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12TH DISTRICT ALDERMAN

## Dear Friends:

With gas prices soaring the citizens of Milwaukee need a flexible, more effective means of transportation that will get them to destinations across the city and metro area. The Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee rail passenger plan will do just that. Plans for the KRM are in the very early stages, but it is my desire to have a stop placed in Walker's Point at 300 E. Greenfield Ave. to give commuters the greatest possible access to the benefits of this rail line.

Having a new, efficient means of transportation will also surely help open our city to more tourism that will help boost our economy.

In this newsletter you will also find news on 12th District developments, information on housing resources, information on valuable city services, the results of citizen friendly efforts our city has made by reconstructing playgrounds, renovating businesses, creating senior health support and more. Come out and enjoy your district.

Sincerely,



James N. Witkowiak  
Alderman, 12th District



Ald. Witkowiak welcomed **Pastor Marty Calderon** of Street Talk Ministries to City Hall where he delivered the invocation at the May 30th meeting of the Milwaukee Common Council.



Ald. Witkowiak and Mayor Barrett took part last year in the grand opening of the **La Flor de Trigo Bakery** at 1327 W. Lincoln Ave. For many years the building had been a boarded up storefront until it was purchased by Ignacio and Eva Mosso, who put an incredible amount of sweat equity into the project, also garnering a City of Milwaukee façade grant to help in their successful renovation of the building. The **Main Street Milwaukee Program**, of which Lincoln Avenue is a part, also was a big help for Ignacio and Eva, as the program offered design suggestions for the renovation.

### Contact Your Alderman

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### Ald. Witkowiak's Committee Assignments

#### CHAIR

- Licenses Committee

#### MEMBER

- Finance & Personnel Committee
- Community & Economic Development Committee
- Steering & Rules Committee

## South 18th And West Washington Play Lot Reconstruction Has Been Completed

The **City of Milwaukee - Recreational Facilities** is pleased to announce the Play Area Reconstruction of the South 18th and West Washington Street Play Lot has been completed.

Formerly, the play lot had obsolete play equipment, (installed in 1972), and did not provide A.D.A. (Americans with Disability Act) compliant accessibility, nor much variety in play opportunity.

Presently, the reconstructed play lot has a colorful play structure with slides, climbers and game panels atop wood chip play surface with a resilient play surface pad. Ground level play components which not only offer a fun learning environment, but can also help bridge the diverse demographics of the neighborhood.



**Above:** Reconstructed play lot.  
**At Right:** Former obsolete play lot.



### Latino Geriatric Center

Ald. Witkowiak took part in the **March 30 grand opening celebration of the Latino Geriatric Center**, a first-of-its-kind facility for Latinos with dementia and early signs of Alzheimer's disease located on the second floor of the **United Community Center**, 1028 S. 9th St. The center, designed to resemble a village in Mexico or Puerto Rico, offers a range of programs and services specifically suited to Spanish-speaking seniors. "This \$3 million facility isn't at all like a hospital, and it really offers a comforting atmosphere where Latino seniors can feel welcome," said the alderman. He said **UCC Executive Director Ricardo Diaz** was instrumental in making the center a reality by developing **partnerships with the Medical College of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison and the Alzheimer's Association**. The facility will also serve as a research center to study Alzheimer's in Latinos, a high-risk population that has not been closely studied or monitored.

### Free Summer Meals Available

A federal nutrition program called the **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)** was established in 1968 to provide meals to needy children during the summer. Currently, the summer meal program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to help children in low income areas get the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow when school is out of session.

**Children under 18, people with disabilities and youth over 18 enrolled in a school program are eligible for summer meals.** In neighborhoods where more than 50% of students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals in the school year, free summer meals can be provided. Milwaukee is well beyond this threshold with 74% of public school students qualifying for free or reduced-priced school meals. When school recesses each summer, low-income children lose access to free and reduced-priced breakfast and lunch normally provided by their school. Because many families depend on these two meals, childhood hunger increases during the summer and is most profound during the month of August. Children in Milwaukee turn to churches, social work agencies and soup kitchens in record numbers during summer months looking for a free meal and support from adults. Summer meal programs ease the pain of poverty for families-in-need by keeping valuable dollars in their pockets. Free summer meals also supply much needed nutrition to growing children, keeping children mentally engaged so they return to school ready to learn.

