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A Message From Your Alderman

"I have your back."

Those aren't just words or a campaign slogan—they're a commitment.

Whether we agree on every issue or not, my promise remains the same: to be transparent, work relentlessly, and always put the best interests of our residents first.

When you hear from me, you'll get honesty—not spin, political fluff, or carefully crafted narratives designed to make headlines look better than reality. If something is going well, I'll tell you. If we're facing challenges, I'll tell you that too. You deserve the truth.

I was elected to protect, serve, represent, and move the 5th District forward. That responsibility doesn't end when City Hall closes. It continues during evenings, weekends, holidays, neighborhood meetings, community events, phone calls, emails, and countless conversations with residents. Serving this District isn't simply what I do—it's a responsibility I take seriously.

We've made meaningful progress by investing in our neighborhoods, improving City services, and solving problems. But we're not where we need to be yet, and I hope we never become satisfied with "good enough." I'll continue pushing to raise the standard because our residents deserve nothing less.

Communication is just as important as action. If you have a question, concern, disagree with a decision I've made, or simply want to understand the "why," don't assume—ask. Reach out to my office or attend a Town Hall meeting. You'll always receive an honest answer and the information you deserve.

Representing more than 40,000 residents means representing everyone—not just those who agree with me. Questions, accountability, and respectful disagreement are always welcome. Threats, harassment, or abuse toward me or my staff are not.

As long as I have the privilege of serving as your Alderman, I'll continue working hard, being transparent, raising the standard, and standing up for every resident. I have your back!

In Service,

Lamont Westmoreland
Alderman, 5th District



Committee Assignments

Vice-Chair

- Public Works Committee
- Judiciary and Legislation Committee

View meetings online:

milwaukee.gov/citychannel

Appointments

Member

- VISIT Milwaukee Board of Directors

Upcoming Meetings

WED SEPT 16, 2026

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee Harley Davidson
11310 W. Silver Spring Rd.

WED OCT 14, 2026

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Mount Carmel Lutheran Church
8424 W. Center St.

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Meet the NEW 5th District Legislative Assistant — Annabella La Via

Alderman Westmoreland has welcomed **Annabella La Via**, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, to serve as his Legislative Assistant.

At Michigan, Annabella studied Environmental Science with a concentration in Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice. She has been learning the inner workings of city government and the 5th District, and looks forward to applying the knowledge gained in the position to eventually help her fulfill a dream of attending law school.

"I am excited that I get to serve this wonderful district. As always, please reach out to our office for any questions or concerns you may have as we are always here to help!" she said.



Annabella can be reached at **414-286-3870** or via email at **Annabella.LaVia@milwaukee.gov**.



Farewell (and Thank You!) to Todd Peterson

After nearly 26 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee, longtime 5th District Legislative Assistant Todd Peterson retired in July.

Todd served under four different aldermen throughout his career and earned a reputation for his professionalism, knowledge, and unwavering commitment to serving Milwaukee. When Alderman Lamont Westmoreland took office in 2023, bringing Todd onto his team was an easy decision after years of knowing him through high school basketball officiating.

"Todd has been much more than a Legislative Assistant—he's been my right hand, a trusted advisor, and a great friend," said Alderman Westmoreland. "I'm incredibly grateful for everything he's done for our office, our district, and our city. His legacy of service will have a lasting impact, and I wish him nothing but the best as he begins this exciting new chapter in California."

Family, friends, colleagues, and three of the four aldermen Todd served alongside—including former Alderman Jim Bohl, Alderman Scott Spiker, and Alderman Westmoreland—gathered to celebrate his remarkable career and thank him for his many years of dedicated public service. ▀

Reckless Driving Impoundment Ordinance: Eight-Month Update

More than eight months after the reckless driving impoundment ordinance (MCO 101-24.9) **authored by Alderman Lamont Westmoreland** took effect, the data shows this accountability tool is being actively used. Between November 5, 2025, and July 5, 2026, **221 vehicles** were impounded for reckless driving, including 100 during the first four months and 121 during the most recent four months.

The ordinance has produced measurable results: **\$6,625.30** in outstanding citations paid before vehicle release, **\$42,945** collected in towing, storage, and related fees, **66** previously unregistered vehicles brought into compliance, only 2 unclaimed vehicles recycled, and **zero repeat impounds** to date. It has also helped reunite stolen vehicles with their owners by facilitating their recovery.

The ordinance was made possible by **Wisconsin Act 46**, a state law change that Alderman Westmoreland fiercely advocated for and helped pass. The law created the legal authority for municipalities statewide to impound vehicles after a **first reckless driving offense—regardless of vehicle ownership**. While Milwaukee was among the first communities to implement this authority, the state law championed by Alderman Westmoreland has since opened the door for municipalities including Appleton, Brookfield, DeForest, Grand Chute, Green Bay, Waukesha, West Allis, and Whitefish Bay to adopt or pursue similar ordinances.

