



# 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.

## RESIDENT GARDEN CLUBS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS BRING HOLIDAY CHEER TO HACM



Holiday Cheer events are once again bringing seasonal joy to residents at Cherry Court, Convent Hill, Riverview, and Lincoln Court. These annual gatherings offer neighbors a chance to enjoy holiday songs, snacks, festive activities, and small gifts, all in the spirit of community and connection.

These events continue a longstanding partnership among HACM Resident Garden Clubs, Bloom MKE, and Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan. At Cherry Court, Convent Hill, and Riverview, the Garden Clubs are helping lead the celebrations, working closely with our partners to create warm, welcoming events for their communities. At Lincoln Court, the celebration is being coordinated by dedicated community volunteer Ms. Deanna and her holiday helpers.

Thank you to all resident leaders, volunteers, and partners who help keep this holiday tradition going strong across HACM.

## HACM LAUNCHES NEW FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION SERIES FOR RESIDENTS



After a fire alarm incident at Convent Hill in early October, resident Betty Newton raised concerns about fire emergency procedures and access to clear safety information. In response, HACM formed a workgroup to review building-specific fire guidance and strengthen communication with residents.

As part of this effort, HACM launched a new Fire Safety Education Series, beginning with sessions this week at Convent Hill and Cherry Court. The sessions included:

- A presentation from Lt. Carlos Velazquez-Sanchez of the Milwaukee Fire Department
- A review of HACM's fire safety guidelines and building safety features
- Time for resident questions

Residents said the information was helpful, and both sessions provided an opportunity to clarify building procedures and address concerns directly.

Next, HACM will distribute a fire safety flyer with all January rent statements and deliver an English/Russian version to Convent Hill residents this week, with additional translations provided as needed. More fire safety sessions are planned for early 2026, and the workgroup will continue updating each development's emergency preparedness plan.

The series aims to ensure residents have clear, consistent information to help them stay safe during an emergency.

Visit [MFD's website](#) for more information about fire safety and prevention.

## HACM BOARD ELECTS LEADERSHIP AT ANNUAL MEETING



Chairwoman  
Charlotte Hayslett



Vice Chairwoman  
Karen Gotzler

At its annual meeting on December 10, HACM's Board of Commissioners reelected Charlotte Hayslett as Chairwoman and Karen Gotzler as Vice Chairwoman for the coming year. The Board noted its appreciation for their continued leadership and service in guiding the agency's governance work. With the recent appointments of Commissioner James Nelson, Sr. and Commissioner Howard Snyder, the Board is now at full membership and well-positioned to continue its oversight and governance responsibilities.

## TAKE PRECAUTIONS AHEAD OF EXTREMELY COLD TEMPERATURES



The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) is urging people to take precautions with cold wind chill conditions forecasted through the weekend. The National Weather Service has issued a [Cold Weather Advisory](#) for very low wind chills beginning late Friday night and lasting through Sunday morning. Dangerous wind chills as low as -29F are expected. People must be prepared for extreme cold temperatures. Existing warming center locations, which can be found in the two links below, will have extended hours.

### Safety Tips for Cold Weather:

- **Limit Outdoor Exposure:** Cold temperatures and wind chills can lead to frostbite and hypothermia. Dress in layers and cover exposed skin.
  - Frostbite symptoms: numbness, tingling, and discoloration of the skin.
  - Hypothermia symptoms: shivering, confusion, and slurred speech.
- **Drive with Caution:** Light snow and ice may make road conditions hazardous. Slow down and allow extra travel time.
- **Check in on Vulnerable Individuals:** Older adults, young children, and those experiencing homelessness are particularly at risk. Ensure they have warm shelter.
- **Locate Warming Locations:** If you or someone you know needs a warm place to go, dial 2-1-1 for available warming site locations or visit [IMPACT 2-1-1's website](#).

- **Prepare for Emergencies:** Keep extra blankets, food, and water in your home and vehicle in case of power outages or travel disruptions.
- **Use Heating Equipment Safely:** Only use approved heating devices indoors to prevent fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **Protect Pets:** Ensure pets are indoors or have adequate shelter and access to fresh water.
- **Check in on Others:** Reach out to neighbors and family who may need assistance staying warm.

MHD encourages everyone to remain cautious and stay informed as extremely cold winter weather arrives this weekend.

For additional safety resources, visit MHD's [Cold Weather Safety page](#).

## 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](http://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. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. 36<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://milwaukeeerecreation.net).

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