



The View From Milwaukee's 14th District

Dear Neighbor,

Development continues at breakneck speed in the 14th District!

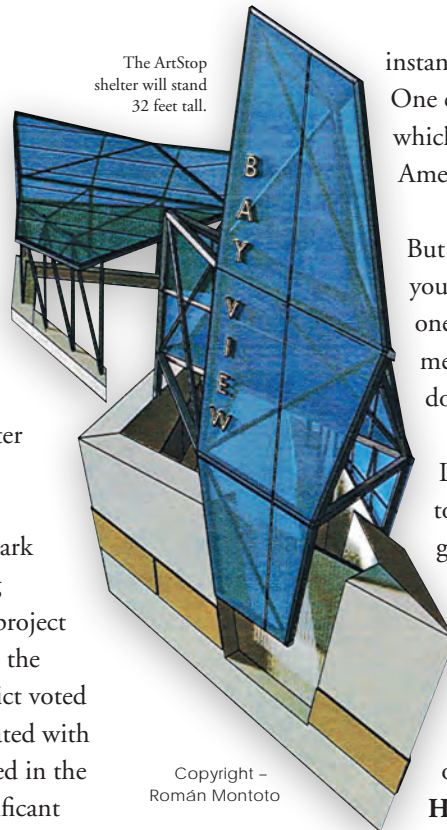
Alterra Coffee and **The Dwell**, both multi-million dollar projects on Kinnickinnic Avenue, have opened. Additionally, sidewalks have been expanded along Howell, Kinnickinnic, and Lincoln Avenues to allow for outdoor seating at Cafe Lulu, Riviera Maya, Babe's Ice Cream and BYO Studio. And in the triangle sandwiched between those businesses a new public art bus shelter is moving forward.

The **ArtStop shelter** will be 32 feet tall and after dark will provide mood lighting for the area while being powered by 100% renewable energy! Because this project will be such a draw for the surrounding businesses, the Kinnickinnic Avenue Business Improvement District voted to maintain any ongoing maintenance costs associated with this project. That means no taxpayer dollars are used in the upkeep while the neighborhood experiences a significant quality of life increase. Taxpayers will also be pleased to hear that the lion's share of the construction costs are coming from the estate of Donald Dombrowski, who bequeathed his entire estate to the Department of Public Works.

Along the 13th Street Business Corridor, **Monterrey Market** is looking to significantly expand the size of its grocery store, which will result in more amenities and jobs.

But in addition to local development, I am also working to create jobs on a larger scale. To that end, I am introducing legislation requiring Common Council approval for city procurement contracts over \$30,000. Unfortunately, our procurement office has been awarding many contracts to overseas manufacturers when in some

The ArtStop shelter will stand 32 feet tall.



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instances it actually was MORE expensive to do so! One example of this is our police uniform contract which went overseas to Communist China when an American company could have produced it at less cost!

But above and beyond development I am here to serve you and your specific needs. In this newsletter I have one such success story. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your problem and if there is anything I can do – I will!

Lastly, we cannot forget how fortunate we are to have dedicated individual and community group volunteers. Two groups that enjoy many of these selfless individuals are the **Bay View Neighborhood Association** and the **Ohio Park Neighborhood Association**.

In closing, I look forward to seeing everyone at our **14th District town hall meeting at Bay View High School**, 2751 S. Lenox St. from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2012.

Sincerely,

Tony Zielinski
Alderman, 14th District



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Alderman Zielinski Backs Bike-Sharing Program



Earlier this summer, bike-sharing equipment was on public display at Catalano Square in the Historic Third Ward.

Alderman Tony Zielinski was one of the primary co-sponsors of a Common Council resolution creating Milwaukee's first bicycle-sharing program.

The multifaceted resolution, approved by the Council on July 24, directs city departments to assist and support efforts to establish and maintain bicycle facilities including bike-sharing programs and installations. The measure directs the commissioner of Public Works and the commissioner of City Development to collaborate with appropriate community and business organizations, including Midwest Bikeshare, Inc., in the implementation of a bike-sharing program.

