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Dear Neighbor:

The remainder of 2007 promises to be busy and eventful as we again deal with the critical issues facing our city. Reducing the level of criminal activity and keeping taxes as low as possible while retaining the level of services you have come to expect remain as high priorities on my agenda for the year.

Your comments and insights as to what is happening in the 5th District have been very welcome in the past, and I again urge your involvement in keeping our neighborhoods vibrant and safe. Among the articles in this newsletter are updates on the **Hartung Quarry Park** and the **Northwest Side Comprehensive Area Plan**.

I've also included articles on several of my recent legislative initiatives, including a measure to help the city better regulate junk dealers and my effort to rein in the recent rampant spread of plastic newspaper vending boxes. You'll also see information on new options for slowing down speeders on your street and alternatives to help you avoid placing too much trash at the curb for collection.

As always, if you have a question or concern about your city services or city government in general, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone, email or letter. I'm here to serve you.

Enjoy the spring of 2007!

Sincerely,

Jim Bohl
Alderman, 5th District



Town Hall Meetings Scheduled

Ald. Bohl has scheduled two 5th District town hall meetings, opportunities for you to talk about the important issues facing your neighborhoods and to voice your concerns. The meeting times, dates and locations are:

The meetings will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will encompass the following dates, locations and topics:

- **Wednesday, April 4**

Milwaukee School of Languages, 8400 W. Burleigh St.
General town hall meeting, Sustainable Boulevards presentation.

- **Wednesday, April 11**

West Granville Presbyterian Church, 6935 N. 107th St.
- corner of N. 107th and W. Fond du Lac Ave.
General town hall meeting, Sustainable Boulevards presentation.

I hope to see you there!



Ald. Bohl joined **Dennis and Linda Kaul** and other Kaul Oil employees during a special **ribbon cutting ceremony** in January marking the completion of more than \$2 million in renovation work at the **Kaul Mart** at 11131 W. Hampton Ave. The state-of-the-art upgrade of the location clearly demonstrates Kaul Oil's unwavering commitment to Milwaukee, Ald. Bohl said. A Common Council commendation congratulating Kaul Oil on the project was prepared at the alderman's request.

Save \$\$\$ On Special Collection Charges

In 2005 the city simplified its “special pickups” collection procedure so that special items – up to four cubic yards of material (roughly about the size of two sofas) – are picked up on the weekly collection day. If a resident went above the amount and didn’t remove the material after 72 hours, the city put out bids and hired a contractor at a rate of **\$100 to \$200** to remove it.

“I felt the city could do it faster, more efficiently and at less cost,” said Ald. Bohl, and he was successful in **lowering that fee to \$50** for residents who exceed the four cubic yard requirement. “**The process hasn’t changed** and I would still recommend that residents follow the four cubic yard rule,” said Ald. Bohl. “However this change will benefit those who inadvertently exceed the requirement.”

Ald. Bohl says there are several ways to avoid any cost:

- Spread out the amount for pickup on regular garbage collection days.
- Wait for the spring Project Clean & Green. (see dates below)
- Reserve a large dumpster for neighborhood weekend cleanups.
- Use the city’s Self-Help Centers.

Remember the city no longer picks up refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, stoves, dryers, air conditioners, water heaters, home computers, construction debris or brush amounts over four cubic yards. These items and other bulky materials can be taken to the **Self-Help Centers** at 6660 N. Industrial Rd or 3879 W. Lincoln Ave. The city also collects household hazardous wastes each Friday and Saturday between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the city’s permanent collection station at the Self-Help Center at 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.

The city’s **Project Clean and Green** will be concentrating its efforts in the majority of the 5th Aldermanic District the week of April 16-20, 2007 and in the area south of W. Congress St. from May 7-11, 2007 as the Department of Public Works dedicates extra workers and equipment for this special collection. Residents should be receiving a mailing from the Sanitation Services Division with a map of the zones and information on the program.

Large **roll-off dumpsters can be reserved** from the Sanitation Division for weekend neighborhood cleanups. Call Ald. Bohl’s office for information on reserving a dumpster for your cleanup date.



Left - Speed hump installation on **McKinley Blvd.** between 27th and 35th Streets.
Right - Typical curb bump out installation on **Brady Street.**

Traffic Calming Devices Can Put The Brakes On Speeding Vehicles

Many residents in the 5th District have expressed their concerns to Ald. Bohl about speeding in their neighborhoods. The alderman has taken a number of steps to slow traffic and improve safety for pedestrians. But Ald. Bohl would like residents to know that there is now another option in which they can ask the city to construct a device, such as a “bump out” or a “speed hump” to reduce speeds on residential streets.

