

# 8th District Alderman

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# ROBERT G. DONOVAN

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## Committee Assignments

### Chair

- Public Safety Committee

### Member

- Judiciary & Legislation Committee
- Public Works Committee
- Steering and Rules Committee
- Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee

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## Ald. Donovan to Host Town Hall Meetings

Ald. Donovan has scheduled two town hall meetings to meet residents and discuss issues affecting the 8th District. Please attend the meeting that best fits your schedule or location. Each of the meetings will start at 6 p.m. The dates and locations:

- **Monday, May 23rd** - Zablocki Library, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave. 6 – 8 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 26th** - OASIS Senior Center, 2414 W. Mitchell St. 6 – 8 p.m.

Representatives of city departments (including the police) will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues that you are concerned about including crime and crime prevention, graffiti, sanitation, recycling, and neighborhood development.

*PLEASE NOTE that both meeting locations are handicapped accessible.*

## Dear Neighbor:

Despite the gloom and doom we keep hearing from various sources, Milwaukee and the 8th District aren't doing too badly, thank you very much. In 10 years, the **Menomonee Valley** has been transformed from a desolate, abandoned brownfield area strewn with tires and debris into a national, award-winning example of successful economic development on rehabilitated former brownfield land. Millions of dollars in investment in the valley have brought industry, commerce, and jobs to Milwaukee and the district (please see page 4 for details).

The 8th District is also home to its share of everyday heroes, including young **Alysia Leach**, who saved her siblings and others when a fire broke out at her home (see her story below and on page 2). Speaking of heroes, the late **Joseph Zilber** – a Milwaukee native and generous philanthropist – continues to touch our lives in positive ways through the Zilber Neighborhood Initiative, and you can read more about the effort on page 6.

My focus on public safety continues at City Hall and in the district, and on page 3 you will read about a new **Operation Impact** partnership bringing increased safety measures to an important near south side business area. You'll also read about anti-graffiti efforts, the **Community Prosecution Unit**, and a new tip hotline targeting illegal dumping.

Please contact me at 286-3533 if you have questions or concerns about city services or how to improve our neighborhoods. A staff member who speaks fluent Spanish is available to assist Hispanic residents. Please continue to share your concerns with me regarding any city government issue.

Please have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer!

Sincerely,

Bob Donovan  
Alderman, 8th District



## FREE Landlord Training

For future training dates call 286-2954 or to learn more about the program and view a class schedule go to: [www.milwaukee.gov/landlordtraining](http://www.milwaukee.gov/landlordtraining)



## 8th District Heroine

*Alysia Leach, a 4th grader at Grant School, received a Common Council commendation from Alderman Donovan for her quick and brave action.*

*Mark Rohlfsing, Milwaukee's fire chief, and other MFD personnel posed with Alysia after the recognition ceremony in January.*

*See full story on page 2.*

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## Alderman Helps Temp Agency Solve Disruptive Problem

Alderman Donovan reacted swiftly late last year when he began receiving reports of neighborhood disruptions and problems near a temporary staffing agency located at S. 33rd St. and W. Lincoln Ave.

Problems apparently started shortly after **Staffworks Staffing Services** located new offices at 3217 W. Lincoln Ave. Alderman Donovan said hundreds of temporary workers would descend on the location “at all hours of the day and night” every day to board buses that then transported them to employers such as Quad Graphics plants located outside of Milwaukee County. The vehicles of some of the workers were parked nearby for 12-14 hours at a time, he said.

“We had people parking all over the place, sometimes illegally, people smoking pot, sexual activity, loitering, littering, public urination, and even people sitting on nearby homes’ porches waiting for the buses to arrive,” the alderman said.

Working with Staffworks’ officials, Alderman Donovan was able to find a better-suited south side location for the pick-up and drop-off activities. He said the new location has a large parking lot that can accommodate the temporary workers’ vehicles.

“I was pleased that we could find a solution in this matter,” he said.

