



Hines Herald

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILLIE L. HINES, JR. • 15TH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Public safety continues to be my top priority as your alderman. Although the **Milwaukee Police Department's summer Neighborhood Safety Initiative (NSI)** has been successful overall, there is still much to do in the 15th District. We've had tremendous success with new housing, economic development and community initiatives, but safety and security must take precedence.

It is absolutely vital that each and every resident of the 15th District do his or her part to make our neighborhoods safe. I believe that knowing the captains and community liaison officers who serve within the Milwaukee Police Department is an important step in that direction. It allows residents to be empowered as they take back their communities.

In this edition of the *Hines Herald*, you will learn more about your advocates at **MPD's District Three police station**. (Located at the intersection of Lisbon Ave. and North Ave.) **Captain James Harpole** runs the station and **Robert King** is one of its community liaison officers. In later editions, you will meet MPD representatives from District 5 and District 7, which are also within the 15th Aldermanic District.

You will also learn about some of the economic development that is bringing jobs and stability to our neighborhoods. From **Lindsay Heights** to **Sherman Park**, businesses are realizing the investment potential within the 15th District. Recently, the **Consul General of Nigeria** even came to Milwaukee because Nigeria wants to model its own economic revitalization after the development in our district.

I continue to be grateful for your trust in my leadership. Please do not hesitate to call my office with any and all concerns – big or small. It is my privilege to work with and for you to make Milwaukee better.

Sincerely,

Willie L. Hines, Jr.
Alderman, 15th District
Common Council President

Meet Community Liaison Officer Robert King

Robert King, a Milwaukee police officer with more than 20 years of community police work is a **Community Liaison Officer (CLO) for the 3rd Police District**. Officer King is a graduate of UW-Milwaukee with a degree in criminal justice who has proven his commitment to a healthy and safe community. A CLO helps connect residents in need of community assistance with the officers best prepared to execute their request. Many times residents living in higher crime neighborhoods feel helpless against much of the dangerous activity surrounding them. Any citizen who thinks that they could use the efforts of the MPD to solve potentially dangerous problems in their neighborhood should call Officer King at **(414) 935-7238**.

Officer King has many years of experience in the area of community policing, having worked in the **Youth Aid Bureau, Community Service Division**, and the **Police Athletic League**. Officer King can be trusted as someone who knows the streets given his experience working as a plainclothes officer in District 4 in 1998. In addition, he has the community's best interests in mind, as he was coordinator for the P.A.L. Center on 24th and Burleigh in 2003.



"Offering support sometimes means reassuring children and young people that police officers are willing to listen and that they truly care about their wellbeing," said **Community Liaison Officer Robert King**, shown here giving a stuffed animal to a girl who had come to the District Three station with her mother.

Please don't hesitate to call Officer King if you have a police-related tip, question or concern.



Ald. Hines was there when the **Wesley Scott Senior Center** held its grand opening on May 11, 2007. The center features **80 energy independent apartments** for Milwaukee metropolitan area seniors. Often seniors are forgotten when it comes to issues about energy production and costs. Many seniors have difficulties paying heating expenses because of the rising cost of natural gas and thusly suffer greatly during the winter months. The Wesley Scott Senior Center is an energy-efficient green building.



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Strong Development Activity Continues

15th District Earns Two Design Awards



Amaranth Café & Bakery

Ald. Hines sends his congratulations to the Amaranth Bakery & Cafe at 3329 W. Lisbon Ave., and Toussaint Square, 3401-33 W. North Ave., on winning the Mayor's Urban Design Award.

"The attractive and welcoming façade of the Amaranth Bakery and Café has added new life to the neighborhood, and the aroma of fresh bakery delights the neighbors," said Ald. Hines.

"And Toussaint Square has created a major economic boost for the busy 35th and North crossroads, with apartments and retail spaces in a building that represents an investment of nearly \$5 million," said Ald. Hines, noting the project is named after **Francois-Dominique Toussaint L'Ouverture**, a leader of the Haitian Revolution 200 years ago, the first successful slave rebellion in the western hemisphere which established Haiti as a free Black republic.

