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BLACK ARTS FEST MKE

Announces Cancellation Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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(BAFMKE) announced the cancellation of its
Aug. 1, 2020 festival at the Henry
Maier festival
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health and safety above all else." says Derek Tyus, chairman of BAFMKE's board of directors.

Black Arts Fest MKE is an anchor in our community and a vital part of Milwaukee's summertime ethnic festivals.

Celebrating our heritage, culture, and unity is a must. The board of Black Arts Fest MKE looks forward to returning to Henry Maier Festival Park in August 2021.

New citation option to help prevent spread of coronavirus in MKE Action was taken recently by Council relates to enforcement to COVID-19." Alderman

Action was taken recently by the Common Council will allow Milwaukee Police and the Health Department to issue a citation up to \$500 in rare instances where individuals are deliberately violating the Safer at Home order that is in place in the city to help prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Alderman José G. Pérez said the ordinance approved Tuesday by the full Common of "communicable disease orders" and authorizes the Commissioner of Health and police officers "to issue orders and citations to any persons who willfully violate or obstruct the execution of an order" issued under city or state jurisdiction.

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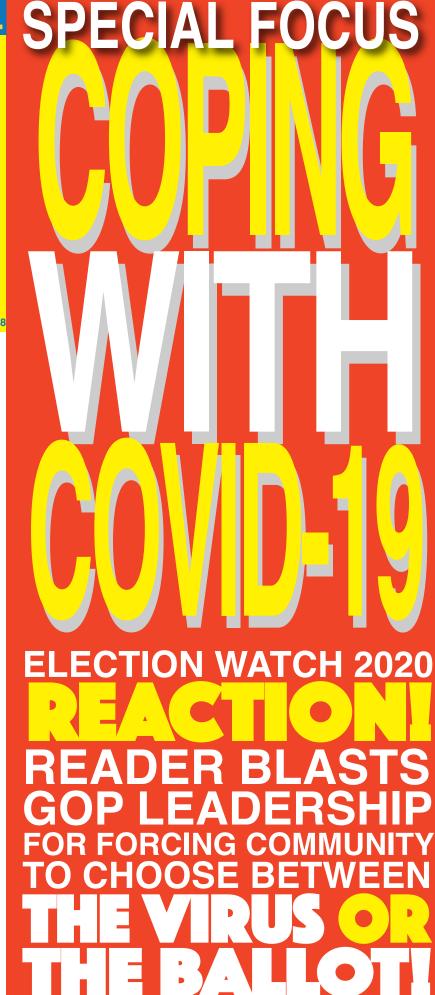
'Safer At Home' orders related

to COVID-19," Alderman Pérez said. "What it does is it allows a middle ground for citations to be issued."

"If you are traveling to visit your parents or just heading to or from the store, or working in your yard, this will not impact you.

"But if you are attending a party or hanging out with a large group on the corner

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Dear State Rep. Robin Voss (pictured above at left), State Sen. Scott Fitzgerald (above right), and the entire Wisconsin GOP (Republican Party):

- Racism/Racist behavior/Hate filled speech and ac
- tions...
- Lack of Caring, Compassion and Empathy...Negligence...
- Callous Disregard for Health and Safety...
 The above bullets describe the current actions of the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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Greater New Birth Church holds drive-thru food pantry for community



Greater New Birth Church recently conducted a drive-thru food pantry distribution to help families struggling during the state-wide "stay-at-home" order due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The drive-thru food give-away was in the parking lot of Greater New Birth, 8237 W. Silver Spring Drive. Church members took the proper precautions wearing face masks and medical gloves as they handed out grocery bags of food. The church's goal was to give away food until there was no more to give. Greater New Birth Church is co-pastored by Bishop R. J. Burt and his wife, Pastor Patricia Burt.—Photo by Yvonne Kemp

New citation option to help prevent spread of coronavirus in MKE

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(non-essential activities), a citation could become an option for officers as you are clearly not abiding by the stay home order," the alderman said.