## Young 8th District Heroine is Recognized

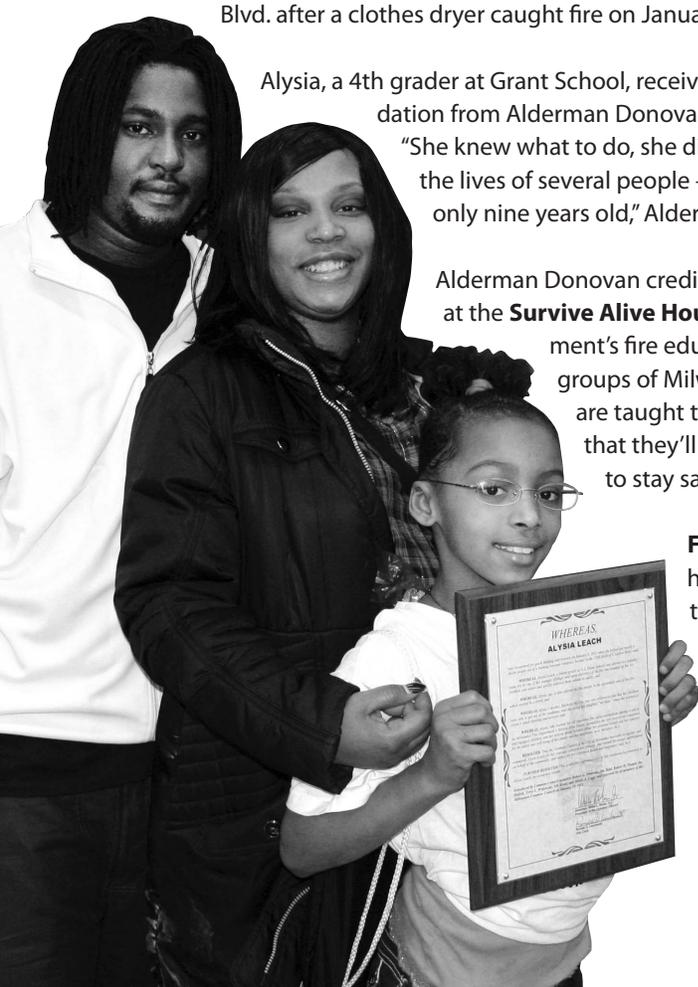
Alderman Donovan was joined by the mayor, Milwaukee’s fire chief and others during a ceremony in January at **Grant School** to recognize student Alysia Leach, who made sure her six siblings and neighbors evacuated the two-unit building in the 2100 block of S. Layton Blvd. after a clothes dryer caught fire on January 3, 2011.

Alysia, a 4th grader at Grant School, received a Common Council commendation from Alderman Donovan for her quick and brave action. “She knew what to do, she didn’t panic, and she helped save the lives of several people – not bad for someone who is only nine years old,” Alderman Donovan said.

Alderman Donovan credited the training Alysia received at the **Survive Alive House** – the Milwaukee Fire Department’s fire education facility. At the facility, groups of Milwaukee Public Schools children are taught the basics of fire safety in hopes that they’ll be able to use the information to stay safe.

**Fire Chief Mark Rohlfing** has credited the training at the Survive Alive House for contributing to Milwaukee’s steady decline in fire deaths.

*Alysia shows off her commendation from Alderman Donovan and the Common Council.*



## The Community Prosecution Unit: On Your Side

The goal of Milwaukee’s 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.

Serving the 8th District and the entire south side are two very skilled **community prosecutors** – **Kelly Hedge** and **Joy Hammond**. Both are Milwaukee County assistant district attorneys. They can be reached at **935-7627** or **935-1247**.

Community prosecutors are also investigating complaints in the cities of West Allis and South Milwaukee because those communities participated in the original state grant which funds part of the community prosecution effort.

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.

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.

## City Anti-Graffiti Efforts Receive Big Boost from Operation Impact

**O**peration Impact is partnering with **WeTip** and **ClearChannel** in an effort to bring graffiti vandals to justice using a fairly powerful motivator: cash.

Operation Impact's founder, Alderman Donovan, said the initiative is made possible by a \$5,000 Operation Impact donation to WeTip and city anti-graffiti operations in the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS).

"I strongly urge anyone who has information on graffiti taggers to please call WeTip and tell them what you know. It's the right thing to do, no one will ask for your name, no one will know that you called, and you could receive a cash reward for your help," said Alderman Donovan.

