

# ROBERT G. DONOVAN

SPRING 2007

## Committee Assignments

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

## UPDATE: Greenfield & National Enhancements

The street enhancement project scheduled for W. Greenfield Ave. between S. 16th St. (Cesar Chavez Dr.) and S. 27th St. (Layton Blvd.) will be constructed this year, Ald. Donovan said.

"I'm very pleased that the Department of Public Works has informed me that the Greenfield streetscaping project will see work in 2007," said Ald. Donovan. "The work will enhance safety along Greenfield Ave. and make the street that much more attractive to businesses and residents."

The W. Greenfield Ave. work will include decorative street lights such as harp lanterns, decorative crosswalks, street furniture, pedestrian bump-outs at some intersections, and a bicycle lane. Working with the Milwaukee Alliance, Ald. Donovan helped obtain a \$620,000 federal grant to pay for 80% of the work.

A second 8th Aldermanic District streetscaping enhancement project – W. National Ave. from S. 27th to S. 38th Streets – is scheduled for construction in 2008. The project, being developed in partnership with Layton Boulevard West Neighbors and the Silver City Main Street businesses, will cost \$700,000 and will provide money for historic street lighting, improved bicycle and pedestrian features and crosswalk treatments.

## Dear Neighbor:

Anyone who knows me and understands my priorities for the 8th District and the city knows that I am constantly seeking ways to improve public safety by making sure the Milwaukee Police Department has the resources and personnel it needs to fight crime and protect our neighborhoods. Because of our limited fiscal resources, my consistent efforts to add additional police officers have sometimes been met with resistance, even as we face an officer vacancy rate that is dangerously high because of retirements and other factors. Despite the challenges, I will continue to make officer staffing one of my paramount priorities.

Another public safety focus has been my effort to empower residents as they join with their neighbors to do what they can to fight crime and nuisance problems. In this newsletter, you will read about Dave T. (not his real name), who volunteers to help rid the near south side of graffiti – most of it gang-related. I deeply appreciate the efforts of Dave and of so many others like him in the 8th Aldermanic District, who have worked so hard to improve the community.

I hope you will find the articles in this 2007 spring edition of my newsletter useful and informative. They include:

- A profile of police officer Jesus Gloria, the 6th Police District's bilingual community liaison officer.
- The new Colombian bakery and café at S. 35th & W. National.
- Major pedestrian safety upgrade slated for the busy intersection of S. 43rd/Forest Home/Oklahoma.
- Helpful DPW information that will help you get ready for spring.
- My upcoming Town Hall meetings.

Please contact me at **286-3533** if you have questions or concerns about city services or how to improve our neighborhoods. Please continue to share your concerns with me regarding any city government issue.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Donovan  
 Alderman, 8th District



## Visit Alderman Donovan At Town Hall Meetings

Three town hall meetings are scheduled this spring to enable Ald. Donovan to meet residents and discuss issues affecting the 8th District. Each of the meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. The dates and locations:

- **April 24 – Manitoba Elementary, 4040 W. Forest Home Ave. (gym)**
- **April 26 – Doerfler Elementary, 3014 W. Scott St. (gym)**
- **May 2 – Grant Elementary, 2920 W. Grant St. (auditorium)**

Ald. Donovan has invited representatives of city departments including the police to answer questions and discuss issues that you are concerned about including crime and crime prevention, sanitation, recycling, and neighborhood development. Please attend the meeting that best fits your schedule or location.

## Ald. Donovan Calls For Police In Schools

With major disruptive incidents occurring on a far too regular basis, Ald. Donovan wants to see police officers assigned to specific public schools in Milwaukee. He has proposed using \$1 million in city money earmarked for security aides to hire additional Milwaukee police officers to patrol schools and – when school is out during the summer – patrol city neighborhoods.

“We are unfortunately at the point where we need officers in MPS schools so that the learning environment can be maintained for the young people who are truly there to learn,” said Ald. Donovan. “The violence and disruptions must end and order must be restored.”