"We want to emphasize the importance of educating the public about the stay home order, but where it is needed (in rare instances) there also must be an option for arrest and pursuing criminal charges when individuals are willfully violating the order," he said.

An amendment to the ordinance states, in part, that "the City of Milwaukee, in its efforts to ensure compliance with the State of Wisconsin's 'Safer At Home' order, wishes to maintain a full range of enforcement options, from education to arrest."

Please go to city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus for more information (in English and Spanish) on COVID-19 and the Safer At Home (Stay Home Save Lives) order.

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Election Watch 2020 REACTION!

Reader blasts GOP leaders Voss and Fitzgerald for making state's voters of color choose between the virus or the ballot!

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GOP in Wisconsin since you found out that the majority of people who are sick and dying from COVID-19 reside in southweast Wisconsin and are Black and Brown people... Your racist behavior is a testament to your morals, ethics and characters.

We know now that you do not care about public safety, who gets sick or who dies while you take these legal actions against the governor's (Tony Evers) "Stay At Home Order" effective until May 26.

Your negligence and callous disregard for the health and safety of Wisconsin citizens should result in legal actions by those and or their families, who get sick after your suit and or die if the state Supreme Court overturns the Governors current "Stay At Home" orders, almost 30

days earlier than the prescribed end of May 26.

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There is a price to pay for your racism, racist behavior, hate filled speech and actions that could result in more covid19 related illness and deaths.

You are now the face of WI and it is not a good look...I assume you are proud of this look and your negative behavior as the above bulleted items describe.

It is my hope and prayers, that your legal action fails!

Regards and God Bless, Tyrone P. Dumas



Cream City Medical Society members pass out face masks to community



Cream City Medical Society recently did their part to "flatten the curve" of the Coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) by handing out handmade face masks in front of the Midtown Pick n Save grocery store, 5700 W. Capitol Drive. Pictured in top photo is society member, Dr. Rene Settle-Robinson who handed a face mask to a Milwaukee police officer and checked to see if the driver and passengers in the car (pictured above) had masks, which the CDC is now recommending for everyone to use.—Photos by Y. Kemp

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Voters wait in line to cast ballots at Washington High School while ignoring a stay-at-home order over the coronavirus threat to vote in the state's presidential primary election, Tuesday, April 7, 2020, in Milwaukee.

MKE Common Council votes to send every registered voter absentee ballot application

The Milwaukee Common Council voted unanimously recently to approve a new plan that would mail every registered voter in the city an application for an absentee ballot.

The plan would authorize the executive director of the Milwaukee Election Commission to create what is called the "SafeVote program."

Along with mailing absentee ballot applications en masse, everyone in the City of Milwaukee would also receive a postage-paid envelope to return the application.

"The right to vote is sacred in our democracy, and I am grateful for the support of my colleagues on SafeVote," Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, who authored the resolution, said. "The unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has made congregating in groups a threat to public health, and we recognize that voting by mail must be seen as the best way to ensure the best possible participation in a vital election."

Alderman Khalif J.
Rainey, the measure's primary co-sponsor, said the resolution will help prevent a repeat of this spring's election, in which nearly 20,000 Milwaukeeans braved the coronavirus pandemic to vote in person.

"The spectacle of thou-

sands of citizens gathering to vote on April 7, while in a way inspiring, was an unacceptable danger to their own well-being and that of others," Alderman Rainey said.

"Affording residents the opportunity to vote by mail in an efficient and safe manner is the right way to go this fall."

The resolution will need to be approved by Mayor Tom Barrett before it is put into practice.

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—Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic, the author of the "SafeVote" program resolution

As COVID-19 continues to cause cancellation after cancellation, Black Arts Fest MKE announces the cancellation of its 2020 festival originally scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2020.

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Visit blackartsfestmke.com to learn more

zilber family foundation

family foundation commits \$3 MILLION IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE

First round of grants to support current grantees and immediate COVID-19 response efforts in Milwaukee and Hawaii.