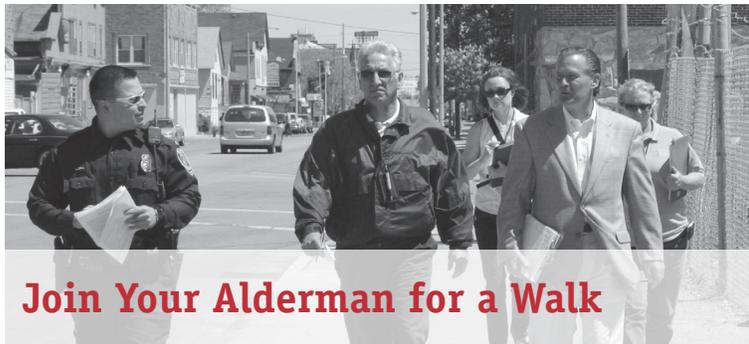
Radio ads, posters, and large ads on the rear portions of **Milwaukee County Transit System** buses are being used to spread the word on the new campaign, said Alderman Donovan. "Operation Impact is all about partnering public and private resources to augment anti-crime and public safety efforts, and I'm very pleased to also have it be part of our fight against graffiti," he said.

Posters for the campaign will be posted in public buildings such as libraries and schools. Persons interested in obtaining the posters should call the city's graffiti hotline, 286-8715.

**The WeTip hotline that allows persons to anonymously report graffiti vandals and other crimes is 1-800-78-CRIME.**

### How WeTip works:

- The caller never gives any personal information (no name, number or address)
- The caller receives a case number and a code name if they want a reward
- With their number and code name, the caller can call to get status updates
- The caller can also call back with any additional information
- When it's time the citizen can call and arrange for their cash reward



## Join Your Alderman for a Walk

Alderman Donovan is starting his regular series of **8th District neighborhood walk-throughs** to learn about residents' concerns and to see conditions firsthand. On the walks he is accompanied by police officers and inspectors/officials from the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Department of Public Works. **Please join the alderman when he comes to your area.**

Also, if you would like Alderman Donovan to come to your block or neighborhood, please call 286-3533 to request a walk-through.

## Operation Impact Update: New Cameras on Chavez Dr.



*Alderman Donovan spoke during an April 13 news conference announcing the installation of the surveillance cameras (held in the parking lot of the El Rey grocery store at 916 S. Cesar Chavez Dr.). Joining Alderman Donovan were Alderman Jim Witkowiak (far right) and members of the board of Business Improvement District #38 – Cesar Chavez Drive.*

**A** partnership between **Operation Impact** and the **Cesar Chavez Business Improvement District (BID #38)** is bringing additional exterior surveillance cameras to the busy stretch of S. Cesar Chavez Dr. from W. National Ave. to W. Greenfield Ave.

Alderman Donovan, who founded Operation Impact several years ago to help enhance public safety on the near south side, said the cameras will help serve as a strong deterrent against all types of crime, including theft, robbery, assault, drug activity, loitering, prostitution and vandalism. "The businesses along Chavez Drive have stepped up and have said 'we want to enhance public safety for our customers, our patrons, and our neighbors,'" he said.

"Just as Operation Impact cameras have done in 18 other locations in the target area (bounded by W. Pierce St. on the north, W. Lincoln Ave. on the south, S. 16th St./S. Cesar Chavez Dr. on the east and S. 38th St. on the west), I am confident the cameras along Chavez Dr. will also provide another effective tool to bolster public safety, and at zero cost to the taxpayers," said Alderman Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee.

Alderman Jim Witkowiak, whose district includes the affected stretch of Chavez Dr., said the effort to bring the cameras to Chavez Dr. is a credit to the BID members and to Alderman Donovan. "I want to thank Alderman Donovan for the tremendous effort that Operation Impact has made toward ensuring public safety on the near south side, and I also give credit to the businesses here that see the value of protecting their investments and their customers," he said.

The cameras will be monitored in real-time by MPD officers in District Two, according to Alderman Donovan.

Other Operation Impact surveillance cameras are located along stretches of W. National Ave., W. Greenfield Ave., and W. Lincoln Ave.