"Does this mean we've solved reckless driving? No. Eight months of data isn't enough to declare victory, and I'm not going to claim otherwise. Whether this ordinance ultimately leads to fewer reckless driving incidents remains to be seen. What we do know is that municipalities now have a stronger accountability tool than they had before—and that tool is being used," said Alderman Westmoreland

He continued, "The hope is that consistent enforcement will not only hold reckless drivers accountable after they endanger others, but also influence future behavior and contribute to safer streets over time. I will continue monitoring the data, evaluating the ordinance's effectiveness, and making adjustments where necessary. Public policy should be measured by sustained results—not headlines or political talking points."

This ordinance is one important piece of a broader strategy to improve safety on Milwaukee's streets, and Alderman Westmoreland remains committed to ensuring every available tool is used to protect residents while continuing to develop new ones. ■

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Milwaukee Police Department Community Liaison Officers

Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) are the link between the Milwaukee Police Department and the neighborhoods they serve. They help residents organize Block Watch programs, address nuisance properties, host Crime & Safety meetings, work with schools and businesses to improve safety through crime prevention assessments and focus on other quality of life issues. CLOs are also active in the community, building relationships and connecting residents with resources.

"Please don't hesitate to reach out to your CLOs. They are a great resource for neighborhood concerns and public safety," said Alderman Westmoreland. "If something doesn't seem right, let them know. Together, we can make our neighborhoods safer." ■



Milwaukee Police Department Community Liaison Officers

4th District 11AM to 7PM	Officer Damian Rainey • 414-935-3827 Officer Riley O'Connor • 414-935-3827
7th District 11AM to 7PM	Officer Daryal Goss • 414-935-7314 Officer Dorian Moore-Collins • 414-935-7278

Let There Be Zero Doubt(Fire) — Movie Night Was a Hit!

More than 200 residents joined us for our Movie Night in June at Cooper Park, and what an incredible evening it was! Mrs. Doubtfire proved to be the perfect choice. It was fun hearing from so many people who couldn't wait to watch this classic again, while others were experiencing it for the very first time.

The evening kicked off with live music, a traveling beer garden, free popcorn, free ice cream and other amenities were also enjoyed by those in attendance.

A special thank you goes to Western Building Products and Brewery Credit Union for partnering with Alderman Westmoreland as event sponsors and helping make this evening possible. I'd also like to thank Ben & Jerry's and Laura's Gourmet Popcorn for being part of the event and helping create such a fun experience for everyone.

Congratulations to 5th District resident Madeline Harper, who took home the grand prize—a 65-inch Samsung Smart TV!



One of the best parts of serving as Alderman is creating opportunities for neighbors to simply come together. In today's busy world, it's easy to get caught up in our daily routines. Events like Movie Night remind us how special our community is when families, friends, and neighbors spend time together, share a few laughs, and enjoy a beautiful evening. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make this event such a tremendous success. I can't wait to see you at the next one!

—ALDERMAN LAMONT WESTMORELAND

If you see potholes, please report them!

- ▶ Call **414-286-CITY (286-2489)** and report them to City Call Center staff.
- ▶ Report via this link (select *Street Maintenance*): milwaukee.gov/click4action
- ▶ Report them using the **MKE Mobile Action app**.
- ▶ Contact my office by calling **414-286-3870** or by emailing aide5@milwaukee.gov



High Impact Paving Projects Planned for 2026 in the 5th District

Alderman Westmoreland has again driven across the entire 5th District to help identify for the Department of Public Works the street segments in need of repair for inclusion in the city's annual High Impact Paving program. High Impact Paving offers a smooth asphalt surface with quick completion times, minimizing disruptions for residents and businesses. For 2026, Alderman Westmoreland selected seven street segments, the maximum allowed under the current budget allocation.

"As I've said many times—it's very evident that the years of zero or deferred maintenance have left many roads in dire need of attention. While we'd love to be able to fix every street this year that is in rough shape, it just isn't going to be possible. However, I will continue to push for the funding for this roadway work, because it can greatly affect and enhance our quality of life." ■



Report Reckless & Unsafe Driving

Reckless and unsafe driving continues to be a major concern in our city, and I encourage you to take an active role in addressing it. By reporting incidents, you help alert the MPD Traffic Safety Unit so they can better target problem areas.

- Call: (414) 935-3925
- Online: mpdtsu.org/be-part-of-the-solution

You can also reach out directly to my office if you have concerns or need assistance with a specific location.



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**LISBON AVENUE
RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT**

New Leaf Collection Options for Fall 2026

As in previous years, residents may rake leaves into the street for collection. Beginning in fall 2026, residents will also have the option to place leaves in paper bags at the curb and request collection by calling **(414) 286-CITY (2489)**. Plastic bags of any kind are prohibited.



Celebrating the 2025 5th District Award Recipients

The 5th District is home to many outstanding residents and businesses that go above and beyond to strengthen our community. **Alderman Lamont Westmoreland** was proud to recognize **El Greco** as the **2025 5th District Business of the Year** and **Mike Bate** as the **2025 5th District Neighbor of the Year**.