Zilber Family Foundation Board of Directors announced the allocation of \$3 million in emergency funding to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic

The funds will support organizations in Milwaukee, where the Foundation invests the majority of its resources, as well as in Hawaii, where it makes more targeted grants.

The new grants will support general operating expenses for the Foundation's current grantees and immediate response efforts to meet the urgent needs of those adversely affected by COVID-19. Funding will be awarded on a rolling basis and allocated across three

categories:

• Grants of up to \$25,000 to help current grantee organizations meet emerging needs and sustain operations, with a priority on organizations that contribute to reducing the economic, social, and health effects of the pandemic.

The Foundation's support for its current grantees also includes added flexibility in meeting the requirements of existing grants.

• One-time emergency grants of up to \$100,000 to current grantees addressing basic human needs, housing, public health, and small business, with a priority on organizations and activities that have a clear and direct role in limiting, shortening, or minimizing the economic, social, and health effects of the pandemic.

• Grants to support pooled community-based emergency response funds that address the effects of COVID-19 on high-need populations across the community.

To date, the Foundation has awarded \$100,000 grants to two organizations, the MKE Response Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Hawaii Resilience Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation.

"Many of our nonprofit partners serve on the front lines of the pandemic and need a quick infusion of funding to help meet an increase in demand for services and programs, and to maintain financial stability during this crisis.

"We want to ensure that nonprofits and the communities they serve are able to respond to this crisis and thrive in the future," said Gina Stilp, executive director.

The Foundation is inspired by our community coming together at this unprecedented time, and we will continue to contribute critical and targeted resources as the situation evolves."

Interested organizations can find the application, including eligibility and funding requirements, at zilberfamilyfoundation.org.

In addition to the COVID-19 funding, Zilber Family Foundation recently awarded grants totaling \$1.5 million to 19 nonprofit organizations.

The grants support organizations that address affordable housing and community economic development in the Zilber Neighborhood Initiative's three targeted Milwaukee neighborhoods of Lindsay Heights, Clarke Square, and Layton Boulevard West.

Additional grants support organizations focused on youth development and basic human needs in Milwaukee and Hawaii.



COVID-19 is serious and can be deadly. And within our African American communities, the impact seems to be greater. Let's take care of each other by staying home except for work and grocery shopping. If you have to go out, stay 6 feet away from others, wear a cloth mask and wash your hands often.

If you have questions or think you have symptoms, visit aah.org/covid-19.

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Here are four popular businesses in YOUR community that are still "up and running" for the benefit of Black consumers and their need to get some air! - Photos by Yvonne Kemp



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WISCONSIN'S BADGER BOUNCE BACK PLAN

The plan requires a 14-day decline in the number of new cases of the virus before state health officials may move the state into a new phase of reviving the economy.

1. In the first phase, schools could resume classroom instruction, restaurants could re-open with restrictions and Wisconsin residents could gather in groups of up to 10 people.

2. The plan's second phase would allow gatherings of up to 50 people, restaurants to resume normal operations, bars to open with social distancing restrictions and non-essential businesses resuming operations with similar restrictions. Colleges and universities also could resume instruction.

3. In the third and last phase, all businesses may resume operations and gatherings will have no size limits. Minimal protective and preventative measures would be in place for people at high risk of becoming seriously ill by the virus.

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Employ Milwaukee will be taking comments from the public for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Local Plan. The Local Plan is a 4-year action plan to develop, align, and integrate workforce development services within Milwaukee County.

The plan will help Employ Milwaukee direct investments in economic, education, and workforce training programs to ensure individuals, including youth and individuals with barriers to employment, have the skills to compete in the job market, and that employers have a ready supply of skilled workers.

The Draft Local Plan will be posted on Employ Milwaukee's website at www.employmilwaukee.org for a 30-day public review and comment period (May 1, 2020 – June 1, 2020).

Comments may be submitted by email to Julie Cayo, Director of Research and Planning, Julie.Cayo@employmilwaukee.org, by phone (414) 270-1700, or by mail to Employ Milwaukee, located at 2342 N. 27th St, Milwaukee, WI 53210.

