

8th District Alderman

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SUMMER 2010

Committee Assignments

Chair

- Public Safety Committee

Member

- Judiciary & Legislation Committee
- Public Works Committee
- Steering and Rules Committee
- Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee

Stay Tuned for Town Hall Meetings

I will hold two area-specific town hall meetings in late summer/early fall to meet residents and discuss issues affecting those areas. I will provide time and location details in postcards to be mailed out a few weeks ahead of time.

Please keep tabs on your mail and look for those postcards.

As usual I will invite representatives of city departments including Milwaukee police to answer questions and discuss issues that you are concerned about including crime and crime prevention, neighborhood services, sanitation, recycling, and neighborhood development.

Dear Neighbor:

One of the things that unites us here in the 8th District is our care for our neighborhoods and for our city. In each and every neighborhood in our district, there are residents and business owners who take seriously their role in being good neighbors, in doing their part in keeping their block and their neighborhood clean, and in reporting possible criminal and/or suspicious activity to help keep them and their neighbors safe.

Our interest and involvement in making our neighborhoods safer and better is one of the reasons that Operation Impact, now in its third year (PLEASE SEE PAGE 2), has been so successful. Operation Impact, which floods the target area with beat patrol officers and focuses on "broken windows" law enforcement, has led to a dramatic decrease in crime and a noticeable positive effect on the quality of life in the target area during its run these past few years.

But could Operation Impact work in other areas across Milwaukee?

I believe so, because I believe that the same type of engaged and caring individuals who live in the 8th District also live in neighborhoods across this great city. If given the chance, I believe Operation Impact could have a dramatic and positive effect on reducing criminal activity and disorder in other parts of our city. I look forward to exploring the expansion of Operation Impact citywide in the near future.

This Summer 2010 edition of my newsletter also includes many other articles and bits of helpful information, including activities and safety information for the Jackson Park neighborhood, news of a brave store owner who stood up to criminals, exciting Menomonee Valley development and jobs information, how to arrange a walk with me through your neighborhood, Operation Payback and our continued efforts to fight graffiti vandalism, and a reminder about how you can report loud car stereos.

As always, please call me at 286-3533 if you ever have a question or an issue that you'd like to discuss. I look forward to hearing from you.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,



Bob Donovan
Alderman, 8th District



Alderman Donovan was assisted by Patty Doherty, his legislative assistant, and Janine Adamczyk, president of the Polish Heritage Alliance (left) in presenting gifts to Archbishop Jerome Listecki during a special public welcome ceremony at City Hall in January. The ceremony, hosted by Alderman Donovan, included remarks from Mayor Tom Barrett, Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., County Executive Scott Walker, Alderman Joe Dudzik and Sheriff David Clarke.

Archbishop Listecki had been installed by Papal Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, as Archbishop of Milwaukee during a special Mass the day before the ceremony at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

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Get Connected. Get Answers.

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Milwaukee County

Simply call 211 to get help with life.

From a cell phone, dial (414) 773-0211 or
from a pay phone, dial (866) 211-3380.

2010 Operation Impact Again Keeping Area Safe

Since 2008 Operation Impact has partnered law enforcement and city (public) resources with private donors and local businesses to beef up beat patrols and to intensify crime fighting efforts inside a targeted area on Milwaukee's near south side.

According to Operation Impact's founder, Alderman Donovan, in two years the initiative has helped reduce overall crime in the Operation Impact area dramatically. "The best compliment I've received many times about the project is when people tell me they feel safer, and that they've noticed things are quieter," he said. "That general attitude and feeling that we've taken back the streets somewhat from criminals speaks volumes about Operation Impact."

Operation Impact



Alderman Donovan launched Operation Impact 2010 during a news conference on May 6 at the intersection of S. 23rd and W. Orchard Streets. He was joined by Milwaukee Police Department officials, community prosecutor and Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney Kelly Hedge, as well as other supporters and stakeholders.

This year's news conference launch of Operation Impact also served as the official launch of Operation Bass Busters 2010, which is a continuing effort to encourage Milwaukeeans to take action by reporting vehicles emitting excessively loud music or sounds.

