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## Dear Neighbor,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. There are so many great things happening in Milwaukee and from Capitol Drive to Good Hope Road, there are great things happening across our district as well. In this newsletter, you'll learn about our continued **investment in infrastructure**, our vision for continued growth of **quality and dignified housing** at Wisconsin's largest public housing development, and legislation that I have sponsored on the Common Council calling for **fairer elections, environmental stewardship, economic justice**, and so much more.

I'm also pleased to inform you that because of your observations, partnerships with your neighbors, and reporting of nuisance activities in your neighborhoods, **overall crime from 2016–August 2019 is down by 33%** according to Milwaukee Police Department data. Keep up the great work!

Please note that as we enter the election season, communication from my office will be limited due to state law. In the meantime, I am encouraging 2nd district constituents to **sign up for E-Notify** announcements at [milwaukee.gov/enotify](http://milwaukee.gov/enotify). That way, you'll be made aware of future town hall meetings and other happenings in my office and throughout our district.

It's my honor to serve as your alderman and I look forward to continued partnership and growth in 2020 and beyond.

Alderman Cavalier Johnson



## Committee Assignments

### Vice Chair

- Community & Economic Development
- Judiciary & Legislation

### Member

- Public Works Committee

### View meetings online:

[milwaukee.gov/citychannel](http://milwaukee.gov/citychannel)

## 2020 Town Hall Meetings

During 2020, Alderman Johnson will host town hall meetings on Saturday, July 25th and Saturday, October 31st beginning at 11:00 a.m. Locations are TBD.

To learn additional details about town hall meetings and other 2nd District news, sign up for E-Notify by going to [milwaukee.gov/enotify](http://milwaukee.gov/enotify). In addition to district news and information, users also have the ability to use the system to receive licensing information and informational city updates and news releases in a wide array of subject and department categories (including police, crime and public safety info).

**SAT JULY 25**

### Town Hall Meeting

11:00 am

LOCATION TBD

**SAT OCTOBER 31**

### Town Hall Meeting

11:00 am

LOCATION TBD



## Parking Citation Grace Period

Alderman Cavalier Johnson sponsored an ordinance earlier this year that increased the time for paying parking citations without a penalty.

Common Council File #181630 extended the grace period for paying a parking citation from 10 days to 14 days. Extending the grace period is not expected to have a material effect on parking citation collections, and may actually reduce the number of unpaid citations submitted to a collection agency for non-payment. Co-sponsored by **Alderman Milele A. Coggs, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, and Alderman Robert J. Bauman**, the ordinance was approved unanimously by the full Council.

“My goal in sponsoring this legislation is economic justice,” said Ald. Johnson. “Before this ordinance change, failure to pay a parking citation within 10 days meant a late-payment penalty was assessed to the original ticket. Residents living paycheck to paycheck now have a longer grace period to pay a citation in full, thus breaking a cycle of missed payment deadlines and ever-increasing late-payment penalties. Such penalties can push the cost of the citation beyond a person’s ability to pay.”

Research requested by Ald. Johnson indicates that several U.S. cities had greater grace periods than Milwaukee’s previous 10 days including Cincinnati (14 days), Cleveland (15 days), Minneapolis/St. Paul (21 days), Chicago (21 days), and St. Louis (30 days). ▀

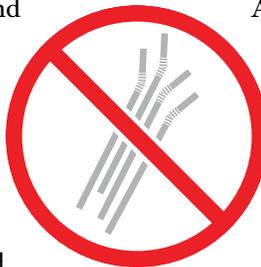
## Ban on Single-use Plastic Straws Moved Forward by Committee

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee in October recommended for approval an ordinance that would prohibit Milwaukee food establishments and alcohol beverage establishments from providing single-use, plastic beverage straws to customers.

The legislation — authored by Alderman Johnson — is similar to legislation adopted in other cities and municipalities across the U.S. meant to substantially reduce the number of single-use plastic straws that too often end up as litter in public spaces and the environment.

“By design these plastic straws are meant to be used and thrown away after just one use, and too often they

become litter and are easily washed into our sewers and waterways or blown into streets and neighborhoods,” Alderman Johnson said.



