

9th

DISTRICT

ALDERWOMAN

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State of the District Address

Wednesday, May 8th – 6 p.m.
At the former JOANN Fabrics Store
8633 W. Brown Deer Rd.

Please make plans to join **Alderwoman Lewis** for the 2nd Annual State of the District event on **May 8!** Be there in person when Alderwoman Lewis discusses the positive changes and the new vision for the New 9th and how changes are coming for the former Northridge Mall. Come with your ideas, suggestions, comments, and yes – your concerns and complaints – and share them with your neighbors and me.

Refreshments will be served and Mayor **Tom Barrett**, Department of City Development Commissioner **Rocky Marcoux** and UWM Director of Community Design Solutions **Carolyn Esswein** will also offer remarks.

Reasonable accommodations provided upon request. Call **(414) 286-3475** or email **ADACoordinator@milwaukee.gov**

Committee Assignments

Vice Chair

- Finance and Personnel Committee

Member

- Licenses Committee
- Public Safety and Health Committee
- Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee
- National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
- Milwaukee Continuum of Care
- Ethics Advisory Committee – Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin

Dear 9th District Residents,

As your representative on the Milwaukee Common Council, I look forward to our continued work together to make our neighborhoods, business districts, and the entire City of Milwaukee better places to live, work, play, shop and visit. I have crafted this newsletter with you and your neighbors in mind!

The newsletter contains information on various ways you, your neighborhood association/block watch, church or school group can make Milwaukee a cleaner and safer city just by picking up trash and reporting litterbugs. Recent legislation that I co-sponsored was passed by the Common Council to raise the fine for any and all littering on public and private property to \$500 per offense.

I am happy to report several new businesses have opened their doors in the 9th District so please be sure to patronize them whenever possible as strong businesses mean jobs for our residents and a stronger tax base to support city initiatives and services. Details on new businesses and their locations can be found inside.

Our calendar of events – included inside – features the July 4th parade and Harvest Fest in October. Be sure to add these family-friendly and fun activities to your calendar – I hope to see you there.

As always, please call my office at (414) 286-3767 should you have any questions or concerns, or if you have an idea you wish to discuss. Together we can make the 9th Aldermanic District the best it can be!

See you on the block!

Sincerely,

Alderwoman Chantia Lewis



9th District Clean-up Opportunities

It's Spring Clean-Up Time!

The City of Milwaukee's annual Project Clean & Green is your opportunity to clean up and clean out your attic, basement, spare room and garage. Department of Public Works Sanitation crews will pick up many items that they usually do not collect during a regular cycle. Additionally, the City of Milwaukee has passed a new law that litter violators will be fined up to \$500.

District #9 Project Clean and Green Dates: Zone 7 – June 18-24

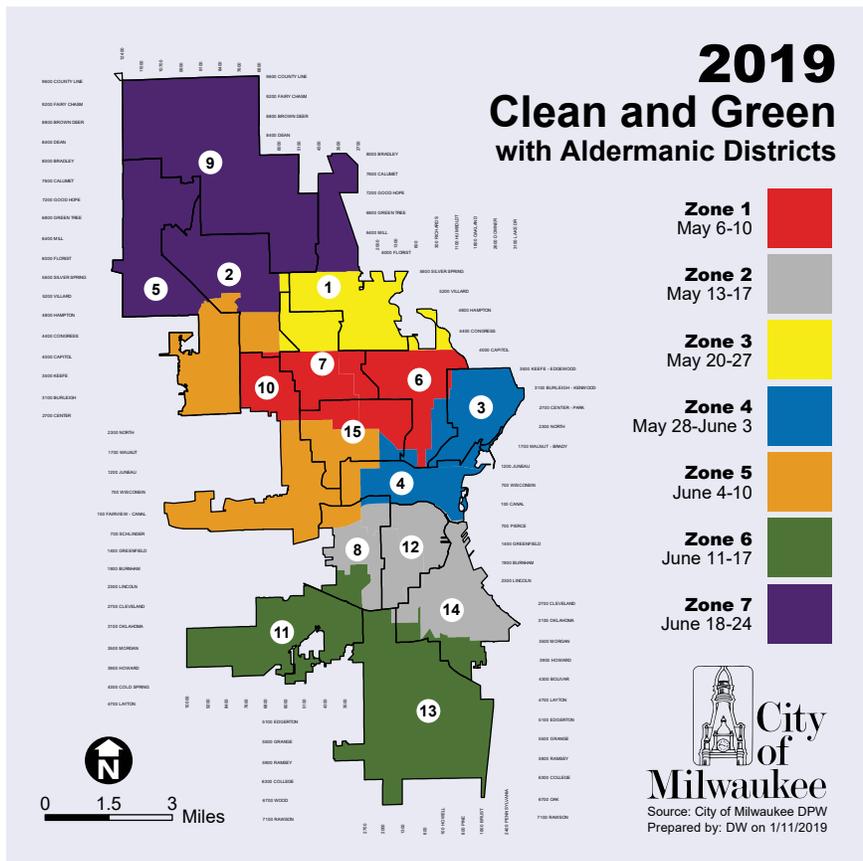
Simply set out your unwanted items at your usual collection site – either the curb line or alley line – on your usual collection day.