Neighborhood Ambassadors – modeled after the Downtown Ambassadors that "patrol" in and around downtown Milwaukee – are continuing cleaning and tidying the near south side. "The ambassadors not only help residents and keep an eye out for possible criminal activity, but they also frequently pick up litter and clean up debris," the alderman said.

The Operation Impact target area is bounded by W. Pierce St. on the north, W. Lincoln Ave. on the south, S. 16th Street/S. Cesar Chavez Dr. on the east and S. 38th St. on the west – an area considered one of Milwaukee's most ethnically diverse and touching three aldermanic districts. The area is located within the 2nd Police District.

Alderman Donovan said Operation Impact, which uses donated private resources to flood the target area with beat patrol officers and additional surveillance cameras, has built a growing crowd of true believers –

Operation Impact



Students and teachers from Prince of Peace School, 1114 S. 25th St. attended the Operation Impact launch news conference and greeted Alderman Donovan after the event.

many of them small business owners and members of neighborhood groups and churches. The initiative has led to an increased citizen and community participation in crime reduction and crime prevention, including spawning dozens of Block Watch groups in the target area since 2008.

Pastor Harry Eisenmenger of Life Restoration Church, 2422 W. National Ave., said Operation Impact has had a direct impact on the area near the church – just blocks from the very busy intersection of S. 27th and W. National Ave. "In my view Operation Impact has helped create a general sense of order where there was once disorder," said Pastor Eisenmenger, who also owns property nearby.

"Most noticeable, however, is that the presence of the beat patrol officers has caused a dramatic decrease in the number of trouble makers in the neighborhood," he said.

Steve Fendt of the Southside Organizing Committee said Operation Impact has increased a "feeling of cohesion between people in the neighborhoods and the police department."

"Operation Impact has been key to the crime reduction we've had on the South Side," Fendt said. "Because of the beat officers, we have a police force that is more visible and accessible to the community, and because of the surveillance cameras, we have neighborhood streets and storefronts that are more visible and accessible to the police."

Foundations and small business owners continue to be very supportive and generous, providing continual funding support for Operation Impact, according to Alderman Donovan.

Dozens of community agencies and programs have contributed personnel, volunteers and/or resources to Operation Impact, including UMOS, Southside Organizing Committee, Operation Payback, Community Partners, Weed and Seed, Journey House, Layton Boulevard West Neighbors, Weekend Warriors, Milwaukee Christian Center and many others.

Early Release Program = Trouble for Milwaukee

According to Alderman Donovan, a minimum of 65% to 75% of the roughly 3,000 inmates eligible for early release as part of the state budget's Criminal Justice Reform Initiative will return to the Milwaukee area, where – based on the documented high rate of recidivism – many will re-offend.

That scenario, the alderman says, spells trouble for Milwaukee, for its neighborhoods, and for the Milwaukee Police Department, which has been doing an excellent job in reducing overall crime in the city in recent years.

Alderman Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, said Milwaukee and 8th District constituents "deserve better treatment than this." "Many 8th District residents volunteer long hours in the Block Watch program and in other ways to make their neighborhoods safer, and they need someone to fight for their best interest instead of letting inmates come back early," he said.

In January, Alderman Donovan sent a letter (to read the letter, please go to www.milwaukee.gov/district8/earlyrelease) from him and co-signed by several colleagues asking Governor Doyle to suspend the early release portion of the initiative.

Under Chief Edward Flynn, Alderman Donovan said the Milwaukee Police Department has significantly reduced crime in the city, including a 25% drop in total violent crime over the past two years. "We've had double-digit decreases in robbery, aggravated assault, and auto theft, and people have taken notice that their neighborhoods are quieter and safer," he said.

"But the early release program will, I fear – and Chief Flynn has said as much – erase the tremendous gains that we've made in recent years," Alderman Donovan said. "Just as (former) Governor Thompson said years ago – 'Stick it to 'em (Milwaukee)' on the Miller Park financing, now Governor Doyle is 'sticking it to Milwaukee' with an influx of convicted felons who should be serving their full sentences."

