

Community Happenings

April

- 4/23 Amani United Fourth Tuesday 4:30PM COA Goldin/NOVA Library 2320 W. Burleigh
- 4/25 Denim Day Charity Basketball Game 5PM - 6:30PM COA Goldin 2320 W. Burleigh
- 4/26 COA Community Fun Night & Health Fair 4:30PM-6:30PM COA Goldin 2320 W. Burleigh
- 4/27 Rock The Block 9-3PM 2900 Block of 26th St (Between Locust and Chambers)

May

- 5/4 Amani First Saturday Meeting 8:30AM Dominican Center 2470 W. Locust St.
- 5/6 Amani Safety- First Monday Meeting 4:00PM COA Goldin/NOVA Library 2320 W. Burleigh
- 5/10 Amani Housing Meeting 4PM Moody Pavilion 2200 W Auer Avenue
- 5/16 Friends of Moody Park 4PM Moody Pavilion 2200 W Auer Avenue
- 5/28 Amani United Fourth Tuesday 4:30PM Moody Park Pavilion 2200 W. Auer.
- Every Wednesday: COA Food Pantry 4-6PM COA Goldin 2320 W. Burleigh
- Every Saturday: COA Food Pantry 9:30AM-11:30AM COA Goldin 2320 W. Burleigh

June

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Rock the Block Celebration!

YOU ARE INVITED!

We are United!!!

When: Saturday, April 27th from 9am-3pm

Where: 2900 Block N. 26th St. Milwaukee, WI

(between Locust and Chambers)

- Block Cleanup
- Food
- Entertainment
- Resources
- Interviews with Spokespeople

Please Join the Amani United Housing Committee as we unveil our Housing Strategies!



Before



After



Housing Help Tool

If you're looking for a one stop shop for housing resources the Housing Help web tool is it! The Housing Help tool connects you with information and resources from various City departments and non-profit organizations. You can filter it if you're a homeowner, Homebuyer, or investor/non-profit organization. Visit milwaukee.gov/HousingHelp for more info.



Homebuyer Assistance Program

The Homebuyer Assistance Program provides up to \$20,000 to help prospective homeowners rehabilitate City of Milwaukee foreclosed homes they will occupy as their primary residence. Both financial and technical assistance are provided as part of the program.

For more information visit milwaukee.gov/HBA or call:414-286-5610.

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AMANI UNITED

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Governor's Budget Proposes Healthy Women—Healthy Babies

DOULAS PROVIDED TO AMANI MOTHERS

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers has proposed spending \$28 million for a "Healthy Women, Healthy Babies" project for women's health and infant care. " We can't have healthy communities without healthy women and babies," Evers said in a statement. The proposed project also includes allocations for cancer screening, doula training, STI prevention, testing and treating, prenatal counseling, and organizations that provide services to communities of color with high health disparities.

A doula is as a person trained to provide advice, information, emotional support, and physical comfort to a mother before, during, and just after childbirth. Monica Zore APNP, from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin said she is excited for this opportunity in Amani and the support doulas can add to new moms. Monica works in the Children's Hospital pediatric and family clinic that is housed in COA's Goldin Center in the Amani Neighborhood. Zore also said she thinks the program and adding doulas will help demonstrate the importance of routine preventive care.

For 30 years, black infants in Wisconsin have been two to three times more likely to die in their first year than white infants. The infant mortality rate for white infants was 4.8 per 1,000 live births, compared with 14.2 deaths per 1,000 live births

for black infants from 2014 to 2016 (according to WISN.com).

Directly impacting Milwaukee County and the Amani neighborhood would be providing doulas to 100 new mothers and piloting a new health program through the Milwaukee Health Department. A proposal is making its way through the City and Milwaukee County to spend \$52,000 to develop the pilot program that would improve birth and maternal health outcomes in Milwaukee's 53206 zip code, said Milwaukee Alderman Khalif Rainey.

By David A. White, COA Operations Director



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Words from Our Amani United President

The peace of society depends on justice and that justice must first come from the residents of Amani. When we consider our wants remember our imperfections but acknowledge our goodness. We were placed as neighbors to receive and confer reciprocal help and mutual obligations, protection from injuries, the enjoyment of comforts and the pleasures of life - all these we owe to the assistance of others. If you don't care about your conditions why should anyone else. If you don't love your neighborhood, why should anyone else. Amani has an opportunity to change the narrative on how we govern ourselves. Amani means PEACE so be that PEACE which you and the world needs. The only thing that isn't fair is the fairness we don't give each other. This is a new era and time now and all people must practice a new way of thinking to better our plight as a people. Out with the old in with the new. Time to replace the old ways of doing things. The elders are for council while the youth are the vehicle that drive the push for liberty and justice. Just as we want peace and prosperity for Amani we want peace on earth and good will to men. THIS CAN only be done by us.

Written by: Amani United President, Jeramie RiceBey



A Bird's Eye View of the COA Goldin Food Pantry

After talking to COA Goldin Food Pantry guests, there were a few common themes and stories of gratefulness that were ringing in the halls. "Food stamps never get me through the month. I come here." says Veronica Blue, a regular food pantry guest.

Veronica Blue has been visiting the COA Goldin Food Pantry for about a year. Blue, who used to be homeless, said she lost \$11 a month in the recent reinstatement after the government shutdown for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). She stated that she used to receive \$200 a month, but as of March she was receiving \$189.

Even though Veronica now has a home, it remains hard for her to stabilize and manage her money. "I'd be lost without the food pantry," she said. She added that it is a blessing to have a food pantry on the bus line that she can get to each month.

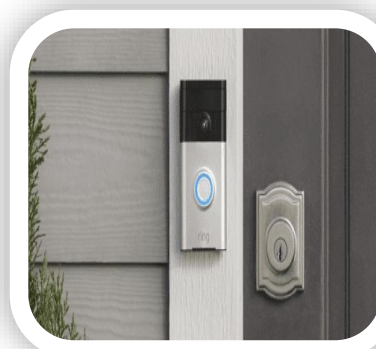
Mr. Ford started as a pantry guest but now she also now works as a volunteer. Ford, who is disabled and cannot work stated, "At the end of the month it's hard making it, but the COA food pantry is always here ready to serve those in need."

Marilyn Green is the Assistant Food Pantry Manager and helps with the operation of the pantry. She has seen an increase in numbers in the year the food pantry has been open. "We're having trouble keeping food in here," Green said. "Our numbers are just climbing, and that's creating all sorts of issues for us in terms of what we spend, how we store, what we have to order. It's a good problem to have nevertheless because we know that we are getting the resources out to the families and individuals that need them."



The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday 4PM - 6PM and every Saturday 9AM - Noon

Amani Safety Ring Camera Initiative



Safe & Sound's District 5 team of Organizers have been working with Amani residents, on crime prevention initiatives. Milton Byers, Diamond Thompson, and Theresa Scott will be giving several residents Ring Camera doorbells and/or flood lights as part of a pilot project. The equipment will be installed in early May. Diamond, the newest member of the team, has been working to get more teen voices at the table of Amani's Moody Safety Team and Amani United.

In the Amani neighborhood total reported crime has decreased 14.09% since last year's reporting. Only 1.39% of the crimes committed in the City of Milwaukee for 2018 were reported in the Amani Neighborhood. Overall, the percentage of crimes taking place in the Amani neighborhood has steadily declined over the past 6 years: In 2012, 1.97% of all crimes in Milwaukee were in Amani, but this has decreased to 1.39% in the past year.

Continuing in the effort to engage youth positively in the community, the District 5 Team, Damien Smith, Youth Program Manager, and Nova High School students, have been frequent guests on WNOV 860 AM's The Man Show. The morning show has always wanted to have youth expressing their views on-air. The teens have enthusiastically provided their unique insight to listeners every Friday morning from 7 - 9am!

Upcoming will be the release of the book, "I Got a Story to Tell." The book will include excerpts of conversations and stories told by Amani's senior residents and Nova High School students. Look for that event in May!

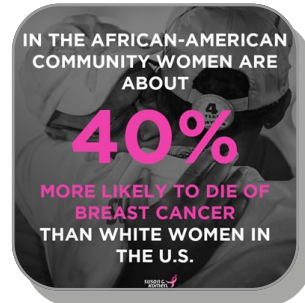
By Milton Byers, Safe & Sound



Conversations with **Komen** **Facts About Breast Cancer**

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Susan G Komen will bring the Ascension Wisconsin Mobile Digital Mammography Center to the COA-Goldin Center on Friday April 26th from 1pm-3:45. Overall, mammography is the most effective screening tool used today to find breast cancer in most women. Take advantage of this resource coming to your community Friday April 26th! **To schedule your mammogram at the COA Goldin Center call 414- 326-1800**



- Breast cancer survival has come a long way:**
Between 1989 and 2015, death from breast cancer went down 39 percent among women in the U.S. Currently, more than 3.5 million breast cancer survivors live in the U.S. today.
- It's all about early detection and treatment:**
More people are surviving breast cancer because they're finding the cancer sooner and getting effective treatment. There are three ways we can all increase our chances of finding cancer early they are know our risk, know our normal and get screened regularly.
- Black women are more likely to get breast cancer at a younger age:**
Overall, Black women are less likely to get breast cancer than White women. But for women under 40, the opposite is true - Black women are more likely to get breast cancer than White women.
- Most women who get breast cancer don't have a family history or a BRCA1/2 gene mutation:**
Family history and gene mutations increase the risk of breast cancer, but they're just one piece of the puzzle. The biggest risk factors for breast cancer are being female and getting older.
- Men can get breast cancer! Breast cancer in men is rare, but happens:**
Men whose families have a history of breast cancer are at higher risk and may even benefit from regular screening. All men should talk to their doctor if they ever notice a change to their chests or nipples. It's also important to know if a man in your family has had breast cancer since it may mean other family members have a higher risk.



By Dana Smith, Conversations with Komen - Program Manager