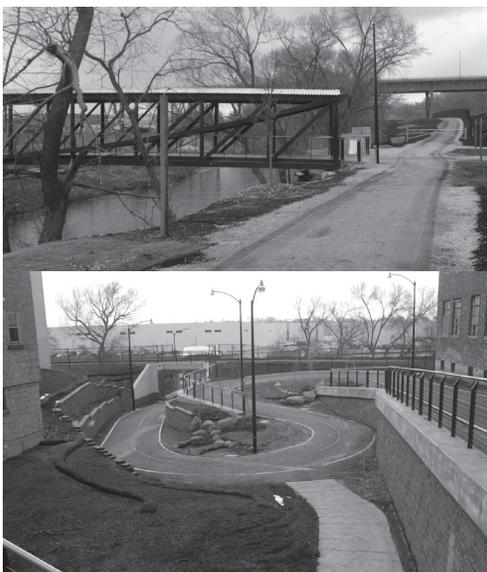


## Valley Passage

The Valley Passage, which re-establishes a historic connection from the south side to the Menomonee Valley, was constructed through a partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), the City of Milwaukee, Menomonee Valley Partners (MVP), and the Urban Ecology Center (UEC). Opened in November 2010, the connection serves as a trail head for the Hank Aaron State Trail, offers residents walk-to-work opportunities to thousands of jobs in the Valley, and provides access to recreation amenities and natural resources along the Menomonee River.

The Valley Passage was constructed at the same location where generations of workers made their way from the south side to the Menomonee Valley. For decades, workers streamed through a tunnel beneath the railroad tracks and across a pedestrian bridge over the Menomonee River on their way to jobs in the Menomonee Valley.

• More details online at: [www.renewthevalley.org/documents/20-valley-passage](http://www.renewthevalley.org/documents/20-valley-passage)



Valley Passage - S. 38th St. & W. Pierce St.

## Valley Development Update



Today there are more than 4,000 jobs in the Menomonee Valley.

**Helios**, a solar power manufacturer, is now operating in the valley. Helios is a company that makes parts used in solar powered generators. The company chose Milwaukee and specifically the Menomonee Valley because of the labor force and the land available. The company plans to employ 50 people within the next few years and 100 people by 2015. The land leased for the project is from the **Canal Street Commerce Center**.

• More details online at: [www.milwaukee.gov/Newsolarenergycompany.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/Newsolarenergycompany.htm)

**Ingeteam**, a Spanish manufacturer in the wind power business, has nearly completed construction of its new \$15 million, 100,000 square-foot factory in the **Menomonee Valley Industrial Center**. The new facility is expected to be open in May.

• More details online at: [www.milwaukee.gov/MayorBarrettjoinsIngeteam.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/MayorBarrettjoinsIngeteam.htm)

Ingeteam, which will build wind power generators at the new factory, chose Milwaukee as the location for its first facility to be built in North America, where it plans to employ 275 people. Milwaukee was chosen because of the city's large engineering labor force, and because of the ease with which Ingeteam will be able to distribute products.

**Palermo's Pizza** has a major addition underway at its plant within the **Menomonee Valley Industrial Center**. It's an 110,000 square foot expansion, due for completion this summer. Palermo's employs approximately 450 workers. The 110,000 square foot expansion at Palermo's will almost double its plant size. Palermo's has seen consistent growth despite the economic recession, seeing an 11% rise in sales in the past year.

**Falk Corporation** is undertaking flood-proofing work at its plant. The **flood control project**, which began in 2010, will allow Falk, which is a part of Rexnord, to expand its operations at the current valley site. The Falk site has a 70-ton capacity electric arc furnace, which is sometimes forced to shut down because of flooding.

• More details online at: [www.milwaukee.gov/businessfromflooding.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/businessfromflooding.htm)

In late 2009, the **Menomonee Valley Industrial Center** received one of the nation's top awards for brownfield redevelopment.

• More details online at: [www.milwaukee.gov/MenomoneeValleyIndustrialCenter.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/MenomoneeValleyIndustrialCenter.htm)

The Valley Industrial Center also received an award of excellence from the **International Economic Development Council (IEDC)**.

