

# Ashanti Hamilton



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## Dear 1st District Residents,

As a New Year approaches, we often find ourselves taking stock of the year we're leaving behind. For District 1, this means taking note of another successful Villard Avenue Day Festival. It also means recognition of the very successful Neighborhood Safety Initiative and it means looking back on a year of zoning and development legislation that laid the groundwork for new jobs and a better Milwaukee.

Looking ahead, this year will bring placement of new jobs and industries, it will bring tourists to the new Harley-Davidson Museum and it will bring continued development to the 30th Street Industrial Corridor – right through our district. As your representative, this means I will continue to vigilantly serve and advocate spending and development funds that support the development of these areas, jobs and services. I will also continue to call into question those developers who don't answer to city policies, who cheat the system or do not benefit the future of Milwaukee.

I am pleased at how much impact the Neighborhood Safety Initiative and other diligent efforts have had on the number of drug arrests in our area. I pledge in the New Year that we will continue to focus on keeping drugs and drug activity off our streets. Our district is our home, and it is up to us to make it a safe and memorable place to live. I ask that we continue together to engage our community through safety initiatives and block watches. Most of all, I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Ashanti Hamilton,  
Alderman - 1st District



### Committee Assignments

- CHAIR** City Information Management Committee
  - MEMBER** Judiciary & Legislation Committee
  - MEMBER** Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee
  - MEMBER** Community & Economic Development Committee
  - MEMBER** Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Board
- View meetings on the web at: [www.milwaukee.gov/channel25](http://www.milwaukee.gov/channel25)

## Call For Action

Additional "Call For Action" Governmental Phone Directories can be obtained by contacting my office. The popular telephone directory is arranged alphabetically by specific problems and topics. To request your **FREE** copy, please e-mail me at [ahamil@milwaukee.gov](mailto:ahamil@milwaukee.gov) or call 286-2228.



You can also view the online version of the "Call For Action" directory at [www.milwaukee.gov/callforaction](http://www.milwaukee.gov/callforaction).

## Heating Bill Crisis?

Take steps now to keep winter heating bills from becoming a crisis. Low-income families and seniors can apply for energy assistance programs operated by the Social Development Commission. According to the SDC, 65,000 families in Milwaukee County are eligible for energy assistance, but typically only 20% sign up for the program. Call the Social Development Commission Energy Assistance Program at 906-2800 for information.

Ald. Hamilton encourages all residents to look into proper weatherization of their homes by such things as weather-stripping, caulking and installing plastic over windows. A U.S. Department of Energy study showed that weatherization can reduce heating bills by 31%.

## 11,000 New Jobs Make Milwaukee Strong

Retaining family-supporting jobs and creating new jobs are high priorities for the Milwaukee Common Council. "Creation of new jobs has to include a need for a variety of skill sets and advancement opportunities and that's just what recent employment developments in our area are doing," Ald. Hamilton said.

A survey prepared by the Council's Legislative Reference Bureau gives the aldermen high marks for what they've been able to achieve in the area of job creation. Council actions on economic development projects approved since April 2004 are expected to result in the creation of 11,187 jobs by year 2011.

"This study shows that we are having a great deal of success as we invest capital, operating and block grant resources into economic development projects," said Ald. Hamilton. "Economic development activities are essential to keeping Milwaukee viable, adding to our quality of life and to help individuals create wealth," he added.

In addition to actions by the Council, the Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation extended more than \$61 million in loans to small businesses that resulted in the retention of 18,177 jobs.

**Some examples of employment impacts by the Common Council:**

Project	Jobs Impact
Badger Railing new Menomonee Valley facility	41
Cap/Tel/Ultratech expansion to Milwaukee	600
Chase Commerce Center	230
Cintas Laundry	125
Direct Supply expansion	2,081
Falk Corporation expansion	100
Harley-Davidson new museum	600
Manpower relocation to Milwaukee	1,200
Menomonee Valley Industrial Center	900
Palermo's Pizza new Menomonee Valley site	270

## Revving Up For Summer 2008

Milwaukee's newest tourist development will usher in Harley-Davidson's 105th anniversary next summer – that's when the new Harley-Davidson Museum is slated to open. Expected to draw 350,000 visitors annually, the museum will be one of Milwaukee's biggest attractions.