“Literally millions of plastic straws are ending up in rivers, lakes and other bodies of water across our city, our county and state, and the nation,” he said. “We need to take action and that’s what this straw-banning measure is meant to do.”

The ordinance is expected to be taken by the full Common Council soon.

Co-sponsors of the ordinance include **Alderman Robert Bauman, Alderman Nik Kovac and Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd**. ▀

## Gov. Evers Health Equity Council Executive Order

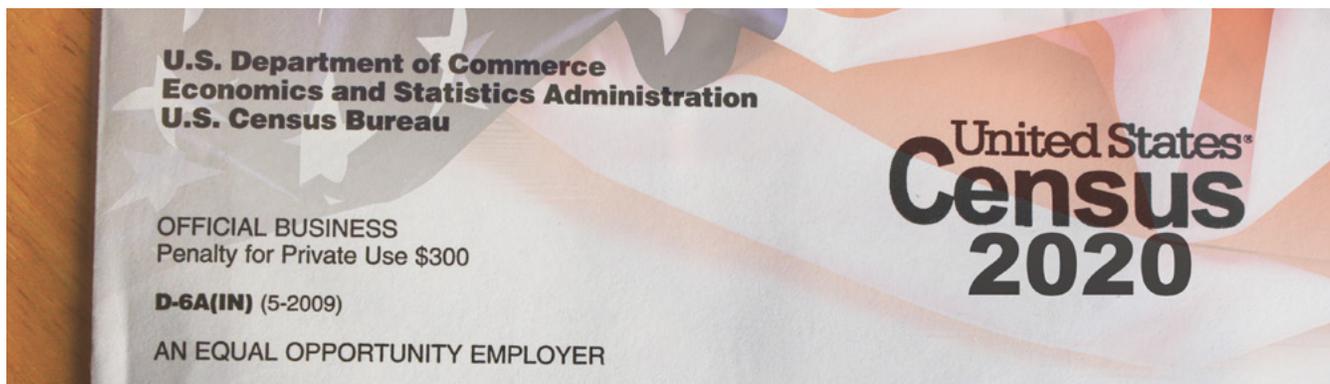
Alderman Johnson was joined by State Senator La Tonya Johnson, State Representative David Crowley and Milwaukee County Supervisor Sequanna Taylor to announce the signing of Executive Order #17 by Governor Tony Evers, establishing the Governor's Health Equity Council.

According to the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute's 2016 Wisconsin Report Card, Wisconsin has an overall health disparities grade of "D." The Report Card also notes that while Wisconsin's grade for overall health has remained the same since 2007, the health disparities grade have gotten worse since 2010, moving from a C- to a D in 2013 and 2016.

The Governor's Health Equity Council will work to develop a plan, supported by a body of research, with key



benchmarks to reduce and eliminate health disparities throughout Wisconsin by 2030. The Council will address health disparities in populations based on race, economic status, education level, history of incarceration, and geographic location. ▀



## 2020 Census

The United States conducts a census of the entire population every 10 years, with the next census occurring in 2020. This information is used for many purposes, including the distribution of federal and state revenues and the drawing of boundaries for election districts at the federal, state and local levels.

For the City of Milwaukee the redistricting process will be overseen by the Common Council's Judiciary and Legislation Committee. They will be supported by Legislative Reference Bureau staff trained in geographic information systems and redistricting laws and procedures. Final election wards and aldermanic districts will be adopted by the Common Council.

It is important to engage local residents and community leaders to help spread the word about the census. In order to ensure a thorough count of Milwaukee's population, the City plans to form a Complete Count Committee (CCC). The CCC will be led by the Department of Administration and will concentrate its efforts on reaching the following populations:

- People of color
- Low-income individuals
- Homeless individuals
- Single-parent households
- Individuals who speak English as a second Language (ESL)
- Foreign-born residents



The Census Bureau is currently recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 census. The Census Bureau is seeking to hire census takers, recruiting assistants, office staffs, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U. S. citizen.

