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## Halyard Park celebrates legacy of late developer Beechie Brooks



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On Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Gaines Triangle on the corner of North Sixth and North Halyard streets, a life-size statue of the late Beechie O. Brooks, an iconic Black Milwaukee Realtor and developer, was unveiled. Brooks' south-facing statue is looking toward the first house he built in Halyard Park 50 years ago, his own house, which marked the start of a major home development project and the beginning of the Halyard Park neighborhood as it is known today.

"To say he was a tremendous salesman would be an understatement," said Clayborn Benson, founder of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society and Museum and a former friend of Brooks.

The Halyard Park Association, Alderwoman Milele Coggs and Brooks' daughter Cassandra Brooks (lower

left photo, left) played vital roles in the statue's installation. The statue was sculpted by Thomas Holleran (lower left photo, right), a local artist who has crafted other statues around the city.

"It has been an honor," Holleran said. "I tried to make the sculpture as inspirational as possible."

The statue's pose was inspired by a photo of Brooks at his 50th wedding anniversary and vow renewal with his wife, Vernadine Brooks, in the late 1990s.

"It was a challenge getting to this point, but it's very exciting to see this day come," Cassandra Brooks said. "Even though it is a rainy, cloudy day, it's still sunshine in my heart to see this day come."

## New Shoes, Stronger Steps: Milwaukee Initiative Takes Aim at Gun Violence



Photos by Yvonne Kemp



"Stompin' Out Gun Violence" uses sought-after sneakers to open the door to a life-saving message for young people.

A new pair of shoes can do more than complete an outfit—it can help a young person step toward a safer future. That is the idea behind "Stompin' Out Gun Violence," a traveling shoe giveaway led by the Latroy V. Harris Initiative, "I Will Not Die to Gun Violence."

Founder Monte Mabra says the work comes with no paycheck. Its reward is measured instead in smiles, gratitude, and the chance to turn a potentially negative outcome into a positive one. By pairing free shoes with conversations about gun violence, organizers hope

to reach young people with a message that stays with them long after the event ends.

"I like what Monte is doing to change the course of violent crime," said Michael F. Hupy of personal injury law firm Hupy and Abraham, S.C. and leading sponsor "The shoes carry them in the door, and the message follows them out."

Students at Carmen School of Science and Technology, 3215 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, received Nike, Adidas, and Jordans. Principal Miller said she looks forward to next year and to continuing to build a relationship with the Latroy V. Harris Initiative.

The initiative honors Latroy V. Harris, who was lost to gun violence on Dec. 15, 2025. His family and loved ones are keeping his memory alive by working to prevent other families from experiencing the same loss.

The campaign's next stop is Bruce Elementary School on Sept. 30. Organizers plan to give away shoes, gun- and domestic-violence awareness and prevention coloring books, and educational books.

For the young people reached by the initiative, each pair of shoes carries more than a brand name. It carries a reminder: their lives matter, their futures are worth protecting, and every step away from violence counts.

# Mayor nominates Jean Darnell to serve as library director

Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson has selected Jean Darnell to serve as the Director of the Milwaukee Public Library. In that role she will oversee the city's libraries, including thirteen locations and hundreds of employees.

"I am enthusiastic about Jean Darnell leading the Milwaukee Public Library. She is

a standout educator and an imaginative leader," Mayor Johnson said. "Her expertise includes bringing technology into library programming and literacy efforts. She is also an advocate for connecting people with libraries in equitable and inclusive ways."

Darnell earned her undergraduate degree from Baylor



University and a graduate degree in information technology and school librarianship from the University of Houston - Clear Lake. Her professional career has taken her to positions in the southern and eastern parts of the country.

If confirmed, Darnell will succeed Joan Johnson who led the Milwaukee Public Li-

brary for more than five years before retiring this summer.

Darnell's nomination requires approval from the Milwaukee Common Council. Review from that legislative body is anticipated in the coming weeks.

# Black Arts MKE names new artistic director Dimonte Henning

Accomplished Milwaukee-based actor, director, and producer Dimonte Henning has joined Black Arts MKE (BAMKE) as Artistic Director, starting with the 2027-28 season. Henning will work alongside BAMKE's business leader and inaugural Executive Director, Barbara Wanzo.

