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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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REMINDER: Application deadline is TOMORROW for Alert Neighbor Program

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II are offering a friendly reminder that neighborhood block groups have until the close of business **TOMORROW - Friday, August 5** - to apply for the Alert Neighbor Program.

The City of Milwaukee's Alert Neighbor Program emphasizes community involvement in addressing crime and safety concerns in Milwaukee neighborhoods. The program is collaboration between the residents, Milwaukee Police Department, Department of City Development, Department of Neighborhood Services, the Community Prosecution Unit and area non-profit organizations to help reduce crime and keep Milwaukee neighborhoods safe. The Alert Neighbor Program provides funding for physical improvements in the neighborhood that can range from crime watch signs, to porch lighting, cameras and more around the community in addition to assisting neighborhood block clubs to identify and implement strategies, like reporting criminal activity, holding regular neighborhood meetings, and planning neighborhood improvement projects.

Neighborhood block clubs with at least eight members from different households may apply to the Alert Neighbor Program. Applications will be evaluated based on safety issues in the neighborhood, the number of residents in the block club and the club's commitment to neighborhood improvement and engagement. The selected block clubs are required to contribute 5% of the overall cost for physical safety improvements in their neighborhood or contribute \$20 per resident in the block club, whichever is less.

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Alert Neighbor Program/ADD ONE

Additional program guidelines, eligibility and application instructions can be found by visiting <https://city.milwaukee.gov/AlertNeighbor>. For additional information please contact City of Milwaukee Community Outreach Director Patricia Ruiz-Cantu at 414-708-2734.

Organizations and individuals can make **tax-deductible donations** to support the Alert Neighbor Program. To learn more about the donation process or for more information please call [414-286-2233](tel:414-286-2233) or send an email to tmacdo@milwaukee.gov.

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