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11th District

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Town Hall Meeting

Ald. Dudzik will hold a Town Hall meeting on **Wed., June 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.** in the auditorium at Hamilton High School, 6215 W. Warnimont Ave.

A representative of the **Environmental Services Division** of the **Department of Public Works (DPW)** will be on hand to discuss the **Sustainable Boulevards Plan**, a proposed longterm plan to change the way city boulevards are cared for. DPW officials have said the plan will result in significant long term operational savings to the city. Ald. Dudzik has also invited Milwaukee Police Department representatives to attend the meeting. **Hope to see you there!**

It's Spring Cleaning Time

Spring continues to be the best time of year to clean out garages, attics and basements, and there are a few things you need to remember.

First, although city crews will remove bulky items, they will not collect the following: Appliances, household hazardous waste, more than five tires, paint, waste oil or other hazardous liquids and more than four cubic yards of brush (you must call for brush pick-up - 286-8282 - for four cubic yards or under). Place your unwanted items at your collection point on your scheduled pick-up day.

What's New

This is your last opportunity to dispose of large amounts of bulky items at no charge. After June 1st, bulky pickups that exceed four cubic yards will cost \$50.

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

- Spread out the amount for pickup on regular garbage collection days.
- Reserve a large dumpster for neighborhood weekend cleanups.
- Use the city's Self-Help Centers.

Bulky materials can be taken to the **Self-Help Centers** at 6660 N. Industrial Rd. or 3879 W. Lincoln Ave. The city collects household hazardous wastes each Friday and Saturday between 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Self-Help Center at 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.

Large roll-off dumpsters can be reserved from the **Sanitation Division** for weekend neighborhood cleanups. If you'd like to volunteer or organize your neighborhood cleanup, please contact Ald. Dudzik's office for information on reserving a dumpster for your cleanup date or call the **DPW Call Center** at **286-8282**.

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

Those are the watchwords for this spring-summer edition of my newsletter for the 11th District.

Reduce as in consider cleaning out your basement, your garage and your attic and reduce the amount of unwanted or under-used items that are taking up too much space. If you have "reduction" or spring cleaning on your mind, be sure to read about special pickups and the city's **Self-Help Centers** in this newsletter.

Reuse as in consider donating items to a charity of your choice, so that others can reuse these items. This could include taking old or unused clothing and/or household items to Goodwill or dropping off shoes for the **Reuse-A-Shoe program** (see page 3).

Recycle as in please make sure you always place recyclables in your blue recycling carts. This will help the city reduce its landfill costs (savings are passed on to taxpayers), and in the long run it will help the environment.

This newsletter also includes an article about the **Sustainable Boulevards Initiative**, and a related town hall meeting I will hold on that program. As well you will read about a project to reconstruct S. 76th St., and you can view the 2007 festivals schedule.

Please have a safe and productive spring and summer.

Sincerely,

Joe Dudzik
Alderman, 11th District



Summer Garbage & Recycling Collection

Summer curbside collection of garbage carts for households without alleys started on April 16, 2007. Residents must roll their garbage cart to the curb until Friday, Dec. 7, 2007. Sanitation crews will not collect the carts from their storage areas. Please note your day of garbage collection will change beginning the week of May 28, 2007. There is no garbage or recycling collections on these city holidays:

- Memorial Day, Monday, May 28
- Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4
- Labor Day, Monday, September 3

Collection of recyclables does not change. Milwaukee's household recycling program is among the top five in the nation, and Ald. Dudzik gives credit to our residents who care about conserving resources and reducing landfill disposal costs.

Council Approves Solar Panels For Environmental Education Center

The **Milwaukee Environmental Education Resource and Tour Center** will soon be installing solar panels to help reduce its energy costs – thanks in part to a committee vice-chaired by Ald. Dudzik.

The **Common Council's Public Works Committee** approved a measure earlier this year to accept a total of \$77,000 in grants from **WE Energies** and the **Focus on Energy program** to help pay for the solar panels and their installation at the education center, which is operated by **Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, Inc.** The city's share of the project costs will be \$43,000.

The measure received final approval from the full Common Council in late February, Ald. Dudzik said.

"Bottom line is the solar panels will help the education center cut its energy costs significantly, passing the savings on to the city and our taxpayers," said Ald. Dudzik, vice-chair of the Public Works Committee since 2004.