**For information on the free summer meal site nearest you, please call 2-1-1.**

# Community Prosecutors: A South Side Success Story

With help from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office, the city and many south side neighborhoods have successfully attacked nuisance properties with the expanded **Community Prosecution Unit**, a program started more than six years ago with just one community prosecutor.

There are now 10, six from the district attorney's office and four assistant city attorneys, with eight stationed in satellite offices in six Milwaukee police district stations and community-based organizations. Ald. Witkowiak, a longtime supporter of the program, said he receives regular reports about the program's successes in helping rid neighborhoods of nuisance properties. "The Community Prosecutors are very effective at involving landlords and residents in bringing problems to an end – something they do through the weight of the legal system and by focusing many city entities at once on a property," he said.

"The program has made a huge positive impact on the quality of life in this community," Ald. Witkowiak said.

The goal of the community prosecutors is to work with homeowners and landlords to resolve issues. But they can bring criminal prosecution charges against problem tenants and/or prosecute property owners and charge them for police services if officers are called to a property for certain crimes more than three times in a month. Complaints include nuisance properties, drug dealing, prostitution, trash, dangerous dogs and code violations.

The majority of the prosecution team's effort deals with nuisance properties, homes and buildings that are the repeated sources of complaints and police calls. They also meet with owners and landlords to discuss solutions, including enrolling them in the city's Landlord Training Program. In addition, they can help neighbors get involved in block clubs, give crime prevention speeches in schools, discuss crime prevention techniques with residents and inform

them how to effectively report criminal behavior to police. The community prosecutors are accessible to police, community groups and citizens in person or by cell phones.

In the 12th District, the Southside Organizing Committee has worked as a proactive partner with the city and the CPU, acting in part as a conduit through which residents can report properties with chronic nuisances. Ald. Witkowiak said SOC has been very successful in getting the CPU involved in many reported cases, which has led to the elimination of nuisance activities in several neighborhoods.

The agencies involved in the collaboration include the City Attorney's office, District Attorney's office, Milwaukee Police Department, Health Department, Department of Neighborhood Services, Department of Public Works, community based organizations, citizens and the religious community.

## To Contact the Community Prosecution Unit in the 12th Aldermanic District:

- Eloisa De Leon, assistant city attorney  
cell phone (349-5320)  
District #2 Station phone - 935-7626
- Heidi Galvan, assistant district attorney  
District #2 Station phone - 935-7627
- Southside Organizing Committee  
Phone - 672-8090

## Lao Community Info.

The following are programs currently offered by the **Lao Family Community Inc.**, 2331 W. Vieau Pl.:

- Youth Program
- Job Training
- Employment Services
- ESL Class
- Citizenship Class
- Services for refugees and low-income people

**Any questions call Mark Xiong at 414-385-3380.**

## Pools, Water Parks & Splash Pads Offer Cool Fun

Children and adults in the 12th District and across the south side have several wet, refreshing choices when it comes to beating the heat this summer.

Milwaukee County operates several pools, water parks, wading pools and splash pads that are nearby. They include:

- **Pelican Cove Family Aquatic Park** (in Kosciuszko Park), 2201 S. 7th St., phone 384-9498.
- **Cool Waters Family Aquatic Park** (in Greenfield Park), 2028 S. 124th St., phone 321-7530.
- **Jackson Park** (outdoor pool), 3500 W. Forest Home Ave.
- **Wilson Park** (outdoor pool), 4001 S. 20th St.
- **Sheridan Park** (outdoor pool), 4800 S. Lake Dr.
- **Walker Square** (wading pool), 1031 S. 9th St.
- **Humboldt Park** (wading pool), 3000 S. Howell Ave.
- **Mitchell Park** (wading pool), S. 22nd/W. Pierce St.
- **Pulaski-Milwaukee** (indoor pool/wading pool), 2701 S. 16th St.
- **Saveland Park** (wading pool), 3700 S. 2nd St.
- **Clarke Square** (splash pad), 2330 W. Vieau Pl.

For more information about Milwaukee County's pools and aquatic parks, please visit [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com) or call 257-7230.

# Stay Informed With These Helpful Tips

## Vehicles Without Valid Registration Can Be Towed!

Please call 286-5090 if your vehicle has been towed because of no valid registration.

