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Of course you can always call Alderman Donovan's office at 286-3533.



Dear Neighbor:

During my service as your representative on the Common Council, I have championed public safety and neighborhood improvement as hallmark issues. As chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, I work daily to bolster the resources and strength of the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee Fire Department, and you can often catch me walking through 8th District neighborhoods with residents, police officers, and inspectors from city departments, looking for possible concerns and talking with neighbors.

On page 2 you can read about my involvement in projects to keep public safety strong in our neighborhoods, and on pages 4, 5 and 6 you can read about projects and services that are helping our neighborhoods stay clean and vibrant. On page 6, I've included a profile of Roy Plinska, a remarkable 8th District neighbor.

During my tenure I have also supported eliminating waste and inefficiency, and I have supported initiatives that make city services more cost effective and more valuable to residents.

With that in mind I am pleased to welcome the city's new single sort recycling program. The single sort system allows all recyclables to be mixed together in the recycling cart or bin. It means that only one sort is necessary – separating all the recyclables from trash. Papers and containers no longer need to be kept separate. The change will result in an increase in revenue for the city and it supports the city's goal of reaching 40% waste diversion from landfills by 2020. Please see page 4 for more details about what new materials are now accepted and for the web site to get more details.

The redistricting process just completed by the Common Council will bring new voting wards, polling locations, and other changes that you can read about on the back cover, and on page 3 you can get updated on what you need to know about the state's new voter identification law. As always, there is also helpful sanitation and snow removal information.

Please have a safe and enjoyable fall and winter!

Sincerely,

Bob Donovan
Alderman, 8th District



Trolley Folly



In October Alderman Donovan was joined by Alderman Joe Dudzik, Milwaukee County Supervisor Mark Borkowski and supporters during a news conference to express support for using millions of dollars in transit funding for Milwaukee County Transit System buses instead of the downtown streetcar project. The news conference was held at the park and ride lot at S. 6th St. and W. Holt Ave. **See page 4 for more information.**

Alderman Donovan Discusses Crime Concerns

Alderman Donovan held public neighborhood meetings this fall at Doerfler Elementary School and at the former Walker Middle School (now ALBA Elementary School) to address crime and public safety issues in the area bounded by S. Layton Blvd. (S. 27th St.) to S. 38th St., from W. Pierce St. to W. Forest Home Ave.

The first meeting focused on a series of incidents that occurred in and around the Silver City neighborhood this summer, and the second meeting was devoted to the wider area mentioned above.

"It became apparent that we needed to get Milwaukee police together with residents so we could share information and ask questions," said Alderman Donovan. "The meetings were helpful in getting valuable information to police and to help clear up misinformation that was circulating among some residents."

Generous Donations for Milwaukee Police Department Bicycle Officers

The owner of a near south side business and a public-private partnership founded by Alderman Bob Donovan have teamed up to offer donations that will be used to outfit all Milwaukee police bicycles with special lights and to replace bicycles destroyed earlier this fall by a drunk driver.

The donations from **Miller Compressing** owner John Busby (\$10,000) and Alderman Donovan's **Operation Impact** (\$3,000) were announced during a September news conference outside MPD District One, 749 W. State St. Joining Alderman Donovan at the news conference was **Police Chief Edward Flynn, Mr. Busby**, and several MPD bicycle officers.

Alderman Donovan said Mr. Busby committed to helping the MPD bicycle officers outfit their bicycles with the special lighting after noting several bicycle officers have been injured in and/or involved in hit-and-run crashes and other incidents this year. "These incidents have endangered our brave officers, and this is a pure example of a private business stepping up and offering help when our police officers have identified equipment that could substantially improve their visibility and safety," Alderman Donovan said.

"John Busby is showing us what 'dedicated corporate citizen' looks like, and the City of Milwaukee thanks him for his kindness and generosity," Alderman Donovan said.



This fall Alderman Donovan joined Police Chief Edward Flynn outside the Police Administration Building during a news conference to announce generous donations to pay for lighting to help make MPD bicycle officers more visible on the street. Above right: MPD bicycle officers gathered prior to the news conference.

Operation Impact Enters its 4th Year of Bolstering Public Safety



Alderman Donovan was joined earlier this year at S. 23rd and W. Orchard Streets by Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm and dozens of schoolchildren, neighborhood stakeholders and partner organizations during a news conference to announce the 2011 launch of Operation Impact.

