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**April 21, 2025 Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II**

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**TOMORROW: Big Clean MKE launches with a press conference and rally**

**Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, and WestCare Wisconsin, Inc., Northcott Neighborhood Center, and Bader Philanthropies, Inc.** encourage residents throughout Milwaukee to join the annual **Big Clean MKE** clean-up initiatives set to take place tomorrow - **Tuesday, April 22**. The Big Clean MKE is a citywide beautification effort in memory of Special Enforcement Inspector Greg “Ziggy” Zyszkiewicz, who tragically lost his life during an attempted carjacking while working for the city of Milwaukee in 2017.

Additionally, tomorrow’s 8th Annual Harambee Clean-up is an initiative to help the residents of Harambee keep their neighborhood litter-free. Both annual clean-ups are a great way for neighborhood groups, churches, and workplaces to join in the common goal of beautifying the city and Harambee and giving back to the community.

**A press conference and rally** will take place **tomorrow** **at noon** at Pete’s Fruit Market, 2323 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. The event will include a DJ, food, and cleanup of the area. Media coverage is also invited for a second Harambee location that was added this year, at the corner of 2979 N. Palmer St., where WestCare Wisconsin will be opening their Resource Hub / C.O.P. House (more details to follow).

 “Both annual clean-ups were started with one simple goal - to make Milwaukee the cleanest city in the country - and it only made sense to create partnerships to help achieve that goal,” Alderman Stamper said.

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**Big Clean MKE launch/ADD ONE**

“It is that time of year again when I am asking residents from all parts of the city to join a cleanup in their area to help us achieve our goal. When the shared spaces in our neighborhoods and blocks are clean, they benefit everyone, and the best way to ensure they are clean is by coming together to get the job done,” the Alderman said.

More than 30 community organizations will be hosting cleanups this year, with various neighborhood clean-ups taking place April 19 through Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22, and scheduled days thereafter until December 31. Please go [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14hfrIT_f9xbt-PD5bornz22SQpzbyOd-kEYHcSPkpYQ/edit?gid=1747890004#gid=1747890004) to see which organizations will be hosting Big Clean MKE cleanup events, and a partial listing can be found **attached** to this release.

Those interested in volunteering can text 414-250-8164 or email harambeecleanup@westcare.com, or show up to one of the sites listed above on Earth Day, (tomorrow) Tuesday, April 22. All cleanup tools and supplies will be provided to volunteers, and many cleanup hosts will offer a volunteer appreciation lunch during the event. All volunteers will also receive a t-shirt and yard sign while supplies last.

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Rooted & Rising - Washington Park

Keyshia Rule

April 22 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at

N.32nd Street & W North Ave

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May 25 from 4 - 6 pm at 43rd and Vliet

Riverworks

Ruth Weill

April 26 from 10am – noon at 526 E. Concordia Ave.

Running Rebels

Damon Shoates

April 22 from 4:30 – 6pm

Metcalfe Park Community Bridges-Metcalfe Park

Melody McCurtis

April 22nd & 23rd

9am – 5pm at 2800 W Wright St.

Muskego Way Forward

Elizabeth Ramirez

April 22 | 10am-12pm | 2330 W. Vieau Pl | CSNI collab

April 26| 9am-11am | Reiske Park 24th & Lapham St.

May 24 | 9am-3pm | La Esperanza 2028 W. Mitchell St.

April 22 | 10am-12pm | 2330 W. Vieau Pl | CSNI collab

June 21 | Nutricion & Bienestar | 1734 W. Greenfield Ave.

Dominican Center/Amani United

Jerusa Johnson

April 19 from 9am-12pm

Eras Senior Network

Freda Wright

April 22 from 9am-12pm

Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative

Joaquin Rojas

April 22 and 25

10am-12pm

2330 W. Vieau Pl

WestCare Wisconsin, Inc.

Travis Landry

April 22 from 11am - 3pm at Pete's Fruit Market, MLK and W. North Ave.

WestCare Wisconsin, Inc.

Christopher Robinson

April 22 11am - 3pm Resource Hub / Cop House

Merrill Park Neighborhood - Hilltoppers Community

Valerie Langston

April 26th at 37th & Park Hill Ave

Worker Center for Racial Justice

Lelah Huntley

May 3

46th and Burleigh

Make Milwaukee Great Again

Erica Odom

April 19 at Sherman Park

9 - 11:30am

Guest House of Milwaukee

Christine Jacobs

TBD

SOC

Clari Morales

Forest Home Hills

4/26/25

SOC

Clari Morales

Polonia

April 22

SOC

Stacey Carlos

Historic Mitchell St and 6th St.

April 19

SOC

Jenn Torres

Historic Mitchell St

April 22

The Middleground Inc.

Cheri Fuqua

April 26 and 27, July 7 and Sept 20

Meeting @ Unity Orchard 9am-1pm

Milwaukee College Prep 36th St

Sasha Haynes

April 22

Meeting at Butterfly Park from 8:30 am - 1:45pm

Northwest Side Partners

Barb Scotty

April 26 from 10am-12pm

JCP Construction

Clifton Phelps

April 18

MLK / Reservoir