As a part of National Public Works Week, May 22nd to 26th, Mayor Tom Barrett, Common Council President Willie Hines, Alderman Willie Wade, Department of Public Works Commissioner Jeff Mantes, Department of City Development Deputy Commissioner Martha Brown and others who contributed to the success of the new 230,000 square foot facility participated in a program and ribbon cutting ceremony on May 25th. The facility, located on a 24-acre site on a portion of the previous Tower Automotive site, at 3850 North 35th Street, was completed on time and within budget. The groundbreaking for the facility had occurred one year earlier during National Public Works Week.

Commissioner Mantes reminded the audience that the Department of Public Works (DPW) touches many aspects of day-to-day life on a 24-hour, 7 days a week basis. Many of those services are performed by the staff that is housed in the new DPW Field Headquarters. He praised Mayor Barrett for his leadership and support on the project.

Mayor Barrett complimented the Department for staying within the $24 million budget for the building as well as, “making sure the design incorporated the latest in environmental friendly technology and design”.

Before the development of the facility could happen, the Department of City Development helped to pave the way for the facility by negotiating the sale of the land and providing assistance with the clean up of environmental contamination.

A grant from We Energies allowed the Department to work with the Energy Center of Wisconsin and Renschler Company to evaluate energy savings measures for the facility. Four strategies were selected. These improvements translate to annual current value energy savings of $48,000 for the City of Milwaukee. Although the grant had been received, a ceremonial check was presented to Mayor Barrett and Commissioner Mantes by Thelma Sias, Vice President of Local Affairs for We Energies.

The building also has a retention pond that captures all the water run-off from the roof area of the building, over five
Mayor Tom Barrett announced a new initiative to promote pedestrian safety on July 13, 2006. The new program, StreetShare, is designed to improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians by educating motorists about the laws that require them to follow the law. StreetShare also includes efforts to decrease speeding on neighborhood streets.

The program is more powerful than typical education and encouragement programs because the Milwaukee Department of Public Works and the Milwaukee Police Department are partnering with other municipalities and private companies including We Energies to educate their fleet drivers and lead by example.

Mayor Barrett stated, “While the Department of Public Works continually makes engineering improvements to improve pedestrian safety, without the E’s of enforcement, education and encouragement we cannot hope to overcome this complex problem. StreetShare is designed to address all those other elements”. StreetShare was developed in response to the many citizens and Business Improvement Districts’ calls for full access to City government in a faster, more efficient manner.

The City of Milwaukee unveils 286-CITY

Mayor Tom Barrett and Common Council President Willie Hines unveiled 286-CITY to the public at a press conference held on June 26th. 286-CITY is a single access telephone number for all City services and information.

Although the City of Milwaukee receives millions of calls annually for services and information, finding the right telephone number for City services can be difficult and sometimes overwhelming for residents. The City publishes over 800 telephone numbers in the white pages of the telephone book.

Mayor Barrett stated, “the goal was to develop a system whereby residents can reach their final destination with “three clicks or less”. We believe that 286-CITY will improve the way Milwaukee residents access City government”.

One of Mayor Barrett’s initiatives outlined in his 2005 State of the City address was to streamline public access to City government.

Utilizing the City’s state-of-the-art telephone system and current resources, the City designed 286-CITY at no cost to the taxpayer. The system is in both English and Spanish and is designed to be both static and dynamic in processing requests for services and information. Over 80% of all calls to City government can be routed through 286-CITY and the remaining calls can be answered by customer service representatives who are available during normal business hours. Police and fire non-emergencies can be routed through the system as well, but residents must still dial 911 for all emergencies.

Common Council President Willie Hines reiterated that, “one of the goals of the system is to divert non-emergency calls from 911”. He further stated, “80% of City residents polled in a survey contacts the City at least one to six times a year for services or information. And nearly 85% find it difficult to locate the correct telephone number for the City department they are trying to contact”.

Administrative Services Director Dorinda Floyd and her staff worked on the 286-CITY project for months. The process included developing the system, meeting with departments designing the text, making presentations to the Steering & Rules Committee, developing and supervising the survey to determine the needs and concerns of City residents when contacting the City for services, finding the right “voices” and recording the information line in both English and Spanish, and developing the mailer with the magnet.