Alderman Donovan said Milwaukee is made even more vulnerable because of its high rate of police officer vacancies – set to approach 300 by later this year. "We are headed in the wrong direction with our vacancies, and now comes this ill-conceived idea of granting early release for some inmates," he said.



Early Release of Sex Offenders in the 8th District

Alderman Donovan was joined by neighbors and Ron Roberts, manager of the condemnation division of the Department of Neighborhood Services in May in front of a home in the 2400 block of W. Orchard St. where the state placed three early release inmates with histories of criminal sexual offenses. Alderman Donovan said the men were placed in the home without proper notification of neighborhood residents and without securing an occupancy permit from the city's Board of Zoning Appeals. At the alderman's request, DNS made a successful effort to have the men removed, and Alderman Donovan said he's been assured by the Department of Corrections that the men will not return. Alderman Donovan has been highly critical of the state's early release program, which he says will threaten Milwaukee's public safety and anti-crime efforts by flooding some city neighborhoods with former inmates who are likely to re-offend.

People's Voice Against Crime



Gangs, drugs and violence endanger our community. And in order to reduce crime, the police need help from everyone in the community.

"Too often people are reluctant to get involved in the safety and security of their neighborhoods for fear of reprisals," said Ald. Donovan. "But there is an answer, the WeTip Hotline, and no one will ever know who you are." Call WeTip at **1-800-78-CRIME**. You may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.

The hotline is answered by bilingual operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are taken for all crimes. All calls are anonymous, not just confidential.

Jackson Park Safety Alliance – On Patrol

When you see a security vehicle from Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center cruising down your street, know that the officer or officers inside are paying close attention to what's happening on the street.

The St. Luke's officers are part of the Jackson Park Safety Alliance, created a few years ago with the help of Alderman Donovan.

The alliance includes members of neighborhood groups, public safety officials from Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center and police working together to look for possible criminal activity, suspicious persons, and to educate residents on keeping themselves and their properties safe.

So, please feel free to wave and make the officers feel welcome, and also feel free to approach them and pass along information about possible criminal or suspicious activities and/or persons.

Vehicle Pursuit Procedure Changes



Alderman Donovan was joined by Milwaukee Police Association President Michael Crivello (rear, left) and MPA Vice President Mark Buetow during a City Hall news conference in late March 2010 to speak against a key change Police Chief Edward Flynn made to the police department's standard operating procedure when it comes to vehicle pursuits. Alderman Donovan said the changed pursuit policy now requires an officer to determine probable cause, rather than reasonable suspicion that the vehicle occupant/s was involved in a violent felony (shooting, armed robbery, homicide, etc.) before a pursuit can be initiated if the driver does not pull over. Alderman Donovan said: "This change also takes the discretion out of the hands of our officers. Our officers go through intense training, commit themselves to professional standards, and even take a sworn oath to serve and protect, yet we apparently can't trust them to make proper pursuit judgments?"

Operation Armadillo to Track Possible Criminal Activity

With help from Alderman Donovan, the Milwaukee Police Department will soon be rolling out a bold new crime-fighting tool.

Dubbed the "Armadillo" because of its armor, a former armored courier truck has been retrofitted with surveillance video cameras and other features so that it can be parked in strategic locations to monitor possible criminal activities, said Alderman Donovan, who approached Garda armored services and convinced the firm to donate the used truck to the MPD.

"The truck can be parked outside suspected drug houses, gang houses and nuisance properties while officers watch remotely from another location – that will certainly throw criminals off their game and make them nervous," he said. "For the officers, it's a safer and more efficient way to conduct surveillance, and for residents they'll know the Armadillo is keeping tabs on the bad guys who are usually causing trouble."

The vehicle will be painted with usual MPD black and white colors and should be unveiled this summer. The alderman would like to thank the Betty Brinn Foundation, Miller Compressing, Inc. and Badger Mutual Insurance Co. for funding this project. He would also like to thank Donald Wesolowski, the owner of

Maaco on S. 13th and W. Howard, for donating the vehicle's paint job. Also, he would very much like to thank Garda for donating the vehicle, and intern Steve Smith, who worked closely with Garda on the project.