"This program encourages a sustainable mode of transportation that keeps citizens physically fit while making Milwaukee more bicycle and pedestrian friendly – it's a win-win-win," said Alderman Zielinski.

More than 20 large U.S. cities – including Madison, Chicago, Des Moines and Minneapolis – have implemented or have begun implementing bicycle sharing programs which have been found to increase bicycle access in central business districts, reduce parking demands, promote tourism and increase bicycling activities even among experienced bicyclists.

Problem In Your Neighborhood?

Contact my office right away for help – 286-3769



Earlier this year, constituent Renee Cook contacted my office to report problems with reckless driving on Howell Ave. near Dover St. We met with city traffic engineers who recommended

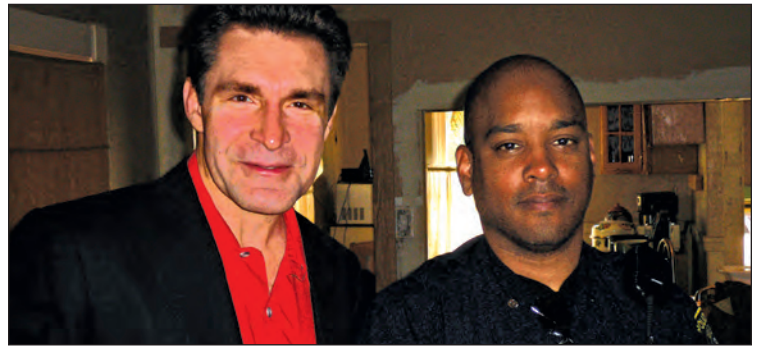
the installation of reflector chevron signage just behind the curb (along the edge of the roadway). The reflectors help motorists negotiate the curve safely after dark.

"Since those reflector signs were installed, we no longer hear the screeching of tires in the middle of the night, and there's less speeding too," said Ms. Cook.

Getting Involved Makes A Difference

Because neighbors worked closely with Alderman Zielinski's office, problem tenants at properties on Russell Ave. and at the intersection between Kinnickinnic and Woodward were recently removed. "Neighbors brought these problem houses to our attention, and we were able to use legal tools to remove the disruptive tenants," Alderman Zielinski said.

If you have problem neighbors please let us know. You can also start a block watch by contacting the alderman at tzieli@milwaukee.gov.



Alderman Zielinski (shown here with MPD 6th District Community Liaison Officer Carlos Felix) works closely with neighbors, MPD and other city departments to address problem properties in the 14th District.

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Neighborhood Business Chips In to Help Boulevard Theatre



The din of busy shoppers, pedestrians and outside diners on the expanded sidewalks of S. Kinnickinnic Ave. in Bay View will have minimal impact on the quiet ambience of the Boulevard Theatre, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. This is thanks to a renewed storefront window display and a new exterior door between the entrance from the street to the theatre space that will provide a sound-proofing buffer between S. Kinnickinnic Ave. and the Boulevard's intimate theatre space.

The changes at the Boulevard are being made possible by a generous \$5,000 donation from Mill Valley Recycling, a supportive business located on S. Barclay St.

"The Boulevard Theatre is recognized as a gem among Milwaukee entertainment venues," said Alderman Zielinski. "As we explored the idea of expanding the sidewalks along Kinnickinnic Ave. to handle additional foot traffic and seating, we realized sound from the street would have a negative impact on the experience of theatre goers at the Boulevard."

"To balance the growth of local businesses and the intimate atmosphere of the Boulevard Theatre, we realized the only answer was to improve the windows facing the street," said Alderman Zielinski. "Understanding that the improvements would be too expensive for the small ensemble theatre to afford, we looked for a local business to step up and make a financial commitment to the quality of life in our neighborhood. Thankfully, Mill Valley Recycling, a neighbor to our north, understood the situation and donated \$5,000 to the \$10,000 project."

Tony Teich, president of Mill Valley Recycling, 1006 S. Barclay St., said he is sensitive to the issue of managing noise in urban areas. "In an urban environment, we need to find ways for different businesses to coexist. It's an honor for us to help the Boulevard Theatre thrive in their growing neighborhood," he said.