The **Milwaukee Common Council** in December passed a measure which Ald. Bohl co-sponsored that will allow “traffic-calming” devices, such as speed humps or bump outs, to be installed in their neighborhoods.

Under the plan, residents could petition the city for a traffic calming device. The Department of Public Works will work with those neighbors to determine the most appropriate measure for their neighborhood. If approved following a public hearing, 90% of the cost would be divided among adjoining property owners along the block as a special assessment (similar to the process the city uses for street, sidewalk and alley replacement). A typical speed hump would cost about \$3,000 and other traffic calming devices will cost slightly more.

“People want safer streets and this ordinance empowers local residents to improve their quality of life by gaining control of busy and dangerous streets,” said Ald. Bohl.

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



This boulevard – located at N. 6th St. and W. McKinley Blvd. – includes grasses, plants and trees that require far less maintenance and care by city Forestry employees.

Ald. Bohl Wants Your Views On Sustainable Boulevards

Milwaukee's boulevard system is a valuable quality of life asset to the city and provides enjoyment for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. But the upkeep can be expensive, and the **Department of Public Works (DPW)** is looking at what might be done to preserve the environmental and aesthetic value of boulevards while reducing the costs of maintenance.

The DPW, with help from individual citizens, landscape design professionals and environmentalists, has developed a longterm alternative for Milwaukee's boulevards, and Ald. Bohl has invited a representative of the **Environmental Services Division** to his town hall meetings on April 4 and 11 to explain the Sustainable Boulevards Plan. It is his hope to garner constituent feedback to the proposed plan at those meetings.

Key elements of the Sustainable Boulevards Plan include:

- Installing Milwaukee signature landscape beds at key "Gateway" locations.
- To remove flower and shrub beds from street segments that connect key intersections.
- To enhance planting beds at key intersections through the use of a mix of annuals, perennials, shrubs, native plants, decorative edging and automated irrigation systems.
- To introduce rain garden elements into boulevard segments.
- To plant large growing shade trees on connecting street segments where beds have been eliminated, as funding becomes available.

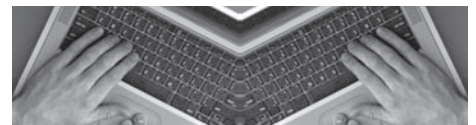
The Department of Public Works said the Sustainable Boulevard Plan would result in significant long term operational savings to the city.

Northwest Side Vision Update

A series of public interactive workshops in January allowed residents of the 5th District the opportunity to share their ideas on the future of the northwest side and provide helpful input for the city's **Northwest Side Comprehensive Area Plan**. For several months the city has gathered background information through research, community surveys, stakeholder interviews and focus groups, and is now taking what has been learned and using that information to create a vision and plan for the future.

Ald. Bohl had joined community members and other elected officials from the northwest side in asking the city to give priority to the rapidly changing landscape in the area, and to update the previous development plan to reflect the current and future needs of the northwest side.

The **Department of City Development** is currently reviewing all the information from the public hearings and workshops and will develop recommendations in the form of a **draft report that is expected by this summer**. You can follow the progress of the Northwest Side Comprehensive Area Plan at www.mkedcd.org/planning/plans/Northwest on the DCD web site.