As **Operation Impact** entered its fourth year of intensive public-private efforts to increase police presence and overall crime reduction initiatives on Milwaukee's near south side, Alderman Donovan said he's not quite ready to announce "mission accomplished."

"Winston Churchill once said, 'An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile—hoping it will eat him last.' With Operation Impact, we're not feeding any crocodiles, we're looking to eradicate them or force them into hibernation," Alderman Donovan said.

In this newsletter, **Operation Impact** is an integral part of two other articles – the article at left about the generous donations for MPD bicycle officers – and the article on page 3 about "Operation Alley Cat."

The **Operation Impact** target area is bounded by W. Pierce St. on the north, W. Lincoln Ave. on the south, S. 16th Street/S. Cesar Chavez Dr. on the east and S. 38th St. on the west – an area located entirely within the 6th Police District.

Amazingly, nearly 40 Block Watch groups have been formed in the target area since the program started in June 2008, Alderman Donovan said.

Winter Parking Rules in Place Dec. 1-March 1

Although winter weather in Milwaukee sometimes lasts into April, the city's winter parking regulations are in effect from Dec. 1 to March 1.

The most important thing motorists can do to avoid problems is to carefully read the parking signs on their block. It is the responsibility of anyone parking a vehicle to read and understand posted city parking regulations. If you need parking information, please call the city's parking enforcement desk at **286-8350**, or visit www.milwaukee.gov/parkingregulations for details.

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Photo ID: Important Voting Information

The City of Milwaukee Election Commission is reminding citizens that Wisconsin law requires voters to show a photo ID to vote starting with the 2012 Spring Primary Election (in February 2012).

Acceptable Forms of Photo ID

An acceptable photo ID is not required to contain a current address. The following are acceptable forms of photo ID:

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

NOTE: Identifications above must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following:
 - Date of Issuance
 - Signature of Student
 - Expiration date not later than two years after Date of Issuance

If you do not have one of these acceptable forms of ID, a Wisconsin identification card is available FREE of charge.

A free ID card is available under Wisconsin law to anyone who:

- Will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and;
- Requests an ID card for the purpose of voting.

A free ID card is NOT available under the following circumstances:

- If you currently have a valid, unexpired drivers license (DL) on file with the DMV, you are not eligible under Wisconsin law to obtain an ID. Persons who misplace/lose or have their driver's license stolen must obtain a duplicate driver's license.
- If you will not be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election.
- If you already have a Wisconsin ID card that is not eligible for renewal (you may renew your ID card up to one year prior to its expiration date).
- If you are not eligible to vote in Wisconsin.

IRS Warns of 'Free Money' Scam

The IRS is warning residents to be alert to a new scam hitting the Milwaukee area.

The scam encourages people to file tax returns, for a fee, to get a refund, rebate or stimulus check based on withholding from Social Security benefits. But the claim is often based on inaccurate or false information.

People are being victimized by paying the scammer a fee to prepare the returns, only to find out their claims are rejected or they have to return the money to the IRS, plus potential penalties and interest.

The scam targets seniors and low income individuals. The IRS reminds taxpayers that if you can't verify all the information on a tax return, don't sign it. For more information on scams visit www.IRS.gov.

Operation Alley Cat Provides Free Alley Lighting

As part of **Operation Impact**, Alderman Donovan's **Operation Alley Cat** is providing for the installation of free motion detector alley lighting on the garages of residents willing to participate.

"We know how much more inviting a dark alley is to cowardly criminals who prefer to hide in the shadows," said Alderman Donovan. "Operation Alley Cat is working to install – free of charge – dozens of lights on residential garages this spring, and is slowly taking away the darkness the criminals want."



The lights will be installed by qualified volunteers. The only requirement is that residents have electricity running to their garage.

If you would be willing to participate, please contact my office at rdonov@milwaukee.gov or (414) 286-3533. Please note that your inquiry does not guarantee you will receive the lighting. Availability is limited.

Alderman Donovan Releases 10-Point Plan for Milwaukee

Alderman Bob Donovan has released a 10-point action plan to help address Milwaukee's biggest challenges and issues. To view the plan, please go to Alderman Donovan's webpage at www.milwaukee.gov/district8.

Alderman Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, said he's putting forth his action plan after receiving large numbers of calls and messages in response to the op-ed article "**In Violence, We Reap the Harvest We've Sown**" published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in August following the August 4, 2011 mob violence outside State Fair Park.