Henning will deliver on the mission to increase the quality and quantity of African American arts and culture by adding an exciting new season of theatrical and arts education programming, in addition to BAMKE's annual signature events, Black Nativity by Langston Hughes and the BAMKE Theatre Festival. Jacqueline Herd-Barber, BAMKE Co-Founder and Chair of the Programming Committee adds, "we're excited that Dimonte is joining us. His presence as Artistic Director allows us to accelerate and deepen our artistic program-



ming, and it positions us for our exciting growth plans in 2027 and beyond."

Dimonte brings his expertise and passion for creating Black theatre and developing talent. This new leadership role will enable BAMKE to significantly expand its theatrical offerings, including a year-round subscription season featuring new plays, adult and youth training programs, playwright development, masterclasses for professionals, and supplementary media programming

to grow BAMKE's overall audience and earned revenue. "The goal is to create a local talent pipeline, raise overall performance standards, and produce actors for future company productions — a cyclical development-to-casting model," says Henning.

Together, these initiatives mark an exciting new chapter for BAMKE and a more vibrant arts scene for the community.

Henning brings nearly 20 years of experience as an actor, director, producer, and theatre arts educator. As a producer, he co-founded Lights! Camera! Soul! and the Milwaukee Black Theater Festival at MCT. He received his formal theater training from UW-Milwaukee, with additional training through Milwaukee Rep's Emerging Professional Residency. "I'm grateful to the BAMKE Board of Directors for entrusting me with this respon-

sibility, and I look forward to working with the entire BAMKE team, stakeholders,

and volunteers," says Henning.



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# Pastor Julius Malone honored for 67 years in ministry



On Tuesday, September 22, 2026, Chaplain Dr. Ricky Price, Sr. (right) and Joy Unspeakable Radio Broadcast presented the lifetime achievement award to Pastor Julius R. Malone (left) for 67 years in ministry. Pastor Malone is senior pastor of the New Testament Church of Milwaukee, located at 10201 W. Bradley Road.

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Being Frank

By: Frank James  
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A safe place

Is there a safe place for African Americans in the USA in 2026? What area, or city, can African Americans go to in order to feel safe and relax? This question came to me as I listened to an African American male talk about where he felt safe in a city. The answer to the previous questions should be, "An area where other African Americans reside." In today's world that statement might be a lie.

The African American male was adamant about the fact that when he visited another city, or in his home town, he felt safer in all white environments. I listened to him and thought, "Is he right? Do I feel comfortable, and safe, around white people more so than African Americans?" I ended the conversation with the African American and continued thinking. "Has self hate corrupted the African American mind to the point where they feel safer around those who have exploited them, than themselves?" The question was so simple I had to laugh because the answer went straight to the root of the issues that plague the African American community. Many African



Americans feel safer in predominantly white environments.

Many will argue that this is a broad statement and point to the make up of the majority of cities that have a high number of African Americans. Yes, looking at a typical US city, it would seem that African Americans seek each other out. This is true, but are they seeking African American communities for safety, or because they cannot afford to live anywhere else? Are African Americans safe in the areas they live in that are majority African American? These are the questions where the answers can get

uncomfortable.

There is no need to mention the crime rate in any so called, "African American Ghetto." We all have heard the numbers and seen the actions that shock the world about African American interactions. The endless violence. The anger and aggression towards each other. The failing schools that are located in many African American communities. Are these factors that lead African Americans to feel safer around the people who created their misery? Is the seeking of safety around whites by African Americans even a sane act? I'll let you answer

these questions yourself.

We all know self hate is one of the main ingredients of the misery that shapes many African American communities. Yet, there is another ingredient that is often overlooked that gives the miasma kick. Ignorance. Ignorance has become a mainstay in the African American community to the point where African Americans see it as the norm. Ignorance of self, and lack of common sense, has warped the mindset of many African Americans in the USA. Ignorance leads to mental lack that keeps African Americans from understanding the issues they face. An ignorant person would run to the people who created their misery out of blindness seeking safety. Doesn't that sound like many African Americans in 2026?

African Americans should have overcome self hate, and ignorance, with all the technological advances in modern society. That does not seem to be the case. The African American male mentioned earlier has a degree, and uses technology daily for work and pleasure. Is he ignorant, or just being realistic in his assessment of the state of the African American community?

Are African Americans truly safe in all white environments? I won't answer this because there is one common factor that follows African Americans wherever they go. That common factor is themselves. If an ignorant, self hating, African American moves to White Heaven, they will still be who they are. In such cases their ignorance, and self hate, may provoke the heavenly whites to attack on various levels. After all, who wants to be around someone who hates their own people, and self?