Operation Payback Brings Justice

For the past few years, a special community justice/community service project started with Alderman Donovan's help has brought graffiti vandals back to the scenes of some of their crimes – with buckets of white paint – where they're required to paint out (and over) their handiwork under the watchful eye of police officers.

Alderman Donovan is strongly urging any business or residential property owner who's been hit with graffiti to let the city know so that the properties can be included for possible Operation Payback paint out locations. The number to call is **286-8715 – the city's graffiti hotline.**

Alderman Donovan and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office have expanded Operation Payback with inmates from the county House of Correction. Inmates participating in the Community Justice Resource Center's (CJRC) Community Service program have been made to clean up some streets and alleys in specific neighborhoods using brooms, garbage bags and litter grabbers.

"Operation Payback is vital to helping offenders satisfy at least part of their community service sentence while also making sure they pay back or restore something to the community that they harmed," said Alderman Donovan.

Walk With Alderman Donovan In Your Neighborhood

Accompanied by police officers and inspectors/officials from the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Department of Public Works, Alderman Donovan has begun his regular series of 8th District neighborhood walk-throughs to learn about residents' concerns and to see conditions firsthand.

Please join the alderman when he comes to your area.

Also, if you would like Alderman Donovan to come to your block or neighborhood, please call his office at **286-3533** to request a walkthrough.



Neighborhood Walk-Throughs

Jackson Park Neighborhood Update

Last fall, with help from Alderman Donovan and the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation, the **Jackson Park Community Association (JPCA)** distributed 125 motion sensitive garage light kits to neighborhood properties. The lights help improve security and deter cowardly criminals who prefer to hide under the cover of darkness.

Also, the JPCA has scheduled several fun fall activities for families and children, including a Halloween trick-or-treat for members on October 30 and holiday tree lighting and caroling on December 3. For more information please call Ken Franzen at **604-0197**, or visit www.jacksonparkcommunity.org for updated information.

There are a few reminders from Alderman Donovan for residents of the Jackson Park neighborhood:

- With school out for the summer and children riding bicycles and crossing streets with greater frequency, Alderman Donovan is urging residents to drive safely and to obey all posted speed limits. He especially wants to urge people to drive safely on W. Cleveland Ave. and S. 43rd St. "I'd like to remind everyone that the speed limit on both Cleveland Ave. and South 43rd St. from Lincoln Ave. to Oklahoma Ave. is 25 miles per hour," he said.
- **How to Get a Stop Sign?** If you are interested in getting a stop sign installed on your street, please contact my office. The process will include a Department of Public Works review of the traffic in the specific area in question, and then the matter will be taken up by the Common Council.

NOTE: Alderman Donovan may require that a petition be circulated asking residents to sign on to the proposal for a stop sign.

Free Landlord Training

For future training dates call 286-2954 or to learn more about the program and view a class schedule log on to www.milwaukee.gov/landlordtraining



Irish Visitors at City Hall

Last year Alderman Donovan joined colleague Alderman Michael Murphy in welcoming government officials and dignitaries from Ireland (and abroad) to Milwaukee and City Hall. Those visitors included Pat Carey Minister of State, Dept. of the Taoiseach, Republic of Ireland; Colin McGrath, chairman of Down District Council, Northern Ireland; Peter Guildford, director of programming, Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture and Heritage; and Bishop Anthony Farquhar, Bishop of County Down and County Connor.

Alderman Commends Code Blue Team at U.S. Grant School

A Common Council commendatory citation sponsored by Alderman Donovan celebrated the life-saving efforts of the Code Blue Team at U.S. Grant School, 2920 W. Grant St., earlier this year.

The school's Code Blue Team and other staff – Chad Mickelson, Kris Hurelbaus, Allison Thomae, Vicki Berlick, Don Wojzulis, Jennifer Carney, Pat Kurth and Carrie Felde – heroically responded in January to a "Code Blue" on campus and saved the life of a young student who was unresponsive after suffering a heart attack.

Alderman Donovan said the actions of the team and staff clearly exemplify the school's overall commitment to the safety and well-being of its students. "There's nothing more heroic than saving a human life," the alderman said. "On behalf of the city, the 8th District, and the Common Council, I truly commend the Code Blue Team and the staff at U.S. Grant for their heroic and selfless actions."