"The overwhelming response (to the article) has been eye-opening, with calls and messages coming in locally and from all over the U.S.," he said. "But at the end of the day, we need a plan because Milwaukee is facing some monumental challenges, and if we continue to ignore those challenges, they will suck the very life out of this community."

The alderman added, "I've always been a believer that if you are going to point out deficiencies or problems, you then have an obligation to offer suggestions and alternatives to address those issues or problems."



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Trolley Folly: Streetcar Money Should be Used for Buses

Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Joe Dudzik and Milwaukee County Supervisor Mark Borkowski sent a letter in October to Milwaukee's congressional delegation, asking them to seek federal approval to use tens of millions of dollars currently slated to pay for the downtown streetcar to help fund the beleaguered Milwaukee County Transit System.

Alderman Donovan, a staunch critic of the streetcar project, said he does not believe the rosy economic development picture painted by streetcar proponents. He said the money would be better spent on restoring and bolstering bus routes and service in Milwaukee and surrounding municipalities, and he said he and Alderman Dudzik and Supervisor Borkowski are pushing for a spring referendum on the issue "to let the people decide."

"Our citizens ride the bus to get to and from jobs, and that was hammered home in an editorial **"Transit needed for jobs"** which appeared (Sept. 27) in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel," he said. "In my mind, we need to restore some common sense to local government and use the money wisely to help us keep our bus system – a decades-old proven transit option – up and running for the thousands who depend on it to get to jobs each and every day."

Alderman Donovan added, "To attempt tackling this streetcar project during an unprecedented economic crisis being felt in Milwaukee and across this nation is insanity."

Streetscaping Projects in the 8th District



Photo Credit: Daniel Adams

Alderman Donovan joined state Representative Josh Zepnick and members of the community for a ribbon-cutting marking the S. Layton Blvd. and W. National Ave. streetscaping projects.

On October 10 Alderman Donovan helped launch a large streetscaping project slated for Layton Boulevard. The project, cultivated by Alderman Donovan, the Historic Layton Boulevard organization, state Rep. Josh Zepnick and the many business owners in the area, will yield new street lights, pedestrian and bicycle paths and enhance the historic identity of the street.

The two-part celebratory ceremony began at historic **Ascension Lutheran Church** where Rep. Zepnick announced the \$1.3 million Wisconsin DOT project that stretches from Layton Blvd. at National Ave. to S. 27th St. and W. Oklahoma Ave.

"I'm grateful for the leadership of Rep. Zepnick on this issue," Alderman Donovan said. "This is a beautiful area with hard working neighbors and these improvements are nothing but well-deserved good news."

Alderman Donovan and the group then headed to **S. 34th St. and W. National Ave. for a ribbon cutting to showcase the work of the Silver City Main Street** project, another successful streetscaping project made possible by a \$560,000 Wisconsin DOT grant awarded in 2004. The event took place in Shea Park, highlighting the 7- block area where demonstrable improvements have been made.



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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-CITY (2489)**.

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.

It's Not Too Late To Make Plans For Winter

We all know that soon winter will arrive in Milwaukee, and that means we can expect some snow emergencies. So Alderman Donovan wants to remind all residents of some of the requirements during snow and ice control operations.

Remember that public safety is the first priority during snow and ice control on the city's 1,400 miles of city streets. Streets are prioritized based on traffic volume, public transportation routes, access to emergency services and schools.

Response Depends On The Storm

The Department of Public Works will use only one or two salt trucks to tackle intermittent salting of isolated slippery spots, but a full scale plowing for a big storm will use over 360 pieces of equipment, supplemented by private contractors. The most common operation is a general ice control in which 90 salt trucks are sent out citywide.

During a major storm, a general plowing is called and may take 12 to 18 hours to complete the initial plowing followed by several more days cleaning up after parked cars, touching up intersections and widening streets. "I know we can be patient and cooperate with Public Works during bad weather," said Alderman Donovan, "and while the city tries to do this promptly, it's best to wait, if possible, until the plows finish before shoveling out your driveway approach."

Move Car To Help Snow Removal

The single biggest problem during major snowstorms is parked and abandoned cars. The plows try to get as close to the curb as they can but those "snowbirds" get in the way and prevent them from completing the job. Alderman Donovan asks that you move your vehicles so plows can clear the streets curb to curb. Remember it is illegal to park in one place for more than 24 hours.