The finishing touches on the facilities are still under way on W. Canal St. in the Menomonee River Valley.

As a member of the Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee, Ald. Hamilton helped approve the museum. He said, "Our work on the zoning committee isn't just about rules and regulations for properties – it's about putting the right industries and attractions in the right locations and developing areas of Milwaukee in ways that support growth for the entire area."

The steel structure of the building is largely in place. Exposed steel, rivets and glass are meant to reflect Milwaukee's and Harley's industrial heritage. The museum will feature the motorcycles, of course, but will also have on display bits

of Harley-Davidson history (like the first bike, stamped "01") and demonstrations of processes like how the bikes are detailed and built.

The museum site will also host green spaces where the public can hang out for free, though the museum tour does come with a fee. Ald. Hamilton said, "Harley-Davidson has long been a part of Milwaukee's history. To be able to share that publicly with visitors to our city is ideal." Construction continues on the Harley-Davidson Museum, near S. 6th St. and W. Canal, set to open in summer 2008.

## 30th Street Industrial Corridor Progress

Ald. Hamilton has been a large part of the legislation related to the redevelopment of the business area that has seen its share of urban decay. The alderman has drafted an ordinance that authorizes expenditure from the development fund created specifically for the 30th St. Industrial Corridor. The expenditure will allow the Department of City Development to work to enhance and compliment streetscaping activities planned for the corridor, demolish blighted, structurally unsound buildings and generally address some of the physical challenges that impact the corridor. The fund amount, if released, will make available \$350,000 for the project.

Mayor Barrett announced last year his goal of helping develop the corridor and he and Ald. Hamilton both see the Menomonee Valley projects as inspiration. The proposed "Greenlight District" will build on other initiatives already in place in the area.

Ald. Hamilton said, "This kind of full reinvestment in an area takes time, but the results are stronger communities and areas prime for more family-supporting jobs."

The core of the project includes the old Tower Automotive site. In his budget address, Mayor Barrett personally thanked Ald. Hamilton for his "enthusiastic support and commitment to this project" and announced that he was proposing \$3 million to support retention and expansion of existing employers as well as redevelop the 86-acre former Tower Automotive site.

## Supporting The Center Of Excellence

The Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP) and BIG STEP (the building industry group) launched the Center of Excellence in 2005 to dramatically increase the number of community residents who qualify for careers in construction, manufacturing and related fields. The mission of the center is to deliver a diverse pool of qualified candidates to private sector organizations and the necessary skills for job seekers to qualify for family-sustaining jobs. These careers and workers are necessary for Milwaukee's new development projects to be successful.

Ald. Hamilton has been a supporter of the center since its launch. This year, he has had the opportunity to tour classes at the center and meet with students. "The projects Milwaukee has undertaken are all linked. The work and training going on at the center will directly impact the new developments in District 1 that need skilled workers," he said.

The center has facilitated 1,092 placements of community residents into family-sustaining jobs in construction, manufacturing, and other targeted industries since January 2005. The average starting wage was \$14.72 an hour, most with benefits. People of color accounted for 71% of all placements. Three out of four were City of Milwaukee residents. Seventy-nine resided in the 53209 zip code area. Their average starting wage was \$16.28 per hour, often with benefits.

## Ceremony Honors Dr. Cameron



Earlier this year Ald. Hamilton joined Mayor Tom Barrett and other elected officials in a ceremony honoring the late Dr. James Cameron by renaming the stretch of North Avenue from King Drive to 7th Street as Dr. James Cameron Drive. Dr. Cameron founded America's Black Holocaust Museum in 1988, creating a unique venue to educate the public of the injustices suffered by people of African American heritage, and to encourage people to rethink their assumptions about race and racism. The honorary street signs will provide a permanent reminder of the importance of peace, justice and equality. Also pictured are (from left): State Rep. Annette Polly Williams; Ald. Willie C. Wade; Ald. Robert Puente and County Supv. Willie Johnson.