U.S. Grant School, in conjunction with Milwaukee Public Schools, has forged a partnership with Project ADAM, a program of the Herma Heart Center at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin to educate and to provide funding to train students and staff on how to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac emergencies, including CPR/AED training. In February, the school held an informational workshop, "Get the Beat," to teach students about the importance of CPR practices.

Ingeteam

Green Energy Company Bringing 275 Jobs to Valley

Ingeteam, a Spanish company with worldwide operations, will produce electric generators for wind turbines and converters for green energy at a plant to be located in the Menomonee Valley and the 8th District.

The company, which looked at possible plant sites across the U.S., has said it anticipates employing 275 people at a new 114,000 square foot building.

"Ingeteam is making a huge investment in Milwaukee and in the Menomonee Valley, and I am very pleased that it will continue the positive development and jobs momentum we've had going in the valley for some time now," said Alderman Donovan.

"The valley clearly holds the state's prime industrial real estate, and Milwaukee and the 8th District are reaping the job and economic benefits it is generating," he said.

Ingeteam's new facility will occupy an 8.1-acre parcel it purchased from the city at market rates.

Other key valley developments in recent years have included Derse Inc., Badger Railing, Caleffi Hydraulics, Palermo Villa, Taylor Dynamometer.

Speed Humps Could Help Your Block



After a majority of affected residents indicated support for it, the city installed this speed hump to slow traffic in the 900 block of S. 29th St.

Some residents in the 8th District have gone to the humps. *Speed* humps, that is.

Residents in the 900 block of S. 29th St. (see photo above) in the 8th District agreed that they wanted speed humps installed to curb the speeding and cut-through traffic generated by busy S. Layton Blvd.

Alderman Donovan, who has long been an advocate for residents to have more of a voice in slowing traffic, co-sponsored a resolution adopted by the Common Council a few years ago that allows residents to request a traffic calming installation which many people call “speed humps” or “speed bumps.”

Under the program, residents can petition for a traffic calming device and if the city agrees it is necessary, they would be given several choices. For speed humps, mini-roundabouts, and traffic circles, the city assesses abutting property owners \$6 per frontage foot. If affected homeowners agree to pursue one of those devices, 90% of the cost would be split among residents with the city paving fund paying the remaining 10%.

If you and your neighbors are interested in looking into some type of traffic calming device, please contact Dave Schlabowske by email at dschla@mpw.net or call 286-3144.

Support Your Local Library!

Zablocki Library, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Oct.-April Hours: Mon. - Wed., 12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Th. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sun., 1 - 5 p.m.

Visit www.mpl.org/file/branch_zablocki.htm for more information or call (414) 286-3055.

Be a Part of Operation Bass Busters

More than 500 people who drove vehicles blasting music and sounds at ridiculously loud levels have Alderman Donovan, fellow citizens and the 2009 edition of Operation Bass Busters to thank for their citations and fines from the Milwaukee Police Department.

Alderman Donovan, chair of the Common Council’s Public Safety Committee, said police issued 544 citations (nearly all for excessively loud car stereos) as part of the 2009 Bass Busters effort – compared to 300 citations for roughly the same period last year. “These vehicle owners brazenly turn up their stereos so they can be heard for blocks around – they have zero respect for the privacy and dignity of their neighbors and others,” he said. “But now, because of Operation Bass Busters, they have to look over their shoulder and turn the volume down because they fear getting ticketed.”

How Citizens Can Get Involved

In an effort to help reduce the numbers of obnoxiously loud car stereos blasting ear-cracking, bass-thumping music, the Common Council has approved an ordinance that allows Milwaukee citizens to take action by lodging complaints against owners of vehicles blasting excessively loud music or sounds generated by car stereos by simply providing a license plate number, the date and time of the violation and their name and contact information.

Here’s how it works:

- A citizen encountering a vehicle with loud music or sounds blaring from it should get the license plate info and call the **Milwaukee police non-emergency phone number – 933-4444**. The reporting party should try to remember the location and time the vehicle was witnessed, and the complainant will be asked to file or sign an official complaint for police.

