

12th

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Dear Neighbor,

Let me begin by thanking you for all you do to make the 12th District a better place for all of us to live.

From my time in both the public and private sectors, I learned the importance of ground-level approaches to problems. I believe in working home by home and block by block to build a sense of community, hope and purpose.

This is why working to ensure every child grows up in a home that is safe from lead – from wherever it comes – is so important to me. It is why I've worked with not just the Milwaukee Health Department but front-line community organizations like the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center to find affected children, identify the source of lead in their lives, and do whatever we as a City can to abate it.

This is also why I need all of you to work with me as we clean up other offenses that can make our community unsafe. Drug use, prostitution, vandalism, and theft can seem small in ones and twos, but, taken together, they can destroy whole neighborhoods. The Milwaukee Police Department was never able to do this work alone – Chief Morales would say that himself. Safety is a matter of community.

Since 2013, the 12th District has seen 50 separate paving or street/alley reconstruction projects, affecting dozens of streets and numerous alleys. These have included 17 'High Impact' paving projects that have transformed long stretches of street surfaces with smooth asphalt overlay in just a matter of a day or two. I am pleased with the work and projects that have been completed during the past several years and I'll continue to make these roadway infrastructure projects a high priority.

And it is why I have worked to ensure that the wonderful developments we've seen throughout the 12th District result in small, street-level improvements for all commercial tenants and residents. So much of what is happening in our district is incredibly exciting.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter and thank you, as always, for keeping my office aware of your problems and concerns. Please accept my and my family's sincere wish for a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Alderman José G. Pérez



Committee Assignments

Vice Chair

- Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee

Member

- Finance and Personnel Committee
- Public Safety and Health Committee
- Hispanic Elected Local Officials
- Kinnickinnic River Association
- National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
- National League of Cities
- Walker Square Neighborhood Association
- Walker's Point Association Development Committee

Affordable Housing

Over the years as the city and 12th district continue to see additional development and growth, the topic of affordable housing has become an important issue. Monitoring housing prices and rental rates, while also supporting affordable housing projects, is crucial to make sure area residents have safe, high-quality and affordable housing options. During the last several months, Alderman Pérez has been delighted to help unveil three new affordable housing projects in the 12th district.

“Having a healthy mix of housing options, income levels and ethnic backgrounds in our district makes the 12th special and a true representation of the city. I am pleased with the new affordable housing units that opened up this summer,” said Alderman Pérez.

SEVEN04 Place

Located at 704 W. National Ave., SEVEN04 Place is a \$12.2 million investment into the near south side that consists of 60 units over four floors. Local developer Brandon Rule selected the site because the location is near and dear to him, having grown up nearby on 26th and National. The project was a collaboration between several public and private sector organizations.

Thirteen31 Place

With his first project in the books developer Brandon Rule already has his sights set on what’s next, Thirteen31 Place located at 1331 W. National Ave. The proposed project would encompass 85,000 square feet of residential space consisting of 89 units, including 74 designated as affordable housing. The site was formally Esperanza Unida auto lot. Construction hopes to kick-off in 2020.



Left-to-right – Alderman Michael Murphy, Michael Carlson, developer Brandon Rule, WHEDA Executive Director Joaquin Altoro, Alderman José G. Pérez, Commissioner Rocky Marcoux, UnitedHealthcare’s Ellen Sexton, Cinnaire representatives Chris Jillings and Chris Laurent at SEVEN04 Place ribbon cutting on July 19th, 2019.

6th St. and National Ave.

Earlier this year, developer Joshua Jeffers purchased two buildings near the northwest corner of West National Avenue and South Sixth Street. The project is currently in the planning process but will include mixed use with former property owners Centro Hispano Milwaukee occupying a portion of the office space. The site will include an affordable housing component. Stay tuned for more details.

America Works of WI, Inc. at MATC Education Center at Walker Square

America Works of Wisconsin provides Milwaukee residents with resources, programs, and supportive services to be sufficient in the workforce. The America Works of Wisconsin job center offers career planning, comprehensive assessments of service needs, on-the-job training, educational activities, and job seeking opportunities. These offerings help prepare workers for employment and resources to thrive. America Works of Wisconsin, Inc. is located on the fourth floor of MATC Walker’s Square Campus at 816 W. National Ave.