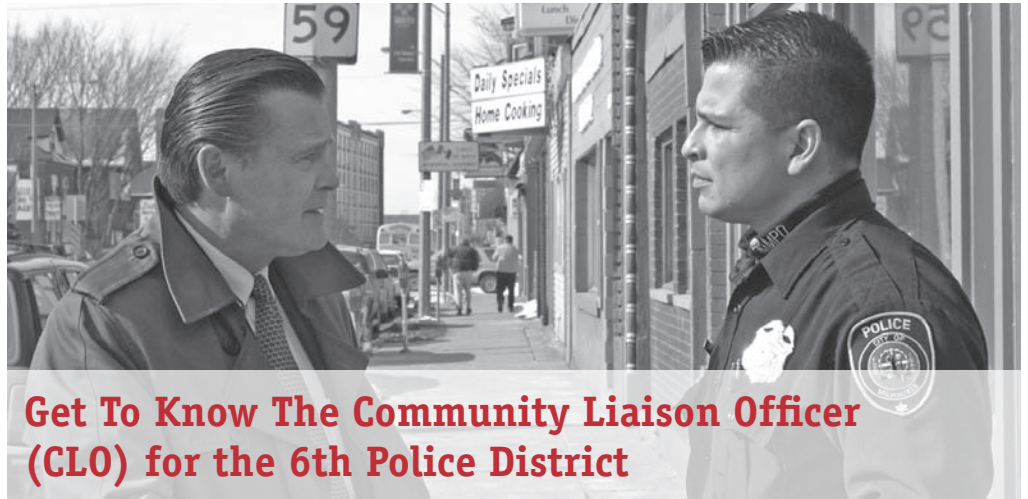
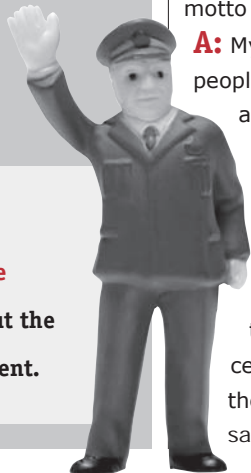
He said trained police officers are needed to help handle serious incidents that many times include violence. “I just seriously question the wisdom of spending another \$1 million on security aides who have no weapons or arrest powers, and who usually end up calling police anyway. In essence, right now our taxpayers are paying twice for the same service.”

Ald. Donovan, chair of the Common Council’s Public Safety Committee, said additional police officers could be used for regular patrol duty during the summer, when police resources are vitally needed to fight crime and violence on Milwaukee’s streets. “The MPS security aides are on vacation during the summer, adding nothing to the security of our neighborhoods and business districts,” he said.

Please go to:

[www.milwaukee.gov/police](http://www.milwaukee.gov/police)

for more information about the Milwaukee Police Department.



## Get To Know The Community Liaison Officer (CLO) for the 6th Police District

**Q:** Officer Gloria, Ald. Donovan calls the CLO the “living, breathing personification of the MPD” on neighborhood streets and in schools, churches and businesses throughout the district. As a CLO what is your biggest challenge on a daily basis?

**A:** My biggest challenge on a daily basis is managing my time so that I follow up with citizens in a timely manner and provide them with accurate crime prevention information.

**Q:** As the MPD’s first fully bilingual CLO, do you find Spanish-speaking residents are more inclined to approach you with info and requests? Are they appreciative of having a police officer who speaks Spanish?

**A:** Yes, Spanish-speaking residents are more inclined to provide information, requests and questions, and they are very appreciative of having a Community Officer who speaks Spanish. More importantly, not only do I speak Spanish like many near south side residents, but I also understand where they are coming from.

**Q:** As CLO what is your basic philosophy or motto in how you approach your work?

**A:** My philosophy is that I try to provide people with accurate information, with answers to their questions, and I try to return their calls in a timely manner.

**Q:** How do you interact with businesses and merchants?

**A:** I try to get to know them and their workers, and I take their concerns very seriously. I help by guiding them on preventing crime while being safe at the same time.