• More details online at: [www.milwaukee.gov/CityreceivesawardMenomonee.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/CityreceivesawardMenomonee.htm)

The Menomonee Valley Industrial Center has had a profound impact in the creation of jobs, alone adding more than 2,100 jobs in the past decade. The IEDC honored the Menomonee Valley Industrial Center with the award of excellence because of this significant increase in jobs.

The city was also honored with the **People's Choice Phoenix Award** in 2009. The Phoenix Awards are the nation's top honors recognizing excellence in brownfield redevelopment. The Menomonee Valley project had already received the EPA Region 5 2009 Phoenix Award and recently won the **2009 Brownfields Renewal Environmental Impact Award**.

This award originated from the original plan to rehabilitate the 133 acre vacant Milwaukee Road Shops facility, which was abandoned in 1985, and adopted by the city in 1998. The city has since worked on this land to make it reusable and profitable for the city.



## New Garbage Cart Policies - Waste Reduction Works!



More and more people find they no longer need two or more garbage carts because they're doing an effective job of recycling and generating less garbage. If you have an extra cart, please call **(414) 286-CITY (2489)** or fill out an online service request at [www.milwaukee.gov/eservices](http://www.milwaukee.gov/eservices), and the city will collect it. One of the changes brought about by this year's budget, however, includes a \$20 annual fee for every extra garbage cart you'd like added to your residence. The **Sanitation Division** repairs broken carts. Call (414) 286-CITY (2489) or fill out an online service request to have your cart picked up for repair or replacement.

## Time to Think About Your Block Party Permit

Block Party Permits are issued to residents in the City of Milwaukee who would like to barricade the residential street they live on for a neighborhood event – main thoroughfares are not closed for block parties. Planning a block party is a big job and requires the support of all those who reside on the block that will be closed. For first-time events and at the request of the District Alderman, residents on the block must sign a petition verifying their support.

The block party applicant must reside on the block and is responsible for the event – including setup and take-down of the barricades as described in the permit – cleanup of the public right-of-way following the event, and maintaining a clear lane for emergency vehicles.

Applications should be submitted 30 days prior to the event because they must be reviewed and approved by the District Alderman, the Department of Public Works, and the Milwaukee Police Department. When choosing the date and time of your event, it is important to be mindful and considerate of those who reside in the surrounding area as well as on your block.

Residents may apply for one non-fee block party permit annually. A fee for subsequent block parties in the same year will be imposed for the delivery of barricades, which typically is \$31.00.

Block Party Applications may be downloaded from DPW's website at [www.milwaukee.gov/mpw/BlockParties.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/mpw/BlockParties.htm) or call the **Special Event Permit Office** at **(414) 286-3329**.

## Putting Up A Fence?

If you are, please check the city rules on fences before you put it up. People have had to take down fences after spending money on them because they were too high, in the wrong place or facing the wrong way. For more information on rules governing fences and other permits that may be needed, check the **Milwaukee Development Center** at [www.milwaukee.gov/dcd](http://www.milwaukee.gov/dcd) or call **286-8211**.

## Take Advantage of Home Rehab Programs

The **Home Rehabilitation Program** offers owner occupants no to low-interest loans, tied to income and family size, and deferred payment loans to income-qualified residents. This program can be used for projects like roofs, siding, code violations, porches, and more.

The **Rental Rehab Program** offers forgivable loans for rehabilitating rental property. Landlords may be eligible for forgivable loans up to \$14,999 per unit. The loans bear no interest rate, and the loan is forgiven five years after the rehab is completed. Other restrictions apply. The owner must provide at least one matching dollar for each Rental Rehab dollar received. For example, a 2/2 duplex would be eligible for up to \$29,998 of Rental Rehab dollars if the landlord spends at least \$29,998 of their own funds (bank loan, cash). The landlord is required to spend their money first.

The city's **Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation** runs these programs. Please call **(414) 286-5608** for complete details, or visit [www.milwaukee.gov/NIDC](http://www.milwaukee.gov/NIDC).