The Milwaukee Public Schools make a number of school playgrounds available for overnight parking during snow emergencies. Call **286-CITY (2489)** for the location of a playground nearest your home.

Holiday Tree Disposal



Garbage collection crews will pick up the tree if it is placed where the garbage is collected. If your collection is in an alley, trees must be placed at the alley line for collection, not on the street. Only residents whose garbage is collected from the street may place their tree at the curb to be picked up.

Trees may also be taken to the Self-Help Centers located at 3879 W. Lincoln Ave. or 6660 N. Industrial Rd. where they will be composted or turned into mulch.

The Self-Help Centers winter hours, November 27, 2011 through April 7, 2012, are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. They will be closed on Sundays, Mondays and city holidays. For more information visit www.milwaukee.gov/selfhelpcenters. In addition to the city's Self-Help Centers, private locations in the Milwaukee area may also accept unwanted items.

"Hardship" Assistance Can Help

Is shoveling your sidewalk after a big Milwaukee snowstorm a "mission impossible" because of age or disability? Alderman Donovan wants you to know that city sanitation workers may be able to give you a helping hand. If you are a senior citizen or disabled and living in a single-family, owner-occupied home, and physically unable to do the shoveling, you may be eligible for "hardship" assistance.

Eligibility requirements:

- Resident must own the home
- Others in home must also be unable to shovel
- Only the public sidewalk is cleared, no driveways
- Shoveling done only when full city-wide plow – snowfall total at least 4 inches
- \$10 per event - put on property tax bill
- Call Sanitation Division at **286-3345** for application

Winter Garbage Cart Collection

Because sanitation crews who collect garbage and recyclables also plow snow, collection days may change during the winter, especially after a heavy snowstorm or especially frigid temperatures.

There is no garbage/recycling collections on these holidays:

- **Thanksgiving** – Thursday & Friday – November 24 & 25, 2011
- **Christmas Eve & Day** – Friday & Monday – December 23 & 26, 2011
- **New Years Eve & Day** – Friday & Monday – December 30, 2011 & January 2, 2012
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – Monday – January 16, 2012

Snow Plowing and Shoveling

When a major storm occurs, a general plowing is initiated. It can take from 18 to 24 hours to plow all streets, depending on the severity of the storm.

Residents have 24 hours after the snow stops falling to clear snow from sidewalks. Violations reported to DPW will be inspected and incur an initial inspection fee of \$25. If the snow is not cleared after 24 hours, the city will clear it and put the costs along with a \$45 - \$90 administrative fee on the property tax bill.

Elderly or handicapped residents may apply to DPW for hardship sidewalk snow removal. Snow is removed by mechanical equipment only after a plowing operation (normally 4 inches or more). The costs are dropped to the property tax bill.

One of the greatest obstacles to plowing snow is cars parked on the street. On street parking restricts plows from pushing the snow to the curb. Crews regularly return to plow "snow islands" left by parked cars that move after streets have been plowed. If you see an area where a car has moved after the street was plowed, please contact the DPW Call Center at **286-CITY**.



Neighborhood Ambassadors



Earlier this year, schoolchildren, neighborhood residents and partners from the Milwaukee Christian Center, UMOS (United Migrant Opportunity Services) and Journey House joined Alderman Donovan and took part in the 2011 launch news conference for the Neighborhood Ambassadors at S. 21st and W. Scott Streets.

Neighborhood Ambassadors – W-2 participants who gain experience and job training assistance while tidying up neighborhoods and business strip areas on the near south side – were introduced to the community during a news conference earlier this year.

At the news conference, which was held at the intersection of S. 21st St. and W. Scott St., Alderman Donovan was joined by ambassadors, neighborhood residents and business owners, and representatives from partner organizations – the Milwaukee Christian Center, UMOS (United Migrant Opportunity Services) and Journey House.

Modeled after the Downtown Ambassadors that “patrol” in and around downtown Milwaukee – the Neighborhood Ambassadors provide help cleaning up litter and debris, abating graffiti, and keeping an eye out for possible criminal activity, the alderman said.

This year between 20 and 30 ambassadors – wearing red golf shirts that clearly identify them – were working in the Operation Impact area on a daily basis, Alderman Donovan said.

The Operation Impact target area is bounded by W. Pierce St. on the north, W. Lincoln Ave. on the south, S. 16th Street/S. Cesar Chavez Dr. on the east and S. 38th St. on the west – an area considered one of Milwaukee’s most ethnically diverse and touching three aldermanic districts. The area is located within the 2nd Police District.