City’s First Food Truck Park Premieres in Walker’s Point

The city’s first food truck park, Zócalo, opened in July in the Walker’s Point neighborhood. Located at 636 S. Sixth St., the site was formerly home to La Fuente restaurant before converting to a food truck park with seating for up to 300. Zócalo provides residents with a casual atmosphere and a permanent environment for food trucks to park. There are four permanent food trucks on the property: Fontelle’s Eatery, a burger truck; Scratch Ice Cream, a small-batch ice cream company; Bowl Cut, an Asian-style rice bowl business; and Marzoca, a taco truck. The park also features two rotating food trucks.

Operating hours for Zócalo are:

- Tuesday through Thursday - 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday - 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Sunday - 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Komatsu Mining Plans \$285 Million Headquarters in Harbor District

Komatsu Mining Corporation’s plan to build a \$285 Million headquarters in the Harbor District has been approved by the City of Milwaukee’s Plan Commission. The campus in the city’s Harbor District will bring nearly 450 jobs to the area and help fuel Milwaukee’s reputation as a trailblazer in manufacturing industries. The Komatsu campus will include a three-story, 176,000-square-foot office building, training center, museum, automation lab, and a 430,000-square-foot, three-story manufacturing facility. The campus will be built along E. Greenfield Ave., which includes the inner harbor. The development is expected to be completed by 2022. ▀

New Development

The 12th district has had a busy season when it comes to new development. These new projects offer several benefits such as adding new property taxes to the city's tax base. This in turn provides more money for basic services like safety, road maintenance and much more. New development also adds density to the neighborhood, which helps make the area more vibrant for those who live, work and play there. Alderman Pérez has been a champion for new development and is proud to share several new projects with area residents.

Quartet

This summer construction began on Quartet, a six-story, 48-unit building located at the intersection of S. 2nd St. and W. Mineral St. Quartet is the fourth building constructed in Walker's Point by New Land Enterprises and is expected to be complete in the summer of 2020.



Quartet rendering. Rendering by Korb + Associates Architects

234 S. Water Street

Developer Ryan Bedford is planning an 11-story apartment building at 234 S. Water St., also known as Admiral's Wharf in the Harbor District. The development would include a river walk and potential kayak rental space. The proposal is hoping to begin construction in early 2020.

1st and Pittsburgh

A mixed use development is currently being planned for the vacant lot that resides at 117 E. Pittsburgh Ave. Developer Robert Joseph is working on what will be a six-story apartment building with retail space located on the first floor. Construction on this project is slated to begin in 2020. ▀



Join the learning, discovery and FUN at the Mitchell Street Library

The Mitchell Street library, 906 W. Historic Mitchell St., is a true gem for families and people of all ages. It has its own full schedule of activities and events, and the Makerspace includes open-maker time most days after school (digital recording studio, editing bays, and much more!) and it features a community kitchen that has cooking classes and demonstrations, including a "snack hack" for healthy treats. There is also an artist-in-residence until the end of the year, with extensive related programming!

Please go to mpl.org/hours_locations/mitchell.php for Mitchell Street library hours and program information. ▀

Check out what Arts @ Large has to offer!

The Arts @ Large Community Center, 1100 S. 5th St. in historic Walker's Point, uses the arts as a dynamic tool to engage students and people of all ages in lifelong learning, and provides meaningful employment for visual, performing, literary and multimedia artists, to inspire all ages to share their unique stories.

Arts @ Large builds a vibrant arts culture in schools and the community, celebrating the rich diversity of Milwaukee, and activates the city's communities to build environments that support arts-rich, lifelong learning. The center features a gallery and offers exhibitions, performances, and art-making workshops, and celebrates the work of local children, students and residents.

Call 414.763.7379 or go to artsatlargeinc.org to learn more about Arts @ Large. ▀

Learn more about Milwaukee's Municipal ID card

The License Division officially launched the Milwaukee Municipal Identification (ID) Card in January 2017. Since then, we've issued over 6,500 IDs! Interested in applying for your own Municipal ID? Read on for important details about the program.

