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## Reminder - Virtual Housing Resource Fair is today

*Event will feature workshops, live Q&A sessions, drive-up resource packet pickup and more*

The Virtual Housing Resource Fair hosted by **Alderman Milele A. Coggs** and **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**, is TODAY - **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

The event includes three virtual workshops that will be viewable on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and online at [www.milwaukee.gov/Channel25](http://www.milwaukee.gov/Channel25). After each workshop there will be a live Q&A with the presenters. Those interested in participating in the live Q&A sessions after any of the workshops are encouraged to register at <https://tinyurl.com/2020HRF>.

The first workshop is a **Credit Workshop at 10:30 a.m.** Whether you are interested in buying a home or already own a home, building a solid credit history is important. This workshop will help you learn the factors that go into your credit score and how to improve them. If you have had challenges in the past, learn how to repair your credit. Representatives from Associated Bank and Bank On Greater Milwaukee will provide helpful information and advice on understanding and improving your credit.

The second workshop is **COVID-19 Resources at 11:30 a.m.** Here homeowners will get advice on how to contact your mortgage lender to request payment deferments, hear from Housing Resources about the Milwaukee County Mortgage Assistance program which provides emergency grants to help you make mortgage payments you have missed due to COVID-19, and hear from Milwaukee Water Works about payment plans if you are having difficulty paying your city services bill.

The workshops conclude with **Buy the Block at 12:30 p.m.** Residents can Learn about opportunities to buy a City foreclosed property for both homeownership and rental property ownership. Representatives from City Estate, Pyramax Bank and Realty among Friends will walk you through the process. Also find out about forgivable loans and technical assistance that are available to help you rehabilitate the City homes that are for sale, including the City's Homebuyer Assistance Program, ARCH Program and Live/Work Duplex Program.

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## **Housing Resource Fair Reminder/ADD ONE**

The 2020 Housing Resource Fair will also feature an in-person drive-up component. Resource packets with a variety of housing information will be available from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Northcott Neighborhood House located at 2460 N. 6th Street.**

The packets will include informational pieces from vendors including: Community First, Community Advocates, Milwaukee County Department of Aging, ACTS Housing, the Department of City Development, the City Assessor's Office, Milwaukee Water Works, American Family Insurance, the City Treasurer's Office, WHEDA, Revitalize Milwaukee, Habitat for Humanity, the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation, Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, ECO, Housing Resources Inc., CIBC, Westcare Harambee, Social Development Commission, Bank On, Riverworks Development Corporation and Take Root Milwaukee.

Additionally, to support families during the holiday season turkeys will be given away while supplies last. Masks are required for those attending the drive-up portion of the event.

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