

Feb. 7: WisPolitics.com and Milwaukee Press Club Newsmaker Luncheon ft. Lt. Gov. Barnes

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Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes to Speak at Newsmaker Luncheon Hosted by Milwaukee Press Club and WisPolitics.com

MILWAUKEE – Mandela Barnes, newly elected Lieutenant Governor, will be the featured speaker at a Newsmaker Luncheon, hosted jointly by the Milwaukee Press Club and WisPolitics.com, on Thursday, February 7.

Barnes, a Milwaukee native, is a former Democratic legislator, having served in the Wisconsin Assembly from 2013 through 2017, representing District 11. While in the Assembly, he served on the Assembly Committees on Corrections, Education, Jobs & the Economy, and Small Business Development. He also was chairman of the Legislature's Black and Latino Caucus and helped lead a number of international delegations to the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

In 2016, Barnes announced he would vacate his Assembly seat and launched an unsuccessful campaign against State Senator Lena Taylor in the Democratic primary to represent District 4.

A graduate of Milwaukee's [John Marshall High School](#), Barnes graduated from [Alabama A & M University](#) with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications. He later worked for several political campaigns and in the office of [Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett](#), and as an organizer for M.I.C.A.H., a Milwaukee-based [interfaith](#) - coalition that advocates for [social justice](#). Barnes also worked as Deputy Director of Strategic Engagement for [State Innovation Exchange](#), nonprofit progressive public policy organization established by the Center on Wisconsin Strategy at the

University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Barnes will take questions from a panel of journalists and from the audience at the luncheon, set for 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Newsroom Pub, 137 E. Wells St.

The panel of journalists:

Charles Benson – Anchor/reporter, TMJ4

James Causey – Reporter, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Corri Hess – Reporter, Wisconsin Public Radio

The Milwaukee Press Club's Newsmaker Luncheon Series is sponsored by the [Medical College of Wisconsin](#).

WisPolitics.com partners with the press club for this luncheon as part of its ongoing event series in Milwaukee, sponsored by UW-Milwaukee, Wisconsin Academy of Global Education and Training, ELEVEN25 at Pabst, Milwaukee Police Association, The Firm Consulting, Medical College of Wisconsin and Spectrum.

Press club Newsmaker Luncheons are held to shed light on issues of the day. The cost to attend is \$20 for MPC members, \$25 for non-members and \$15 for students. Lunch is included. Seating is limited. Advanced registration and payment are required and may be done online at www.milwaukeekeepressclub.org. Checks may be mailed to the MPC at PO Box 176, North Prairie, WI 53153-0176. Cancellations will be accepted up to 48 hours in advance for a full refund.

Please contact Joette Richards at the Milwaukee Press Club at joette@milwaukeekeepressclub.org with any questions or call 262-894-2224.

Special thanks to the Safe House/Newsroom Pub, home of the Milwaukee Press Club, for hosting the Newsmaker Luncheon Series. Think of the Newsroom Pub for your next private party! MPC members can book a room at no charge. The Newsroom Pub has FREE wireless internet service compliments of the Safe House.