What is the City of Milwaukee Municipal ID?

The City's new Municipal ID program offers photo identification to residents 14 years or older regardless of housing or marital status, criminal record, or gender identity. The program was established by ordinance by the Milwaukee Common Council on July 26, 2016.



How do I get my ID?

You must apply in person at City Hall. In addition, before your application can be processed, you will need to provide proof of your identity and proof that you live in Milwaukee. IDs cost \$10. Please visit milwaukee.gov/id to print an application and for detailed program information.

Why should I get an ID?

A few of the benefits of the municipal ID program include:

- Improved access to public and private services
- Increased sense of membership in the community
- Improved community safety by making it easier for those without IDs to interact with authorities

By law, all City departments must recognize Municipal IDs as an acceptable form of identification, including the Milwaukee Police Department. Additional uses for your Municipal ID will be explored as the program is implemented. If you would like to support the program or suggest a potential partner, contact your local Council Member.

Questions?

Please visit milwaukee.gov/id for complete program information. If you still have questions about the application, email License@milwaukee.gov. ▀

Program to combat lead hazards now underway

The Milwaukee Health Department has been reaching out to 12th District residents whose homes might be affected by lead and will provide the necessary resources needed to detect and prevent lead poisoning. According to MHD research, the 12th District (along with the 15th District on the north side) has the highest concentration of lead poisoned children in the city. To combat this epidemic, Alderman Pérez co-sponsored legislation utilizing the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center in conducting outreach to assist residents with identifying and removing lead from their homes. The legislation mandates that the MHD and its contractors assist residents in four ways:



- Inform and educate residents that they are living in housing which may contain lead hazards, explain the health risks of blood-lead poisoning especially for children under 6 years of age, nursing mothers and pregnant women, and share the resources available and how to access them to limit or eliminate the risk of lead exposure and hazards;
- Offer water filters capable of eliminating lead to households with children under 6 years of age, nursing mothers and pregnant women, provide water filters and replacement filters upon request, and instruct household members on the proper way to install and use them;
- Perform High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) vacuuming, wet washing and other interim control measures should a resident wish to take advantage of this offer; and
- Offer and make lead hazard inspection referrals to the City for residents requesting them.

“As Alderman, the health and safety of my constituents is my top priority, and the high concentration of homes containing lead in the District poses major health concerns. I’m looking to provide citizens with the knowledge and resources needed to protect themselves from lead poisoning. This outreach is an important step in stopping the prevalence of lead poisoned children in Milwaukee.” Alderman Pérez said. ▀

Stop littering and get \$\$ for helping catch illegal dumpers

Illegal dumping is a burden to residents and a blight on our beautiful city. Don't let illegal dumping ruin your neighborhood. Report it and you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

If you see illegal dumping in progress, please do not confront the individual(s). Write down the details and the description of the suspect(s), vehicle make and model, license plate, the items dumped, address/location, and the date and time of the incident.

To report illegal dumping either call **414-286-CITY(2489)** or go to **www.milwaukee.gov/dumping** and report in online.

The best way to curb littering is to NOT LITTER and to teach children and young people that it is wrong!

Alderman Pérez encourages neighbors to conduct block cleanups regularly and to involve young people in those efforts. "It's important to teach kids and young people the value of neighborhood pride and to avoid littering, and block cleanups are a great way to get those messages across," he said. **▲**

Keep a Log of Calls to Police

Very often, it takes a concerted effort to address problems with unruly neighbors or businesses. Alderman Pérez said that, in order to make sure that your concerns are addressed, you should call the police whenever necessary—and then document your call in case you need to reference it with operators or the Alderman's office.

Alderman Pérez has a handy call log that you can obtain from his office, or by downloading and printing it yourself at his website, **milwaukee.gov/District12**.

911
Crime in progress and life threatening situations.
Crimen en progreso y situaciones urgentes.

933-4444 Press 9 / Oprimir 9
Suspicious or Nuisance Activity
Actividad Sospechosa o Molestosa

286-CITY (286-2489)
To report other city issues.
Para reportar otros asuntos de la ciudad.