Toussaint Square offers 4 three-bedroom units and 19 two-bedroom units with rents ranging from \$500 to \$650, aimed at neighborhood families with annual incomes ranging from \$20,400 to \$43,560. The 15,000 square feet of retail space has attracted the attention of entrepreneurs and patrons to this important commercial node.

For the 10th year the Mayor's Urban Design Awards were presented in an ongoing effort to recognize exceptional urban spaces that make Milwaukee a lively, engaging city. A common element among the **155 winners** is a distinctive design that complements Milwaukee's neighborhood tapestry and contributes to the character of their surroundings. "By recognizing the investment of property owners for their excellent urban designs we celebrate their innovation and thank them for contributing to our quality of life," Ald. Hines 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 5 hours of training and a 100-page manual describing professional property management guidelines. For information or to register call Program Coordinator Karin Long at 286-2954.



Toussaint Square

Economic Development

Academy of Learning & Leadership - 1530 W. Center St.

This charter school expanded, financed in part by a **\$4 million** bond issued by the Redevelopment Authority. Enrollment increased to 435 children this year. The school is expected to add up to 630 students in the near future.

Capitol Stamping

- 2700 W. North Ave.

The city assisted this company in obtaining a State of Wisconsin Community Development Zone tax credit worth **\$144,000**. This move will help the company retain 102 jobs and create 48 new jobs.

Columbia Savings & Loan Expansion - 2000 W. Fond du Lac Ave.

The city assisted Wisconsin's oldest African-American owned bank with a **\$1.7 million** expansion by cleaning up a brownfield and putting it back in business. The brownfield is serving as the site of the expanded Columbia Savings & Loan, which is set to open in the near future. The older building will eventually be renovated. Columbia plans to increase its services to the neighborhood as a result of the expansion project.

Fond du Lac Center - 2730 W. Fond du Lac Ave. (27th & Center)

The city sold land at this site to create a catalytic project featuring ground floor retail and affordable rental housing on the second floor. Commonwealth Development is investing **\$4.7 million** in the neighborhood to bring additional retail and housing to the area. It includes twenty-four new units, and 2,500 square feet of retail.

Genesis Detoxification Center

- 2835 N. 32nd Street

The city supported the renovation of this building by providing a renewal community Commercial Revitalization Deduction allocation. It represents **\$1.8 million** in private investment in the neighborhood.

Josey Heights - 12th & Lloyd

Milwaukee's first green subdivision makes use of land cleared for a never-built freeway and readies it for 47 market-rate single-family homes.

Josey Heights features the city's first "green" street, made of permeable pavement. It's estimated that the green streets, bio swales and rain gardens of Josey Heights will absorb 100% of storm water run-off on-site and will annually prevent 1 million gallons of storm water from entering the sewer system.

Legacy Subdivision - Brown Street to North Ave from 20th to 27th Streets

The city assembled 75 vacant lots in this area for creation of a new subdivision, to include mixed-use and commercial buildings as well. The city assisted with a **\$3.25 million** tax incremental financing district to prepare the sites, create sidewalks and improve the streets for 70 new single-family homes and townhouses. This represents a \$16.5 million private investment in the neighborhood.

Metcalfe Park Housing Initiative - Meinecke to Center from 27th Street to 39th Street

This is a brand new approach in Milwaukee to affordable housing. Gorman & Company will develop 30 new homes on vacant sites throughout this neighborhood. These will be "rent-to-own" homes, using low-income housing tax credits. Current homeowners in the neighborhood are also eligible to tap into a loan pool for home repairs. The City of Milwaukee assisted this initiative by creating a **\$1.6 million** tax incremental financing district.