*Ald. Donovan discusses some public safety matters with 6th District Community Liaison Officer Jesus Gloria recently near S. 35th St. and W. National Ave.*

### Officer Gloria Facts:



- Born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
- Moved to U.S. as a teen in Dec. 1991.
- Graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School, Kenosha.
- Worked as a court interpreter for the Kenosha Co. Courts.
- Graduated from Gateway Technical College with an associate degree in criminal justice.
- Married, father of two children.
- Joined Milwaukee Police Department in April 2004.

To reach Officer Gloria please email him at [jglori@milwaukee.gov](mailto:jglori@milwaukee.gov) or call 935-7268.

**Q:** If you could provide one basic piece of advice to citizens, what would that be?

**A:** Contact your Community Liaison Officer and request a Block Watch start-up meeting for you and your neighbors as soon as possible. **Don’t wait for a crime to happen!**

**Q:** If you could make one basic request of residents/business owners, what would that be?

**A:** Please come to our crime analysis meetings at the District Six Police Station, 3006 S. 27th St., on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. I urge people to inform themselves about the crimes reported in the district and in their neighborhoods. Also, I urge residents to get to know their Community Liaison Officer so they can be provided with information on how to prevent crime.



## Finding The Best Person To Be Our Next Police Chief

**W**ho better to help Milwaukee select its next police chief than people who know firsthand what it takes to get the job done.

That's why Ald. Donovan has asked that police chiefs from other large U.S. cities be convened to recommend the best candidate for Milwaukee's top police job. In a letter sent to Mayor Tom Barrett in January, the alderman made it clear that Milwaukee must find the best person available to succeed retiring Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty.

In his letter, Ald. Donovan said city leadership must make sure that the **Fire and Police Commission** make the best selection possible. "I am particularly concerned that members of the Commission do not have police experience," he wrote. "It is essential that our next Chief have a comprehensive plan and I'm not sure that Commission members with no experience in law enforcement will be able to ask the right questions to discover which candidates can formulate the public safety strategies we need."

The letter continues: "To that end, I am calling on you to convene a panel of Chiefs from across the country to be part of the interviewing process. The Commission can certainly help choose a candidate who will work well with the public and City officials. But given the complexity and demands a Police Chief has in running a major department, who better to ascertain the qualities of our next chief than ones currently in that position?"

Chief Hegerty announced Jan. 5, 2006 that she plans to retire when her appointed four-

*Ald. Donovan (seated at right), chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, listened as Police Chief Nannette Hegerty addressed the committee in January regarding her strategy to help reduce crime and violence in the City of Milwaukee. Seated to Ald. Donovan's right are committee members Ald. Robert W. Puente and Ald. Tony Zielinski.*

year term expires in November 2007. Ald. Donovan, chair of the Common Council's **Public Safety Committee**, said it's likely that a multitude of internal and external candidates will apply for the opening.

"It is critical that we choose a Chief who is aggressive and one that can land on his or her feet and immediately move this City

forward. This new Chief needs to have more than an impressive resume," the letter from Ald. Donovan states.

**Chief William Bratton of the Los Angeles Police Department** would be Ald. Donovan's clear choice to head the review panel, he said, noting that Bratton "has a proven track record of success in law enforcement."

## Expanding Surveillance Camera Program Eyed

A successful partnership forged by Ald. Donovan and local businesses to bring video surveillance monitoring of street-level activity along a key stretch of W. National Ave. has brought about the prospect of installing similar cameras to help bolster safety in other south side business districts, the alderman said.

In fact an effort to expand the surveillance camera initiative is underway, with Ald. Donovan hosting a series of meetings with other south side business owners to gauge support. "The National Avenue cameras are helping to reduce crime and identify suspects from Chavez Drive (S. 16th St.) to Layton Blvd. (S. 27th St.)," Ald. Donovan said. "Residents and business owners have said they're glad to see the cameras because they know it keeps the criminal element at bay and it makes them feel more secure."

