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Impacted by the justice system? *Pardon Me!* event Wednesday worth checking out

Alderman DiAndre Jackson invites those once incarcerated or otherwise significantly impacted by the justice system to attend the *Pardon Me!* presentation **TOMORROW – Wednesday, May 7 – at 6 p.m.** at the Oak Barrel Public House, 1033 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.

Alderman Jackson said the event will connect the public to **Joshua Johnson**, founder of *Pardon Me!* -- a national platform that highlights the stories of justice-impacted individuals who have defied the odds and built powerful lives post-incarceration.

This FREE community event is proudly supported by Alderman Jackson, who is partnering with *Pardon Me!* to bring meaningful opportunities into the city for residents seeking to rebuild and thrive after incarceration. “Joshua Johnson’s journey shows what’s possible when individuals are given the support and opportunity to succeed,” said Alderman Jackson. “I’m proud to bring this message to the city.”

After serving a 10-year prison sentence, Mr. Johnson went on to become a successful career state executive and received a full governor’s pardon. Through *Pardon Me!* he now uses his voice and platform to inspire transformation, shift perspectives, and advocate for second chances. “I’m using my voice to reshape the image of what success after incarceration looks like -- humanizing those who’ve been to prison and showing the world what true resilience and redemption really mean,” Mr. Johnson said.

Wednesday evening’s event will include:

- Q&A and photo op with Joshua Johnson
- Insight into the mission and movement of *Pardon Me!*
- Networking with community members, leaders, and change makers

The Milwaukee stop coincides with Mr. Johnson’s participation in the **Ezekiel HOPE Tools of the Trade event**, where he will moderate two powerful panels focused on strategies for engaging all communities -- including those impacted by incarceration -- through apprenticeship and workforce development.

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