## Parking Issues?

If you need to find out about parking regulations on your block or have questions about night parking regulations, access the city's parking web page at [www.parking.mpw.net](http://www.parking.mpw.net) or call 286-8350

## Dispute About Parking Tickets?

Questions or concerns about parking tickets? Please call 344-0840 or 286-5090 (for towed vehicles).

## Do You See Gym Shoes On Power Lines?

Gangs sometimes try to mark territory with gym shoes tied together and looped over power lines. If you see anything like this please call Ald. Witkowiak's office to report it immediately at 286-2861.

## Hints before buying a home

- Do a title search, this includes code compliance area, code violations, and if permits were taken out.
- Take the city's **FREE** Landlord Training Program – call 286-2954 (Some classes are in Spanish/Espanol).
- Access property recording information – call 286-8569.
- Smoke detector hotline – call 286-8980.

## Learn about the City programs:

- Buy In Your Neighborhood Program
- Rental Rehab Program
- Low Interest Loan
- Grant
- NIP (Milwaukee Christian Center)
- NIDC

Go to the Department of City Development website at [www.mkedcd.org](http://www.mkedcd.org) for more information.

## Who Are The Landlords On Your Block?

If you'd like information about who owns homes and buildings on your block or near your home, please click on the link below, where you can access both single addresses and address ranges maintained by the **Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS)**.

Go to: [www.milwaukee.gov/dns](http://www.milwaukee.gov/dns)  
**Click on DNS Property Data in left column.**

The property data provided allows users to find out ownership information, code violations, and other important details about property in your neighborhood.

## Dispose Of Hazardous Wastes More Conveniently

In addition to a series of mobile Household Hazardous Waste collection sites during the year, the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District have teamed up to open a third convenient permanent facility for Milwaukee County residents.

The permanent drop off site is at the **City of Milwaukee Self Help Station, 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.** It is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"I encourage all 12th District residents to utilize the household hazardous waste facility," said Ald. Witkowiak. "We need to keep harmful chemicals such as oil, gas, antifreeze, paint and pesticides out of the storm sewers that drain directly to our rivers and Lake Michigan."

And because wastewater treatment plants can't remove everything, Ald. Witkowiak adds it's just as important to avoid flushing or pouring these chemicals down the drain.

## Alley House Number Could Save A Life

When police or firefighters respond to an emergency seconds count. Accurate addresses can save precious seconds. Ald. Witkowiak wants to remind you that houses are required to be identified by address numbers facing both the street and the alley. This is done to make it easier for emergency personnel or city workers to find a property.

"I strongly urge everyone in the 12th District to abide by this important city ordinance," said Ald. Witkowiak. "In the dark of night, a police officer in the alley cannot always be sure he is at the right house. Accurate addresses facing the alley could save a life."

The city ordinance requires that house numbers, which are available at hardware stores, be a minimum of three inches high. They should be posted on the front of each building, and on a garage or rear of the dwelling. Rear numbers are not required for houses that do not abut an alley.

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

That one number can connect you with 21 departments, 8,800 employees and 100s of city services, ranging from building permits to parking permission to library hours to garbage pickups.

Ald. Witkowiak 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. Witkowiak's office at 286-2861.**

## Projects & Developments In The 12th District



Inside El Rey's newest store at 916 S. Cesar Chavez Drive.

### El Rey Opens New Store

The Villareal family's beautiful new store on S. Cesar Chavez Dr. is triple the size of the original location (located across the street), and 40% of the construction work was performed by Hispanic contractors. The original store is being readied for redevelopment.

- New jobs: 72, Retained jobs: 148
- 38,298 sq. ft. of commercial space
- \$6.7 million in private investment
- \$2.2 million Milwaukee Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) loan
- \$2.1 million in Renewal Community Tax Credits, administered by MEDC

### Kramer Foundry Redevelopment

The former Kramer Foundry building was renovated for commercial use, including Alterra Coffee Roasters, The Social Restaurant and Modern Aire Lofts. Includes a 60-unit affordable housing development financed in part with low-income housing tax credits.

City of Milwaukee provided a \$650,000 loan from its revolving brownfield loan fund.