## Nigerian Delegation Visits



The Governor of Kano, Nigeria, His Excellency Governor Malam Ibrahim Shekarau, and an accompanying delegation visited Governor Doyle, a few Wisconsin businesses and met with Milwaukee business leaders. They were hosted with a small reception at the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce followed by a networking reception. Ald. Hamilton officially welcomed the governor and his entourage as the group worked to develop business contacts and relationships with Wisconsin industries.

## The Milwaukee River Work Group

The Milwaukee River Work Group (MRWG) is a coalition of organizations concerned with the Milwaukee River, including representatives from the Urban Ecology Center, Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers, and River Revitalization Foundation, along with other state and federal agencies, businesses and individuals. The coalition advocates a comprehensive plan that includes public policy, zoning, preservation guidelines and a stewardship plan for the future. Together, we are recommending these specific goals for the creation of a Milwaukee River Central Park.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS: (Urban Ecology Center, 1500 E. Park Pl.)**  
The second Wednesday of each month from 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
The fourth Wednesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**NEXT MEETING: Wed. Nov. 28th, 5:30 p.m.**

## Summer Youth Intern Scores Big

This summer, Jamison Keith was a regular at City Hall. The senior from Rufus King High School worked as an intern with the Mayor's Summer Youth Intern Program and got to see the day-to-day workings of Milwaukee's government. Jamison studies hard, but he plays hard too. He's a point guard for King's basketball team and is practicing even after the season ends. His love of sports mixed well with his exposure to government and politics and Jamison's plans are to become a sports agent or work in sports law. Currently, he's studying for the ACT, which he'll take this December. Next year, he plans on attending a university sports law program and is investigating programs here in Wisconsin and Tennessee (where he has family). Jamison offers other young people this advice: "Stay focused and work hard all through school so when you're a senior, you can see it all pay off."



## Mayoral News Conference



Ald. Hamilton (right) joined 13 of his fellow aldermen when they co-hosted a news conference with Mayor Tom Barrett in October to protest Governor Doyle's proposed state budget. The budget did not include the expected shared revenue amount Milwaukee lawmakers counted on to continue to keep property taxes low and community projects funded. The Mayor complimented the Common Council for bringing nearly all members out for the cause and Ald. Hamilton said, "As an alderman, I serve my community and it's important that our voice be heard at the state level."

## Help Milwaukee Vote – Be A Poll Worker

The City of Milwaukee Election Commission has recently launched "Help Milwaukee Vote," a poll worker recruitment campaign to ensure that Milwaukee's voting sites have sufficient staff during the busy 2008 elections. The Election Commission relies on the participation of more than 2,000 poll workers to provide coverage at the city's 198 voting sites.

"We need strong public support of our local elections so that our polling sites run efficiently and with accuracy," said Sue Edman, Election Commission executive director. Ald. Hamilton encourages the many civic-minded people in Milwaukee to consider dedicating time to supporting the importance of elections.

Election dates in 2008 are **February 19** (Spring Primary/Presidential Preference), **April 1** (Spring General Election), **September 9** (Fall Primary), and **November 4** (Fall General/Presidential Election). Available shifts include a full day from 6:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. or a split shift from 6:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Poll workers receive \$15 for attending a two-hour mandatory training class and \$84.15 for working a full day or \$42.08 for a split shift. Poll workers are usually assigned to a site within their Aldermanic District.

For additional information visit the Election Commission website at [www.milwaukee.gov/election](http://www.milwaukee.gov/election) or call 414-286-3491.

## Help Milwaukee Vote

The Election Commission is looking for dependable city residents to work as Temporary Office Assistants during the 2008 election season (January thru April and August thru November). Duties will include answering phones, handling inquiries on the computer, staffing the in-person absentee voting site and assembling mailings. Applicants must have computer experience, excellent customer service and organizational skills. If interested, please contact Denise Walton at (414) 286-5995 or submit a resume to the Election Commission, City Hall, Room 501, 200 E. Wells St., 53202.

