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8th District Alderman

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Visit Alderman Donovan At Town Hall Meetings

I will be hosting several town hall meetings this fall. These town hall meetings are scheduled to give you a chance to ask questions and voice concerns. I hope you can attend the meeting that best fits your schedule or location. The times and places:

- 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 24
Zablocki Library,
3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.
- 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 26
Doerfler Elementary School,
3014 W. Scott St.

Dear Neighbor:

When you sent me to City Hall as your representative I promised to keep you informed about activities in city government and the 8th District. I hope you will find the articles in this 2006 fall edition of my newsletter useful and informative.

November 10, 2006 is another milestone day in the City of Milwaukee. It's the day the Common Council adopts the 2007 city budget. Once again, some very difficult decisions must be made. I urge you to attend the budget hearings or follow them on City Cable Channel 25. It is my goal to hold the line on taxes and spending while maintaining the important and necessary city services you've come to expect. I remind you that the property tax bill you receive in December supports five units of government.

In this newsletter you will read about an expanded lead paint abatement program in the 8th District and my successful efforts to hire more police officers and to curb cruising. There are more positive signs for the revitalization of the 8th District with new homes and businesses.

Once again I deeply appreciate the efforts of all those in the community who volunteer their time to make this a better place to live, work and play. More volunteers are always needed and I encourage you to contact one of the organizations listed in this newsletter.

As always, I urge you to continue to share your concerns with me. Contact me at 286-3533 or email me at rdonov@milwaukee.gov if you have any questions or concerns. You can also turn to page 7 in this newsletter for a new, single telephone number that can be used to reach all city agencies, as well as some other helpful numbers.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Donovan
Alderman, 8th District



Committee Assignments

- Chair** • Public Safety Committee
Member • Finance and Personnel Committee
- Steering and Rules Committee
 - Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee



Ald. Joe Dudzik, Ald. Donovan and city firefighters honored the four-year old kindergarten class from **Blessed Sacrament School** on September 15th for their quick action in alerting their teacher and the fire department when they noticed smoke coming from a house across the street from the playground. The kids also had the chance to check out some of the fire equipment.

More Cops On The Street

How many sworn police officers are enough to keep Milwaukee's citizens and businesses safe? That's a question the city weighs carefully as officials consider violence in the community and residents' demands for more enforcement of "quality of life" issues with the city's limited resources.

Ald. Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, has made safety a priority. In order to beef up police services to fight crime and encourage people to stay in the city, Ald. Donovan recently supported a package of initiatives which included:

- Using \$1.5 million from a special police account to add a total of 40 recruits to two police classes this fall and to pay for police overtime.
- Hiring 13 retired officers as part-time civilian investigators to run background checks on police applicants to free police officers for routine street patrol.

"I believe that residents of the 8th District and the city should be able to feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods," said Ald. Donovan. "The decisions we've made should allow a more efficient use of sworn police personnel."



Please go to:

www.milwaukee.gov/police

for more information

about the Milwaukee

Police Department.

"Slow Down Milwaukee" Campaign



Ald. Donovan is joined by police officials and members of the Senior Warriors citizens group as he announces the "Slow Down Milwaukee" effort to reduce speeding, which includes letting drivers know which streets are being targeted.

Speeding, reckless driving and disregard for stop signs have been a problem in the 8th District and other city neighborhoods, and Ald. Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, wants to get tough with lead-foot drivers and those who ignore the law.

The alderman introduced the "Slow Down Milwaukee" campaign in the 8th District to reduce speeding. "I routinely hear from people that this issue is affecting their quality of life and creating a feeling that their neighborhoods are not safe," said Ald. Donovan. "This campaign not only creates an awareness of the problem through its public education effort but shows that the government is taking steps to address the speeding issue."



Council Adopts Ald. Donovan's Anti-Cruising Plan

Cruisers don't just cruise. They obstruct traffic, are noisy and disruptive, and tie up police resources that are needed in the 8th District and other parts of Milwaukee.

The Common Council voted to crack down on cruisers at the request of Ald. Donovan, who asked his colleagues to listen to their constituents' complaints.

