

Alderman
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9th District



WINTER 2007

Dear 9th District Residents,

Economic growth and development brings jobs and vital tax revenue to the City of Milwaukee. It also helps stimulate additional business and commercial expansions, and it fosters increased demand for housing and consumer goods and services. In other words, economic growth is a basic, necessary positive ingredient for any community.

In this newsletter I've included a special section devoted to some of the developments that are helping to create economic strength in the 9th District and the City of Milwaukee. I am pleased to share with you the details of those outstanding and valuable projects, some of which are still being built. All along I've made job creation and economic development top priorities as I represent you on the Common Council, and I can assure you that my efforts in those areas will only intensify.

This newsletter also includes tips and information to help you get ready for winter, information detailing how citizens can serve their city by working at polling locations during the upcoming elections, and other helpful articles and information.

I am focused on serving you and the entire 9th District, and I look forward to meeting with constituents whenever possible and urge you to share your concerns with me. You can contact me at 286-2868 or e-mail me at rpuent@milwaukee.gov if you have any questions or concerns about city services or how to improve our neighborhoods.

Have a safe and enjoyable late fall and winter season.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Puente
Alderman – 9th District



Earlier this year Ald. Puente joined Mayor Tom Barrett and other elected officials in a ceremony honoring the late Dr. James Cameron by renaming the stretch of North Avenue from King Drive to 7th Street as Dr. James Cameron Drive. Dr. Cameron founded America's Black Holocaust Museum in 1988, creating a unique venue to educate the public of the injustices suffered by people of African American heritage, and to encourage people to rethink their assumptions about race and racism. The honorary street signs will provide a permanent reminder of the importance of peace, justice and equality. Also pictured are (from left): State Rep. Annette Polly Williams; Ald. Willie C. Wade; Ald. Ashanti Hamilton and County Supv. Willie Johnson (right, to Ald. Puente's left).



Mayor Tom Barrett joined Ald. Puente and representatives from the area in a neighborhood walk through the Woodlands housing development earlier this year. Ald. Puente and Mayor Barrett were joined by Melissa Herguth from the YMCA, Milwaukee Police Capt. Eric Moore, and Pastor Kenneth Fisher from Risen Savior Church.

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DEVELOPMENTS



Kohl's is building a new 106,000-square-foot photography studio at 11300 W. Heather Ave. Kohl's will produce photography for its weekly newspaper circulars along with photos for use in-store, on-line and direct mail. The studio will employ 70 full-time workers.



Kangaroo Brands - Located at 7620 N. 81st St., plans to expand a building at 8222 N. Granville Woods Road adding 65,000 square feet to the 16,000-square-foot building and moving its pita chip production to the expanded building. Kangaroo has 37 employees. The company plans to add positions within a year after the expansion is completed.

Hydrite - A chemical-maker located at 7300 W. Bradley Road plans to expand its main building by 50% and develop a new distribution center. They plan to add 50,000 square feet to its 100,000-square-foot facility. They are purchasing vacant lots at 6920 W. Bradley Road and 8045 N. Granville Woods Road.

Hellerman Tyton - The company has its main factory and North American corporate headquarters at 7930 N. Faulkner Road. They make products for the telecommunications and transportation industries and are closing their Florida plant and adding nearly 100 jobs at its factory here

Lamplight Farms - A division of the W.C. Bradley Co., Lamplight Farms is headquartered in Menomonee Falls. They are the market leader for outdoor torches, citronella fuel and candles, oil lamps and oil and will be leasing a building on North 81st Street for storage and distribution of their outdoor torches and oil lamps.



Andy's - Andy Khullar is developing a service station and convenience store and a 2 bay laser touch-free car wash at 8200 W. Brown Deer Road. North Milwaukee State Bank will also occupy the first and second floors of the building. The bank will have walk-in as well as drive thru service. There is also office space will be available on the third floor.



Cintas - Cintas designs, manufactures and implements corporate identity uniform programs, and provides entrance mats, restroom cleaning and supplies, promotional products, first aid and safety products, fire protection services and document management services for approximately 800,000 businesses throughout North America. Their headquarters are located in Cincinnati, OH. Their new Milwaukee facility, west of North 62nd Street on Mill Road, will include an industrial laundry, distribution center and offices. They expect to get to full production after the first of the year.



Granville Heights - This summer Ald. Puente joined Mayor Barrett, state WHEDA Secretary Antonio Riley, as well as residents and officials from Horizon Development for a grand opening event for Granville Heights, a high quality senior apartment home development with over 20 units on W. Granville Circle (just off the southwest corner of N. 68th St. and W. Brown Deer Rd.) Amenities for the deaf and hard of hearing will be offered in the common areas and in some apartments. Those amenities include a video TTY system and telephone signaler via flashing light at entry, assisted listening devices in the community room and visual and auditory emergency warning system.

McDonald's - In late October the McDonald's on 76th and Acacia Streets relocated to a new facility on 76th Street just south of Good Hope Road. *(See photo on back page.)*



Winter Parking Starts Dec. 1

Parked and abandoned cars are among the biggest problems faced by city crews when they plow our city streets. And Ald. Puente wants to remind you that winter parking restrictions are in effect throughout the City from December 1st until March 1st, and motorists should look for signs describing the parking restrictions along streets that are affected by winter rules. These possible restrictions could include:

- **Specific Side Parking** – No parking on one or both sides of the street Dec. 1 - March 1. In some areas there may also be a posted monthly alteration of the prohibited side.
- **4" Rule** – Certain residential streets are posted "No Parking When 4" of Snow or More." No parking is allowed on the side of the street where the sign is posted until snow has been removed.
- **Route Towaway Zone** – No parking is allowed during declared snow emergencies on highways marked with "Snow Route Towaway Zone" signs.
- **Night Parking During Snow Emergency** – If a snow emergency has been declared, night parking regulations are in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on all city streets regardless of the winter parking regulation.
- **Milwaukee Public Schools** make some playgrounds and parking lots available for overnight parking during declared snow emergencies and clean-up periods. Call the DPW Info Center at 286-8282 for the location of a playground nearest your home.