Interested residents are encouraged to apply at: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). ▀

## Legislation on Redistricting Ballot Issue Moves Forward

The **Judiciary and Legislation Committee in September** voted to recommend for approval legislation directing the executive director of the city Election Commission to place on the April 7, 2020, ballot a non-binding referendum asking voters whether the City of Milwaukee should request that the Wisconsin Legislature pass a law establishing a non-partisan procedure for drawing legislative district maps.

Following the 2010 United States Census, the Wisconsin Legislature established new legislative maps for the state (a process known as redistricting) and the partisan procedure by which the Legislature prepared new legislative maps in 2011 was controlled entirely by its Republican members.

**Alderman Johnson**, the primary sponsor of the legislation (Common Council file #190826), said implementation of those 2011 legislative maps has granted an advantage to Republican candidates for office in Wisconsin in each election since, as first evidenced by the results of the

2012 elections, in which the re-drawn maps enabled Republican candidates to win 60 of the Wisconsin Assembly's 99 seats, even though Democratic candidates won a majority of the statewide Assembly vote.

The advantage continued through to the recent 2018 election, in which the Republican Party won 27 more Assembly seats than the Democratic Party, even though Democratic candidates received 203,373 more Assembly votes statewide than Republican candidates.

Alderman Johnson said that following the upcoming 2020 Census, the state Legislature will again have the opportunity to re-draw the state's legislative maps using the same partisan procedure.

"To address the issues of fairness and partisan legislative redistricting in 2020 and beyond, the State Legislature could establish a non-partisan re-districting procedure for drawing legislative district maps, but it is clear that convincing members of the Republican-controlled Legislature to reform a redistricting procedure that has been successfully exploited to benefit candidates from the Republican Party is likely to require significant political pressure," he said.

"A referendum on the upcoming April 7, 2020 ballot gives our citizens a chance to weigh in on this critically important issue and could demonstrate Milwaukee voters' support for establishing a non-partisan procedure for establishing new legislative maps. Unfair legislative maps are wrong whether they benefit democrats or republicans—voters should select their representatives and not the other way around," Alderman Johnson said. ▀

## Environmentally Friendly Purchasing Study

In April, the Common Council unanimously passed legislation sponsored by Alderman Johnson directing the City of Milwaukee's Department of Administration-Purchasing Division to study the feasibility and costs of implementing an environmentally-friendly purchasing program for the city.

Common Council File #181909 allows Milwaukee to use its purchasing power to reduce pollution and support private-sector environmental innovation. Many other cities and states, and the federal government have implemented Environmentally Friendly Purchasing Programs to secure greener, more sustainable products and services for their jurisdictions.

"This legislation is the next step in Milwaukee's evolution as an eco-friendly and environmentally conscious city," said Alderman Johnson. "Progress like this will help us build a better future for generations to come."

Co-sponsors of this legislation included **Alderwoman Milele A. Cogg**, **Alderwoman Chantia Lewis**, **Alderman Ashanti Hamilton**, **Alderman Michael J. Murphy**, **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II** and **Alderman Khalif J. Rainey**. ▀



## 2nd Cup

Alderman Johnson's 'Second Cup' is a great way to connect with him without having to travel to City Hall or attend a meeting. He meets informally with residents on the second Friday of every month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Midtown Center Starbucks located at 5610 W. Capitol Drive. ▀

## Solar at Libraries

Alderman Johnson earlier this year co-sponsored legislation that brought solar energy systems to the Central Library, Center Street Library, and Tippecanoe Library. The legislation was unanimously approved by the Common Council and represents a significant increase in the use of solar on city buildings.

Council File #181537 authorized the Department of Administration to enter into a construction agreement with Eagle Point Solar to build up to 210 kilowatts (KW) of solar systems for use at each of the three Milwaukee Public Library buildings. The systems were installed and became operational in June.

**Alderman Johnson**, a member of the Public Works Committee, said he is pleased with the high visibility the projects would have at each library building.

“With so many children and young people using these facilities, I can only imagine their interest and fascination with the solar panels and how they provide clean energy for our future,” Alderman Johnson said. “It is my hope that our actions today will spark increased momentum in our future generations’ interest and usage of clean energy as they deal with the effects of global climate change.”