Ald. Donovan sponsored a plan to seize cars that are used repeatedly in cruising. His measure defines cruising as "unlawful assemblies involving motor vehicles." If police determine that a vehicle is involved in two or more events, they can ask a judge to declare the vehicle a public nuisance. If the judge agrees,

police can seize the vehicle. "This ordinance is a step toward dealing with the chaos caused by cruising activities," said Ald. Donovan, who also supported an ordinance to double fines for cruising-related offenses.

Numerous constituents called Ald. Donovan to express their outrage about a plan to allow cruising in and around the parking lots at Miller Park. Ald. Donovan's 8th District includes most of the parking lots and streets that were mentioned for the alternative cruising initiative. "This unapproved, unofficial and unwanted cruising experiment would drain precious police resources away from neighborhoods that really need the patrols during high crime early morning hours," said Ald. Donovan.

Police Step Up Curfew Enforcement

When young people are out on the streets late at night they can become victims of crime. In order to cut down on the amount of violence involving Milwaukee youth, police are giving extra attention to enforcing the city's curfew. By city law, through Memorial Day, children under the age of 17 are not allowed on the streets from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

The teens or their parents can be given a ticket for violating the curfew. The fine is \$74 for a juvenile and \$175 for an adult. Over Labor Day weekend police handed out 231 tickets for curfew violations including 11 to adults.

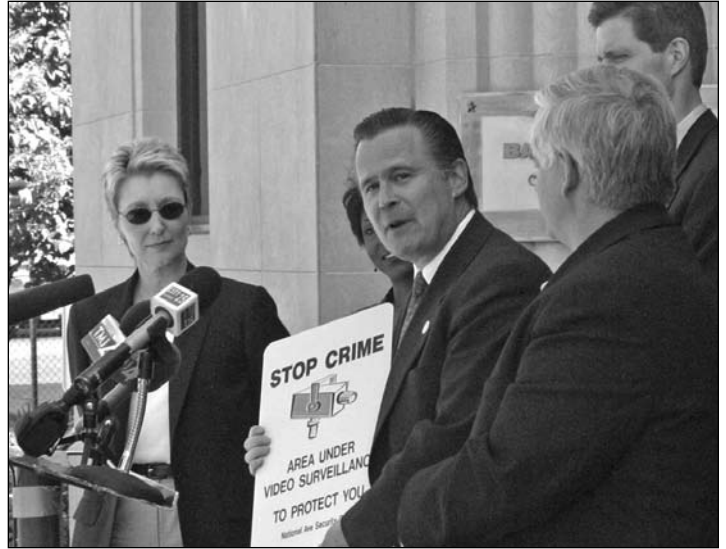
Ald. Donovan Takes Leadership Role To Address Violence

Ald. Donovan has invited residents in the 8th District and from all over the city to demand that city leaders enact a new, comprehensive strategy and plan to combat crime in the city. He's organized an "Enough is Enough" petition drive.

The petition states: "We, the undersigned, are frustrated, mad and we're not taking it any more! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! We demand of our Mayor, our Common Council, and our Police Department a comprehensive PLAN AND STRATEGY to restore order in our city, reduce crime, and improve our quality of life."

If you are interested in signing the petition and/or circulating petitions, you can contact Ald. Donovan by email at rdonov@milwaukee.gov or at 286-3533.

*At a news conference announcing the new surveillance cameras, Ald. Donovan said both **Badger Mutual and Roundy's** have a stake in the area and the city as a whole, and he called them outstanding corporate citizens who deserve our thanks for their contributions. With the alderman, **Police Chief Nannette Hegerty** and representatives of the companies.*



Surveillance Cameras To Help Curb Crime

Camera-shy criminals may want to steer clear of a certain 11-block stretch of W. National Ave. Street-level activity on W. National Ave. from S. Cesar Chavez Dr. (S. 16th St.) to S. Layton Blvd. (S. 27th St.) is under video surveillance in the first wide scale exterior camera surveillance program in Milwaukee.

The mounted cameras will act as a strong deterrent against all types of crime, including theft, robbery, assault, drug activity, loitering, prostitution and vandalism to name a few, said Ald. Donovan. "This effort is a great example of a public-private partnership providing an important tool to fight crime – and all at zero cost to the taxpayers."

Badger Mutual Insurance is paying for the cameras and their installation, and Roundy's foods is paying for the signage. Also, Roundy's security personnel will help monitor the video footage captured by the cameras.