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acres. The Department of Natural Resources assisted with that initiative.

During the demolition of buildings in preparation for the new facility, 100,000 tons of concrete was recycled into granular fill with on-site crushing machines and 8,000 tons of metal was salvaged.

Mayor Barrett was also very proud of the fact that the project reached its goals for the Residential Preference Program, which required 25% of work hours be performed by residents. The project also required 18% of the construction be performed by Emerging Business Enterprises. The project exceeded its combined employment requirements.

During his comments Commissioner Mantes gave a special thanks to Tom Gartner, City Attorney’s Office, and Jim Scherer, Department of City Development, for their expertise in negotiating the development agreement and dealing with all the legal issues of the unique private/public partnership. Ben Goetter and Dan Sisel of the M. A. Mortenson Company were thanked. They were the City’s representatives and functioned as the day to day liaisons with the developer and general contractor. Mantes also acknowledged Sam Dickman of the Dickman Company, the project developer, and Brian Byrne of Brown Construction, the general contractor.

A new public building isn’t complete without a piece of public art. For the new DPW Field Headquarters, an Art Selection Committee was formed comprised of Lula Chambers, Norman Barrientos, Jeff Jones, Laura Ashleigh, and Jim Purko, Director of Operations Division. The committee selected a wonderful piece of art by local sculptor Richard Taylor. The sculpture will be installed this fall.

Several DPW staff members were instrumental in the successful completion of the new DPW Headquarters. Commissioner Mantes recognized Michael Krause, Project Manager, Facilities Section, for working on all aspects of the building design and construction. Other Facilities staff members who contributed to the success were Bryan Pawlak, communications data installation; Jim Morden, coordination of the relocation; Len Moye, mechanical and custodial support, and Tom Tarkowski for mechanical systems review.

Staff members were part of an employee team that assisted with the operational functionality and lay-out of the building space. They included: Laura Daniels and Dave Goldlapp, Milwaukee Water Works; Dale Mejaki, Tom Rach, Jeff Dellemann and Bob Brooks, from Infrastructure Services Division.

The overall coordination of the project was handled by Jim Purko, Operations Division Director. Purko had weekly meetings with the contractors and the staff to ensure the project was on track. Alderman Wade also attended several meetings regarding the facility as it is located in his district.

The new DPW Field Headquarters includes the Street Maintenance, Sewer Maintenance, Milwaukee Water Works distribution facilities, their 24-hour Control Center, sections of the Operations Division, such as Building Maintenance, Carpentry, and a satellite Equipment Repair Shop. The consolidation will allow the 480 employees of the combined Divisions to cooperate and consolidate similar functions.

The move from the Tracer Yard by Street Maintenance allowed for the development of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company Museum. Former Milwaukee Water Works distribution sites no longer fitted the needs of personnel so the opportunity to build the new facility was a winning one for DPW staff. By combining these facilities, the City will save money by eliminating duplication of services in several locations. This will also avoid future capital and operating expenses at the old facilities. The overall project is projected to save the City taxpayers over $13 million over the next 25 years.
Wisconsin’s drinking water industry presented Milwaukee’s water utility director with highest national honors at its convention on September 21st. Milwaukee Water Works Superintendent Carrie M. Lewis was honored with the George Warren Fuller Award at the 85th annual meeting of the Wisconsin Water Association (WWA) in Lake Delton.

Lewis is the first woman in Wisconsin to receive the honor. The award has been presented in Wisconsin since 1939 in honor of Fuller, a consulting engineer.

Lewis was appointed superintendent of the Milwaukee Water Works in 1997 after serving two years as water quality manager. Like Fuller, Lewis also was born in New Hampshire. She holds an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and a B.S. in biology from McGill University in Montreal. “Scientists think of water as an environment that supports life, and engineers think of water as a way to channel their tools and use it as a force,” Lewis said.

She began her career on a marine biology research boat off the coasts of New Brunswick and Maine and later served as senior microbiologist and water quality manager for the City of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Lewis directs and manages the Milwaukee Water Works, which provides high quality drinking water to 833,000 people in 14 communities. The superintendent is the primary liaison with elected officials and the public.