For 30 years, El Greco has been a familiar and valued part of the district. Yianni hasn't just built a business at 91st & Appleton—he's built a destination. A place where families come together to enjoy great food, excellent service, and fair prices. More importantly, it is a place where everyone is treated like family. The pride in ownership is evident. The property is always well-kept and clean, and the standard they've set is one that every business across the entire city should strive for. Their continued commitment to excellence and their role as a neighborhood destination make them deserving of this recognition.

Mike truly embodies what community is all about—bringing people together, building connections, and helping maintain the strong foundation that makes

our district such a great place. He is the curator and coordinator of many great events across Milwaukee, including Make Art MKE, held every September at Mount Mary University in the 5th District. Mike has a gift for bringing people together, and his efforts help make our district better connected and more dynamic place to call home. Oh yea – if you like candles, check out Lit MKE!

"We have a lot of great people and businesses in the 5th District, and it's important that we take the time to recognize those who truly set the standard. These awards are about recognizing the people and businesses who make a lasting difference in our community," said Alderman Westmoreland. "El Greco and Mike Bate represent the heart of the 5th District through their dedication, service, and commitment to making our neighborhoods better."

Alderman Westmoreland encourages residents to continue nominating individuals, businesses, and organizations that demonstrate outstanding commitment to the 5th District. Information about nominations for the 2026 awards will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.



5th District Business of the Year: El Greco



5th District Neighbor of the Year: Mike Bate

Bunzel's Meats — 50th Anniversary

Earlier this year Alderman Westmoreland stopped by **Bunzel's Meats and Catering** to recognize their incredible 50th Year in Business. They aren't just a 5th District staple—they're a City of Milwaukee staple, and the Alderman is especially grateful they call the 5th District home. He grew up on Bunzel's, and has continued that tradition with his own family. If you check Alderman Westmoreland's freezer, you'll always find their honey mustard brats and blue cheese burgers stocked and ready to go!



Reading Across America

Alderman Westmoreland had the chance to kick it with the 4th graders over at 95th Street School in March to launch Read Across America Week. Stepping back into the school and seeing the familiar, smiling faces of the educators who taught his own children always brings back great memories for the Alderman, and reminds us what incredible, dedicated teachers they are. Alderman Westmoreland read *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun: Having the Courage To Be Who You Are* by Maria Dismody—a powerful reminder that confidence, courage, and kindness matter. The story shows that true character is reflected in how we treat one another with respect - despite our differences.

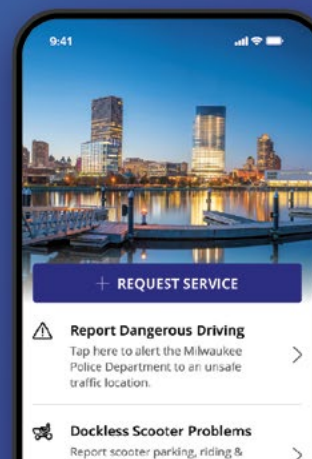
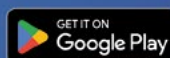
MKE Mobile Action

Request services, file reports, and follow up from your mobile device.

Residents can use MKE Mobile Action to locate, photograph, and provide supporting information to ensure speedy resolution of issues.

Examples of issues that can be reported include: abandoned vehicles, graffiti, litter, potholes, and more.

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Helpful Telephone Numbers & Websites

Police Non-Emergency	414-933-4444
Fire Non-Emergency	414-286-8999
Parking Complaints	mke.citizencomplaints.org 414-286-2489
County Parks Concerns	414-278-4288
Report Reckless Driving & Speeding	mpdtsu.org 414-935-7216
MPD Citizen Reporting Site	milwaukeekeepdwi.policetocitizen.com
Report Crime Anonymously	milwaukeeecrimestoppers.com 414-224-8477



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A New Investment in the 5th District

After proposals emerged for the property at 8050 W. Capitol Drive, Alderman Lamont Westmoreland made clear that certain uses—including liquor stores, smoke shops, vape shops, convenience stores, and lounges—were not uses he would support for that location.

Rather than simply filling a vacant storefront with any available tenant, Alderman Westmoreland remained committed to attracting a business that would provide long-term value and be an asset to the neighborhood.

"My goal has never been to simply fill a vacant storefront," said Alderman Westmoreland. "I want to attract businesses that improve quality of life, create opportunity, and invest in our residents. Sometimes that means being patient and waiting for the right partner, and Brewery Credit Union is exactly the kind of investment our community deserves."

Brewery Credit Union didn't just open a new branch—it completely transformed the property with a full interior and exterior renovation, representing a significant investment in the neighborhood and the residents who call it home. The new location brings financial services, homeownership resources, savings opportunities, and a continued commitment to serving Milwaukee families.

As both the 5th District Alderman and a member of the Brewery Credit Union Board of Directors, Westmoreland said he is proud to welcome Brewery Credit Union and will continue working to attract businesses that strengthen the community and make the 5th District an even better place to live, work, and invest.