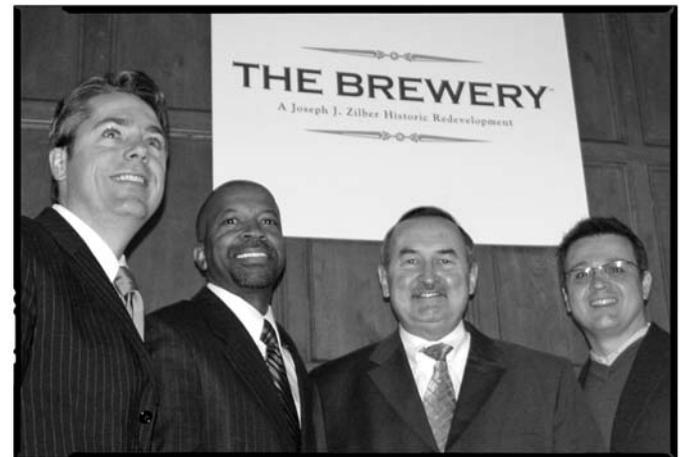
Gestra Engineering Inc.

- 1620-1634 W. Fond du lac Ave.

A growing engineering firm based in Oak Creek will move its headquarters to a city-owned building. Gestra Engineering Inc., which has 15 employees, plans to move to its new home sometime later this year. The company also plans to add four employees after moving to the north side building, which now houses a Department of Public Works operation. Gestra will offer a six-month training period for entry-level jobs that it plans to add after the move. The jobs will pay \$12 an hour and offer health insurance and other benefits. And Gestra employees who have at least one year of employment also will be offered \$5,000 no-interest loans to help purchase homes in the nearby neighborhood.



Ald. Hines stands with Mayor Tom Barrett and Ald. Bob Bauman for a **special construction equipment "parade"** outside The Brewery along W. Juneau Ave.



Ald. Hines with Ald. Michael Murphy (at left), Comptroller Wally Morics and Ald. Mike D'Amato (far right) inside one of **The Brewery** buildings.

The Brewery

Ald. Hines took part in a special ceremony earlier this year kicking off the development of the former **Pabst** brewery complex. The event marked the start of restoration, environmental cleanup, and other work on the \$205 million project, which is called The Brewery. **Joseph Zilber and Towne Realty**, who purchased most of the complex from **Wispark**, are spearheading the project. Mr. Zilber has said he envisions The Brewery as a vibrant and multifaceted neighborhood that includes residential, offices and commercial uses. Madison-based **Gorman & Co.** has said it plans to construct apartments within the former Pabst keg house. Other possible uses at the former brewery include a corporate training site operated by **Johnson Controls Inc.** and a brew pub to be built by local investor **Jim Haertel**, who owns the former Pabst offices and visitors center.

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United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Milwaukee County

Simply call 211 to get help with life.
To call using a cell phone, dial 414-773-0211
or on a pay phone, dial 1-866-211-3380.

Helpful Tips

Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

Identity theft is a serious crime. How does it happen? Identity theft commonly begins with the loss or theft of a wallet or purse, and occurs when someone uses personal information such as your name, address, date of birth or Social Security number without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

You can't entirely control whether you will become a victim, but there are steps you can take to minimize your risk:

- Don't carry your social security card in a wallet.
- Minimize the number of credit cards & identification you carry.
- Never give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or on the Internet unless you've initiated the contact.
- Tear or shred charge receipts, credit applications, checks and bank statements, expired charge cards and credit offers.
- Place passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts but avoid using easily identifiable information.

If you are a victim of identity theft:

- Notify Milwaukee police at 933-4444.
- Contact the fraud department of the three major credit bureaus
- Obtain a copy of your credit report and review it.
- Contact creditors involved and close tampered accounts.

A reminder that consumers in Wisconsin can now obtain a free copy of their credit report once a year. The three credit reporting companies have a central toll-free number, website and mailing address through which you can order your free annual report. Call **877-322-8228**, click on **www.annualcreditreport.com** or download a request form from **www.ftc.gov/credit** and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.



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Community Service Officers Arriving Soon

A contingent of **Community Service Officers (CSOs)** that Ald. Hines helped make possible are training and will soon be hired and trained to help supplement the work of Milwaukee police.

The CSOs – approved in a budget measure co-sponsored by Ald. Hines last year – **will handle many routine police duties, allowing sworn, armed Milwaukee police officers to handle more serious crimes.** Non-violent crimes don't always need a police officer, and the city's CSO program frees highly trained, sworn officers for more serious police calls and provides faster response times for residents' calls for service, the alderman said.