Please remember that some winter parking regulations are not posted. If you're unsure about regulations in your area, and want information on a particular street, call the DPW Parking Enforcement Section at 286-8350. Streets are also listed on the DPW website at www.mpw.net under parking information.

Winter Garbage Cart Collection

Summer curbside collection of garbage carts for households without alleys ends on November 30, 2007. Starting on December 3, 2007, Sanitation crews will collect the carts from their storage areas. Households with alleys are not required to change their procedures since they are emptied at the alley line. Please remember to keep the path to your cart clear of snow and ice.

Because sanitation crews who collect garbage and recycling materials also plow snow, collection days may change during the winter, especially after a heavy snowstorm or especially frigid temperatures.

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on:

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, 2007

Christmas - Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25, 2007

New Year's - Monday, December 31, 2007 and Tuesday, January 1, 2008

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 21, 2008

Good Friday - Friday, March 21, 2008

***PLEASE NOTE:** After these holidays, the day of garbage collection will move one day later in the week for each regular weekday that there is no collection. There will be no change in the collection of recyclables after the holidays.*

Northwest Side Comprehensive Plan Update

The draft of the Northwest Side Comprehensive Area Plan has been completed and open houses were held in October to get public input. It is expected that the plan will be presented to the Common Council for adoption in December.

To see the plan and for more information, please visit the website: www.mkedcd.org/planning/plans/Northwest

Shovel Your Sidewalk. It's The Law

Remember that residential and commercial property owners and occupants are required to clear sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours after a storm. If violations are reported, a 24-hour notice is issued. If the sidewalks still are not cleared, a sanitation crew will clear a path and put the charge on the property tax bill. **Note: The city does not plow alleys.**

If you have elderly or disabled neighbors who need help with snow shoveling – please help them out when you can.

And make our city safer by shoveling out the fire hydrants near your home. Ald. Puente says "adopting" a fire hydrant will ensure maximum visibility for firefighters in the event of an emergency.

"Hardship" Assistance Can Help

Is shoveling your sidewalk after a big Milwaukee snowstorm a "mission impossible" because of age or disability? Ald. Puente wants you to know that city sanitation workers may be able to give you a helping hand. If you are a senior citizen or disabled and living in a single-family, owner-occupied home, and physically unable to do the shoveling, you may be eligible for "hardship" assistance.

Eligibility requirements:

- Resident must own the home
- Others in home must also be unable to shovel
- Only the public sidewalk is cleared, no driveways or walkways to the house
- Shoveling is done only when city plows streets
- \$10.00 flat fee put on tax bill for this service
- Call Sanitation Division at 286-3345 for application



One Number Is All You Need

286-CITY (286-2489). That's the only number you know need to contact 21 city departments for answers to questions or concerns on 100s of city services, ranging from building permits to parking permission to library hours to garbage pickups.

Residents should still call 911 for emergencies but can use the new 286-CITY (286-2489) number for any other calls. The system is in both English and Spanish. Of course you can always call Ald. Puente's office at 286-2868. And the 2005-2006 Call For Action booklet, arranged alphabetically by specific problems and topics is still available. Contact the Alderman's office for a copy. Or view it online at www.milwaukee.gov/callforaction

Electronic Communication Also Available

If you have a computer and Internet access the city also offers electronic tools to request services or information. E-Service is an online request form that allows citizens to request a service without knowing which city department would provide that service. E-Notify is an easy to use method to receive various information through email. Both electronic communication tools are available on the city website at www.milwaukee.gov/eservices

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On October 25th Ald. Puente was on hand to help franchise owner/operator Robert Pyles (pictured here standing beside Ronald McDonald) dedicate the new upscale McDonald's at 7130 N. 76th St. The festive event - which also included representatives of other elected officials and special guests - attracted a few hundred patrons, and several door prizes were generously awarded to a few lucky winners. The alderman thanked Mr. Pyles for his investment in and commitment to Milwaukee and the 76th and Good Hope business district. The new McDonald's replaces Mr. Pyles' original location, which is closing its doors at 6574 N. 76th St. Pictured standing to the alderman's immediate right is Dwayne Edwards of the Department of City Development.



With Mayor Tom Barrett seated to his right, Ald. Puente addressed a crowd of 200 plus residents on October 22 during a town hall meeting at Destiny Youth Plaza, 7246 N. 76th St. Also participating in the meeting were (from left): Mike Engelbart (Forestry), Tony Goodman (Neighborhood Services), Jeff Smith (Sanitation) and Marilyn Hughes (Sanitation). Also participating but not pictured was MPD Lt. Alan Johnson (4th Police District).



Holiday Tree Disposal

Garbage collection crews will pick up the tree if it is placed where the garbage is collected. If your collection is in an alley, trees must be placed at the alley line for collection, not on the street. Only residents whose garbage is collected from the street may place their tree at the curb to be picked up.

Trees may also be taken to the city's two Self-Help Centers, 6660 N. Industrial Rd. and 3879 W. Lincoln Ave., where they may be composted for use by city forestry crews. Winter hours are in effect until March 31st at the Self Help Centers, Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. No Sunday hours.