Complaint Log: Registro de Quejas

Date Fecha	Time Hora	Operator's Name Nombre de Operador	Complaint Queja	Response Respuesta

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Fall/Winter Scheduled Activities

Brush Collection

Residents may continue to request special pickup of brush until November 30th by calling **414-286-CITY (2489)** or online at **milwaukee.gov/clickforaction**. Brush should be placed on the curb, between the street and the sidewalk, or alley for collection. Brush should not be added to leaf piles.

Residents may also take up to 6 cubic yards of brush/yard waste to one of the City of Milwaukee Drop Off Centers at no charge.

Winter Recycling Collection

Non-guaranteed collection begins for some residents December 2nd. Carts are collected from the storage location every 15-20 days on average. Residents with guaranteed collection must set out their cart on their scheduled collection day.

Residents can view their garbage and recycling collection schedules at milwaukee.gov/collectionday.

Drop Off Center Winter Hours **DEC. 1 - APR. 4**

Tuesday-Saturday | 7AM to 3PM

Sunday and Monday | CLOSED

Locations: 6660 N. Industrial Rd. and 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.

For more info visit milwaukee.gov/dropoff.

Be a Leader: Be an Election Worker!



The City of Milwaukee Election Commission needs you! We are looking for dependable people residing in Milwaukee County to assist as election workers at voting sites throughout the City in 2020. Election workers are especially needed for the **February 18th & April 7th** (Spring Election & Presidential Primary) and **November 3rd** (General Election) elections. Election work is non-partisan and provides a great way to participate in the democratic process. You can apply to work as an Election Inspector (must reside in Milwaukee County). These positions are paid: \$130/day. You must attend training, which is also paid. **Fluent bilingual (English/ Spanish or English/Hmong) individuals are especially encouraged to apply.** For applications and more information, visit **www.milwaukee.gov/election** or contact us at **electionworker@milwaukee.gov**. **▲**

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DIRECTCONNECTMKE

New Workforce Development Platform Available!

DirectConnectMKE – the city’s new interactive social media mobile accessible platform – is now live! Unemployed and underemployed young adults and Millennials in Milwaukee’s emerging neighborhoods can now easily access vital information on job training, job supports and job placement opportunities.

Corporate Champions interested in using DirectConnectMKE to mentor, support and or hire young talent for their workforce needs should email wospec@milwaukee.gov or leave a message with the City Clerk’s Workforce Development Office **414-286-3357**.



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Your involvement can help determine:

- **how money is distributed for infrastructure, health care, housing and education programs**
- **how boundaries are drawn for election districts at the federal, state and local levels**

Wisconsin ranked #1 in the nation’s 2010 census response rate! With your help, we can do it again!

2020 Census

Every 10 years, the United States conducts a census - or count of the entire population - as required by the Constitution. The inclusion of **every** Milwaukee resident in the count – adults, children, citizens and noncitizens alike - is important for two primary reasons: In addition to determining how the federal government will distribute more than \$800 billion to states, counties and cities every year over the next 10 years

for programs including education, health care, housing, infrastructure and more. census information is used to draw the boundaries for election districts at the federal, state and local levels. This process is referred to as redistricting and will be overseen here by the Common Council’s Judiciary and Legislation Committee with support from the Legislative Reference Bureau’s staff. Final election wards and aldermanic districts will be considered and adopted by the Common Council.

The next census will begin in March 2020, when the U. S. Census Bureau mails postcards to every household about completing a brief census survey. **This will be the first time in history that residents may submit their census information online.** Households can also respond by mail or telephone.

Wisconsin ranked #1 in the nation in the response rate to the 2010 census! With your help, we can do it again! When you receive your invitation to take part in the census in March 2020, please respond right away or by April 1, 2020, Census Day. **Otherwise, a census taker will visit your home to complete the information in the following weeks.**

For more information about the census, CCC and census jobs, please visit: city.milwaukee.gov/2020-Census. To apply directly, please visit: 2020census.gov/jobs.