Community service officers are already at work in numerous police departments around the country. They respond to non-emergency calls when there is no threat of physical confrontation and no crime in progress. These could include taking burglary, missing person, vandalism and non-injury traffic accident reports and performing school crossing and traffic control duties.



This boulevard – located at N. 6th St. and W. McKinley Blvd. – includes grasses, plants and trees that **require far less maintenance** and care by city Forestry employees.

Ald. Hines Wants Your Views On Sustainable Boulevards

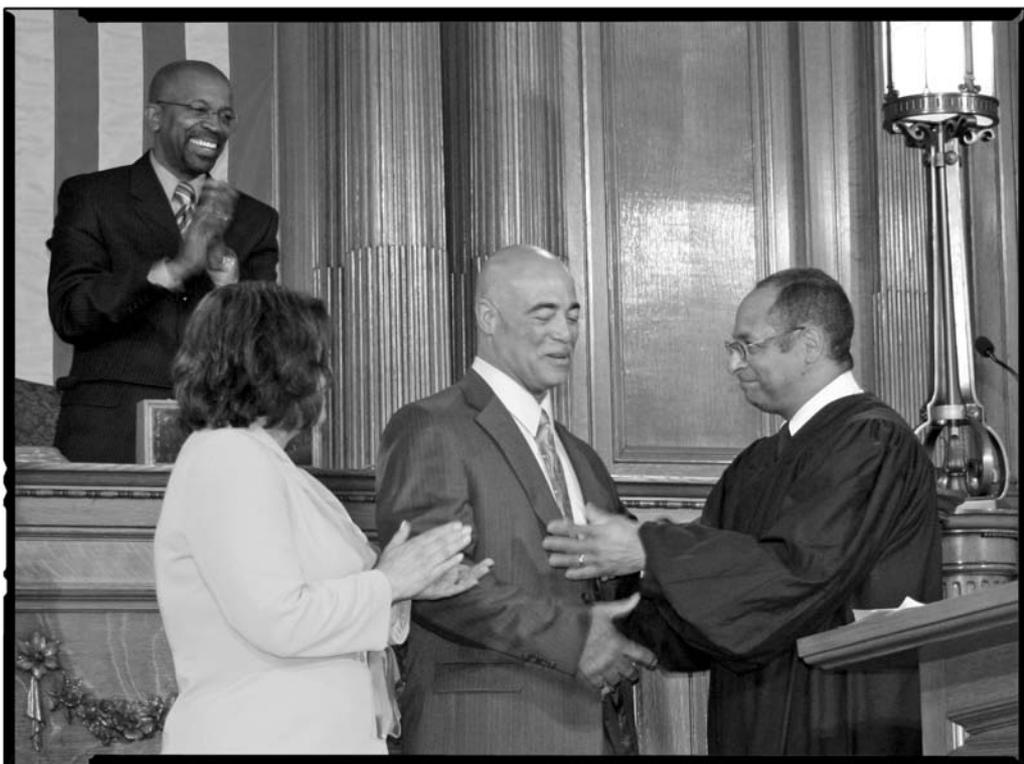
Milwaukee's boulevard system is a valuable quality of life asset to the city and provides enjoyment for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. But the upkeep can be expensive, and the **Department of Public Works (DPW)** is looking at what might be done to preserve the environmental and aesthetic value of boulevards while reducing the costs of maintenance.

DPW, with help from individual citizens, landscape design professionals and environmentalists, has developed a long-term alternative for Milwaukee's boulevards, and Ald. Hines is gathering residents' views on the Sustainable Boulevards Plan.

Key elements of the Sustainable Boulevards Plan include:

- Installing Milwaukee signature landscape beds at key "Gateway" locations.
- To remove flower and shrub beds from street segments that connect key intersections.
- To enhance planting beds at key intersections through the use of a mix of annuals, perennials, shrubs, native plants, decorative edging and automated irrigation systems.
- To introduce rain garden elements into boulevard segments.
- To plant large growing shade trees on connecting street segments where beds have been eliminated, as funding becomes available.

The Department of Public Works said the Sustainable Boulevard Plan would result in significant operational savings, and that its capital costs would be recovered within six to 10 years.