- New jobs: 213
- \$6.5 million in private investment

### Park Reed Building

538 S. 2nd Street

City of Milwaukee sold this vacant lot for the construction of a five-story office, retail and residential building by developer Julie Kaufmann. Will include office condominiums, penthouse residential condominiums, and a 1,300 sq. ft. retail condominium on the first floor.

- \$4.5 million in private investment

### Menomonee Valley

Ground was broken on Proven Direct at the site of the former stockyards. Proven Direct will occupy a portion of a larger development by Ziegler-Bence. City provided a MEDC loan, a brownfield grant of \$1.2 million and an allocation of Renewal Community Tax Credits (\$15 million).

- New jobs: 207
- Private investment of \$15.2 million

### 161 First

159-161 S. 1st St.

City of Milwaukee sold a 6,000 sq. ft. lot to Vetter-Denk Architecture for construction of a four-story, 18,800 sq. ft. office building.

- New jobs: 8, Retained jobs: 13
- New commercial space
- MEDC loan of \$1.8 million
- Private investment of \$4.5 million

### Chavez Drive Business Improvement District Formed

The Department of City Development's Neighborhood Business Development Team is working hard on this street – facilitating the creation of a business improvement district (BID) and the expansion of a major anchor on Chavez: El Rey.

Look for new banners to be installed to brand the street as a Mecca for the booming corridor of Hispanic-owned businesses.



Earlier this year Ald. Witkowiak attended a **LISC Milwaukee** sponsored volunteer appreciation party for the **Milwaukee Main Street Program** at the **Lincoln Theater**. The Main Street program's purpose is to encourage neighborhood economic development, and the alderman has touted the many successes the program has spawned in **Lincoln Village** (from 5th to 20th Street on Lincoln Ave). The party was held to acknowledge the hard work of many volunteers within the four Milwaukee Main Street districts.



Following the fight that broke out earlier this year at **Bradley Tech** following the Tech – Bay View boys basketball game, Ald. Witkowiak took part in a **news conference** held at the **Milwaukee Police Association** offices. The alderman joined **MPA President John Balcerzak** and **Aldermen Bob Donovan** and **Tony Zielinski** in calling on MPS officials to take stiffer measures in dealing with violence in the schools.

IMPACT 

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**Get Connected. Get Answers.**

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Milwaukee County

**Need help with a wide variety of non-emergency family, financial, health and social service issues? Call the 211 hotline, available 24 hours a day.**



## Goldman's: A Rich Past, Bright Future

For generations, south side residents and people from across the city have shopped at Goldman's, and although the store's October 1, 2007 closing is a somber moment for the city, there is a silver lining, according to Ald. Witkowiak.

"The building has been purchased by Don Kim, owner of Milwaukee City Sports and DK USA Development Co. Inc., and he plans to keep the signage and will name it the Goldman's Building, and is even planning to include a Goldman's Museum to commemorate the historic Goldman's legacy," Ald. Witkowiak.

Ald. Witkowiak said the building will undergo some interior renovations before re-opening in spring 2008 with a **Milwaukee City Sports store** and possibly some other retail tenants.

Opened in 1896, Historic Mitchell St. icon Goldman's is known for its unique merchandise such as super extra-large apparel as well as the old-fashioned lunch counter and vintage candy shop. It's one of the state's oldest department stores, and the announcement of its closing made newspapers across the nation.

Look for Milt Pivar, Goldman's 79-year-old owner, to pull out all the stops for customers before the store is closed for good. "This is truly the end of an era, but we plan to go out in style," Pivar said in a statement. "We have quite a few surprises in store for our final months of operation, giving everyone the chance to get one last piece of Goldman's history before we close our doors in fall."

## Housing Resources For South Side Residents

### Minor Home Repair

Matching Grant up to \$750 for exterior repairs such as roofs, siding, etc. or existing interior mechanicals.

- Income under \$50,800 for family of four
- Housing Resources Inc.  
1407 W. Lincoln Ave., 383-8831
- Milwaukee Christian Center NIP  
1223 S. 23rd Street, 643-7704

### Window Replacement Program

Up to \$160 per window replacement, to be done by lead abatement certified contractors.