Find out when your collection day will be during the week of June 18-24, and what DPW will and will not pick up during Project Clean & Green at milwaukee.gov/mpw.

Can't take part in this annual clean-up or you have stuff that DPW will not collect? Take your trash to the City Drop-Off Center at 6660 N. Industrial Rd. (enter off Mill Rd). Get more information at: milwaukee.gov/mpw. 

Department of Public Works is taking reservations for clean-up boxes

DPW is taking reservations for neighborhood clean-up boxes for 2019. Up to 13 boxes will be placed in neighborhoods requesting them each Saturday from April 27 through July 27. Boxes will be placed between 2:00 and 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday you request, and will be picked up after 4:00 p.m. that same day (to deter illegal dumping and maximize the use of the boxes citywide).



The criteria for reserving and using a clean-up box:

- Requestors must organize a neighborhood clean-up prior to reserving a box
- Boxes are only placed on accessible street corners – not on vacant lots or parking surfaces
- Boxes are not placed for use by businesses, schools, or churches
- Boxes will not be relocated once placed – they will be removed if neighbors complain
- Reservations are limited to two (2) boxes per weekend, out of a maximum of 13 boxes
- Organizers may only reserve boxes once every eight (8) weeks.

Save the Date: Citywide Clean-Up Project – Saturday, August 17

Litter and trash impact Milwaukeeans' quality of life everywhere we live, work and play.

Plans are underway for a Citywide Clean-Up Project scheduled for **Saturday, August 17**. Stay tuned for

more information on how you, your block watch, neighborhood association, church or school group, and business can get involved to make Milwaukee a cleaner, safer, more environmentally sound, visitor-friendly place that we call home. 

To make your reservation with DPW, go to milwaukee.gov/neighborhoodbox or call **(414) 286-3599**. 

Legislative Update

New City Board of Health

The Milwaukee Common Council unanimously passed an ordinance in February creating a new Board of Health. Authored by Ald. Lewis, the Board of Health will be comprised of nine members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

“The Board of Health will function as a partner with the Mayor, Common Council, and the Milwaukee Health Department in working to improve overall public health by ensuring a constant flow of information focused on key health issues,” said Ald. Lewis. “It is my belief and hope that the Board will help all of us achieve a much healthier Milwaukee for our current residents and future generations.”

The Board will:

- Assure the enforcement of state public health statutes and public health rules of the State Department of Health Services as prescribed for a Level III local health department;
- Assure the Health Department operates as a Level III local health department as defined by the State;
- Report to the State Department of Health Services as required;
- Meet at least quarterly;
- Assess public health needs and advocate for the provision of reasonable and necessary public health services;
- Develop policy and provide leadership that fosters local involvement and commitment, that emphasizes public health needs and that advocates for equitable distribution of public health resources and complementary private activities commensurate with public health needs; and
- Assure that measures are taken to provide an environment in which individuals can be healthy.

The Board will consist of:

- Five (5) persons with backgrounds in science and public health, including formal training and appropriate education credentials in these areas, and
- Three (3) persons with backgrounds and appropriate education credentials in fields of social determinants of health (SDoH) including, but limited to, policy, law enforcement, and commerce. All board members shall be current and in good standing in professional organizations representing their respective disciplines, and
- One (1) Common Council member

Do you have a community health-related issue that needs attention? Contact Alderwoman Chantia Lewis’ office at (414) 286-3767 or Chantia.lewis@milwaukee.gov. ▀

Council adopts 2019 city budget that addresses pressing public health issues

After several weeks of deliberation and robust discussion this past fall, the Common Council adopted an amended 2019 City of Milwaukee \$1.5 billion budget that aims to tackle the most pressing health-related issues facing the city. The plan will spend roughly \$20 million for lead issues including removing lead paint and replacing lead pipes, along with hiring a special team to address these issues.