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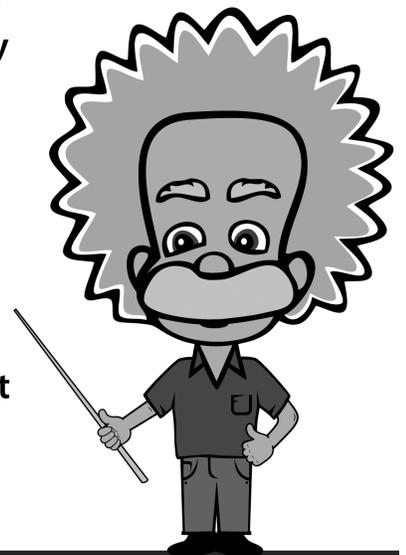


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## Speed Humps Help Slow Traffic



*After a majority of affected residents indicated support for it, the city installed this speed hump to slow traffic in the 900 block of S. 29th St.*

Speeders have met their match on several of the city streets in Milwaukee and in the 8th District.

Strategically placed speed humps and traffic circles have put an end to their dangerous and annoying driving habits.

Alderman Donovan, who has long been an advocate for residents to have more of a voice in slowing traffic, co-sponsored a resolution adopted by the Common Council a few years ago that allows residents to request a traffic calming installation which many people call “speed humps” or “speed bumps.”

Under the program, residents can petition for a traffic calming device and if the city agrees it is necessary, they would be given several choices.

If a project moves forward, property owners would be assessed \$6.00 per frontage foot for speed humps and \$4.50 per frontage foot for a traffic circle. In the 8th District, the average lot size is 30 feet so an assessment would be \$180 per homeowner if they were to be installed in 2011.

If you and your neighbors are interested in looking into some type of traffic calming device, please call **Dave Schlabowske** at **286-3144** or send him an email at **David.Schlabowske@milwaukee.gov**.

## Grade Schoolers Rake Leaves at Vacant South Side Homes

Last fall Alderman Donovan joined students from **Mitchell School**, 1728 S. 23rd St., to rake leaves outside vacant homes on the near south side.

The students, sixth and seventh graders at Mitchell, volunteered to help rake outside vacant homes “because they want to help out the community,” said Alderman Donovan. “These youngsters have made the connection that helping spruce up the community – even if it’s raking leaves for an hour or two – is a positive way of giving something back to their neighborhoods and to the city,” he said. “These are kids doing something positive for free, and on their own time.”

Mitchell teacher **Patti Koscielak**, who coordinated the raking effort with Alderman Donovan, said she and other teachers at the school rounded up enough rakes for the students to use. She said the students were excited “to be helping people in the neighborhood feel good about where they live.” “They (students) have a lot of community spirit, and they also know that homes that are unattended attract crime and they want to do their part to deter that type of behavior,” she said.

The vacant houses where the students and the alderman raked leaves are all located roughly between S. 21st St., S. Layton Blvd. (S. 27th St.), from W. Lapham to W. Burnham Streets.

## Make Your Block Shine!

**Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful** is once again offering assistance to anyone in need of cleaning supplies, bags, yard tools, gloves and coordination to conduct a neighborhood clean up.

Alderman Donovan is encouraging neighbors to get together to organize a cleanup project on their block or around their neighborhood. “It is everyone’s job to pitch in and help make the city a brighter, cleaner, and healthier place to live and work,” he said. **Call Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful (KGMB)** at **(414) 272-5462 (ext. 104)** to register or get information about cleanups in your neighborhood.



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## Zilber Initiative Selects Layton Blvd. West Neighbors

The **\$50 million Zilber Neighborhood Initiative** has selected **Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN)** to be the lead agency in its third featured neighborhood, poised to help boost the quality of life in the **Silver City, Burnham Park, and Layton Park** neighborhoods.

The LBWN feature neighborhood is bounded by Layton Blvd. on the east, Pierce St. on the north, Miller Park Way on the west, and Lincoln Ave. on the south. The addition of LBWN as a featured neighborhood brings the south side number of Zilber neighborhoods to two, as **Journey House** is the lead agency for the **Clarke Square** area.

Alderman Donovan said he’s pleased LBWN was selected, and he praised the Zilber Initiative. “Joe Zilber was a hard-working Milwaukeean who believed strongly in the importance of solid neighborhoods and the sense of community they provide, and I greatly appreciate the resources his family’s foundation has so generously provided to these neighborhoods,” the alderman said.