Additional co-sponsors of this legislation include **Alderman Nik Kovac, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II and Alderwoman Chantia Lewis.** ■

## Westlawn Gardens Update

Westlawn Gardens continues to be an award-winning example of comfortable, beautiful and cutting-edge public housing. Westlawn Gardens includes two stunning mid-rise buildings, one available for ages 18 and up and one to accommodate seniors only. Each mid-rise contains 47 spacious 1-bedroom apartments that are furnished with a range, refrigerator, microwave, patio or balcony, and utilities are included. There are 20 1-bedroom units available in the east mid-rise to the general public. These contemporary mid-rises also offer laundry facilities on each floor, an exercise room, a computer room and a community room for residents to enjoy. The community room can also be leased out for small parties and events when available.

In addition to the mid-rises, West-

lawn Gardens offers many beautiful and vibrant side-by-side townhomes with various layouts and styles that range from 2 to 5 bedrooms. Layouts include ranch style, 2-and 3-story townhomes, and single family homes that will make the place you call home unique to you and your family. These spacious townhomes are equipped with a range, refrigerator, central air, convenient parking and your very own basement.

In addition to offering modern and energy-efficient housing, Westlawn Gardens is a neighborhood focused on health, sustainability and community connections. Walking paths take residents to community gardens, a playground and informal playing fields that run along Lincoln Creek. Residents can be proud of Westlawn Gardens’ world leadership in environmentally sustainable design. With its abundant green space, LED-lighted street lamps, energy effi-

cient buildings, and high-tech storm water system, Westlawn Gardens was named one of the world’s most eco-friendly neighborhoods in the world by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Westlawn is serviced by the MPS school district, with approximately four elementary and middle schools within a one mile radius. The Silver Spring Neighborhood Center is located in the heart of Westlawn and serves the community many programs, including teen programming, early childhood education and transitional job training. Westlawn Gardens residents enjoy the Milwaukee Public Library’s MPL Express at Silver Spring, which is the Midwest’s first vending library that offers reading and other materials 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The neighborhood is also connected to at least three major bus lines for your convenience. ■



## Officer Charles Irvine, Jr. Memorial Plaque

Alderman Johnson was joined by Mayor Tom Barrett, Chief of Police Alfonso Morales and members of the Milwaukee Police Department to reveal a plaque to honor the life and legacy of fallen officer Charles Irvine, Jr. in June. Officer Irvine Jr. died in a violent crash near 76th and Silver Spring Drive during a high-speed pursuit while on-duty. ■

## Roadway Construction

Please refer to the following list to learn about construction projects affecting the 2nd District:

### RECENTLY COMPLETED

**High-impact paving:** Fond du Lac Avenue from 107th Street to east of 95th Street

**High-impact paving:** Fond du Lac Avenue from Silver Spring Drive to 87th Street

### IN PROGRESS

#### Hampton Avenue bridge rehabilitation over Lincoln Creek (March 2019 to Dec 2019)

The work consists of replacing the bridge deck, sidewalk and roadway approach, painting the steel girders, and installing new bridge railings, underground conduit and street lights. In addition, upgrades will be made to the sanitary relay and storm sewers on West Lincoln Creek Drive from West Hampton to West Armitage avenues.

A modification to the median at the intersection of Lincoln Creek Drive will include a new pedestrian crosswalk on Hampton Avenue and will limit left hand turns from Lincoln Creek Drive to enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists and improve the overall operation of the roadway.

### UPCOMING

#### Reconstruction of N. 60th St. set for 2020 between Hampton & Capitol

The City of Milwaukee, in conjunction with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, plans to reconstruct N. 60th St. from W. Capitol Dr. to W. Hampton Ave. starting in the spring of 2020. The majority of the project is scheduled to be complete in December 2020 with landscape work planned in 2021.

The project will include removing the deteriorated pavement and replacing it with new concrete pavement, curb and gutter, driveway approaches and sidewalk where necessary. Street lighting and traffic signals will be updated and storm sewer inlets and laterals will be replaced as needed. In addition, the bridge deck on the N. 60th St. bridge over Lincoln Creek will be replaced.