Winter Garbage & Recycling Collection

Garbage and recycling collection schedules will change in the winter due to the management of snow and ice by city crews. **Schedule changes will begin December 5th.** Residents must clear snow and ice to provide access to carts.



If you have curbside collection: Carts will be retrieved from yards during winter months. Extra items must still be placed curbside for pickup.

If you have alley collection: Carts will continue to be serviced at the alley line.

NOTE: There is a \$50 charge for collection of trash piles larger than one cubic yard (roughly the same size of an easy chair).

Meet One of Your Neighbors: Roy Plinska

Some say the days of working for the same employer for more than 20 years – much less 30 or more years – are long gone.

Meet Roy Plinska, a lifelong Milwaukeean and a resident of the 8th District who this summer celebrated 65 years as a distinguished, valued and dependable Boston Store employee.

Alderman Donovan explains just how dedicated Mr. Plinska is: “Roy has never called in sick, and has always reported to work no matter the weather – that is an incredible, almost unimaginable record over 65 years,” Alderman Donovan said. “In my opinion, Roy’s picture should be in the dictionary next to the listings ‘work ethic’ and ‘dependable,’ because he exemplifies the very best in a dedicated and loyal worker.”

On July 9, 1946, Mr. Plinska joined the staff of the Boston Store as the parking lot attendant, and in 1950 he joined the United States Air Force, serving as a mess sergeant for two years, and served his country with honor and distinction, and upon his release from the Air Force he returned to the Boston Store where he resumed his work.

In approximately 1957 Mr. Plinska’s profession changed from that of a parker to a driver, as he became the driver of the Boston Store branch station wagon. In 1964 he transferred to the receiving and marking platform where he continues to report to work to this day.



Roy Plinska stands with a commendatory Common Council citation sponsored by Alderman Donovan. Above right: A view of some of the beautiful mums and other plants and flowers in Mr. Plinska’s backyard.

Mr. Plinska and his wife are avid gardeners, and their yard is awash in colors and beautiful flowers. In fact, in 1976 then Mayor Henry Maier presented them with the city’s highest beautification honor for home landscaping.

“Well if you think Roy is dedicated to his working life, you can bet he’s equally devoted to his home life, and that includes the absolutely beautiful garden he and his wife have nurtured over the years,” said Alderman Donovan.

“If you see Roy out and about, please give him a wave and a smile,” he said.

In Violence, We Reap the Harvest We've Sown

By Alderman Bob Donovan (appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on August 13, 2011)

If the chaos that erupted at State Fair Park on opening night isn't a wake-up call for this community, then I hate to think what it will take to get our attention. Yet is anyone willing to bet me a year from now we'll still be asleep at the switch?

As an elected official and citizen, I was appalled by the senseless and horrific violence the mob unleashed outside what is supposed to be a safe and family-friendly venue. On behalf of our city, I again apologize to the victims and good patrons who endured or witnessed the unprovoked rampage.

Sadly, what transpired near State Fair Park on Aug. 4 is only the most recent mob riot spawned by a culture of violence that has been brewing in a growing portion of Milwaukee's African-American community for some time.

While we certainly have problems with Hispanic and Asian gangs, are groups of Hispanics or Hmong going out in mobs attacking whites?

No.

There is a growing subculture in the City of Milwaukee and other large urban centers across the nation - largely young and African-American lacking the shared values that you and I may take for granted.

To this subculture, there is no respect for authority. There is no value in marriage or raising a family. There is no value in receiving an education or getting and keeping a job. There is no value in passing on a legacy to the next generation.

Is this an indictment of the entire African-American community in Milwaukee, which is rich in families and individuals who have risen to the very pinnacle of business, medicine, law, academia, government and other sectors?

No. But we simply must not ignore the fact that we are reaping the harvest that we've sown.

There are consequences for making excuses for bad behavior.

There are consequences for failing to instill a sense of personal responsibility in our young people, and for fostering an entitlement mentality.

There are consequences for having little to no positive male involvement in the lives of so many of our African-American children.

There are consequences for the horrendous illegitimacy rate in our African-American community.

There are consequences for a decades-long near 50% unemployment rate for African-American males in our city.

There are consequences for having a failing public school system, and an outdated juvenile justice system.

There are consequences for having one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the U.S., and for having kids raising kids.