Business areas along W. Lincoln Ave., W. Greenfield Ave., additional stretches of W. National Ave. and other south side areas are being eyed as possible new locations for video surveillance, the alderman said.

Ald. Donovan said the mounted cameras along National Ave. – the first of their kind monitoring such a large area in the city – have provided a strong deterrent against all types of crime, including theft, robbery, assault, drug activity, loitering, prostitution and vandalism.

Badger Mutual Insurance paid for the cameras and their installation, and Roundy's foods paid for the signage associated with the cameras. Also, Roundy's security personnel are helping monitor the video footage captured by the cameras.

## Jackson Park Neighborhood Update

Improved pedestrian safety is just one of the topics being dealt with in the busy Jackson Park neighborhood, Ald. Donovan said.

The Jackson Park Neighborhood Association will hold a late spring membership meeting to provide an update on issues such as the pedestrian safety project (see story on back page) at the three corners (Oklahoma, Forest Home and 43rd St.). Notices will be sent out with the date, time and location information. Information will also be posted at [www.jacksonpark.us](http://www.jacksonpark.us)

The annual **JPNA Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at 1 p.m. on **Saturday, April 7** at the Jackson Park Stone Pavilion. The hunt is open to children ages 3-12. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photos.

Also, a **spring cleanup** of the park will take place on **Saturday, April 21** from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants should meet at the boathouse.

The neighborhood association's boundaries are: east to west, S. 27th St. to S. 60th St.; north to south, W. Lincoln Ave. to W. Morgan Ave. For more JPNA information please call Ken Franzen at **604-0197**.

### Some other important issues and events:

The JPNA will be working with the **Jackson Park Business Association** to recruit and attract new businesses to Jackson Park and to upgrade storefronts. Anyone interested in contacting the business association can do so by calling Greg Herker at **979-8800**. The association concerns itself with business-related issues in an area bounded by S. 27th St. on the east, W. Morgan Ave. on the south, S. 60th St. on the west and W. Oklahoma Ave. on the north.



## Sustainable Boulevards – Milwaukee’s Strategic Boulevard Plan

The City of Milwaukee has 120 miles of irrigated and landscaped boulevards that represent a long-term investment in public infrastructure dating back to the 1920s with the construction of the first irrigated and landscaped boulevard at West McKinley Avenue.

The city's Forestry Section has been and continues to be the steward of the boulevard system. Forestry designed the system based on a customer service philosophy responsive to residents and adjacent property owners. The result is a visually striking boulevard system that adds value and quality of life for the citizens of Milwaukee. While of collective importance to the community, Milwaukee's boulevard system faces ever greater challenges in the face of growing fiscal constraints.

To ensure its future, stewardship of the boulevard system requires thoughtful, deliberative planning. Forestry developed **Sustainable Boulevards, Milwaukee's Strategic Boulevard Plan** based in part on recommendations from community and landscape professionals. The plan provides for long-term management of the boulevard system based on sound design principles and the sustainability of resources. The plan recognizes tough choices are necessary in today's climate of competing priorities and tight resources.

*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.*

### Sustainable Boulevards calls for:

- Removal of low impact flower and shrub beds to be replaced with grass and trees.
- Installation of highly visual Signature Landscape Beds at historic/landmark gateways and major intersections throughout the city.
- Planting of shade, ornamental and ever green trees to increase tree canopy in connecting boulevard segments; and
- Conversion to an automated irrigation system to save operating costs.

Implementation of *Sustainable Boulevards* will require significant capital investment. This up-front investment will be offset by a reduction in seasonal city staffing with an expected payback period of less than 10 years. Forestry is also seeking funding assistance for *Sustainable Boulevards* through community partnerships such as the **Milwaukee Gateway Signage Program**.

Forestry officials are seeking public input on Milwaukee's Strategic Boulevard Plan. For additional information visit the City of Milwaukee website at [www.city.milwaukee.gov](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov) or contact landscape architect Scott Baran at 286-3531.



