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Avalon Theatre Plans To Be Detailed

News Conference To Be Held Inside Ornate Bay View Landmark

Specific plans for the future re-opening of the Avalon Theatre will be detailed during a news conference later this month.

The news conference will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at the Avalon Theatre, 2469-2483 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Joining Ald. Tony Zielinski during the news conference will be building owner Lee Barczak of Avalon Society, LLC, 2473 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Media coverage is welcome.

Ald. Zielinski said Barczak, who has been soliciting input about the future of the Avalon property from residents in the Bay View community, is ready to move forward. "The Avalon Theatre will be reborn and will truly be a dynamic asset for Bay View and for the City of Milwaukee," said Ald. Zielinski.

On June 14 the Common Council approved a \$75,000 grant to be used to defray remodeling costs at the theater. Ald. Zielinski worked to secure that grant and also is working to find other financial grants and low interest loans for the redevelopment.

Barczak has said he is considering an art house movie facility that would feature food and beverages, including wine and beer. The 1,200-seat theater, built in 1929, has been closed for more than five years.

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