LBWN was granted \$875,000 over a period of 4 years to create a quality of life plan for the three LBWN neighborhoods. LBWN will be working with residents, churches, schools, businesses, and a number of other community partners to create the plan. The money from the grant will go toward the work necessary to create and begin implementing the plan. This includes hiring two full-time staff members and technical assistance for the first four years of the plan.

In 2008 the **Zilber Family Foundation** announced a \$50 million commitment to Milwaukee neighborhoods, starting with **Lindsay Heights** and **Clarke Square**. It formed a partnership – called the Zilber Neighborhood Initiative – with **Walnut Way Conservation Corp. in Lindsay Heights, Journey House in Clarke Square, LISC Milwaukee, and United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee** to organize the effort.

Please visit **www.znimilwaukee.org** for more information or to view the quality of life plans for Milwaukee neighborhoods.

## National Ave. Enhancements in Place



The “streetscaping” improvements along W. National Ave. from S. 27th St. (Layton Blvd.) to S. 35th St. have taken shape, bringing harp street lights, landscaping, bump-outs at key intersections, and planted medians at 35th St. and National Ave.

Alderman Donovan said the majority of the work on the medians and bump-outs are complete, and crews will be planting trees, installing additional streetlights, and working on crosswalks through the spring. The work has been done in coordination with the **Silver City Main Street project**, and many stakeholders in the area have offered assistance in planning for it, he said.

“I really would like to thank all of the residents, business owners, neighborhood groups, and others who stepped up and assisted in the streetscaping planning – bravo for a job well done!” said Alderman Donovan.

The streetscaping plan was developed with assistance from **Plunkett Raysich Architects** and the **UW-Milwaukee Campus Design Solutions**. The design was based on the

Silver City neighborhood’s rich history as a major transportation artery.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$700,000 and is being funded through a **Transportation Enhancement Grant**. This funding was made possible through the support of Alderman Donovan and state Rep. Josh Zepnick.

## More than \$1 Million in Improvements will give Layton Blvd. a Facelift

Some significant “streetscaping” improvements are coming to S. Layton Blvd. (S. 27th St.), according to Alderman Donovan.

Alderman Donovan, whose 8th Aldermanic District includes the entire length of Layton Boulevard from W. National Ave. to W. Forest Home Ave., said the project will include the installation of decorative harp lighting, new pedestrian crossings and improved bus shelters. “This streetscaping work will not only spruce up Layton Boulevard, but it should also make it safer for pedestrians and those who use county transit system buses,” Alderman Donovan said.

The area is busy with pedestrian traffic associated with nearby schools, churches, businesses, homes, and apartment complexes that are home to many senior citizens, he said.

**Federal transportation enhancement funds are the source for the state grant that is being used to pay for the project.**

## Tip Hotline Means \$\$ for Reporting Illegal Dumping

The Common Council has approved a tip hotline whereby callers can be eligible to receive reward money after anonymously providing information on incidents of illegal dumping of debris and/or hazardous materials.

Illegal dumping includes dumping of items and/or materials on streets, sidewalks, parking lots, vacant lots, alleys, or at vacant properties.

The 2011 city budget appropriated \$25,000 in funding for the tip hotline, and on March 1 the Common Council voted to get the hotline up and operating.

**If you see or know of illegal dumping, call WeTip at 1-800-78-CRIME.** If the information provided leads to a conviction, you may be eligible for a **reward up to \$1,000.**

If you witness illegal dumping, please provide a detailed description of the vehicle/s (license plate info, make/model, etc.) and the individual/s involved. If possible, also provide a description of the items and/or material that was dumped.

The hotline is answered by bilingual operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are taken for all crimes. All calls are anonymous, not just confidential.

## Alderman Supports 100-year-old Wal-Mart Greeter



When Wal-Mart greeter **Lois Speelman** hit the pavement last year while dealing with a customer just outside the store at 3355 S. 27th St., it captured the attention of people here and across Wisconsin.

Alderman Donovan, chair of the Common Council’s Public Safety Committee, said Lois was just doing her job and deserved support and recognition. In early December 2010, the alderman presented her with a special public service award in front of patrons and co-workers near her usual post at the store.