**Photo 1)** During a recent **neighborhood walk-through**, Ald. Donovan documented graffiti on a garage door in an alley near S. 32nd and W. Rogers St. Accompanying the alderman were **6th District Community Liaison Officer Jesus Gloria** (left), **DPW Sanitation Inspector Dennis Murawski** (middle) and (not pictured) representatives of the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department.

**Photo 2)** Dave T. (not his real name) paints over graffiti on a garage in an alley near S. 34th and W. Becher St. Dave is a **volunteer who helps seniors and people with disabilities remove graffiti vandalism from their properties**. To find out if Dave can help you remove graffiti, please call Ald. Donovan at 286-3533.

## Graffiti: Rearing Its Ugly Head

**A**ld. Donovan has been an active and vigilant anti-graffiti advocate for many years, and he's often frustrated by the reckless and thoughtless damage that graffiti vandals cause on property in the 8th District and throughout the city.

"Graffiti vandalism seems to come and go in cycles, but when it does happen it is truly galling and despicable," said Ald. Donovan. "The sheer arrogance and uncaring recklessness of graffiti criminals deserves tough penalties from the criminal justice system and vigilance on the part of property owners."

Excellent police work by MPD officers recently resulted in the arrests of 10 people believed responsible for defacing hundreds of properties in Milwaukee, causing approximately \$50,000 in damage. But, police continue to rely on residents for their assistance in pursuing graffiti suspects and related cases, Ald. Donovan said.

Property owners and neighborhoods should react quickly to incidents of graffiti vandalism, Ald. Donovan said. "The most effective weapon against graffiti is the quick removal of it, and painting over graffiti or removing it within 24 hours is highly encouraged," he said.

"The longer graffiti goes unabated on a wall, fence, dumpster or light pole, the more likely that area will see more graffiti and additional criminal activities," he said.

### Anti-Graffiti Hotline

The City of Milwaukee **Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS)** operates an Anti-Graffiti Hotline. Citizens can call and report locations of graffiti. DNS will try to contact the owner, advise them of any options and hopefully have the graffiti removed quickly. If the owner fails to comply an order will be issued. In some cases the City will do the work and assess the costs to the owner.

Call the **City of Milwaukee Anti-Graffiti hotline** at **414-286-8715** to report graffiti. If you see someone in the act of graffiti vandalism, call the police at 911. If you are the owner of the property and have graffiti, you should report it to the police non-emergency number of 933-4444. If you are an owner occupant of a property that has been hit by graffiti but you are disabled and/or elderly and cannot remove it yourself, please call the **Milwaukee Christian Center** at **645-5350**.

### Now Online!

Citizens can now leave a complaint about a graffiti problem on a new E-mail address. Contact **graffiti@milwaukee.gov** please provide as much information as possible especially address, location of graffiti, type of graffiti (spray paint, black marker) and date first noticed.

## Spreading The Wealth: Silver City TIN Program Expanded

A successful revitalization effort that has pumped more than \$1.5 million into a near south side neighborhood for home improvement work has been expanded, Ald. Donovan said.

Established in 2003, the **Silver City targeted investment neighborhood (TIN)** has provided eligible property owners with funding for housing improvements in the area bounded by S. Layton Blvd. on the east, the city limits (S. 38th St.) on the west, W. National Ave. on the north, and W. Scott St. on the south.

**In June 2006 the Silver City TIN was expanded south to W. Greenfield Ave. and east to S. 25th St., Ald. Donovan said.**

"This expansion is an exciting development for the neighborhood and will be a major boost as we continue the momentum to improve the housing stock in this vibrant area of Milwaukee," said Ald. Donovan, who helped lead the push at the Council level to expand the TIN's boundaries.

