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All Things in Common block parties are set for this weekend

Milwaukeeans can win free gas, groceries and bus passes this **Saturday, August 27, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**, by taking part in a local neighborhood block party as part of the kickoff weekend for the city's **All Things in Common** initiative.

Participants can visit milwaukee.gov/ATIC for more information and a map of participating sites, which are scattered throughout the city. **Alderwoman Chantia Lewis**, the organizer of the All Things in Common initiative, said the churches that are hosting the block parties have volunteered to help residents in need on an ongoing basis.

"If you or your family need a little help to get by, you can stop by one of these sites any time to learn what help is available to you and how to qualify," Alderwoman Lewis said. "We know that for busy families, it's not really convenient to run downtown to sign up for services. We wanted to make these programs more accessible to people in their own neighborhoods, and we're grateful for all the churches that have volunteered."

Lewis said these newly-established "community resource hubs" will not only provide direct services like group-based mentoring, but referrals to city services and in-kind resources provided by philanthropic partners. Residents will be able to get connected with driver's license recovery, child support mediation and other critical services. The partnership is a critical facet of the multi-pronged "All Hands Call" public safety effort announced by the Common Council on May 31.

The block parties on Saturday will serve as an important opportunity for residents to get acquainted with the new resource hubs, Alderwoman Lewis said, and will offer fun and games for the whole family. **Media coverage is invited.**