- Target area 1st-35th, Pierce-Cleveland
- Must be rental property or have children under 6 yrs. present in home on a regular basis
- Milwaukee Health Department,  
286-5788

### Community Warehouse

Home improvement materials such as doors, windows, flooring, cabinets, etc. at 75% discount

- \$25 annual membership
- Must be sponsored by member community organization like SOC
- 521 S. 9th Street, 383-7792  
Hours: Tues., Th. & Fri. 9am-5pm,  
Wed. 9am-8pm, Sat. 8am-1pm

### Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP)

Forgivable loans up to \$30,000 for owner occupants to make houses code compliant.

- Income under \$31,750 for family of four
- Owner occupant for 5 years
- Repairs for code violations
- Milwaukee Christian Center (NIP)  
1223 S. 23rd Street, 643-7704

### Home Buying Help

\$2,500-\$6,000 for down payment and closing cost assistance for program participants.

- 1st time homebuyers in the City of Milwaukee
- Income under \$50,800 for family of four
- Housing Resources Inc., 383-8831
- Lincoln Neighborhood Redevelopment Corp., 671-5619

- WHEDA, 227-4039
- United Community Center, 384-3100

### WHEDA Home Improvement Loans

Up to \$15,000 loan per unit for up to 15 years for non luxury home improvements, no equity required.

- Income under \$53,900 for family of three
- WHEDA, 101 W. Pleasant St.,  
227-4039

### Energy Assistance

Financial assistance to help pay your home heating costs.

- Income under \$30,000 for family of four
- Proof of income, social security cards, current energy bill
- Social Development Commission,  
931 W. Madison St., 643-8444

### Targeted Home Performance

Energy Efficiency improvements for your home – water heaters, furnaces, insulation – at 10% of the cost.

- Income under \$40,000 for family of four
- Owner-occupied, or rental property w/income qualifying tenants
- Targeted Home Performance w/Energy Star, 1-800-762-7077

### Landlord Tenant Counseling

Information on rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants.

- Southside Organizing Committee,  
672-8090

### Tool Loan Center

Variety of power and hand tools available for use by members

- \$35 annual membership fee, \$25 for seniors
- Call for tool availability
- Some tools require deposit or nominal rental fee
- Housing Resources, Inc.,  
1407 W. Lincoln Ave., 383-7071  
Hours: Tues. & Th. 10am-6pm  
Weds. & Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 9am-2pm

*Compiled by Southside Organizing Committee.  
For more info. call 672-8090.*

## Home Ownership Assistance Available (En Espanol Too!)

Housing Resources Inc. is a HUD-approved nonprofit organization, funded in part with City of Milwaukee Block Grant funding, that assists city residents purchasing a first home.

HRI, which also loans tools and equipment from its Tool Loan Center to homeowners working on home maintenance and improvement projects, offers homebuyer education classes for Spanish speaking families at its center at 1407 W. Lincoln Ave. and offers classes in English at Milwaukee's Central Library. These classes are offered in a three series set every month, providing potential homebuyers with an overview of the homebuying process, including credit and budgeting, information on the role of the real estate agent, loan product/bank selection, home inspections, home insurance, and indicators of predatory lenders and other loan products that are hazardous to long-term ownership.

Those completing the classes are offered the opportunity to meet, at no cost, with a homebuyer counselor for one-on-one

counseling sessions. The counselor reviews their credit report, either one the customer brings in or one the counselor orders for \$20/person. Additionally, some of HRI's first time homebuyers, who complete the three part education series, may be eligible for down-payment and closing grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$6,000, and applicants may be able to utilize multiple programs which may total over \$10,000.

The HRI Minor Home Repair Program provides matching reimbursed funds of up to \$750 to qualified homeowners completing eligible pre-approved home-improvement and repair projects.

HRI offers other services to all City of Milwaukee homeowners including their **Tool Loan Center**, also located at 1407 W. Lincoln Avenue. For a nominal annual membership fee of \$35, homeowners can have access to a large variety of tools and equipment for their home maintenance, repair and improvement projects, both indoors and outdoors. Available equipment includes: ladders, snakes for clogged

sinks, tile cutters for a new floor, and rototillers for the garden.

HRI also offers post-purchase counseling services at its 2500 W. Capitol Dr. office for homeowners struggling to meet their mortgage payments. The counselor can work with homeowners to reorganize their budgets, refinance their mortgage, work out terms with their mortgage company, or assist with guiding the owner through the sale of their home if necessary. Additionally, for senior homeowners, HRI's reverse mortgage counselor can guide them through the process of obtaining a reverse mortgage, which can provide a source of income that assists seniors in remaining in their homes.