At a special swearing in ceremony earlier this year in the Council Chamber at City Hall, President Hines (top) was on hand to congratulate the **City of Milwaukee's first African American fire chief, Douglas Holton**, on his appointment to lead the Milwaukee Fire Department. Also pictured are Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Louis Butler (who administered the chief's oath of office), the first African American to serve on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and Chief Holton's wife of 33 years, Josie.

Metcalfe Park TIN Offers Home Repair Assistance

City of Milwaukee residents now have an opportunity to improve the appearance of their neighborhoods through a new **matching grant program**. The Metcalfe Park area, between 27th to 38th and North to Center, is an area that is now recognized as a **Targeted Investment Neighborhood (TIN)** meaning forgivable loans for home repairs and to abate code violations are now available through **The Metcalfe Park Residents Association** and the TIN program.

Ald. Hines said the TIN program represents an opportunity for all residents of the city. "The time has arrived for residents who desire a more beautiful community and investors in need of a helping hand to recognize this as an opportunity to build their future here in the City of Milwaukee," he said.

A Targeted Investment Neighborhood is generally a community that has suffered poor maintenance and is in need of about 3 years intensive reconstruction activity, including enhanced property rehabilitation loans (for owner – occupants and for investor owners), promotion of home ownership, blight removal, intensive code enforcement, and public participation surrounding common refuse.



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. "I encourage 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 web site at www.milwaukee.gov/elections or call **414-286-3491**.



This spring Ald. Hines took part in a special ceremony dedicating the newly rebuilt **Cherry Court apartment building** at 1525 N. 24th St. Cherry Court offers 120 one-bedroom units for seniors or residents with disabilities while keeping in step with today's technological advances, and it offers a computer center that can be accessed by the public. Neighborhood residents are welcome to utilize Cherry Court to gain computer training, job training and employment information, GED preparation, adult basic skills education and much more. Cherry Court is a perfect representation of our goal to put things in the community that are for and can benefit the community.



Get To Know The Commanding Officer For The 3rd Police District, Captain James Harpole

Captain Harpole attained his current rank and was assigned to District Three, 2333 N. 49th St., as the commanding officer in July 2005. During his career, he has worked as a neighborhood foot patrol officer and was assigned to several special divisions including the Tactical Enforcement Unit, Communications and Internal Affairs. Captain Harpole has a community-focused style of leadership for the Third District, which comprises a 10 square mile area with a population of more than 100,000 residents.

Q: Captain Harpole, as the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Police District, what is your biggest challenge on a daily basis?

As the Commanding Officer of District Three, my biggest challenge on a daily basis is juggling my time between internal administrative needs and the external needs of the community. I must ensure that administratively and operationally my district is running both efficiently and effectively, while at the same time **working hand-in-hand with the community to address neighborhood concerns** that affect the quality of life for our residents.

Q: What is your basic philosophy or motto in how you approach your work?

I have a strong belief that in order to be effective as an organization we must partner with all community stakeholders, this includes neighborhood organizations, businesses, community development corporations, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, other government agencies, and of greatest importance individual neighborhood residents.

I have a strong commitment to neighborhood-focused, problem solving policing, in which the police

department focuses on individual neighborhoods, securing the cooperation of residents through development of strong partnerships and solving ongoing problems. The visible presence of the police in neighborhoods is not enough; **we must connect to our neighborhoods.** We must work to alleviate misperceptions about the motives of the police and allow citizens to better understand the methods of operation that we engage in to fight crime in our neighborhoods.

I believe that the nuisance abatement ordinance is one of the best tools for the police to utilize in riding neighborhoods of problematic properties that are destructive to the quality of life in our neighborhoods. This ordinance has been applied effectively at District Three in conjunction with the **Community Prosecution Program**, which is a collaborative effort between the police, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, other city agencies, and members of our community.

The mission of the Police Department cannot be achieved and the vision cannot be realized if not for the dedicated men and women of the Milwaukee Police Department—supervisors, officers, and support staff alike. I believe that individual members of the Department must be empowered to make decisions and develop policing strategies at their level in the organization—decisions and policing strategies that will positively impact the community with a reduction in crime. I have allowed this to happen at District Three and the results of this effort have paid off. I have found that oftentimes the best ideas come from the frontline. Frontline officers and supervisors know the streets better than administrative officers do and when it comes to idea development they can be of great assistance.

