



HACM HUB

Your Source for HACM News and Updates

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HACM HUB is your weekly source for trusted information and updates from the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM). Through this platform, we aim to provide clear communication and insights into the work being done to provide a continuum of affordable housing options that support self-sufficiency, good quality of life, and the opportunity to thrive.

HACM ALUM ACHIEVES DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP



Congratulations to WWBIC on another fantastic Annual Celebration Luncheon! Among the many inspirational presenters, we loved hearing from HACM participant Lolita Cross, who used our Make Your Money Talk partnership with WWBIC to purchase her own home. She joins over 1,000 individuals who have strengthened their financial futures through the program and invested in a life-changing asset like a home, a business, education, or a vehicle!

📺 Watch Lolita's speech from the event here: <https://youtu.be/J-reG3Gxs0c>

Learn more about the program: <https://www.wwbic.com/make-your-money-talk/>

UNITED IN GRATITUDE: HONORING OUR VETERANS



The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) has a proud history of supporting veterans and their families through affordable housing and partnerships that provide essential services.

That commitment began in 1948, when Milwaukee voters approved funding to build housing for World War II veterans, resulting in the Northlawn, Southlawn, and Berryland developments. Over the years, HACM has expanded its support through initiatives like the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program, which currently assists nearly 300 Milwaukee-area veterans, and through developments such as Victory Manor at Westlawn Gardens and the restoration of the historic Soldiers Home campus, both of which offer housing and wraparound services for veterans in need.



As Veterans Day approaches, HACM proudly honors those who have served, including many residents, partners, and staff members who continue that spirit of service today.

This year, HACM employee Tim Hoyer experienced a powerful reminder of that gratitude when he accompanied his father on a Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, which takes veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials dedicated to their service.

“At a very divisive time in our country's history, the biggest takeaway for me was witnessing an entire day of people—here in Milwaukee and in Washington, D.C.—coming together to thank the veterans for their service,” Tim said. “It was a reminder of the respect and gratitude that unites us.”

To learn how to volunteer, donate, or nominate a veteran for a future flight, visit www.starsandstripeshonorflight.org. It's a meaningful way to give back and show appreciation to the heroes who have given so much for our country.

This Veterans Day, and every day, HACM honors the courage and sacrifices of our nation's veterans—past, present, and future.



STEP INSIDE THE HILLSIDE HAUNTED HOUSE



Last Friday, Halloween came alive at the Hillside Family Resource Center! From 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm, families and youth explored the “Haunted House,” an immersive and educational experience designed to entertain while teaching valuable lessons. Visitors journeyed through twists and frights, enjoying hands-on activities that made learning both fun and memorable. The event was hosted by the Hillside Family Resource Center team and the Resident Engagement Committee.

FOODSHARE BENEFITS PAUSED: LOCAL HELP AND EMERGENCY FOOD RESOURCES AVAILABLE



Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, FoodShare (Wisconsin's SNAP program) benefits have been paused, leaving many families uncertain about how to put food on the table. If you or someone you know is affected, help is available right now through local organizations and emergency programs.

◆ If your FoodShare (SNAP) benefits are affected:

- Call **211** or text your ZIP code to **898-211** for local food pantries and meal sites.
- **Community Pantries & Meal Programs**
 - Access <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/> for a complete list.
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** offers 3–5 days of emergency food—apply at participating pantries.
 - Find locations via 211 or visit the [Wisconsin DHS TEFAP page](#).

👉 **You can help:** Donate to the [City of Milwaukee Food and Funds Donation Drive](#) to support local families.

BE PREPARED: TIPS IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS DETAINED BY ICE



With increased immigration enforcement in Wisconsin, Voces de la Frontera urges families to have a safety plan. “Preparedness turns fear into protection,” says Luis Velasquez, statewide organizing director.

Key Steps:

- **Emergency Contact:** Designate a trusted person or attorney. Memorize important numbers, including **1-800-427-0213** (Voces rapid response hotline).
- **Share with Children:** Teach them who to call and keep a laminated contact list in their backpack.
- **Important Info & Documents:** Keep a sheet with each family member’s info and copies of passports, green cards, and birth certificates in a secure folder.
- **Power of Attorney:** Consider legal forms to allow a trusted adult to care for children or manage finances.
- **Emergency Bag & Cash:** Pack documents, meds, clothes, and cash for quick access.

A safety plan is an act of love and resilience that keeps families stronger and safer.

For the full checklist in English or Spanish, visit [Voces de la Frontera](#)

COMMUNITY CONNECTION UPDATES

Your neighborhood. Your health. Your care. Visit Progressive Community Health Centers - Hillside location 1452 N. 7th Street for medical, dental, and behavioral health services — Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Affordable options available through our Sliding Fee Discount Program call (414) 935-8000 or visit [progressivechc.org](#)

Immunization Clinic Services: All City of Milwaukee Health Department immunization services are walk-in only. No appointment is necessary. Southside Health Center (1639 S. 23rd St.) Mondays 3 – 6 pm, Tuesdays 1 – 4 pm; Northwest Health Center (7630 W. Mill Rd.) Wednesday 3 – 6 pm; Keenan Health Center (3200 N. 36th St.) Thursday 1 – 4 pm. For questions, please call 414-286-8034.

Immigrant Community Resources: Find helpful services, programs, and support for Milwaukee’s immigrant communities at [city.milwaukee.gov/ERC](#).

Milwaukee Recreation Activity Guide: Milwaukee Recreation hosts activities and events for youth, teens, adults, and seniors at community centers across the city. Check out this season’s variety of fun and affordable classes at [milwaukeeerecreation.net](#).

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