In addition to co-authoring two books on particle counting in drinking water treatment, Lewis has been published over 30 times with research papers and conference presentations for among others, the American Water Works Association, the AWWA Research Foundation, Centers for Disease Control, and public health associations.

The WWA is a section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the largest organization of water professionals in the world. AWWA advances public health, safety and welfare by uniting the efforts of the full spectrum of the water community.

The Fuller Award is presented to a state member who has provided outstanding leadership and has made a significant and extraordinary contribution toward the advancement of the water works practice. The award is presented in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership of the late George Warren Fuller.

Former DPW Commissioner Mariano “Skip” Schifalacqua Conducts Tours For ITE

Former DPW Commissioner Mariano “Skip” Schifalacqua conducted a tour of the Sixth Street Viaduct for attendees of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) meeting on August 7. The Marsupial Bridge under Holton Street Viaduct was also visited by the attendees. The “Connecting Neighborhood — Milwaukee’s Bridge System Tour” was part of this Washington D.C.-based organization’s annual meeting hosted this year at the Midwest Airlines Center in downtown Milwaukee.

The tour showcased the talents of bridge engineers connecting neighborhoods, businesses and recreational areas across river and railroad transportation corridors.

Information and photo provided by Joe Soria, Project Engineer, Infrastructure Services/Structures
Milwaukee Downtown Employee Appreciation Week: DPW Commissioner Mantes Gets Tanked

Milwaukee Downtown, Business Improvement District #21, is responsible for many great things that occur in downtown, Public Service Ambassadors that help visitors find their way and promote activities in downtown, and Clean Sweep Ambassadors that keep the sidewalks clean and remove graffiti and this year for the awesome, morale-boosting Downtown Employee Appreciation Week. This occurred from July 31 to August 4.

Several activities took place in Milwaukee downtown, starting with a huge kick off event on Monday, July 31 with Mayor Barrett declaring it “Downtown Appreciation Week”, at Chase Bank Plaza. A variety of events took place at the plaza, Milwaukee Bucks free-throw contest, free lunch to the first 1,000 employees provided by Cousins, and a band formed by downtown employees. Throughout the week there was volleyball competition, the world’s largest coffee break in the Historic Third Ward, a battle of the bands, downtown employee extreme makeover and other office challenge games. Many of the games were held in various parts of downtown including Milwaukee County Parks. Attendance at the events was very high considering the 90 plus degree weather.

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requests that the City encourage pedestrian safety and crack down on speeding. It was coordinated by DPW, with tremendous input from the Milwaukee Police Department, the Madison Police Department, Wisconsin Walks, WisDOT BOTS, the Milwaukee Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force and concerned citizens. Dave Schlabowske, DPW Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, was the City’s representative in the project and was responsible for developing the support materials and the distribution of StreetShare bumper stickers to participating companies, including the DPW’s fleet of vehicles.

First Honorary Street Name is for Dr. R. E. McCrory

The Common Council recently approved assigning honorary street names to existing City streets. The official street name will not change. A second sign (blue) designated as honorary will be mounted next to the official street name sign. The first honorary street name was for Dr. R.E. McCrory on West Highland Boulevard between North 27th Street and North 29th Street. Dr. McCrory is a long time pastor of St. Luke Emanuel Baptist Church, 2722 West Highland Boulevard, and has a lifetime of serving the community. A dedication ceremony was held on Saturday, August 20th during the St. Luke Emanuel Bicentennial. Dr. McCrory has a lifetime of serving the community. A dedication ceremony was held on Saturday, August 20th during the St. Luke Emanuel Bicentennial.

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Approximately 195,000 households received a mailing in the following weeks about the program including a magnet that could be placed on any appliance. The magnet is a cheat sheet of sorts that will help residents navigate the system and to use it as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Sabrina Gillon, Office Assistant III, from the City Attorney’s Office, provides the English voice for the 286-CITY information line. She has been in the City Attorney’s Office for four years and is the very pleasant voice that answers the City Attorney’s main number. Before coming to the City of Milwaukee Ms. Gillon was involved in the Campaign for a Sustainable Milwaukee, where she was a public speaker on behalf of the program. She was pleased to be asked to be a part of the project. Dorinda Floyd, Administrative Services Director, provided the overall direction on the 286-CITY project from start to finish. A lot of staff time was devoted to the project and to make sure it launched on time. Christina Green, the Spanish voice for 286-CITY, has been employed as a communication analyst for Milwaukee Public Schools since the beginning of this year. She is in charge of the foreign language publications for the school system and area hospitals. Christina, who is from Venezuela, is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian and French. She was the first certified court interpreter in the State of Wisconsin and has translated and interpreted for the Wisconsin Attorney General, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Agency.