## Neighborhood Safety Initiative

With public safety at the top of the priority list for city elected officials, Ald. Hamilton supported the 23-day extension of the successful Neighborhood Safety Initiative at summer's end.

The Neighborhood Safety Initiative, launched in May, originally expired September 8 but was extended to September 30. The program was designed to rotate police officers into areas where incidents of homicides, non-fatal shootings, armed robberies, gun-related offenses, recovered firearms, search warrants and "shots fired" calls are high. This "saturation" increased police visibility in areas and citizen contact was also a priority. Officers talked with business owners and neighbors while on patrol in the chosen areas.

According to Milwaukee police, the initiative sought to reduce violent crime, to increase citizen safety, to reduce calls for service and to provide a visible police presence. Assigned officers also proactively investigated suspicious activities, and enforced existing firearms, drug and traffic laws. Quality of life and nuisance issues were also addressed, with occasional involvement by other departments and agencies, including the Department of Neighborhood Services, the City Attorney's Office and the Community Prosecution Unit.

The effort, backed by a number of aldermen, including Ald. Hamilton, paid off, with MPD reporting thousands of citizen contacts that have netted drugs, guns and led to thousands of arrests and citations. Alderman Hamilton said, "Neighborhood feedback has been strong and the integration of good police work and community involvement is just what this program was designed to bring to the City of Milwaukee."

## Finding New Funds For Police

Currently, the Public Safety Committee of the Common Council is considering an ordinance that will expand the city's current policy for the acceptance of grants by the police department from various outside groups. The ordinance adds a new criterion that authorizes the police department to receive grant funds for additional law enforcement services from alcohol beverage establishments licensed by the city that seek to enhance public safety.

This plan means public venues that may not pay property taxes yet still require police services to ensure safety and security at their establishments may choose to offer the police a grant to cover expenses related to police services at their facility. This money would free up public taxpayer funds while simultaneously allowing for police services to operate in conjunction with and on behalf of the public venues.

Ald. Hamilton has worked to help draft this ordinance, saying, "We are always looking for satisfactory means to supply city services in the most affordable, logical way possible and this ordinance puts dollars and police in place in the best interest of the public."

# Public Safety Is A Priority

Public safety is a top concern of Ald. Hamilton's and there are a number of recent initiatives and developments he has been a part of that are related to safety and citizen involvement.



The Commandos gathered at City Hall to testify in favor of Community Development Block Grant funding.

## Commandos

Locally, District 1's own crime patrol group, the Commandos, have worked to be actively engaged in crime prevention in the community. The group was originally founded in the 1960s to help civil rights marchers. Formerly called Commandos, Phase I, they provided counseling and education programs for parolees. The group had a rebirth in July 2007 and initiated a new mission statement and are now known as Commandos, Phase II.

According to the group's mission statement, they are founded "upon the principles of faith, justice, truth, equality and responsibility both to and for the community in which we live and the individuals that comprise it." The group has been very active in the area, including street clean-ups with Summer Youth Employment participants. In addition to patrols, members are a visible presence in the community, supporting local events like the Villard Avenue Day Festival.

Ald. Hamilton said, "I respect and appreciate the drive and dedication of these community organizers. They're a model to us all and a reminder that the quality of life in our neighborhoods relies very heavily on the actions of our residents."



Ald. Hamilton with CLO Julie Strache.

## Block Watch And Community Liaisons

Ald. Hamilton also wants to praise Milwaukee's attention to Block Watch opportunities and encourages District 1 residents to take advantage of the relationship the Milwaukee Police Department has with communities and the crime prevention information they provide.

The Block Watch program provides residents with specific information on how to reduce or eliminate opportunities for crime.

Our police districts, District 4 and District 7, both sponsor community liaison officers and a series of crime analysis meetings for the area. Ald. Hamilton highly encourages you to get involved in these meetings and be a positive force for change in your neighborhoods. Contact a community liaison officer to become involved in Block Watch for your neighborhood.