The ordinance mirrors the city’s nuisance property ordinance, which allows the city to issue tickets and fines to property owners when police are called to investigate multiple complaints at a home or building. Under the nuisance vehicle loud noise ordinance, the owner of a vehicle that is the subject of a loud stereo complaint would receive a warning for the first complaint but would be charged for the cost of enforcement on any subsequent complaints, meaning fines of at least \$100 could be levied for each subsequent occurrence.

With the nuisance property ordinance, any unpaid fines or charges go directly on the owner’s property tax bill, and under this ordinance, charges and fines will go directly to the owner of the vehicle – no matter who might have been driving at the time of the violation.

Putting Up A Fence?

If you are, check the city rules on fences before you put it up. People have had to take down fences after spending money on them because they were too high, in the wrong place or facing the wrong way. For more information on rules governing fences and other permits that may be needed, check the **Milwaukee Development Center** at www.mkedcd.org or call 286-8211.

Summer Cleanup Tips Include Special Pickups

Just another reminder that the city has simplified garbage collection so that you can place bulky items (not more than the size of two couches) next to your garbage cart at your collection point. Call **286-2489** for larger bulk pickups.

As you dispose of unwanted items this summer, remember that the city no longer collects appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, water heaters), nor does the city collect construction debris or home computers. These items may be brought into the city’s Self Help Centers, **6660 N. Industrial Rd.** and **3879 W. Lincoln Ave.**, or contact appliance collectors.

Pickups of small brush piles must be requested separately. To request collection of small brush piles through November call **286-2489**.

License Plate Sticker Theft – Don't Be An Easy Target

Did you know that state law and city ordinance requires you to properly display valid vehicle registration while parked in the public right-of-way even if you are registered with the State of Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles? You must have a license plate and an annual registration sticker or your vehicle may be cited and towed. Make sure that your license plate is attached to the rear bumper of your vehicle and the annual registration sticker is placed in the lower right hand corner of your rear license plate.

Don't let thieves ruin your day by making it easier for them to steal your license plate or your annual registration sticker. Reduce your chances of being a victim of crime by following this advice: Install a license plate frame with a clear plexiglass cover over the rear license plate to protect the license plate as well as the registration sticker. Although it may not prevent every theft, it will make it more difficult for the criminal. If you are the victim of theft of your license plate or registration sticker, immediately report it to any State of Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicle Service Center.



For Sale Vehicles Need Permit if Parked on Public Property

The days of slapping a "For Sale" sign in the back window of your vehicle and parking it out on the street in Milwaukee are over.

Last year, Alderman Donovan and a majority of his Common Council colleagues voted to approve a citywide ordinance he helped create requiring any vehicle for sale on public property to display a special \$40 city permit, no matter if the vehicle currently displays valid day and/or night parking permits. Specifically, the ordinance requires a seller to meet certain criteria and then purchase the \$40 permit from the Department of Public Works before a vehicle could be parked on the street or in a public lot with a "For Sale" sign on it. The criteria that must be met to receive a permit include proving that the applicant owns the vehicle or that the applicant has the permission of the owner to sell the vehicle on the owner's behalf. Also, the vehicle's identification number cannot be altered in such a way as to render it illegible. Each "For Sale" vehicle will require a permit and each permit will be valid for six months.

The city will be able to tow parked for sale vehicles not displaying the permits.

The permits will be sold only at the city tow lot, 3811 W. Lincoln Ave., during its normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.).

The ordinance had been on the books – but only for certain areas of the city's south and near south sides – since 2003. **It began as a pilot program created by Alderman Donovan**, who said he initiated it as a quality of life ordinance "to keep Milwaukee streets and public lots from resembling used car lots" and to discourage attempts to sell stolen vehicles.

A push on the Common Council to enforce the ordinance citywide came after members quickly saw its value and asked that it be extended to their districts.



