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Housing Resource Fair will Feature Key Agencies, Workshops

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Willie C. Wade and Alderman Ashanti Hamilton are inviting city residents to a housing resource fair on **Saturday, September 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, at the **Department of Public Works field facility, 3850 N. 35th St.** A number of key groups will be on hand to explain how to buy a foreclosed home, what resources are at your disposal to make home repairs, and what to do if you're facing foreclosure.

"Our office gets a lot of calls about housing needs, repairs, and foreclosure concerns," **Alderwoman Coggs said.** "This event is just one way we are trying to bring the resources to the people, and it is my sincere hope that as many people as possible come and learn more about the resources that are available."

In addition to three free workshops, representatives from nearly two dozen organizations will be on hand to answer questions about housing repair, foreclosure help and more, in a no-stress, no commitment environment.

"The resource fair is an opportunity for people who might otherwise wait too long to seek help in avoiding foreclosure because of pride, fear or something else," **Alderman Wade said.** "Real help is available at the resource fair, and it's a perfect opportunity for people to find out how they might access the advice and assistance they need."

The **Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp.** and city staff will also be available to go over current city programs and to offer guidance through the application process. You can learn more at the NIDC website, <http://city.milwaukee.gov/NIDC>.

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“The most immediate impact we can have on stabilizing neighborhoods is in the area of housing,” **Alderman Hamilton said.** “I believe that by offering information about purchasing foreclosed homes, helping people avoid foreclosure, and directing them to resources to help with needed home repair, we can go a long way to help the city and its residents rebound from this economic downturn.”

The workshops available include: “How to Buy a Foreclosed Home,” at 10:30 a.m., “Home Repair Resources 101,” at 11:30 a.m., and “Facing Foreclosure 101,” at 1:00 p.m.

Organizations invited and expected to attend Saturday’s resource fair include: Habitat for Humanity; Select Milwaukee; City of Milwaukee Health Department, Department of Neighborhood Services; Career Youth Development; Riverworks Development Corp.; Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA); Another Hand Foundation; Summit Credit Union; Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council; Safe & Sound; WC-WI Harambee Community Center; Me2 Energy Efficiency program; US Bank; NIDC; Realty Among Friends; Community Warehouse; Social Development Commission; City of Milwaukee Real Estate; Housing Resources, Inc.; ACTS Housing; and Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee.