On the Frontlines: Doing Journalism that Matters During Turbulent Times
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Panelists
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About Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service

- Find us at milwaukeenns.org
- We are an award-winning, evidence-based news organization housed in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies in the Diederich College of Communication
- We cover the people and issues important to communities of color in Milwaukee
- We intentionally celebrate the ordinary people who do extraordinary things
EXCLUSIVE: Milwaukee Police Department’s stay-at-home arrests reveal deep racial disparities

July 2, 2020 by Edgar Mendez — 5 Comments (Edit)

Most of the safe-at-home arrests occurred on the city’s North Side. A spokeswoman for the police department says: "The Milwaukee Police Department took great pains to ensure that our members educated the public prior to taking enforcement

24,000 names and counting: Rental assistance program faces a backlog. Here’s what you need to know.

June 30, 2020 by Princess Safiya Byers — 2 Comments (Edit)

The Social Development Commission is combing through a list of 24,000 names of people seeking emergency rental aid. (Photo by Adam Carr)
‘I won’t feel safer until this is all over’: Checking in on essential workers.

May 12, 2020 by Edgar Mendez — Leave a Comment (Edit)

(Photo by Adam Carr)

Although many of us continue to practice social distancing and work or stay at home, scores of people are continuing to work on the frontlines.

Mask up, Milwaukee: Where to find free and locally made face coverings

July 17, 2020 by Ana Martinez-Ortiz & Bridget Fogarty — 3 Comments (Edit)
Legacy of Perry and Alicia O’Brien lives on in fellowship

In 2013, Peter and Patricia Frechette donated $8.3 million to the Marquette University Diederich College of Communication in honor of Patricia’s parents, Marquette alumni Perry and Alicia O’Brien.
Local/National/International

Jailed in Crisis
Gary Harki, 2017-18 O'Brien Fellow
The Virginian-Pilot

Outbreak
Mark Johnson, 2016-17 O'Brien Fellow
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Ashley Luthern is a reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel covering public safety and breaking news. She was the Journal Sentinel's lead reporter for Precious Lives, a two-year media collaboration to examine the causes and consequences of gun violence on local youth which was honored as a Peabody finalist. And in 2016, she led the Journal Sentinel's coverage of a fatal police shooting. The incident led to unrest in Milwaukee’s Sherman Park neighborhood. Before joining the Journal Sentinel, she was a reporter for The Vindicator in Youngstown, Ohio.
In Milwaukee, fewer than half of all homicides end in a suspect convicted of a crime.

What that does to a family – and a city.
James Causey, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

James Causey is a projects reporter and editorial columnist at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, where he's worked since 1995 in a variety of reporting and editing roles. He's also a co-contributor to Black Nouveau on Milwaukee PBS, where he won a regional Emmy Award for the episode "Crossing the Bridge." Causey is a past Harvard Nieman Fellow and USC Health Journalism Fellow, and has received the USA Today Network Award and National Headliner Award. He currently sits on the advisory board for the Center for Journalism Ethics.
MILWAUKEE'S PROMISE

Fannie Lou Hamer's declaration 'I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired' is still a rallying cry for Black people in Milwaukee

We've made little progress in Milwaukee in the decades since Fannie Lou Hamer made her impassioned plea for equal rights.

James E. Causey, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
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Police Officer Patrice Turner patrols the community where she also lives.
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