Captain Harpole Facts:

- Born in St. Charles, Missouri.
- Attended Milwaukee Public Schools, graduating from Washington High School.
- Joined Milwaukee Police Department in 1985.
- Graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.
- Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from Marian College.
- Married and the father of two daughters.

3rd Police District

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North N-2300

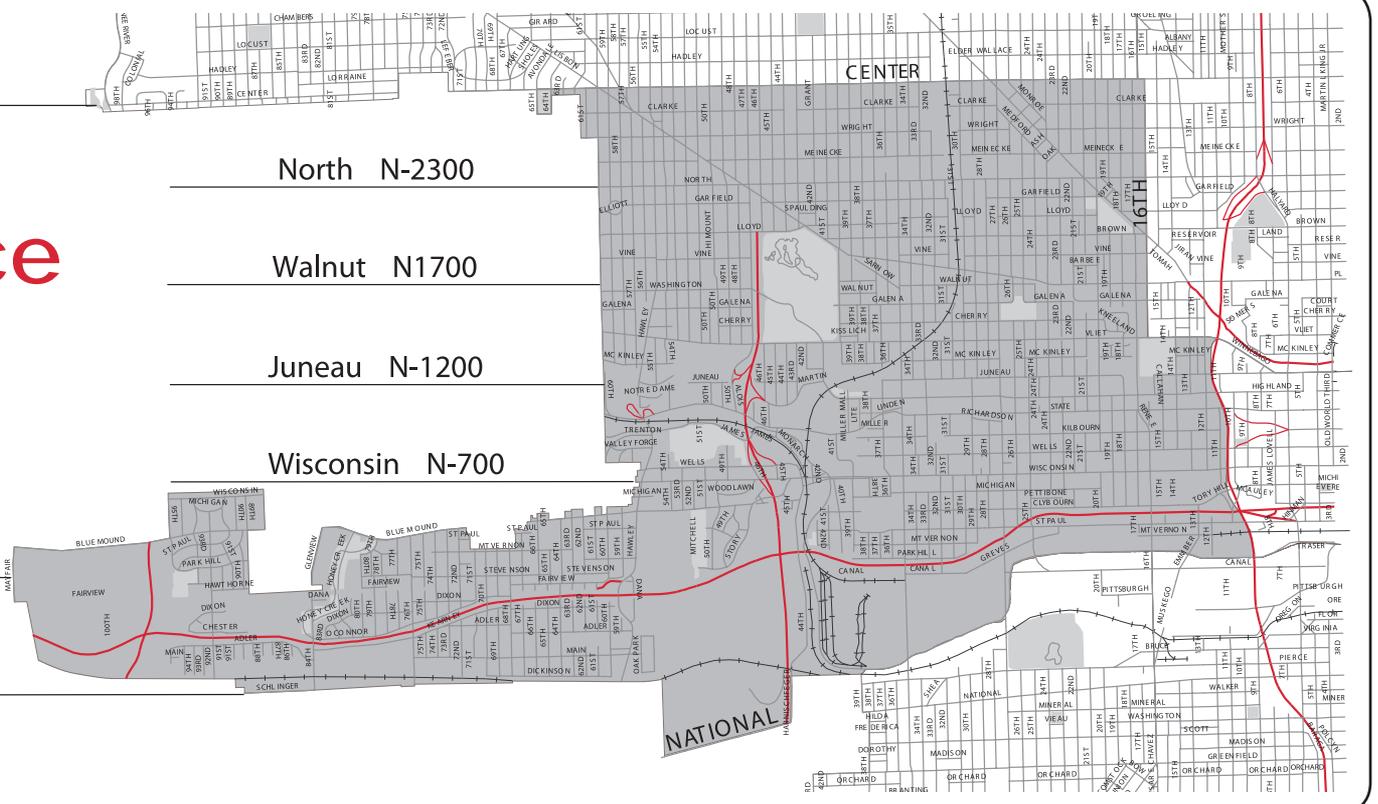
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Q: How do you interact with residents, businesses and merchants?