Additionally, Alderwoman Lewis and the Common Council voted to create an Inspector General position to act as a watchdog for city agencies including the Health Department which has suffered from mismanagement in recent years. Other amendments passed in the budget provide the Health Department additional resources along with flexibility to address violence prevention, sexually transmitted diseases and lead contamination. The budget adds four Community Outreach Liaisons and one Health Project Coordinator while creating a \$425,000 special purpose account to address elevated blood level follow-up and lead hazard remediation, family and community health visits, and communicable disease prevention.

An innovative approach to public safety will be enacted with an amendment establishing four neighborhood Community Oriented Policing (COP) houses in areas of high crime which will be operated in partnership with the Milwaukee Police Department and Milwaukee Promise Zones organizations.

The budget also addresses the look, feel and quality of life for neighborhoods. It provides \$25,000 to expand Big Clean MKE from its inaugural four aldermanic district clean-up to a city-wide initiative. City agencies will also be required to collaborate with community groups for better monitoring, security and maintenance of city-owned vacant homes. For those homes slated for demolition, more properties will be razed thanks to \$2.5 million going to the Concentrated Blight Elimination capital project. And more miles of potholes and pavement issues will be addressed with \$7.2 million for the Local Street Reconstruction Program, and \$7.4 million for High Impact Paving projects. ▀

Shopping Cart Ordinance

A Reminder to Shoppers and Store Owners!

See a cart... REPORT IT!

In response to the ongoing nuisance of abandoned shopping carts becoming a blight on our neighborhoods, reducing our property values, and posing a hazard to the health, safety and general welfare of our residents and the city, Ald. Lewis sponsored an ordinance to hold both customers and store owners accountable for ensuring that shopping carts do not leave the premises of a commercial establishment. This ordinance became law in the City of Milwaukee in February 2018.

<h3 style="margin: 0;">Shopper's Responsibilities </h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not remove a cart beyond premises without permission. - Do not abandon a cart or leave it unattended from cart provider's premises. - Penalties for removal, possession or abandonment of a cart are \$25-\$500 for each offense. If you cannot pay the fine, you may face jail time. 	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Business Owner's Responsibilities </h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must mark carts with name and address of cart provider. - Place ordinance in full view for customers to read. - Must implement anti-theft measures if the City's Department of Public Works (DPW) must retrieve 100+ carts in a 12-month period.
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Penalties

Assessed to cart providers when DPW must retrieve and return carts:

\$50/cart	\$100/cart	\$150/cart	\$250/cart
for 1-25 retrivals	for 26-50 retrivals	for 51-100 retrivals	for 101+ retrivals

- There are additional penalties for carts not properly identified as belonging to the cart provider (\$250-\$1,000 per cart).

Help keep our neighborhoods free of nuisance and abandoned shopping carts: leave your cart at the store when you are finished using it. Report abandoned carts to the store owner or call **286-CITY** for assistance.

Get Involved *Granville Advisory Committee!*

The Granville Advisory Committee is looking for interested members committed to the health, stability, and future of the area. Committee members review plans and proposals for redevelopment projects in the district bounded roughly by W. County Line Road, N. 60th Street, W. Brown Deer Road, and N. 108th Street for consistency with the

goals, needs and desires of the Granville community – its residents, businesses, property owners, and other stakeholders.

The Granville Advisory Committee members include Ald. Lewis, George Hinton, Jennifer Rath, and Natasha Dotson, with Johonna Duckworth and Neva Hill joining in

April following confirmation by the Common Council. Thank you for your assistance and service.

To share your time, talents, skills and expertise by serving on this committee, contact Alderwoman Chantia Lewis' office at **(414) 286-3767** or Chantia.lewis@milwaukee.gov for more information. ▀

