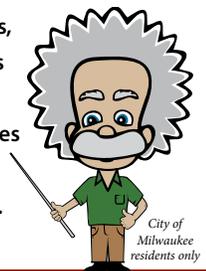
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