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## **City of Milwaukee website, cable channel to host black history vignettes**

The City of Milwaukee website and the City Channel, Milwaukee's government access cable channel, will host a series of informative vignettes throughout the month of February in a 28-day salute to Black History Month.

"In many ways, the history of the civil rights movement is still being written today," **Alderman Chantia Lewis** said. "Many proud pioneers of the cause have called Milwaukee their home, and this year's Black History Month is an excellent opportunity for our community to honor their accomplishments."

Along with **Alderman Milele A. Coggs**, Alderman Lewis has spearheaded the first-of-its-kind effort to honor the notable individuals who have played a role in Milwaukee's black history through a prominent informational campaign. Every day in February, the official city website ([city.milwaukee.gov](http://city.milwaukee.gov)) will feature the photos and backstories of local people who were critical to the civil rights movement. These same informational vignettes will also run regularly during City Channel programming.

The recognition will culminate with a special City Hall reception **Friday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Milwaukee City Hall rotunda. Young members of the community will make special historical presentations, and Common Council members will honor local people whose work today is advancing the civil rights cause.

Supporting Alderman Lewis and Alderman Coggs in the black history campaign are colleagues Common Council President **Ashanti Hamilton**, Alderman **Russell W. Stamper, II**, Alderman **Cavalier Johnson**, and Alderman **Khalif J. Rainey**.