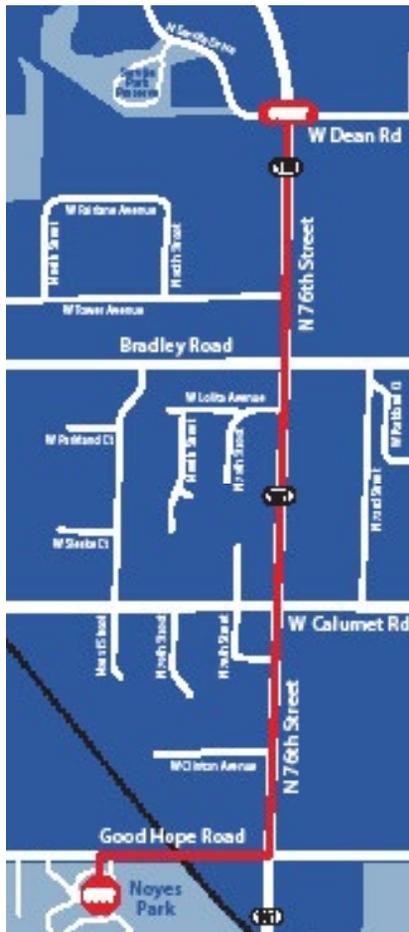
4th of July Parade

Thursday, July 4
Steps off at 9 a.m.

Route (Same as 2018): Assemble in the Menard's parking lot at 8110 W. Brown Deer Rd. Parade exits lot and proceeds south on N. 76th St. – west on W. Good Hope Rd. to Noyes Park

Last year, this parade traveled a new route through the 9th District, with 22 units participating. Following the parade, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin stopped by to chat with neighbors and listen to our concerns.

2019: The 4th of July parade planning committee is looking for “ideas people” who are interested in making the parade even better than the 2018 event. Contact Geneva at Mrsbyrd0103@gmail.com to learn more about how you can get involved. 



Harvest Fest *Save the date!*

9th District Harvest Fest • October 5, 2019 • Vincent High School

Join us for family-friendly fun at Vincent High School! Learn about agriculture featuring live farm animals and what it takes to grow the food we eat. Harvest Fest will include games, hay rides, a petting zoo, face painting, demonstrations, and food – all part of our celebration of Fall! It's free and open to the public. 



New Businesses

Welcome New Businesses to the 9th District!

New companies and businesses have been opening their doors throughout the 9th District over the past several months. Ald. Lewis encourage residents to give them a try:

 BigCountry's Barbecue You don't need teeth to eat my barbecue meat!	 CAPTAIN D'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT	 REY'S CAFE Catering & Delivery	 Family Foods
 EL TENAMPA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA	 PRIME SOCIAL RESTAURANT & BAR	 COURT LANES BOWLING	 MRS MIDWEST REFRIGERATED SERVICES
			 DUNKIN' DONUTS

-  **BigCountry's Barbeque** • 8665 W. Brown Deer Rd.
-  **Captain D's** • 7320 Good Hope Rd.
-  **Court Lanes** • 4707 W. Mill Rd.
-  **Dunkin' Donuts** • 7272 N. 76th St.
-  **El Tenampa** • 8660 N 107th St.
-  **Family Foods** • 8328 W. Brown Deer Rd.
-  **Prime Social** • 7225 N. 76th St.
-  **Rey's Cafe** • 6800 W. Brown Deer Rd.

Midwest Refrigerated Services (MRS) is now operating in the former Target store at 8501 W. Brown Deer Rd. For more information on this Wisconsin-based corporate citizen, including career opportunities, go to midwestrefrigerated.com 

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Low-cost Internet option worth checking into

Spectrum Cable is offering (eligible) low-income families new at-cost packages, **Spectrum Internet Assist**, which includes basic service to low-income seniors and families with school-age children for **\$14.99 per month**.



The service is available in certain Milwaukee ZIP codes, and those interested should **go to SpectrumInternetAssist.com to see additional details**.



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Alderwoman Chantia Lewis joined Alderman Stamper, staff from Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, Department of Public Works officials, Milwaukee Police Department personnel and neighborhood stakeholders during a news conference on April 1st at N. 9th St. and W. North Ave. to kick off the City of Milwaukee's "Don't Litter!" campaign. The legislation increases the fine for all littering to \$500 (including all forfeitures, penalties, fees and assessments levied by the Municipal Court) and the \$500 fine is now in effect throughout the city.

Report those potholes!

With spring and warmer temperatures just around the corner, potholes will be forming in larger numbers on our city streets as the freeze/thaw cycle ramps up.

What to do? **Alderwoman Lewis** shares several ways that residents and motorists can report a pothole that needs repair:

- ▶ **Report it online: Select Street Maintenance, then Pothole Patch Requests**
- ▶ **Call the Unified Call Center at (414) 286-CITY (2489)**
- ▶ **Download and use the MKE Mobile app**