### District 4 Upcoming Crime Analysis Meetings

- November 27, 2007
- Crime analysis meetings for District 4 are held on the last Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the police academy, 6680 N. Teutonia Ave.
- District 4 Community Liaison Officers: Joy Bell and Julie Strache, 935-7248

### District 7 Upcoming Safety Coalition Meeting

- November 19, 2007
- Meetings for District 7 are held on the third Monday of every month starting at 6:30 p.m. Locations change monthly, so residents are notified through e-mail or regular postal mail services.
- District 7 Community Liaison Officer: Shellee Lubus, 935-7278

## I Need Your Input

Please take a moment to complete this card and mail it to my office. Should you have any other comments, questions or suggestions, please let me know. Hearing from you is important to me!

**Mail to:** Alderman Hamilton,  
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### What is your opinion of the following city services?

Check one:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Garbage Collection				
Street Repair				
Street Lighting				
Police/Fire Protection				
Snow Plowing				
How am I doing?				

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

You may also fill out this survey online at: [www.milwaukee.gov/district1](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district1)

## Cookout Raises Money For 12-Year-Old Shooting Victim

Ald. Hamilton hosted a charity cookout event on July 7, 2007 to help raise money to pay medical costs incurred by 1st District resident Rahjeen Mitchell and her family. Twelve-year-old Rahjeen is home from Children's Hospital after being struck in the forehead by a bullet outside her home on June 13.

Rahjeen was originally thought to have a life-threatening wound and Ald. Hamilton said doctors have been amazed by her recovery. "But Rahjeen's miraculous recovery has come at a very high financial cost to her family, and she's still facing a lot of therapy and a lengthy recovery period," Ald. Hamilton said. "I am always touched by how ready our residents are to help; their support is immeasurable."

A fund to receive donations was set up in Rahjeen's name at M&I Bank. As of this letter, she has made a full recovery, despite the severity of her injuries. Ald. Hamilton would like to thank all those who came out and helped with fundraising. "To work hard like this and see the fruits of your labor in Rahjeen's full recovery is very rewarding," he said.

## Free Prostate Cancer Screening

The Barbershop Men's Health Initiative is an innovative partnership between Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare and barbers in the African American community to increase awareness of prostate and colorectal cancer. Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer for men. Early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms. Yearly testing is the key to early detection, which may help save your life. The American Cancer Society recommends that men 50 years and older get screened annually for prostate cancer (for African American men, it's recommended that they start screening at age 45). The initiative is offering age appropriate men a free prostate cancer screening at the Wheaton Franciscan Family Care Center located at 2400 W. Villard Ave. Please call 527-8412 and mention the Barber-shop Initiative to schedule a free screening. If you would like more information please contact project leader Ray Bufford at 447-0973.

## Flood Water Insurance No Longer Required

For more than 20 years many residents of the 1st District along Lincoln Creek have been required to buy flood insurance. But all that has changed.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recognized a new Lincoln Creek map changing its floodplain status. The change allows most residents the opportunity to choose if they want to carry the flood insurance protection, which can range from \$400 to \$1,400 per year.

The change comes several years after the completion of the Lincoln Creek Environmental Restoration and Flood Management project. Ald. Hamilton has been instrumental in helping residents recover thousands of dollars in flood damage costs. "This \$119 million project reduced the risk of flooding for about 1,600 homes and businesses, many of which flooded in recent years," said Ald. Hamilton. "The floodplain is now limited to the banks of the creek, and removing the need for flood insurance will provide significant financial relief for the owners of the properties."

Lincoln Creek drains a 21-square mile urban watershed. Between 1960 and 1997 more than 4,000 separate flooding problems were reported along the creek. Correcting the problem required years of planning, 10 separate projects and the removal of 2.1 million cubic yards of earth and 1.8 miles of concrete. The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District also planted over 1,200 trees and 1,400 shrubs, enhancing the environment along the creek. "This is city government and public works at its best – saving residents money and protecting their homes with intuitive planning and cooperative efforts," Ald. Hamilton said.

## Learn Effective Property Management

Landlords can learn to screen new tenants and how to deal with nuisance properties by enrolling in the City of Milwaukee's FREE Landlord Training Program. You'll receive five hours of training and a 100-page manual describing professional property management guidelines. For information or to register call Program Assistant Jeanne Hagner at 286-2954 or e-mail her at [jhagne@milwaukee.gov](mailto:jhagne@milwaukee.gov).