There will be no safe place for African Americans anywhere on the planet until they feel safe with what is looking back from the mirror. Until that day comes, White Heaven beckons.

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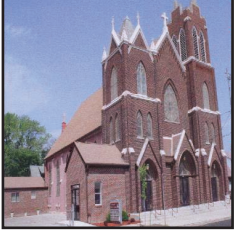
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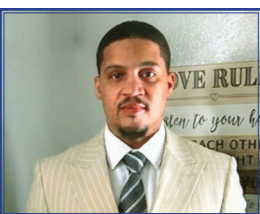


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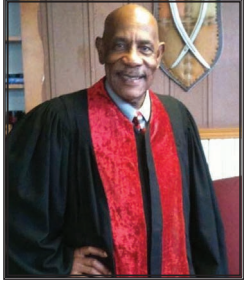
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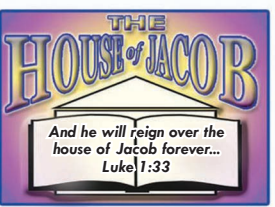


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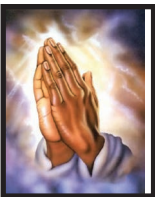
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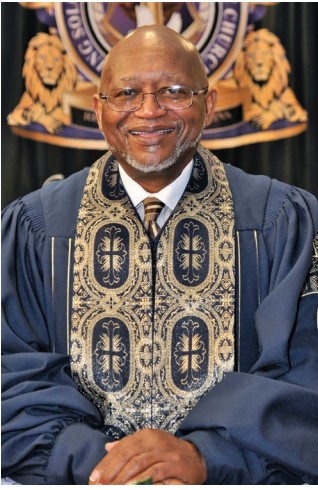
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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
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Sun. School ..... 8:00 a.m.  
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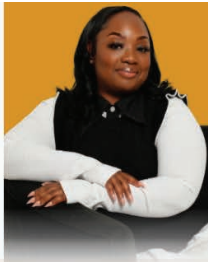
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# West Division High School host award ceremony honoring Dr. Clayborn Benson



On Friday, September 11, 2026, Dr. Clayborn Benson was inducted into the West Division High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Dr. Benson is a 1968 graduate of West Division High School now known as Milwaukee High School of the Arts. Those in attendance included representatives from Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), the MPS Alumni Association, Milwaukee High School of the Arts (formerly West Division) and other community guests. Program participants included: Mr. Larry Farris, Principal (Milwaukee High School of the Arts); Dr. Benson’s daughter, Ms. Jamila Benson; Dr. Harry Oden, Former Teacher, WDHS and Former MPS Deputy Superintendent; and Mr. Darryl L. Jackson, Milwaukee Board of Directors.

Dr. Benson was recognized not only for his extraordinary leadership, service, and vision in the Milwaukee community, but for the service he provided during 2020-2021 during the height of the virtual school year at West Division. He provided a unique and transformative opportunity for their journalism students and partnered with TMJ4 News in order to mentor WDHS students as they co-produced television news segments highlighting local “Black History.” Alongside TMJ4 reporters, Dr. Ben-

son shared his vast knowledge, research, and rare video archives. That collaboration culminated into three broadcasted news segments for TMJ4’s “Project Discovery”. Principal Farris stated that “Beyond the screen, the real success was what happened within our students. They gained invaluable professional experience, a tremendous boost in confidence, and a renewed sense of purpose—inspiring at least one student to pursue a career in videography and filmmaking.”

As Executive Director of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society and Museum, Dr. Benson has dedicated his life to preserving, documenting, and amplifying the rich heritage of Black History in Milwaukee and across the state. His impact goes far beyond preserving the past, it actively shapes the future by opening doors for the next generation.

Those present, all agreed that Dr. Clayborn Benson exemplifies the “Very Best” of West Division High School as a leader whose passion for history, dedication to education, and commitment to youth continues to enrich our community.



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# Bulletin Board

## Attention 8th-grade families! MPS high school enrollment fair is Sept. 26

Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is kicking off its annual high school enrollment period on September 26 with a fair where all 8th-graders and their families can explore schools and programs. The district also warmly welcomes families of younger students ready to start exploring options.

The high school enrollment fair will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 26, at Milwaukee

High School of the Arts, 2300 W. Highland Ave.