*At a news conference announcing the **Enough is Enough** petition drive, Ald. Donovan called on city leaders to step forward with a plan to bring order back to the city. With the alderman, Ald. Joe Dudzik (l) and Ald. Jim Bohl (r).*

Could “Speed Humps” Be Another Answer?

Definitions of traffic calming vary, but they all share the goal of reducing vehicle speeds, improving safety and enhancing the quality of life. Ald. Donovan wants residents to have more of a voice in slowing traffic, and he’s co-sponsored a resolution which would allow residents to request a traffic calming installation which many people call speed humps or speed bumps.

The measure would allow residents to petition the Common Council to have the traffic calming device installed on their street. Property owners along the street would pay an assessment. Contact Ald. Donovan at **286-3533** for more information.



These speed humps were installed as an experiment on W. McKinley Blvd. from N. 27th St. to N. 35th St. Some of the rounded raised areas are also called speed tables or “vertical deflection” structures.



*While many consider this traffic calming device appropriate for **slowing street traffic** and say it’s a relatively inexpensive device, others are concerned that they can interfere with emergency vehicles or create problems for people with certain disabilities.*



The Community Prosecution Team for the 8th District is, from left, Police Officer Michael Anderson, Assistant District Attorney Grant Huebner and Police Officer Michael Lopez.

Meet your Community Prosecution Team

The proactive crime fighting effort known as the Community Prosecution program is active and has been an agent for change on the south side and the 8th Aldermanic District. The program, which expanded to the south side in part due to the efforts of Ald. Donovan, deals with urban blight and quality of life issues.

The Community Prosecutor for the 8th District is Grant Huebner, a Milwaukee County assistant district attorney. His partners in the effort are police, the City Attorney, city health and public works departments, community-based organizations and citizens.

Grant Huebner’s office is in the Sixth District Police Station at 3006 S. 27th St. You can contact him at 935-7459. While in the Marquette University Law School, he interned in the “prosecutor’s clinic” in the District Attorney’s office, and achieved his goal of working in that office as he was hired after graduation. Huebner has worked in the D.A.’s office for four and a half years, learning to deal with the issues he tackles daily in the community, and as a community prosecutor since March 2006.

“In order to be an effective prosecutor you really have to understand what’s going on in the community,” said Huebner, who volunteered for the job, “And I like being in the position to work with residents to identify and come up with solutions to problems

before they end up in the district attorney’s office.”

Nuisance properties, which can include gangs, guns and drug houses, noise, overgrown weeds and trash complaints, are among the main issues the community prosecutor faces. Huebner acts as a liaison with landlords and with the police department, providing search warrants and intelligence updates and they assist him with arrests and evictions. “Identifying problem properties and people and removing both from the community can bring down the crime rate,” said Huebner. “One measure of success is whether people like what we’re doing, and so far they seem to.”

Responsibilities of the Community Prosecution Unit include:

- **Nuisance Properties**

Homes and buildings that are the repeated sources of complaints and police calls involving drug dealing, prostitution, gambling, trash, dangerous dogs and code violations. Encourage landlords to enroll in the free city Landlord Training Program.

- **Crime Prevention**

The Community Prosecutor is available to work with schools, churches and community groups to help residents get involved, discuss crime prevention techniques and how to effectively report criminal behavior to the police.

Lead Abatement Program Expands in the 8th District

The City of Milwaukee has identified additional sections of the 8th District as among those areas where a great majority of lead poisoning cases occur. A new collaboration between the health department and We Energies will help qualified 8th District property owners replace old windows with more energy efficient and lead-safe models.

After touring the south side and noticing deteriorating paint in a number of homes outside the former target area, the health department has expanded its Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program in the 8th District to add the homes in the area west of S. Layton Blvd. (S. 27th St.) to S. 35th St. to the target area.