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful (KGMB) is an award winning, private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Established in 1983, it has been affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, Inc. since 1985. KGMB uses a combination of community improvement programs like the **Great American Cleanup** and education to accomplish its goals.

The Milwaukee Environmental Education Resource and Tour Center, located in the Menomonee Valley at 1313 W. Mt. Vernon Ave., features an in-house waste reduction education center. Educational tours can be arranged by e-mail at education@kgmb.org or by phoning (414)272-5462.

Please go to www.kgmb.org to learn more about KGMB.



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.

Do You Support 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. "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 and I want to get feedback from my constituents on the proposed plan," said Ald. Dudzik.

The DPW, with help from individual citizens, landscape design professionals and environmentalists, has developed a longterm alternative for Milwaukee's boulevards, and Ald. Dudzik has invited a representative of the Environmental Services Division to a town hall meeting on June 20 to explain the Sustainable Boulevards Plan.

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 operational savings, and that its capital costs would be recovered within six to 10 years.



Donate Your Used Athletic Shoes

In 1993 Nike developed the **Reuse-A-Shoe program** to expand its ongoing efforts to increase physical activity among youth and to give back to the communities that have made the company successful. Working together with the **National Recycling Coalition** and more than 80 recycling organizations nationwide, the program collects used athletic shoes that will be recycled and used to make brand new athletic surfaces. Each participating recycling organization is challenged with collecting 5,000 or more pairs of used athletic shoes of any brand.

The **City of Milwaukee** has participated in the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program since the summer of 2004 and collects used athletic shoes at numerous locations throughout the metro area (see sites below). Once the shoes are collected, they are shipped to Nike and recycled into three separate materials. These materials are used in new sports surfaces such as playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, and running tracks. The City of Milwaukee has been utilizing recycled rubber products in its playgrounds and tot lots for years and will continue to use these recycled materials.

Recycled shoe material from the Milwaukee area will end up in athletic and play surfaces in communities throughout the nation. From August 2004 when Milwaukee started its shoe recycling program through the end of 2005, more than 20,700 pairs of used athletic shoes were collected for recycling from Milwaukee area residents! That's over 15 and a half tons of shoes recycled and more than 135 cubic yards of landfill space saved! Get old shoes back in the game and help conserve resources and landfill space.

Acceptable Shoes:

Not every shoe is lucky enough to get turned into **Nike Grind** material. That's because Nike's recycling equipment is set up specifically for the material and dimensions of athletic shoes. Here are the guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable shoe donations:

- Any and all athletic shoes (even worn ones!). No metal, no mud, no water.
- No thongs, sandals, pumps, or dress shoes or boots.
- No shoes in plastic bags or tied together.

S. 76th St.: Major Reconstruction Underway

Motorists who use S. 76th St. on a regular basis are just now adjusting to the major reconstruction work that got underway just weeks ago. Ald. Dudzik said the very busy stretch of S. 76th from W. Waterford Ave. to W. Oklahoma Ave. is being repaved and upgraded.

"People are trying to get themselves used to some major traffic changes that are part of this project," said Ald. Dudzik. "I urge people to be patient and to explore alternate routes that will make their daily commutes more manageable."

Ald. Dudzik says S. 76th St. is an important lifeline for several neighborhoods, and a critical artery for commerce and transportation in the city. "I want to urge all residents and those who travel the route to continue to patronize the businesses along the affected stretch of S. 76th St. during the construction period," Ald. Dudzik said. "It's important that the message be stated clearly that S. 76th St. is open for business."

"The upside of this project is that once it's finished we will have a very nice, new roadway from Waterford to Oklahoma," he said, noting that the project will also bring some streetscaping and traffic control improvements to the busy intersection of S. 76th and Oklahoma. The stretch of Oklahoma between S. 74th and S. 76th will also see improvements as part of the project, he said.

South 76th St. will generally be open to traffic with one lane in each direction during the project, and there will be no stopping or street parking during construction, which will be spearheaded by Milwaukee County under S. 76th St.'s classification as a county trunk highway.

Construction is scheduled to be completed by this fall.

Reuse-A-Shoe Donation Sites

Milwaukee

City Hall Rotunda - 200 E. Wells St.

City of Milwaukee Self-Help Centers - 6660 N. Industrial Rd. or 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.

Havenwoods State Forest Parks and Recreation - 6141 N. Hopkins St.