"We love seeing all the new visitors and our old friends exploring the Bay View neighborhood," said Holly Blomquist, board member of the Boulevard Theatre. "We're excited to be able to provide a more comfortable experience to our patrons and really give them a chance to concentrate on the performance in our intimate space," said Ms. Blomquist.

"When the show is over, they can then continue to enjoy the KK business district. Thanks to Alderman Zielinski for helping procure this funding. His connection to local businesses provides a great opportunity for our non-profit theatre company," she said.

Alderman Zielinski said he is working with the theatre to seek additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project, through applicable city grants or private donations.

Summer Set Out Garbage and Recycling Collection:

Thru Nov. 30, 2012

Check the online schedule (www.mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/garbage_day) to look up your next recycling and garbage collection dates. Thanks for recycling! Together we are helping to keep Milwaukee Clean & Green.

There is NO garbage or recycling collection on the following City Holidays and Furlough Days:

- Furlough Day & Labor Day: August 31 & September 3
- Thanksgiving: November 22 & 23
- Christmas: December 24 & 25
- New Year's: December 31 & January 1, 2013

Avalon Theatre Update

Progress is being made on the re-opening of the Avalon Theatre on S. Kinnickinnic Ave. The owner of the theatre recently purchased the Rosebud and Times Cinema with the idea that it is operationally more efficient to run three theaters instead of just one by achieving economies of scale.

Additionally, the owner of the Avalon has been purchasing more properties around the Avalon with the idea of maximizing the venue's long-term success. I know people are frustrated that the theatre's renovation is taking so long, but once again our district is breaking new ground. That is, when was the last time you saw a new multi-million dollar neighborhood theater open in the city?

In time we will see the opening of the Avalon in grand style, and it will most certainly be a major success!

Park Cleanup Bonds Bay View neighbors



This spring Alderman Zielinski took part in a Bay View Park cleanup event hosted by the Bay View Neighborhood Association. Gretchen Theisen serves as chair of the association's Communications Committee,

and Sarah Dobogai is the association's membership chair. If you are interested in learning about the great things the association is involved in – or if you want to get involved or better acquainted with the BVNA – please visit their website at www.bayviewneighborhood.org. Pictured with Alderman Zielinski at the park cleanup event is Kate Fowdy, BVNA president, and Robert Miller, BVNA vice president.

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Support Your Local Library!

As you may know, unfortunately libraries are continuously struggling to stay open, but there are some things you can do to support your local library.

- Get a library card
- Return books on time
- Pay fines
- Hold community meetings there
- Patronize
- Participate in programming
- Encourage others to use the library

Find out more at: www.mpl.org



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Progress for S. 13th St. Business District

I'm pleased to announce that Robert Montemayor, owner of the Monterrey Market on S. 13th St., is planning to significantly expand his business, with plans to hire up to 15 new employees.

This is great news for the business district, which has recently seen a jump in new stores and businesses. I am pleased for Robert and his employees that the store is doing well and is preparing for a significant increase in size and scope.



Special Trick-Or-Treat Hours In Bay View

The **Bay View Neighborhood Association** is organizing an evening trick-or-treat on **Saturday October 27, 2012 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.**

The boundaries for this event are Bay Street on the north, the lake on the east, Howard on the south and Chase/Howell on the west.

PLEASE NOTE: 14th District areas not located inside the October 27th evening trick-or-treat boundaries (see above) will have trick-or-treat from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 28, 2012, during the official citywide trick-or-treat hours.

Town Hall Meeting at Bay View High School Oct. 2

Ald. Tony Zielinski will host a 14th District town hall meeting at **Bay View High School**, 2751 S. Lenox St., from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2012.**

Officers from various city departments will be on hand to address questions and issues, including representatives of the Department of Neighborhood Services, Department of Public Works, Department of City Development, and representatives of Milwaukee Police Districts 2 and 6. Residents are encouraged to attend and learn of news and happenings in the district.

The meeting will be held in the school's auditorium.