One of the many ways I interact is through attending a significant number of **community meetings** each month. I participate in a number of **neighborhood walks** each month which are a way to get to know people on a more personal level, and afford me the opportunity to see neighborhood challenges first hand.

I host a **monthly crime analysis meeting** for all District Three stakeholders. I will be placing more of an emphasis on community networking at this monthly meeting, and plan on a name change to the **District Three Monthly Community Networking Meeting**. I try to move this meeting to various venues throughout District Three in an effort to reach more of the residents.

I interact quite frequently via e-mail with the residents of the district. District Three publishes a contact guide that lists the office numbers, some cell phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of a number of officers and supervisors assigned to the district including myself and all three of my lieutenants.

I also participate in the **Make a Difference Financial Literacy program**, teaching students at Washington High School the benefits of savings, budgeting, and using credit wisely. I am a participant on the advisory board at the School of Law, Education, and Public Service on the Washington Campus. This participation allows me the opportunity to interact with the students, faculty, and parents of the school on an ongoing basis. Spending time with students is an enriching experience for me.

Q: If you could provide one basic piece of advice to citizens, what would that be?

My basic advice to citizens is be involved in your neighborhood. I know that most people are busy with family and work obligations and free time is precious; however, the police department alone cannot turn neighborhoods around, a concerted collaboration on the part of neighborhood residents and the police will be much more effective. **Secondly, get organized.** If you do not have a Block Watch or neighborhood organization start one. I can tell you that District Three has much better results in neighborhoods that are organized.

Q: Expand on the importance of citizen involvement and the Block Watch program.

As noted in the previous question, **citizen involvement in Block Watch programs is very important.** Nobody knows a neighborhood better than the residents who live in that neighborhood. The residents know who belongs and who does not belong. They know what is normal and what is not. The residents are there 24-hours per day and have a vested interest in their own neighborhoods. Being organized with a Block Watch program will allow neighbors to get to know one another and will prompt them to look out for each other.

Q: What advice would you give to residents/business owners about making their neighborhoods safer?

Neighborhoods can be made safer through the development of a strong relationship and collaboration with the police and other community stakeholders. This collaboration will allow neighborhood residents and business owners the opportunity to work directly with the police at developing strategies to deal with issues of crime and disorder within their neighborhoods.

Residents and business owners can also “target harden” their homes and businesses, to prevent theft, robbery, and burglary. The District Three Community Liaison Officers will conduct free security (target hardening) surveys to help residents and business owners to achieve this goal.

Q: What opportunities are there for citizens to learn about crimes in the district and their neighborhoods?

Residents can learn more about crimes in their district and neighborhoods by participating in the **Monthly Captain’s Crime Analysis Meeting** that takes place for District Three residents on the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is generally held at a venue outside of the District Station. For details of the meeting, residents can call the District Three Community Liaison Officers at 935-7238 (Officers Robert King and Derrick Lemmie) or 935-7733 (Officer Thomas Kupsik).

Residents can also get the meeting information off the Milwaukee Police Department’s website at www.milwaukee.gov/police. Lastly, for those with e-mail access, District Three does utilize an e-mail distribution list, in which we notify residents each month of the meeting location and any changes in time or day. Residents can be added to the list by calling Officer Kupsik or by sending him an e-mail at tkupsi@milwaukee.gov.

Alley Parking Is Restricted

To ensure clear passage for emergency vehicles and **Department of Public Works (DPW)** sanitation and street cleaning vehicles, residents are reminded that parking in alleys is legal only if the vehicle is completely off the public right-of-way.

Specifically, vehicles must be parked either in a garage or on a paved surface, and no part of the vehicle should protrude onto the public portion of the alley. For those who park on the “apron” between the garage and the public portion of the alley, avoid tickets by making sure no part of the vehicle is within the right-of-way.

For all parking questions please call the City of Milwaukee’s parking hotline at 286-8350.

Runner Joins 15th District Office Team

Alex Runner, a 15th District resident, has joined Ald.