Charlotte John-Gomez, executive director of the **Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN)** – a partner in the TIN program – said the Silver City TIN has made a significant impact on the neighborhood because LBWN and the city have worked together to not only improve the housing stock, but also to mobilize the neighbors to take on small scale block-improvement projects and to establish block clubs. "Neighbors participating in these activities are mobilizing around projects that create a positive impact and establish networks of social connections among neighbors," John-Gomez said.

The city is also collaborating with the **Southside Organizing Committee (SOC)** to coordinate the TIN services for homeowners residing east of Layton Blvd. For more information on how to participate, call the city's **Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp. (NIDC)** at **286-5618** or LBWN at **385-5300**, or SOC at **672-8090**.

# • • • ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS • • •

**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 at S. 27th and National has brought new shoppers and additional commercial vitality to one of the city's busiest intersections. The site is where several underutilized older stores and buildings stood for decades before being demolished. Perhaps most well known among them was the National Liquor Bar.*



*Ald. Donovan joined Mayor Tom Barrett, County Executive Scott Walker, County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic and many other city, county and state officials in helping owner John Bohorquez, Sr. and his family officially open **Mekato's Colombian Bakery & Cafe** at 35th and National on February 16. **Layton Boulevard West Neighbors, Inc. (LBWN)** worked with the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County and other partners to acquire the two-story building and transform the former troubled tavern property into a great new neighborhood asset. Nine employees were hired to help launch the bakery, and more will be added as Mekato's expands into the wholesale market to local grocery stores. The bakery is the 11th new business to open in the **Silver City Main Street District**, one of four commercial streets targeted for renewal under the **Main Street Milwaukee Program**.*



*Continental Savings Bank is building a \$1.4 million branch location and retail/residential development at S. 25th and W. Lincoln. The 19,000 square foot project will include **street level retail space** and **four apartment units upstairs**. Ald. Donovan said the neighborhood's residents will benefit from the financial services and savings opportunities at the bank, and the retail component will add additional commerce to that bustling area.*



*The site of the former Walgreens in the shopping center at the northwest corner of N. 27th and W. National will soon be home to **El Rey Mitchell Park food store**. Ald. Donovan said he welcomes the addition of a quality food store like El Rey to the neighborhood.*

## Use Your Nearest Public Library!

Stay busy this spring at your neighborhood library. There are programs and events happening for all ages at Zablocki Library, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave., and Forest Home Library, 1432 W. Forest Home Ave. Log on to [www.mpl.org](http://www.mpl.org) for a complete calendar of events.

### Bilingual Preschool Story Time

Preschoolers are invited to the library to hear stories, sing songs and learn finger plays. Child care centers welcome.

#### Forest Home Library

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

### Family Story Time

Stories, songs, crafts and fun for children ages 2 to 5 and their parents (or grandparents). Pre-registration required; call 286-3055. Special story times for child care centers; call to schedule.

#### Zablocki Library

Tuesdays, March 6 – May 8, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., includes craft.

### Nursery Rhyme Time

For children birth to 18 months and an adult. A half-hour of stories, songs, finger plays and hands-on sensory exploration. Please call 286-3055 to register.

#### Zablocki Library

Wednesdays, April 25 – May 16, 6:30 p.m.

### Ballet Story Time

Enjoy stories about ballerinas, try some basic ballet steps, and watch a special guest from the Milwaukee Ballet demonstrate more advanced movements.

#### Zablocki Library

Tuesday, March 20, 9:30 a.m.

### Kids Celebrating Kids!

The Milwaukee Public Library celebrates Week of the Young Child, April 22-28, to recognize young children and thank teachers and other adults who work to build better futures for all children.

#### Zablocki Library

Singers and a sing-along from Zablocki School - Monday, April 23, 9:30 a.m.

#### Forest Home Library

Featuring the dance group from Vieau School - Thursday, April 26, 10:30 a.m.

### Mother's Day Craft

Create a Mother's Day gift for someone special.

#### Zablocki Library

Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.

#### Forest Home Library

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.

### Easter Egg Hunt and Craft

Make an Easter basket and search for eggs and treats hidden in and around the library. Recommended for families with children ages 4-10 years old.