There are also far too many people in our community having children without the financial means to support them beyond some form of government assistance. Also, there are far too many men in our city who think the only contribution they need to make as a father is a biological one.

Let's face it, the community was shocked when the violent mob of African-American youths attacked white people in Kilbourn Reservoir Park on July 3. Then, a few eyebrows were raised at the F-bombs and shocking disregard and disrespect for Milwaukee police officers shown by a large and unruly group of African-Americans at N. Richards St. and W. North Ave. on July 30.

And now this horrific mob violence near State Fair Park.

Where is government in all of this? Sure, we need government to help keep us safe, and

to provide valuable services, but no amount of dollars in government spending or resources is going to truly address this mob violence problem.

There is absolutely no substitute for personal responsibility, and I am merely pointing out, publicly, what has been discussed within the African-American community for years.

We are indeed reaping the harvest we have sown.

Sadly, there remain far too many so-called leaders in Milwaukee, both black and white, who remain in denial about our serious problems.

There's one thing I'm absolutely certain about: We cannot begin to address our real problems if we can't first admit that those problems exist.

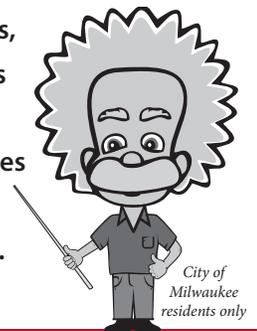
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WeTip Honors Alderman Donovan



Alderman Donovan was honored as WeTip's national local official of the year by Susan Mandell, the top executive of WeTip's National Anonymous Crime Hotline, during a special ceremony earlier this year at City Hall. The award was presented to the alderman for

his effort in partnering with WeTip to combat graffiti. Late last year Alderman Donovan, the founder of Operation Impact, announced a \$5,000 donation from Operation Impact to WeTip and city anti-graffiti operations in the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS).

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Citywide Redistricting Brings 8th District Changes

According to Alderman Donovan, the redistricting process completed earlier this fall by the Common Council will mean new 2012 voting wards, polling locations, and district boundaries for aldermanic districts, including the 8th District.

The southern boundary of the 8th District is currently aligned with the railroad lines that run along the Kinnickinnic River Parkway and south of the Forest Home Cemetery. Effective next April the areas south of the rail line that are currently in the 8th District will be part of the 11th District.

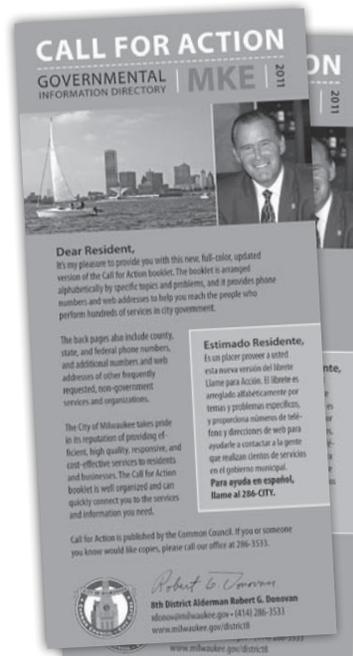
The eastern boundary of the district is now mostly aligned with S. 20th St. with the area between W. Rogers St. and W. Mitchell St. extending to S. 19th St. This change moves some areas that were previously in the 12th District into District 8.

All voting wards within the district have been renumbered, and several have had their boundaries altered.

Go to www.milwaukee.gov/District8 to view the new map of the 8th District (effective April 2012).

Go to www.milwaukee.gov/Redistricting for more details about redistricting in the City of Milwaukee.

The Election Commission will have updated ward and polling place information available soon. To reach the commission, please call **286-3491** or go to the webpage at www.milwaukee.gov/election.



Need Assistance or Have a Question?

Efficient delivery of the hundreds of services provided by city government is only a phone call or a computer click away – in the NEW, full-color “Call for Action” telephone directory. The popular directory is arranged alphabetically by specific problems and topics, and also includes helpful web addresses and additional information about community attractions.

Remember that in addition to contacting Alderman Donovan’s office for help with your concerns,

there is one number – **286-CITY (2489)** – that can put you in touch with the right department for any questions or concerns about city services.

To save postage and staff costs, please download or print your own copy of the new Call for Action booklet by going to Alderman Donovan’s webpage at www.milwaukee.gov/district8. If you need to have a copy mailed to your home, please e-mail a request to pdohr@milwaukee.gov or call **286-3533**.