Hines’ office team as staff assistant. Previously, Alex was a writer/editor in Marquette University’s Office of Marketing and Communication, and prior to MU he worked as a senior writer at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He has also written numerous articles for local and national publications.



A resident of the historic Sherman Park neighborhood, Alex has voluntarily organized community meetings to combat crime and has initiated collaborative partnerships between residents and the Milwaukee Police Department.

Alex is a native Milwaukeean. He holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Kansas and has taken graduate-level classes at Marquette University’s J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication.

Alex can be reached by e-mail at arunne@milwaukee.gov or at 286-3771.



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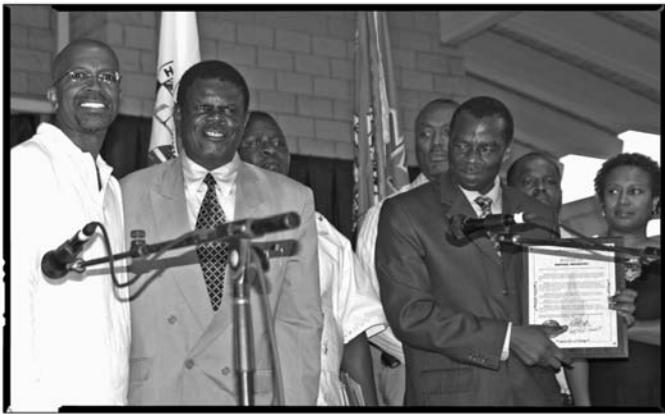
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Conflict Resolution

Ald. Hines wants 15th District residents to know of another service that's available if you need help resolving conflicts or disputes. The **Milwaukee Mediation Center** offers people the opportunity to create their own mutually agreeable solutions with the assistance of a trained, impartial third party.

Problems can include conflicts with neighbors, youths, domestic issues, disputes with merchants, landlords and tenants and in the workplace. Fees can be charged for the mediation service. **Call 271-5464 for information.**



Ald. Hines Welcomes Sister City To African World Festival

As part of this year's opening ceremonies at **African World Festival**, Ald. Hines had the honor of being part of the signing ceremony which consummated the **Sister City agreement between Milwaukee and Morogoro, Tanzania**. Ald. Hines presented a Common Council resolution to **Mayor Romanus Ishengoma of Morogoro** (shown standing here with the alderman) welcoming the members of the Morogoro delegation to Milwaukee. The ceremony included Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., chair of the **City of Milwaukee's Sister Cities Committee**, the Mayor and other Milwaukee officials and special guests. Ald. Hines said he's proud that Milwaukee is the first U.S. city to consummate a Sister Cities International agreement with a Tanzanian city or region.

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

Judge Gramling Retires

Ald. Hines stopped by the **Municipal Court** earlier this year to wish **Judge James A. Gramling, Jr.** well on his last day of work prior to retirement. A graduate of **Marquette University** and the **University of Wisconsin Law School**, Judge Gramling retired in April after 21 years of distinguished service to the Municipal Court and the City of Milwaukee. Judge Gramling is a founding board member of the **Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability**, and during his tenure he drew attention to the employability



barriers faced by people with suspended or revoked driver's licenses, and he has been a leader in the effort to help Milwaukeeans regain their driving privileges. Judge Gramling has

served as a member and officer on several boards, including the **Northwest Side Community Development Corp.** and the **Parklawn YMCA**, he served as president of the **Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association (WMJA)**, and he has received numerous awards and honors, including the **2006 Judge of the Year award from the WMJA**, the **Phil Lerman Heart of Justice Award (2004)** from the Benedict Center, as well as honors for his work with **SDC's Youth Development Program** and for his generous work with **Wisconsin Veterans Stand Down, Inc.**



In June, President Hines, a proud graduate of **Rufus King High School**, joined fellow King alums (from left) **Robyn Lockett** (2007 graduate), **Treba Mitchell** (2006 graduate) and **Brickney Frierson** (2004 graduate) during a special City Hall ceremony honoring the **2007 recipients of Time Warner Cable outstanding scholastic achievement scholarships**. To qualify applicants must be a City of Milwaukee resident with evidence of financial need, have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, eligibility for admission to an accredited higher educational institution, and have selected a major in the communications field.