**HRI has a bi-lingual housing counselor on staff as well as a clerk at the Lincoln Ave. Tool Loan Center. For more information regarding homeownership assistance in English or Spanish, please call Eloisa Balderas at 383-8830 or for the Tool Loan Center, Jose Castillo at 383-7071.**

## Walker's Point Center For The Arts Hands-On Program

The WPCA's Hands-On program is a free, ongoing arts enrichment program comprised of three separate programs:

- After-School Drop-In is offered four afternoons per week during school year.
- Afternoons with Art is held on school holidays.
- Summer Art Camp runs for eight weeks during the summer months.

After-School Drop-In is open to all children ages 6-12. All classes are **FREE** and run from Tuesday through Friday when school is in session. Call Kate at (414) 755-8892 for more information. Afternoons with Art offers classes from 1-5 p.m. on days when MPS is not in session.

The programs are **FREE** for all residents of the 53204 zip code through funding from the Milwaukee Community Development Block Grant program. WPCA member families that live outside this zip code are charged \$5 per day, and non-WPCA members pay \$10 per child, per day.

The 2007 Summer Art Camp is eight exciting weeks of creative art-making and exploration for kids ages 6-12. All classes are free for residents of the 53204 zip code. Classes are \$32 per week for children of WPCA Members and \$40 per week for non-members.



**A special collaborative effort to expose Milwaukee Public Schools students to government leaders brought Ald. Witkowiak to Bradley Tech High School earlier this spring. He spoke to students about his upbringing, his educational background, the workings of city government, and especially about the importance of settling conflicts without violence and of avoiding potentially violent situations.**



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## Make Your Buildings Talk To You

Property owners can now use the City of Milwaukee's **E-Notify system** to have email sent to you whenever the **Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS)** receives or issues any new document including recorded ownership, complaints or permits. Here's how:

1. Log in at [www.milwaukee.gov/eservices](http://www.milwaukee.gov/eservices)
2. Register your names and email address to get a password
3. Re-login at step #2 and use your password and follow the instructions
4. Click on the "E-Notify" button
5. Select "Location Based Notification" by checking the box and follow the instructions on entering an address to subscribe to.
6. After checking the "Completed Entering Addresses" box, remember to click the "Update Notification" button at the top before exiting.

You can also set a "range" and get notifications within 600 ft., 1,000 ft, or a half-mile. More help is available at: [www.milwaukee.gov/dns](http://www.milwaukee.gov/dns)

## Clock Tower Acres TIN Offers Resources For Property Owners

A new matching grant program for homeowners and investors looking to update and improve their properties is making resources available in a 12th District neighborhood.

Through the **Clock Tower Acres Targeted Investment Neighborhood (TIN)**, homeowners can take advantage of forgivable loans (grants) for home repairs and to abate code violations. Homeowners must live within the TIN target area (from W. Orchard St. to W. Burnham, S. 2nd St. to S. 4th St.) and earn income within certain levels to be eligible. The partnering neighborhood agency for the Clock Tower Acres TIN is Hope House, and the primary contact is Stephanie Saniter (389-3834).

Ald. Witkowiak said the TIN program is a neighborhood revitalization strategy in which the City of Milwaukee, working with a neighborhood community partner,



**The Clock Tower Acres Targeted Investment Neighborhood (TIN)** is offering low interest and forgivable loan opportunities for homeowners and investor owners in the area bounded by S. 2nd St. and S. 4th St., from W. Orchard St. to W. Burnham St.

focuses resources in a relatively small area (6 to 12 city blocks) in an effort to stabilize and increase owner-occupancy, strengthen property values and improve the physical appearance of a neighborhood.

The goal of the program is to reverse trends of disinvestment by improving the physical and social infrastructure of a neighborhood, improving its desirability as a place to live, work and invest. City departments such as Public Works and the Police Department also work with the neighborhood partner to implement the revitalization plan.

A TIN usually requires three years of intensive activity, including enhanced property rehabilitation loans (for owner-occupants and for investor-owners), promotion of home ownership, blight removal, intensive code enforcement, and public improvements where appropriate. A pool of funds is designated for these activities, but there is also a concerted effort to maximize private investment and coordinate the city's spending with other forms of public investment.