The health department will pay \$160 per window towards the cost of replacement, while the owner pays the remainder of the abatement cost. Eligibility requirements include:

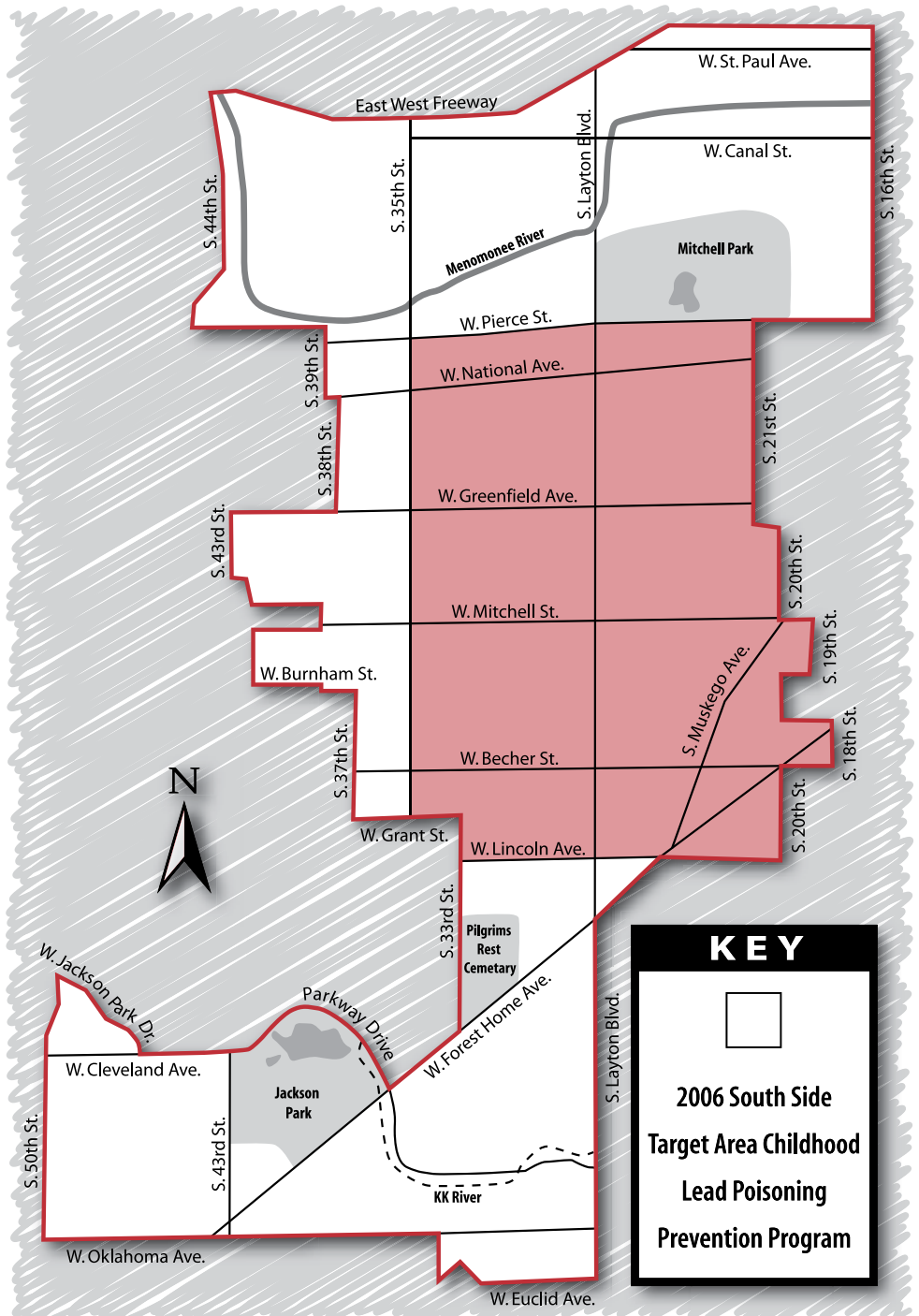
- Property owners or owner occupants must be pregnant or have children under six.
- Property built before 1950.
- Building inspection orders remediated or in process.
- Owner occupants must be low income.
- Entire property must be brought to lead safe condition.
- Homes that serve as daycares are a primary target.

In order to help low income owners, We Energies has contributed \$360,000 to the department's window replacement program. The We Energies grant contributes an additional \$50 per window to help offset the cost of installation, and with an average of 12 windows replaced per house, the grant will cover up to 600 homes. The property owner's cost is about \$40 per window.

"Our mission is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Milwaukee by 2010," said Ald. Donovan. "This is another example of the public and private sectors in Milwaukee joining together to make our community safer for our children and their families."

