Mayor: Strongly urging owners, residents to install water filters for lead

Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan
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I am deeply concerned by the comments made this morning by Mayor Barrett concerning the safety of drinking water service for hundreds of thousands of Milwaukee residents, and I am planning to schedule meetings of the Public Safety Committee to discuss this potentially dangerous situation.

According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, during a public forum on drinking water at the Marquette University Law School this morning, the mayor said anyone living in a Milwaukee residence constructed prior to 1951 should consider getting a faucet filter that can remove lead from drinking water. Additionally, a drinking water treatment scientist and professor at Virginia Tech said no one should consider Milwaukee’s water 100% safe to drink as long as lead pipes are present.

To the mayor and the administration: Why aren’t we warning residents about this danger?

The public safety of our citizens is paramount, and I will be inviting the mayor to come before the Public Safety Committee to explain this situation in detail.

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