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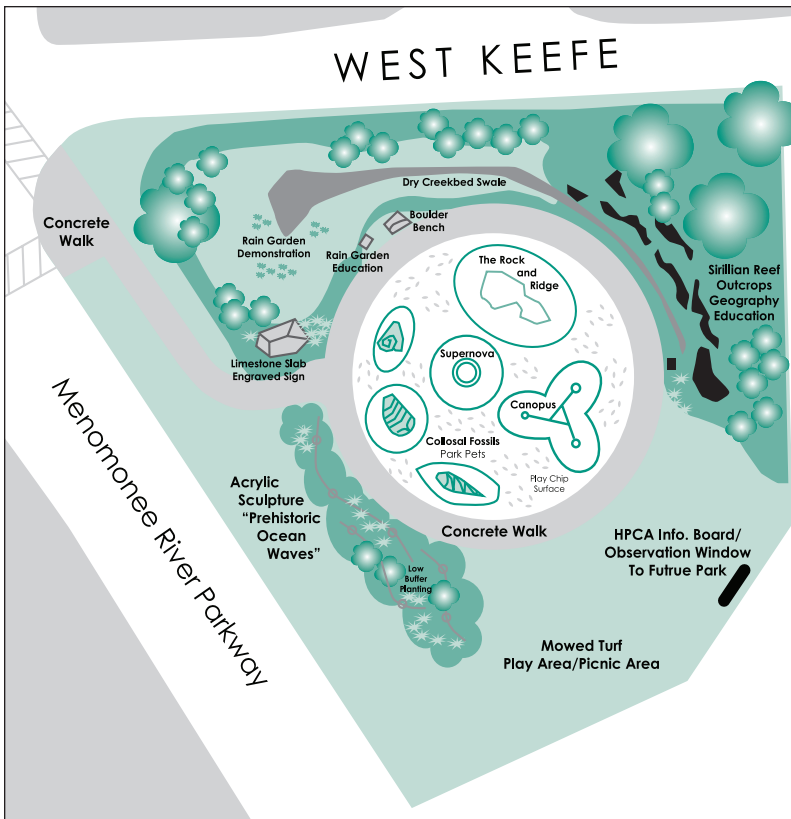
Actions Ald. Bohl Has Taken To Improve Our City

Protecting Day Care Children – In recent years numerous acts of violence have occurred in or just outside licensed alcohol beverage establishments in Milwaukee. Because alcohol selling/serving businesses also tend to attract people who loiter outside and often engage in unruly or profane behavior, the Common Council found it inappropriate and potentially threatening if day care centers are located in close proximity. Ald. Bohl co-sponsored an ordinance that prohibits the location of new day care facilities within 300 feet of an alcohol beverage establishment.

Regulating Newspaper Vending Boxes – Too often our city neighborhoods become cluttered by magazines and newspapers from corner vending boxes. Ald. Bohl sponsored a quality of life ordinance to limit the number that can be placed on any city block and to regulate the upkeep of the newspaper vending boxes by those companies that apply for a license. The ordinance also gives the Council greater control to deny unwanted or unwarranted boxes.

Adding Truancy to Chronic Nuisance Ordinance – On average about 40,000 Milwaukee Public Schools students are deemed habitual truants under state law. “This figure is absolutely appalling,” said Ald. Bohl, who co-sponsored a measure to crack down on businesses that illegally serve kids during school hours. The ordinance adds truancy to the list of nuisances – such as noise violations, drug dealing and excessive litter – that violating businesses could be assessed special charges for if cited by police on three or more occasions in a one month period.

Identifying That Junk Dealer in the Alley – Ald. Bohl has received numerous calls from worried constituents who see would be junk collectors in their alleys and are concerned they might be casing the neighborhood. In order for homeowners to better identify who is in their alley, Ald. Bohl has co-sponsored an ordinance requiring any vehicle used by a licensed junk collector to have large identifying signs on both sides of the vehicle listing the name of the business or person, a valid phone number and the city junk license number. This measure is awaiting action by the Licenses Committee.



Hartung Park Progress Continues

Residents of the Hartung Quarry neighborhood and Ald. Bohl have worked for several years to develop a plan for the 16-acre landfill that is in both the City of Milwaukee and the City of Wauwatosa, and with the cooperation of citizens and government officials in the two municipalities, **Hartung Park is moving forward.**

Plans for the quarry/park, located on land south of W. Keefe Ave. between N. 99th St. and the Menomonee River Parkway, call for a phased development. Pictured above is a segment of the Hartung Quarry Park conceptual development plan for phase one, located on the western portion of the site along the parkway and W. Keefe Ave. Phase one includes multi-purpose play areas, nature trails, a rain garden demonstration and natural amphitheater.

“A DNR stewardship grant the city is applying for is expected to help pay for a significant portion of phase one improvements at the park, and work on phase one is expected to begin in spring 2008,” Ald. Bohl said. While being developed as a passive-recreation public park, phase two is expected to include approximately 10 single-family homes on the eastern perimeter of the site. “Neighbors have been very active in the planning process and are excited with the progress we’re making,” the alderman said.

Hartung Quarry has been used as a City of Milwaukee landfill since 1964, and is expected to reach its capacity this year. If you have questions, log on to the **Hartung Park Community Association** web site at www.hartungpark.com or contact Ald. Bohl’s office.