A \$57 permit fee is required. For the full list of eligibility requirements and an application for the window replacement project, or for information on the lead abatement program, you can visit the health department website at www.milwaukee.gov/lead or call 286-5025.

Dan Delisle of A-Z Contractors installs a new replacement window in an 8th District home through the city's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.



Ald. Donovan welcomes a number of new residential and commercial developments to the 8th District and is proud of the part he's able to play in helping to boost economic growth in the area.



The new Walgreens is operating at S. 27th St. and W. National Ave. The store opened in June on the site where the National Liquor Bar and other businesses were located. Walgreens and the Redmond Company worked closely with the city and Ald. Donovan and the result is an important addition to the revitalization of the busy intersection.

The Menomonee Valley

Two small manufacturing companies are joining the parade to the new **Menomonee Valley Industrial Center. Caleffi North American, Inc.**, which makes heating system components, is moving from Franklin and building a 35,000 square-foot facility, a move which will also add to its work force. **Badger Railing Inc.**, which makes ornamental iron products, is moving from the east end of the valley to make way for **Potawatomi Casino expansion.** Badger will build an 18,000 square-foot building and also add employees. Ald. Donovan sponsored the resolutions approving the land sales.

Badger Railing and Caleffi North America join frozen pizza maker **Palermo Villa Inc.** on the west end of the 70-acre Menomonee Valley Industrial Center.

The Potawatomi Casino expansion is a \$240 million project that will triple space at the Menomonee Valley casino and temporarily employ about 500 construction workers. When the expansion is completed in 2008, the tribe plans to hire an additional 1,000 full and part-time employees to add to the existing 2,000 staff members. The Forest County Potawatomi tribe paid the City of Milwaukee \$4.2 million this year as part of a revenue-sharing deal, and the expansion is expected to increase revenue and the amount of that payment.



*Construction is underway, and the **Continental Bank branch** is expected to be completed next March. The building will include retail tenants, residential apartments and a community room for neighborhood groups to use at no charge.*



*New homes on land that has been idle for years are important additions to the diverse housing stock and the effort to revitalize 8th District neighborhoods. These two homes in the **1600 block of S. 38th St.** were built on land sold by the city to a private contractor.*

Continental Savings Bank saw an opportunity to assist the hard working residents in the 8th District and is building a new branch office at 2500 W. Lincoln Ave. which will include a Spanish-speaking manager and employees. "I welcome Continental Savings Bank to the community and thank them for bringing banking services to a growing but underserved community," said Ald. Donovan.

Don't forget to patronize the many restaurants in the 8th District. Another opportunity to satisfy your appetite is coming soon. **Cielito Lindo** is planning to open a new restaurant at the corner of S. Muskego Ave. and W. Mitchell St.



No hard pull-starts for Bob Stocki. He just has to squeeze the power control of his battery-powered lawnmower to cut his lawn in the 1500 block of S. Layton Blvd.

8th District Home Featured In National Infomercial

Advanced battery technology puts the national spotlight on the 8th District home of Bob Stocki. And with no gas or oil, no fumes or loud noise, he fits right in with the City of Milwaukee's "going green" environmental philosophy.

Bob Stocki can mow his S. Layton Blvd. lawn any time of day without disturbing the neighbors. His battery-powered Neuton mower produces 1/10th the noise of a gas-powered mower. The rechargeable battery in his mower provides power for up to 60 minutes on a single 12-hour charge, enough to handle most small lawns.

Bob bought the Neuton battery-powered mower last summer and was so pleased with it that the company asked him to appear in a promotional video and a nationally distributed infomercial filmed in his backyard. "I congratulate Bob for the pride he shows in his yard and for bringing a bit of positive fame to the 8th District," said Ald. Donovan.



www.milwaukee.gov/district8

One Call That's All...286-CITY

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

Ald. 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**. And the following important phone numbers are still active:

Common Council.....	286-2221
Mayor Tom Barrett	286-2200
Fire/Police/Ambulance.....	911
Fire - non-emergency.....	286-8999
Police - non-emergency.....	933-4444
Dist. 2 non-emergency.....	935-7222
Dist. 6 non-emergency.....	935-7262
Health Department	286-3616
Domestic Violence/assault .	286-2997
Parking Hotline	286-8350
Public Works	286-8282
<small>(special pickups, street lights, potholes, garbage/trash pickups, water, sewers)</small>	
Graffiti hotline.....	286-8715
Nuisance issues.....	286-2268
<small>(debris, litter, abandoned/illegally parked vehicles, code violations, landlord/tenant problems)</small>	