Heroes

Earlier this year Alderman Donovan presented Jaspal Singh Oberoi, owner of Lucky's Super Mart, 1438 W. Hayes Ave., with a Common Council commendatory resolution during a brief presentation at the store. Mr. Oberoi was working alone on January 31 when two masked men entered, and one displayed a gun while leaping partially through the counter window in an attempt to grab the cash register. The owner reacted and struggled with the man, pulling off his mask as he kept him from getting the register. The robbers quickly fled without getting anything, and they were arrested by police a short time later. Alderman Donovan, chair of the Public Safety Committee, said Mr. Singh Oberoi displayed bravery and selflessness in resisting the robbery attempt. "He bravely fought back and, in his own way, helped make Milwaukee a safer place for each and every one of us," said Alderman Donovan.



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Organize A Neighborhood Cleanup!

Do you want to help make your neighborhood a better place to live? Participate in a block cleanup.

Get a group of concerned residents together and form a group to help clean up. A block cleanup can be a great way to get to know the people in your community while helping to spruce it up.

You can register your cleanup group by calling Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, and they will provide cleaning materials and garbage bags. Call them at **272-5462**. Large roll-off dumpsters can be reserved from the Sanitation Division for weekend cleanups. Call **286-2489** if a dumpster is needed for your cleanup date (these dumpsters are NOT for private, individual use).

Robert G. Donovan

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Common Council	286-2221	Historic Layton Boulevard Association	
Mayor Tom Barrett	286-2200	- Patti Davison, Pres.	645-4059
Fire/Police/Ambulance	911	Jackson Park Community Association	
Fire - non-emergency	286-8999	- Ken Franzen	604-0197
Police - non-emergency	933-4444	Muskego Heights Community Association	
Dist 2 non-emergency	935-7222	- Chris Carini	643-1428
Dist 6 non-emergency	935-7262	Lincoln Village	383-2272
Health Department	286-3616	Layton Boulevard West Neighbors	
Domestic Violence/assault	286-2997	- Charlotte John-Gomez	383-9038 x2513
Parking Hotline	286-8350	Southside Organizing Committee	
Public Works	286-2489	- Steve Fendt	672-8090
(special pickups, street lights, potholes, garbage/trash pickups, water, sewers)		VISIT Milwaukee (convention/visitor info)	273-7222
Graffiti Hotline	286-8715	City of Milwaukee's FREE	
Nuisance issues	286-2268	Landlord Training Program	286-2954
(debris, litter, abandoned/illegally parked vehicles, code violations, landlord/tenant problems)		V.A. Medical Center	384-2000
City of Milwaukee Web Site	www.milwaukee.gov	U.S. Postal Services (St. Paul Ave.)	270-2308
Boys and Girls Club	383-2350	Betty Brinn Children's Museum	390-5437
Milwaukee Christian Center	645-5350	Discovery World Museum	765-9966
Journey House	647-0548	Milwaukee Art Museum	224-3200
Medicare/Social Security	1-800-772-1213	Milwaukee County Zoo	771-3040 or 256-5412
Interfaith Near Southside Senior Services	384-8448	Mitchell Park Domes	649-9800
Better Business Bureau	847-6000	Pabst Theater	286-3663
Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful	272-5462	Boy Scouts of America	774-1776
Diggers Hotline	1-800-242-8511	Girl Scouts of America	476-1050
Emergency Crisis Hotline (24 hrs.)	257-7222	Midwest Airlines Center	908-6000
Pregnancy Help Center	645-4050	Wisconsin State Fair	1-800-884-3247
Fair Housing Council	278-1240	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin:	
Milwaukee Public Museum	278-2700	Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
MADACC (animal shelter/animal control)	649-8640	Children's - Main Switchboard	266-2000
MPS summer recreation info.	475-8180	Milwaukee County Parks and Rec.	257-7275
		Pettit National Ice Center	266-0100

One Call That's All 286-CITY (2489)

That one number can connect you with 21 departments, 8,800 employees and 100s of city services, ranging from building permits to parking permission to library hours to garbage pickups.

Alderman Donovan says the city continues to seek ways to improve communications with residents, and this one-stop number for city services makes it even easier to find the right department and person to handle your complaint or request. Residents will still call 911 for emergencies but can use the new number for any other calls.

Of course you can always call Ald. Donovan's office at 286-3533.