## New Parking Meters Fully Functional

In June, the new multi-space parking meter, LUKE, was unveiled. These multi-space meters are being installed around downtown and many are now fully functional. The meters accept cash as well as Visa and MasterCard credit and debit cards. Parking payments can be made at any LUKE meter; just enter the parking space number into the meter.



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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Press the green "OK" button or any button on the key pad to start.
2. Enter parking space number followed by the green "OK" button.
3. Press "1" to "Purchase Time" to pay for a parking space or press "2" to "Add More Time" to pay for additional time for a space you already paid for.

**To Pay With Coin**

1. Insert coins for the desired amount of time.
2. Press the green "OK" button to complete transaction or the red "CANCEL" button to cancel transaction.
3. Take receipt from lower window.

**To Pay With Credit/Debit Card**

1. Insert and remove credit card. Wait seconds for processing.
2. Press "1" to add time desired (1 hour minimum) or press "9" for the maximum time allowed.
3. Press the green "OK" button to complete transaction or the red "CANCEL" button to cancel transaction.
4. Take receipt from lower window.

**FEATURES**

1. Pay at any LUKE meter that is the most conveniently located. Enter the parking space number.
2. Accepts MasterCard/ Visa credit/debit cards only.
3. Accepts 5c, 10c, 25c, or \$1.00 coins.
4. Provides receipt.
5. For convenience, receipt includes time when meter expires and space number.

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## Villard Avenue Day

The third annual Villard Avenue Day Festival was a rousing success. Many local business and community groups gathered in September to celebrate the neighborhood. "This area is what it is because of its people, and I'm so pleased that so many came out to help celebrate and remind us why this area is so special," Ald. Hamilton said.

The event offered children's games and activities, food vendors, health services and information booths including a bone marrow donor registration and live entertainment. A focus of the event was sidewalk and street shopping made available by local shops and businesses. The attention to local promotion is a large part of the festival. Ald. Hamilton said, "To see members of the community promoting local businesses and supporting one another reminds me of why our neighborhoods in District 1 are so strong."



Ald. Hamilton and his daughter Aalia took in the crowds at the Villard Avenue Day Festival. Fire and ambulance crews were on hand to help show kids the workings of their vehicles and departments at the festival. Mayor Barrett also attended the festival, enjoying the atmosphere with neighbors in District 1.



## Legislation Sponsored Or Co-Sponsored By Ald. Hamilton

It's my pleasure to share with you legislation that I have recently sponsored or co-sponsored that has improved our neighborhoods, the 1st District and the City of Milwaukee.

### • File Number • Date Passed • Title/Analysis

• 070746 • 10/23/2007 • Substitute resolution implementing the City of Milwaukee **Election Commission's Adopt-a-Site program**, whereby persons affiliated with certain charitable organizations may fully staff polling sites during each election and assign their compensation to the affiliated charitable organizations.

• 070242 • 5/30/2007 • Substitute resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee's support for **extension of the proposed southeastern Wisconsin commuter rail service to include the 30th Street Rail Corridor** to the northern boundary of Milwaukee County.

• 070160 • 6/19/2007 • A substitute ordinance relating to required Board of Zoning Appeals findings for the granting of **special use permits**.

• 061339 • 4/17/2007 • Substitute resolution supporting an **anti-smoking initiative**. This resolution supports implementation a statewide smoking ban, and directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division – Department of Administration to support passage of state legislation that implements a statewide ban of smoking.

061257 • 10/23/2007 • A multi-faceted substitute ordinance revising city code to require that contracting city departments award contracts to **responsible manufacturers** for all non-

apparel items, materials, supplies and equipment in excess of \$30,000 that are bid by the City of Milwaukee.

• 061248 • 2/6/2007 • Substitute resolution relating to a dedicated funding source for both the local share of the capital and operating costs for the operation of the proposed **Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee commuter rail service**, and the local share of the capital and operating costs for operation of local public transit service within the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County.