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful - 1313 W. Mount Vernon Ave.

Milwaukee County Zoo - 10001 W. Blue Mound Rd.

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District - 260 W. Seeboth St. or 6060 S. 13th St.

Milwaukee Public Schools Central Services Building - 5225 W. Vliet St., Room 163

Municipal Building - 841 N. Broadway St., Room 620

Urban Ecology Center - 1500 E. Park Pl.

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Rodiez's Shoes - 10903 W. Lincoln Ave.



<<< Ald. Dudzik congratulates the students of Walt Whitman Elementary School, 4200 S. 54th St. for their winning efforts in the 2006 Cans for Cash Recycling Challenge. Whitman students were the top collectors among 23 local schools with 665 pounds of aluminum cans and received a cash prize of \$500 for school recycling programs.

"Through hard work, determination and tremendous dedication, Walt Whitman students learned the value of recycling," said Ald. Dudzik. "Aluminum is the most recyclable of all materials, and throwing away a single

aluminum can is like wasting six ounces of gasoline."

Ald. Dudzik, a graduate of Whitman, was proud to show off his red Whitman school sweatshirt. At the event Ald. Dudzik presented a Common Council commendation to teacher Kathleen Pietrykowski and Principal Patrick Rehl.

Craig Montessori Elementary School collected 242 pounds during a two-week period to finish second and Emerson Elementary finished third with 197 pounds of aluminum cans.



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productive spring and summer.*



Alds. Dudzik, Robert G. Donovan and James N. Witkowiak welcome Fr. Robert D. Turner, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish at S. 41st St. and W. Oklahoma Ave. to City Hall where he delivered the invocation at the February 27th meeting of the Milwaukee Common Council.

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FESTIVALS

2007 Church Festivals

- June 8-10 **Our Lady Queen of Peace**, 3222 S. 29th St., 672-0313
- Aug. 17-19 **Our Lady of Lourdes**, 3725 S. 56th St., 545-4316
- Aug. 24-26 **St. Sava Serbian Days**, 3201 S. 51st St., 545-4080
- Sept. 13-16 **St. Gregory the Great**, 6300 W. Oklahoma Ave., 543-8292

2007 Summer Festivals

- June 1-3 **Riversplash**, Pere Marquette Park
- June 7-Sept 27 **Jazz in the Park**, Cathedral Square
- June 8-10 **Pridefest**, Maier Festival Park
- June 13-Sept 5, **Westown's River Rhythms**, Pere Marquette Park
- June 15-17 **Lakefront Festival of the Arts**, Mil. Art Museum
- June 19 **Juneteenth Day**, Martin Luther King Dr.
- June 22-24 **Polish Fest**, Maier Festival Park
- June 28-July 8 **Summerfest**, Maier Festival Park
- June 29-July 1 **Greek Fest**, Wis. State Fair Park
- July 12-15 **Bastille Days**, East Town
- July 13-15 **South Shore Water Frolics**, South Shore Park
- July 19-22 **Festa Italiana**, Maier Festival Park
- July 27-29 **Germanfest**, Maier Festival Park
- Aug 2-12 **Wisconsin State Fair**, State Fair Park

- Aug 3-5 **African World Festival**, Maier Festival Park
- Aug 3-4 **Jazz Festival**, Historic Third Ward
- Aug 10-12 **Arab World Festival**, Maier Festival Park
- Aug 16-19 **Irish Fest**, Maier Festival Park
- Aug 24-26 **Mexican Fiesta**, Maier Festival Park
- Sept 7-9 **Indian Summer Festival**, Maier Festival Park

Other Events

- June 2-Oct 13 **East Town Farm Market**, Cathedral Square
- June 4 **Miller Lite Ride for the Arts**, Downtown Milwaukee
- June 20-Oct 31 **Westown Farmer's Market**, Zeidler Union Square
- July 3 **U.S. Bank Fireworks**, Veterans Park
- July 14-15 **TCF Bank Milwaukee Air Expo**, Veteran's Park
- July 16-22 **U.S. Bank Golf Championship**, Brown Deer Park
- Aug 16-19 **Milwaukee A La Carte**, Milwaukee County Zoo

To find out more about these events, check with **VISIT Milwaukee** at 1-800-554-1448 or www.visitmilwaukee.org, and for information about **Independence Day** activities sponsored by the City of Milwaukee call the **Department of City Development** at 286-5794.