



MARINA'S MESSAGE

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“June has been a busy month both inside City Hall and out in the 14th District. We have celebrated the openings of new play spaces and businesses that contribute to the vibrancy of our community, and we have continued to advance legislative priorities that reflect the needs of neighbors. We are also gathering your feedback to help inform how we should address neighborhood issues and direct city services as we prepare for the upcoming 2027 budget deliberations. You can read all about this and more in this month's e-newsletter.”

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D14 Summer Survey

Our office is gathering feedback on a variety of city issues as we continue to work on legislative priorities and begin early preparation for the 2027 city budget. As such, I hope you will take a few minutes to complete our brief summer survey, available [here](#). Your feedback is crucial to my decision-making at City Hall and helps guide neighborhood priorities and city services in our district. If you have any questions or would like to discuss an issue further, please don't hesitate to contact our office

Emigh Playfield Renovation



Recently, we cut the ribbon at the new Emigh Palyfield in our district. This renovation comes with genuine neighborhood support and an incredible investment from Milwaukee Recreation and Milwaukee Public Schools. I used to play softball there growing up and now so many children and families will have the opportunity to create their own memories going forward. I've been to the new park with my family already, and it includes a wheel park, pickleball, basketball and a splash pad for all. Public spaces like this make our city better!

Brew-Jas Opens Second Location



Brew-Jas Coffee House has been a tremendous neighbor and partner in the 14th District since it opened several years ago, and now owners Marisa and John have opened a second location in D14 at 2721 S. Howell Ave. Also a special thank you to Mayor Johnson for joining us for the special celebration. If you haven't been yet, make sure you stop by to enjoy the friendly and welcoming atmosphere, and try one of their delicious beverages!



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Standing with our Residents

As part of the June 2 Common Council Meeting, the Council adopted a resolution relating to the arrest and detention of Elvira Benitez. Elvira fled from violence in Mexico at the age of 15, bringing along her nine year old sister to seek safety in the United States, and has lived here peacefully for 36 years, has no criminal record, has raised four children, and is a contributing member of the community. This is what made her recent detention by the federal government so appalling, and why the Council saw it necessary to condemn the federal government's detention of Elvira Benitez, and others, as a waste of taxpayer money. We will continue to stand with our neighbors across the city, state, and country who continue to be targeted unjustly.



Around the 14th: Jasher's Organic Tea House

Although they have been open for several months, I recently stopped by Jasher's Organic Tea House, 2680 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., to help celebrate their official grand opening. This beautiful place to enjoy delicious tea makes you feel as if you're doing so right in your own living room. Their space also includes a variety of books, boardgames, and a back patio that can be enjoyed when the weather permits. Owners Swarpana and Jack De Decker have a tremendous story that you can read about in more detail as part of their feature on OnMilwaukee. They helped me start my tea passport, and you should too!



Meeting with Neighbors at Chill on the Hill

The 2026 Chill on the Hill season is underway, and recently I took some time with my Legislative Aide Terri, and some special guests from the Department of Public Works, to meet with residents at Chill and answer questions about potholes, road repairs, sanitation issues and much more. Thank you to the Department of Public Works team for joining me, and as always many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who help make Chill on the Hill a citywide attraction. We love being available in the community to meet you where you are and answer city related questions.



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