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY** WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN Case No. 20FA000964 **DIVORCE 40101** In re the marriage of: LORETTA SHARKEY, 1820 N 12th St Mil-

waukee, Wisconsin 53205 PETI-TIONER and BOBBY JOE SHARKEY 761 N. 29th St. Apt 207 Milwaukee WI 53208, RE-SPONDENT

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the person named above as respondent:

You are notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petition, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in Ch. 802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The Court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government office: Clerk of Court Milwaukee County 901 North 9th Street Room 104 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233.

The response must also be mailed or delivered within 20 days to the petitioner at the address above.

It is recommended, but not required that you have an attorney help or represent you

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days the court may grant judgment against you and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A Judgment may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated: 2-19-2020 By: LORETTA SHARKEY 109/4-8-15-22-2020

NOTICE

Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is requesting sealed quotations for Aluminum Roof Coating - Material Purchase Only for 7th Street Storage & Garage, 1741 N. 7th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53205. Material specifications, quotation requirements and guidelines may be obtained online at: https://mps.aegraphics.com/, THEN:

. Click on "All Public Jobs"

2. Search for the project listed above.

3. OR paper copies may be obtains from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of proposal documents.

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The minimum Student Participation requirements for this contract are:

100 Hours Paid Employment: **Educational Activities:** 10 Hours

There will not be a pre-quotation conference held for this RFP.

All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 to DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or fax number (414) 283-4682, attn. DFMS Procurement. No questions will be answered after that date and time. No questions will be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their response to the RFP. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.

Submit all quotations, as stated within the Request for Quotation (RFQ) Quotation Submission Instructions, no later than 1:30 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

Keith P. Posley, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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PROPOSED MILWAUKEE COUNTY DAS-FM Projects for Advertisement for Bids Name of Project: HONEY CREEK BRIDGE

STONE MASONRY FAÇADE REPAIRS Project No.: P704-20153 Bid Due Date: April 22, 2020

See Bid Documents for details

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BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE ABOVE

PROJECT ARE AVAILABLE AT BID EXPRESS internet Bidding System at www.bidexpress.com/businesses/24937/home For Further Information contact 414-278-4861 or PROPOSED MILWAUKEE COUNTY DAS-FM Projects for Advertisement for Bids Name of Project:

WAR MEMORIAL CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT Project No.: O517-17433 Bid Due Date: May 6, 2020 See Bid Documents for details

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SENIOR SPECIALIST - BIOLOGIST

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is seeking a Senior Specialist – Biologist to fill our Natural Areas Program Coordinator role. Primary responsibilities include updating, revising, and maintaining the natural area inventory and database that facilitates the updating of the Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin.

The successful candidate also will be an integral part of an interdisciplinary team that conducts wetland and environmental corridor delineations, updates Wisconsin Wetland Inventory mapping, reviews natural resource restoration/mitigation proposals, completes other duties such as developing natural area restoration/management plans, and supports lake and stream watershed management planning projects.

Applicants must be well versed at many skills, including the following:

- Proficiently collect data both in the field and from pre-existing sources.
- Organize, analyze, and share information in a way that is effectively understood by a wide audience.
- Respectfully collaborate with those holding diverse viewpoints, including suc cessfully navigating situations where conflict may exist.
- Efficiently scope and manage projects, including assisting with grant applica
- Educate and assist others including Commission staff, local communities, grassroots organizations, and the general public.

Experience or familiarity with PC software for database development and analysis (R statistical software or equivalent), ArcGIS for resource mapping, and all Microsoft products is highly desirable. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are critical to success in this position.

A Master of Science degree in Botany, Plant Ecology, or Natural Resource Management with course work including a minimum of 12 credits in plant ecology, plant taxonomy, and plant geography is required.

A Doctor of Philosophy degree in the aforementioned areas of study with 5 or more years of experience in habitat assessments is preferable.

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