“Lois is the living example of an engaged, committed and caring worker,” Alderman Donovan said. “This lady has a tremendous work ethic, enjoys doing what she does, and was just doing her job when this unfortunate incident occurred. I like her spunk, and as a community we’re thanking her and letting her know that we appreciate her contributions.”

Ms. Speelman fell and was slightly injured on November 28, 2010 during a brief encounter while asking to verify a customer’s purchase of water bottles that were inside a shopping cart.

## Pet Waste - Leash Laws

You shouldn’t have to watch where you step in our neighborhoods but unfortunately there are people who neglect to pick up after their pets. Not only is it unsightly, pet waste left on the lawn or next to the sidewalk washes into storm drains which carries it directly into our rivers and Lake Michigan.

Please, on behalf of your neighbors, double-bag pet waste in plastic bags. Seal the bags and then put them in the green garbage cart. If you have any questions, call 286-2489 (CITY).

**There is a serious problem of dogs at large in Jackson Park and throughout the city, and Alderman Donovan would also like to remind residents that city law prohibits an owner from permitting an animal to be at large.**

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## Jackson Park Neighborhood Activities

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Jackson Park Community Association's Park Clean Up (April 16) and Easter Egg Hunt (April 23). Both events were successful and generated enthusiastic participation.

Please make plans to be a part of the **Jackson Park "Night Out Trick or Treat"** event on **Saturday, October 29, 2011**. Registration for that event is Saturday and Sunday October 22 - 23 at Manitoba Park.

For more info about the JPCA, go to: [www.jacksonparkcommunity.org](http://www.jacksonparkcommunity.org)

**Business update:** As of press time for the printing of this newsletter, **El Rey** foods was getting ready to open its new grocery store in the former Sentry foods at S. 52nd St. and W. Oklahoma Ave. This positive development includes hundreds of thousands of dollars in upgrades to the store and its parking area.

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## ••• OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS •••

(all numbers 414 area code unless specified otherwise)

- 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 ..... 286-2489  
(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.milwaukee.gov](http://www.milwaukee.gov)
- Boys and Girls Club ..... 383-2350
- Milwaukee Christian Center ..... 645-5350
- Journey House..... 647-0548
- Medicare/Social Security ..... 1-800-772-1213
- Interfaith Near Southside Senior Services 384-8448
- Better Business Bureau..... 847-6000
- Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful ..... 272-5462
- Diggers Hotline ..... 1-800-242-8511
- Emergency Crisis Hotline (24 hrs.)..... 257-7222
- Pregnancy Help Center ..... 645-4050
- Fair Housing Council ..... 278-1240
- Milwaukee Public Museum..... 278-2700
- MADACC (animal shelter/animal control) ... 649-8640
- MPS summer recreation info..... 475-8180
- Historic Layton Boulevard Association  
- Patti Davison, Pres. .... 645-4059
- Jackson Park Community Association  
- Ken Franzen ..... 604-0197
- Muskego Heights Community Association  
- Chris Carini ..... 702-1428
- Lincoln Village..... 383-2272
- Layton Boulevard West Neighbors  
- Charlotte John-Gomez..... 383-9038 x2513
- Southside Organizing Committee  
- Steve Fendt ..... 672-8090
- VISIT Milwaukee (convention/visitor info)...273-7222
- City of Milwaukee's FREE  
Landlord Training Program..... 286-2954
- V.A. Medical Center ..... 384-2000
- U.S. Postal Services (St. Paul Ave.)..... 270-2308
- Betty Brinn Children's Museum ..... 390-5437
- Discovery World Museum ..... 765-9966
- Milwaukee Art Museum..... 224-3200
- Milwaukee County Zoo ..... 771-3040 or 256-5412
- Mitchell Park Domes ..... 649-9800
- Pabst Theater ..... 286-3663
- Boy Scouts of America..... 774-1776
- Girl Scouts of America ..... 476-1050
- Midwest Airlines Center ..... 908-6000
- Wisconsin State Fair..... 1-800-884-3247
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin:  
Poison Control..... 1-800-222-1222  
Children's - Main Switchboard..... 266-2000
- Milwaukee County Parks and Rec..... 257-7275
- Pettit National Ice Center..... 266-0100

## One Call That's All 286-CITY (2489)

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.

Alderman 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 Alderman Donovan's office at 286-3533.**