#### Zablocki Library

Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m.

### Early Learning Family Pizza Night

For families with children ages 5 and younger. Come for a fun-filled night with pizza and a story time presented by Milwaukee Public Library's Ready to Read staff. Learn the six skills to develop in children so they are ready to learn to read when they enter school. Free pizza is included with this workshop. Children will be treated to a special story time. Each family will receive a free gift. Space is limited, call 286-8423 to register.

#### Forest Home Library

Monday, May 14, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Homework Help

Homework Help for children in elementary school is offered at **Forest Home Library**. Volunteers listen, guide, and advise children with their homework needs. Hours are generally weeknights from 4 to 8 p.m. Please call 286-3083 for specific days and times.

### Free College, Career and Apprenticeship Help

**COMPASS Guide** is a Web site ([www.compassguide.org](http://www.compassguide.org)) that has Milwaukee's first searchable database of local scholarship information, in addition to general information on career planning, college and apprenticeship choices. It's free and easy to use. Coaches are available to help teens, parents

or mentors get started using COMPASS Guide. Stop in any time during coaching hours.

#### Zablocki Library

Mondays now through May 7  
4:30 to 7 p.m.

#### Forest Home Library

Wednesdays now through May 9  
5:30 to 8 p.m.

### "Latin Jazz and Jazz as International Music"

Free pre-event jazz performances by musicians from the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, a jazz film and discussion led by local music scholar Dr. Wallace Cheatham.

#### Forest Home Library

Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m.

## Important Phone Numbers

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

(special pickups, street lights, potholes, garbage/trash pickups, water, sewers)

Graffiti hotline..... 286-8715

Nuisance issues..... 286-2268

(debris, litter, abandoned/illegally parked vehicles, code violations, landlord/tenant problems)

### City of Milwaukee website:

[www.city.milwaukee.gov](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov)

### District 8 website:

[www.milwaukee.gov/district8](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district8)

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SPRING 2007



*Ald. Donovan welcomed **Blessed Sacrament Pastor Father Robert Turner** to City Hall on **February 27**, when Father Turner gave the invocation at the start of the regular meeting of the Common Council. Also welcoming Father Turner were Ald. Joe Dudzik (left) and Ald. Jim Witkowiak.*

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### Special Pickups Reminder

**Remember that there have been some major changes in the collection of those special items once collected in "Special Pickups."**

Many of those special items such as sofas will now be collected by sanitation crews on your regular garbage collection day, up to four cubic yards of material, about the size of two sofas. However there are limitations:

- Washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators and air conditioners will no longer be collected.
- There are limits on yard waste and brush.
- You can take bulky items, yard waste, old tires and other household materials to the Self-Help Center at 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.
- A \$50 fee will be charged to a property owner if the city is required to remove litter/debris totaling more than four cubic yards from the property.

The changes are expected to save taxpayers more than \$700,000 a year. Call the **DPW call center** at **286-8282** for pickup of larger amounts or other information.

### Work At S. 43rd/Forest Home/Oklahoma To Boost Pedestrian Safety

The **Wisconsin Department of Transportation** has approved the **city's application for a transportation enhancements project** to help make it easier for pedestrians to traverse the busy intersection of W. Forest Home Ave., W. Oklahoma Ave. and S. 43rd St.

Ald. Donovan said the project – which will include work by city **Department of Public Works** staffers – is critical to making the area safer for all residents, especially children and seniors. "This intersection connects three high volume arterial roadways at various angles and is near Jackson Park, Manitoba Elementary School, and the business district along West Forest Home Avenue and West Oklahoma Avenue," he said. "These are three destinations we need to keep within reach for all citizens, and making the intersection safer is the main way we can do that."

The project may include curb extensions, widened sidewalks, improved traffic signals and high visibility crosswalk treatments. The grant amount is \$400,000, and DPW officials anticipate that planning and engineering will occur in 2007, with **construction anticipated in 2008**.