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One of the office challenge games was “Dunk the Boss”. DPW Commissioner Jeff Mantes took up the challenge and volunteered to be in the dunk tank on Wednesday, August 2nd in Red Arrow Park. Quite a crowd of DPW workers gathered to see who would be the first to put the Commissioner in the water. Surprisingly, the first candidate was the Commissioner’s son David. He took aim but missed. Following David Mantes was Permits and Communications Specialist Germaine Speth, who also did not succeed in putting the Commissioner in the tank. Finally Matthew McGlothian, from Information Technology, put the Commissioner in the water. Surprisingly, the first candidate was the Commissioner’s son David. He took aim but missed. Following David Mantes was Permits and Communications Specialist Germaine Speth, who also did not succeed in putting the Commissioner in the tank. Finally Matthew McGlothian, from Information Technology, put the Commissioner in the tank.

Feedback from employees and businesses on the first Downtown Employee Appreciation Week has been extremely positive with many looking forward to participating next year. Some of the sponsors of the event included Milwaukee County parks, Chase Bank, the Historic Third Ward, Visit Milwaukee, the East Town Association, the Westown Association and the City of Milwaukee.
Mayor Barrett Announced Success of Green Festivals Recycling Program at Irish Fest’s Greenwish Village

Mayor Tom Barrett shared the results of the “Green Festivals” recycling initiative at this year’s Irish Fest’s Greenwish Village. Greenwish Village, operated by Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful (KGMB) provides fun, hands-on educational activities that teach about environmental topics.

The event was attended by Ed Ward, Founder and Past President of Irish Fest, who reminded the Mayor that he had been a volunteer at Irish Fest as long as he has been a politician and thanked him for making the announcement at Greenwish Village. Jane Anderson, President of Irish Fest, and John Boler, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, World Festival Inc., also spoke of the importance of recycling during the festivals. “Summerfest was delighted to participate and will continue the program next year,” stated Boler.

The Mayor shared impressive totals for the collection of plastic bottles from other festivals, concerts and other events held around the City. Mayor Barrett complimented Recycling Specialist Rick Meyers on his success in forming a partnership with Summerfest to promote recycling on the festival grounds for the first time. His announcement of the initiative’s results was timely, as Irish Fest was the first festival to pilot a recycling program with KGMB over a decade ago.

Department of Public Works’ Recycling Specialist Rick Meyers assisted the operations and grounds staff at Summerfest in designing and implementing a plastic bottle recycling program this year. The program was continued until the end of the festival season.

Mayor Barrett also noted that, “not only does recycling keep the bottles of the landfills they also pay out dividends in the money made”.

The City not only worked with festivals held on Maier Park Festival grounds, but also continued its recycling partnerships with Bastille Days, RiverSplash, and with weekly events such as Jazz in the Park, River Rhythms and River Flicks.

This component was identified as a “Quick Win” in the Milwaukee Green Team report to the Mayor and the results thus far have substantiated that claim. The report stated “the City of Milwaukee currently has recycling bins at festivals; however, the City should work to educate all of the festival operations directors of the importance of recycling at festivals and provide counsel on how to minimize the amount of waste.”

Photos by Niki Espy, KGMB
## Administrative Services

### New Hires
- **Jeffrey A. Butcher**, Parking Checker, Parking
- **Melissa A. Hoye**, Parking Checker, Parking
- **Nicholas J. Wolff**, Graduate Intern, Parking

### Promotions
- **Michelle Carr**, Personnel Payroll Assistant III
- **James M. Johnson**, Lead Parking Checker, Parking

### Appointment to a Higher Title
- **Deborah K. Wilichowski**, Telecommunications Analyst-Senior

### Transfers
- **Martin Grant**, City Laborer, Parking (from Electrical Services)
- **Phillip Martinez**, City Laborer, Parking (from Electrical Services)