For the seventh year, the **Milwaukee Police Department** recognized school crossing guards from schools throughout the 5th District and the city for their dedication and the service they provide for our children. The ceremony took place on January 12th at the **Milwaukee Safety Academy**. Shown from left are Deputy Inspector **Ramon Galaviz**, **Ald. Bohl** and Mayor **Tom Barrett** (rear), with the **5th District Crossing Guards**. At the far right, **Florence Dukes**, Safety Director, and Assistant Chief of Police **Joseph Whiten**.



Ald. Bohl presents **Dr. Gregory V. Warren**, president of **Midwest Dialysis Center**, with a proclamation welcoming the center to its newest location at 7793 W. Appleton Ave. Midwest Dialysis Center, whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of those affected by kidney disease, now has offices in six southeastern Wisconsin cities.



Ruby Tuesday general manager **Don Carlson** gave Ald. Bohl a tour of the popular new restaurant during a visit in January. Located at 10843 W. Park Pl., the restaurant is the national chain's **first in Wisconsin**.

Library Fun For All Ages

Stay busy this spring at your neighborhood library. There are programs and events happening for all ages at Capitol Library, 3969 N. 74th St. and Mill Road Library, 6431 N. 76th St.

- **Preschool Story Time** - Capitol Library, every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
Learn stories, songs and finger plays.
- **Ballet Story Time** - Capitol Library, Wednesday, March 14, 9:30 a.m.
Stories, basic ballet steps and Milwaukee Ballet guest demonstrates movements.
- **Kids Celebrating Kids** - Capitol Library, Wednesday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.
- Mill Road Library, Friday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.
Celebration of the Week of the Young Child with singers and dancers.
- **Mother's Day Craft** - Capitol Library, Saturday, May 12, 1:00 p.m.
Create a Mother's Day gift.

For more information call Capitol Library at 286-3006 or Mill Road Library at 286-3088 or log on to www.mpl.org for a complete calendar of events.

Wondering About Neighborhood Crime?

Have you heard reports of a robbery in the neighborhood? The theft of a car? Ald. Bohl wants 5th District residents to know they can now receive **email notification of crime activity** in their neighborhoods or in any area they choose, using the City of Milwaukee's **E-Notify** system.

The new Police Verified Offense Notification feature of E-Notify includes eight crime categories: aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, vehicle theft, theft, arson, criminal damage to property and locked vehicle entry. Notices of crime incidents by address or near an address will be sent directly to your computer Monday through Friday.

To subscribe, log into E-Notify on the city's web page at www.milwaukee.gov/enotify, locate the Police Verified Offense Notification and put in an address you are interested in or properties within 600 feet, 1,000 feet or a half-mile radius of the address. Each day you will be notified by e-mail if there are new crimes for the address or radius chosen with an email subject heading similar to "New Crime Incident."

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Help Is Available

Remember that in addition to contacting Ald. Bohl's office for help with your concerns, there is one number, **286-CITY**, that can put you in touch with the right department for any questions or concerns about hundreds of city services.

The popular **Call for Action** booklet is also still available. Please call the alderman's office at 286-3870 if you'd like a copy mailed to you.



There is an online version of the booklet available the city web site at: www.milwaukee.gov/callforaction
This version also contains links to relevant departmental web pages for additional subject information.

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Spring Clean-Up Is April 28th Volunteers Needed; Ald. Bohl Asks For Your Help!

A northwest side spring cleanup is once again being sponsored by the Capitol West Neighborhood Association. This year's event will take place on **Saturday, April 28**.

Volunteers will be treated to free refreshments (including a hot dog lunch) and Zoo passes. **Volunteers should assemble at 9 a.m. at North Shore Bank, 7927 W. Capitol Dr.** to pick up cleanup materials (plastic bags, etc.) and route assignments. **All supplies will be provided.**

Areas to be cleaned up include: W. Capitol Drive from Midtown Center to 92nd Street; Appleton Ave. from Capitol Drive north to 92nd Street; and N. 76th Street from Capitol Drive north to Hampton Ave. For more information please call Kathy at **774-1898**.

If you would like to plan your own neighborhood or block cleanup you can contact **Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful** at 272-5462. Also, large roll-off dumpsters can be reserved from the city's Sanitation Division for weekend group cleanups by calling 286-8282.



The **Bel Air Health Care Center**, 9350 W. Fond du Lac Ave., was the site of a special **pie-tasting contest** earlier this year, and Ald. Bohl was honored to serve as a guest judge for the event. The alderman taste tested samples of 24 mouth-watering pies baked by facility workers and residents. Among the guest judges joining Ald. Bohl was news anchor Mike Strehlow from CBS-58 TV.



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