No Car Sales, No Car Repairs on City Streets



Our neighborhood streets are not used car lots or auto service stations. Remember that in certain neighborhoods it's against the law to simply put a "For Sale" sign in the car window and park it out on the street. And doing car repairs on vehicles parked on city streets is also against city law. Let's keep those activities out of the 8th District to improve our quality of life.

In the 8th District it's illegal to park a car for sale on the street from W. Pierce St. to W. Cleveland Ave. and from S. 20th St. to S. 38th St. without a permit. An ordinance sponsored by Ald. Donovan will allow that, but owners must purchase a \$40 certificate for the affected streets. Call 286-8350 for information. Without the tag, your car can be ticketed and/or towed.

If a car is unregistered and/or unlicensed, it can be towed or impounded. Ald. Donovan was successful in his effort to change state law to allow the city to clear nuisance vehicles from city streets that do not display valid license plates or a temporary operation plate.

Planning Ahead for the Winter Months

Fall may be a little early to worry about the snows of winter, but Ald. Donovan wants everyone in the 8th District to be prepared. So remember:

1. The single biggest problem in snow plowing is parked and abandoned cars. Please move your vehicles so plows can clear the streets curb to curb.
2. Property owners and occupants are required by city law to clear sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours after the snow and ice have stopped falling.
3. Clear fire hydrants.
4. Call the Sanitation Division at 286-3345 for hardship assistance.
5. Curbside collection of garbage carts for households without alleys ends on Wednesday, December 6, 2006.
6. Winter parking rules start December 1, 2006.



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To find out more about your district log on to:
www.milwaukee.gov/district8

You can email your questions/concerns to me at:
rdonov@milwaukee.gov



A Garden Grows as a Community Grows

A community garden has brought a bit of beauty to the 8th District. With the help of Ald. Donovan, neighbors took a vacant city-owned property near S. 33rd St. and W. National Ave. in the Silver City Main Street District and brought it to life. "This effort shows that residents in our community can make vital and valuable contributions to the 8th District and the City of Milwaukee," said Ald. Donovan.

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Jackson Park Neighborhood Update

Summer may be over but the activities around Jackson Park continue. The Jackson Park Neighborhood Association has scheduled several events this fall for the whole family:

- Halloween sign up Oct. 21 and 22, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Manitoba Park.
- Trick or Treat, Saturday, Oct. 28, 6-8 p.m. (Rain date - Sunday, Oct. 29, 6-8 p.m.)
- Tree lighting ceremony, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m., three corners (Oklahoma Ave., Forest Home Ave., S. 43rd St.)
- Brew City Small Dog Rescue sponsors children or pet pictures with Santa. Manitoba Park, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Holiday caroling, meet at Manitoba Park, Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m., carol 6-8 p.m.

For more information on the JPNA contact Ken Franzen at 604-0197. For questions about the Jackson Park Business Association call Greg Herker at 979-8800. The Jackson Park Neighborhood and Business Associations are working together to provide information online. Go to www.jacksonpark.us for more information.

Take Ownership Of Your Neighborhood

During these challenging budget times it's important that everyone who lives in our community takes ownership of their neighborhoods, and lends a hand to city workers as they strive to maintain important and needed city services.

The 8th District has many community organizations that can give you the opportunity to become involved and share your time and talents with your neighbors.

Again I would thank those who are already volunteering and are involved, and encourage more of you to become active. The organizations listed below are always looking for volunteers for various activities during the year:

- **Southside Organizing Committee** (Steve Fendt)**672-8090**
- **Layton Blvd. West Neighbors** (Charlotte John-Gomez)**383-9038**
- **Clarke Square Community Association** (Lorraine Blanco)**383-7604**
- **Historic Layton Boulevard Association** (Patti Davidson)**645-4059**
- **Boys and Girls Club****383-2650**
- **Milwaukee Christian Center**.....**645-5350**
- **Journey House****647-0548**