The proposed roadway design of N. 60th St. will have two driving lanes, a bike lane in each direction and a parking lane for the majority of the project limits. The parking lane on the east side of N. 60th St. between Capitol Dr. and Fond du Lac Ave. will be eliminated.

## Winter Parking Regulations

Winter is just down the road, and the City's strictly enforced winter parking regulations are in effect from December 1 to March 1. The single biggest problem during major snowstorms is parked and abandoned cars. The plows try to get as close to the curb as they can but those "snowbirds" get in the way and prevent them from completing the job. Please move your vehicles so plows can clear the streets curb to curb.

The most important thing motorists can do to avoid problems is to carefully read the parking signs and know the non-posted regulations on their block. It is the responsibility of anyone parking a vehicle to understand all city parking regulations. If you need parking information, call the City's Unified Call Center at **286-CITY (2489)**, or go to [milwaukee.gov/services/NoParking](http://milwaukee.gov/services/NoParking) for details. 

## Sign Up for Winter Parking Alerts

The City of Milwaukee offers a text message system, Snow Mobile — Winter Parking Text Alerts, which provides information when the city declares a DPW snow operation or snow emergency.

The message will state the date and time the snow operation or snow emergency is in effect and will provide the same when it is lifted. The primary reason for declaring a snow operation or snow emergency is to ensure the streets are cleared to keep the City safe and open for business.

**Sign up for alerts here:**  
[milwaukee.gov/enotify](http://milwaukee.gov/enotify) 

## Fall/Winter Scheduled Activities

### LEAF COLLECTION

Residents may rake leaves into the street October 1st – November 15th for collection. Leaf piles can be kept loose or bagged in paper bags, not plastic.

Piles should be kept away from sewer grates and be left 1 foot away from the curb to promote water flow to the sewer system. Yard and garden waste, not including grass clippings, can be placed on leaf piles. Pumpkins and non-organic debris should not be added to leaf piles.

► **Look up your next estimated leaf collection at:** [milwaukee.gov/leaves](http://milwaukee.gov/leaves)

### 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](http://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 & recycling collection schedules at:** [milwaukee.gov/collectionday](http://milwaukee.gov/collectionday)

### DROP OFF CENTER WINTER HOURS

**December 1 – April 4:**

**Tuesday – Saturdays | 7AM – 3PM**

**Sundays and Mondays | CLOSED**

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

► **For more info visit:** [milwaukee.gov/dropoff](http://milwaukee.gov/dropoff)

## How to Report Potholes



There are several ways for residents and motorists to report a pothole that needs repair:

### REPORT IT ONLINE

[milwaukee.gov/services](http://milwaukee.gov/services)

- Select “**Street Maintenance**”
- then “**Pothole Patch Requests**”

### CALL THE UNIFIED CALL CENTER

**(414) 286-CITY (2489)**

### DOWNLOAD AND USE THE MKE MOBILE APP

**Available for iOS and Android smartphones**

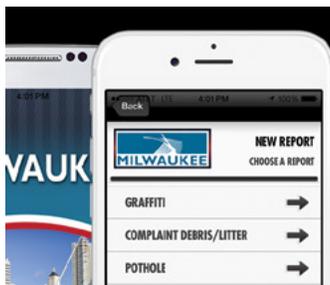


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Alderman Cavalier Johnson and Alderman Michael J. Murphy hosted a news conference at City Hall to address Foster Care Awareness Month and the unique foster care needs that exist in Milwaukee County.

## Shovel Your Sidewalk — It's The Law

Remember that residential and commercial property owners and occupants are required to clear sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours after a storm. If violations are reported, a 24-hour notice is issued. If the sidewalks are still not cleared, a sanitation crew will clear a path and put the charge on the property tax bill. **Note: the City does not plow alleys.**

If you have older or disabled neighbors who need help with snow shoveling – please help them out when you can.

You can also make our city safer by shoveling out the fire hydrants near your home. “Adopting” a fire hydrant will ensure maximum visibility for fire-fighters in the event of an emergency.

**To report an unshoveled sidewalk, please call 286-2489. **