At the fair, families can learn about the programs and activities at MPS's more than two dozen high schools, meet school staff, and ask questions.

MPS high schools offer college programs like Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate



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and dual enrollment, career programs in the trades, healthcare, IT, agriculture,

and more; and competitive athletics.

Students can access art and music programs, bilingual education, special education, and extra-curricular activities for a well-rounded high school experience. All MPS students receive free breakfast and lunch.

On September 26, families will be able to complete a high school application during the fair or

at [mpsmke.com/highschool](https://mpsmke.com/highschool). The online process takes about 15 minutes. (Information about high schools is available now at the link.)

Applying any time from September 26 through November 2 will give families their best opportunity to secure a seat in their first-choice school for their student. November 2 is the date the high school enrollment window closes for Fall 2027.



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# Phoenix Residential opens on Milwaukee's west side with affordable apartments and crisis housing

A long-vacant building on Milwaukee's west side is getting a new purpose — providing affordable homes while also giving people in crisis a safe place to stabilize.

Phoenix Residential, at 2436 N. 50th St. near 50th and North, includes 21 affordable apartments and 10 crisis housing units.

For Jamie Gray, with KG Development Group, the idea behind the project is simple.

"Housing is the first prescription in healthcare," Gray said.

"If you don't have a stable place to lay your head, you can't really think about anything else," Gray said.

### Affordable housing and a place to stabilize

The two types of housing at Phoenix Residential serve different purposes.

The 21 affordable apartments are long-term rental units. Project leaders say rents range from about \$575 to \$1,300 depending on the unit and household income.

Anthony Kazee, strategic lead for KG Development Group, said the affordable apartments are intended for households earning 60% or less of the area's median income. Some units will also be supported by Milwau-



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kee County rental assistance vouchers.

The 10 crisis units are different. They are designed to give people facing housing instability and other challenges a safe place to stay while they receive support and work toward more permanent housing.

People will not apply directly for those units. Referrals will come through Milwaukee County and Aurora Health Care.

Gray said the goal is not to put an arbitrary deadline on someone who is still trying to regain stability.

"It doesn't do anybody any good to say, 'six months, you're done and you didn't complete the program.' We want to get people constantly moving forward," Gray said. "And so when you ask me if there's a time limit, there's no specific time limit.

There's just the limit to get you to your next space and whatever that looks like for the individual."

The building once served as Milwaukee's Jewish Home for the Aged. Nearly a century later, developers have transformed the long-vacant property into housing again.

For Kazee, a Milwaukee native and Black developer, restoring the building carries meaning beyond the 31 units inside it.

"To show that people who look like us, you know, can also do the same thing too, you know, that I was a black developer that did this. Uh, the building doesn't have to be vacant in the community, you know, when stuff is vacant, you know, it causes a lot of other things," Kazee said.

The City of Milwaukee has described Phoenix Residential as a first-of-its-kind mod-

el in Wisconsin because it combines permanent affordable housing with short-term crisis units and supportive services under the same roof.

### A neighbor who knows what starting over feels like

For people living around Phoenix Residential, the impact will ultimately be measured by what happens after residents begin moving in.

Neighbor Darius Browner knows firsthand what housing instability can mean.

Browner said he previously lost his own place and had to relocate. He sees Phoenix Residential as an opportunity for someone going through a similar struggle.

"It'll be a great, a great stepping stone for somebody," Browner said.

### A need that extends beyond one building

Elmer Moore Jr., CEO and executive director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, said Phoenix Residential adds needed housing, but the shortage extends far beyond one Milwaukee neighborhood.

"We need more people who have places to afford that they can live safely, comfortably, and stably," Moore said. "Too many neighborhoods across the state need

investments like this. So why here? Because it needed it."

Milwaukee County has also committed eight project-based housing vouchers to Phoenix Residential. Those vouchers are intended to keep some of the apartments affordable for households with particularly low incomes.

Phoenix Residential is now preparing to welcome its first residents.

### How to apply

Phoenix Residential is managed by TEAM Management and offers income-restricted 2- and 3-bedroom apartments at 2436 N. 50th St. in Milwaukee.

People interested in the 21 affordable apartments can apply through TEAM Management's online applicant system. Income restrictions apply.

**TEAM Management**  
**Phone: 414-273-8326**  
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The 10 crisis housing units are not filled through the regular apartment application process. Residents for those units are referred through Milwaukee County and Aurora Health Care.



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