## Infrastructure Services

### New Hires
- **Martin C. Cherwin**, Traffic Control Assistant, Transportation
- **Antonio P. Santos**, City Laborer (Seasonal), Streets & Bridges
- **Douglas J. Slottke**, City Laborer, (Seasonal) Streets & Bridges

### Promotions
- **Dessalegn Bekele**, Engineering Drafting Technician II, Transportation
- **Thomas A. Corona**, Bridge Operator, Streets & Bridges
- **Dale A. Dietze**, Engineering Technician IV, Transportation
- **Allen J. Holmes**, Sewer Laborer II, Underground
- **Thomas J. Iglinski**, Public Works Inspector II, Construction
- **Maurice Jackson**, Sewer Laborer II, Underground
- **John R. Kocinski**, Engineering Drafting IV, Transportation
- **Demetrius D. LeFlore**, Engineer Technician II, Underground
- **Alejandro Munoz**, Civil Engineer II, Underground
- **Noah P. Olejniczak**, Engineering Drafting Technician, Underground
- **Scott A. Olive**, Engineer Technician II, Construction
- **Aaron Puckett Sr.**, Sewer Laborer II, Underground
- **John A. Schmidt**, Civil Engineer III, Transportation
- **Laron Thomas**, Sewer Laborer II, Underground
- **Corey D. Tipton**, Sewer Laborer II, Underground
- **Zafar S. Yousef**, Management Civil Engineer—Senior, Underground

### Retirements
- **Nicholas L. Boyajian**, Electrical Mechanic, Electrical Services
- **Otis Caldwell**, Special Laborer, Electrical Services
- **Rosa D. Colin**, Laborer, Electrical Services
- **Michael E. Nessman**, Infrastructure Support Services Manager, Support
- **James N. Walensa**, Sewer Mason, Underground

### Transfers
- **Gerald J. Fluker**, City Laborer (Seasonal) Electrical Services, (from Forestry)
- **Edward C. Jackson**, City Laborer, (Seasonal), (from Forestry)
- **Robert J. Mikorski**, City Laborer, (Seasonal), (from Forestry)
- **Eric M. Payne**, City Laborer, (Seasonal), (from Forestry)

## Operations Division

### New Hires
- **Jason V. Brock**, City Laborer, (Seasonal), Forestry
- **Willie Coger III**, Tire Repair Worker I, Fleet Services
- **Mark Dix**, Sanitation Supervisor, Sanitation
- **Dennis Thomas Sr.**, City Laborer, (Seasonal), Forestry
- **Lynn Washington**, City Laborer, (Seasonal), Forestry

### Promotions
- **Shannon D. Davis**, Sanitation Supervisor, Sanitation
- **John R. Laura**, Sanitation Supervisor, Sanitation
- **Michael W. Krause**, Architect IV, Facilities

### Retirements
- **Loren D. Bussewitz**, Vehicle Service Technician-Heavy, Fleet Services
- **James R. Lawrence**, Urban Forestry Laborer, Forestry
- **Mary Beth Makowski**, Program Assistant II, Facilities
- **David H. Marquardt**, Sanitation Worker, Sanitation
- **Willard C. Schabarker**, Urban Forestry Crew Leader, Forestry
- **John M. Schertz**, Urban Forestry Laborer, Forestry
- **Gale A. Will**, Field Service Mechanic, Fleet Services

## Milwaukee Water Works

### New Hires
- **Douglas L. Brandon**, Water Treatment Plant Operator, Linwood
- **Brian R. Niemann**, Water Treatment Plant Operator, Howard

### Promotions
- **Richard Davila**, Water Distribution Supervisor I
- **Paul G. Dietrich**, Machine Repairperson
- **Rick L. Grebe**, Water Meter Technician I
- **Laura L. Kleczka**, Program Assistant II, Linwood
- **Arthur Kuenstler**, Machine Repairperson
- **Michael D. Ludka**, Machine Repairperson
- **Matthew Robertson**, Machine Repairperson
- **James A. Ruplinger**, Water Meter Technician II
- **Jeffrey Ward**, Water Meter Technician II

### Retirements
- **Brian A. Johnson**, Water Distribution Laborer
- **Joseph Rayome**, Network Coordinator-Senior

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