060658 • 12/12/2006 • A substitute ordinance relating to placement and construction of **traffic calming** installations and providing a process for petition and special assessments.

• 060643 • 9/26/2006 • Substitute resolution relating to the development of an **anti-violence campaign** in the City of Milwaukee.

• 060640 • 9/26/2006 • An ordinance relating to **repeat litter charges**. This ordinance authorizes the Department of Neighborhood Services to issue a repeat litter charge if any owner fails, omits, neglects or refuses to maintain a property which results in three or more litter violations in any 12-month period. The \$100 charge will be issued for the third and subsequent violations and will compensate for inspectional, administrative and equipment costs.

• 060541 • 9/26/2006 • An ordinance creating the **Frank P. Zeidler Community Service Award** selection committee and establishing the Frank P. Zeidler Community Service Award.

• 060301 • 7/12/2006 • An ordinance relating to **unsafe or vacant noncompliant buildings**.

• 041383 • 2/22/2005 • A substitute ordinance relating to declaring certain **vacant boarded residential buildings, structures and premises nuisances**.

• 040421 • 11/3/2004 • A substitute ordinance relating to **connection of downspouts and sump pumps to combined sewers**.

Currently the Milwaukee code permits an owner of a single or 2-family residence anywhere in the city to disconnect downspouts or sump pumps and discharge them to finished grade providing certain conditions are met (for example, the discharge shall not discharge to a street alley or public way; the discharge must flow parallel to or away from the nearest property line). This ordinance extends those code provisions to all other buildings located in those areas of the city served by combined sewers.

• 040220 • 11/3/2004 • An ordinance establishing a **city youth council**.

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## Holiday Tree Disposal

You can dispose of your holiday tree by placing it at the curb if you have curbside garbage collection or alley if you have alley collection. Please remove all decorations and wires first.

Trees may also be taken to the Self-Help Centers at 3879 W. Lincoln Ave. or 6660 N. Industrial Rd. where they will be ground into mulch or composted.

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## Not Too Late To Make Plans For Winter

*Remember that public safety is the first priority during snow and ice control on the city's 1,400 miles of city streets. Streets are prioritized based on traffic volume, public transportation routes, access to emergency services and schools.*

### The Response Depends On The Storm

The Department of Public Works will use only one or two salt trucks to tackle intermittent salting of isolated slippery spots, but a full scale plowing for a big storm will use over 360 pieces of equipment, supplemented by private contractors. The most common operation is a general ice control in which 90 salt trucks are sent out citywide.

During a major storm, a general plowing is called and may take 12 to 18 hours to complete the initial plowing followed by several more days cleaning up after parked cars, touching up intersections and widening streets.

"I know we can be patient and cooperate with Public Works during bad weather," said Ald. Hamilton, "and while the city

tries to do this promptly, it's best to wait, if possible, until the plows finish before shoveling out your driveway approach."

### Please Shovel Your Sidewalks

A reminder that property owners and occupants are required by city law to clear sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours after the snow and ice have stopped falling. Failure to do so could result in the city doing it and charging you.

### Move Your Car To Help Snow Removal

The single biggest problem during major snowstorms is parked and abandoned cars. The plows try to get as close to the curb as they can but those "snowbirds" get in the way and prevent them from completing the job. Ald. Hamilton asks that you move your vehicles so plows can clear the streets curb

to curb. Remember it is illegal to park in one place for more than 24 hours. The Milwaukee Public Schools make a number of school playgrounds available for overnight parking during snow emergencies. Call the DPW Information Center at 286-8282 for the location of a playground nearest your home.

### Winter Garbage Cart Collection

During the winter the city removes the requirement to take your garbage and recycling carts to the curb.

No garbage or recycling on these holidays:

**THANKSGIVING** Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23, 2007

**CHRISTMAS** Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007

**NEW YEAR'S** Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY** Monday, Jan. 21, 2008

*NOTE: After these holidays, the day of garbage collection will move one day later in the week. There will be no change in the collection of recyclables after the holiday.*