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Hello Neighbors,

I am pleased to share with you this late summer 2014 edition of my aldermanic newsletter, and I hope you will find it to be helpful and informative.

The key event I would like to invite you to is my **9th District Town Hall Meeting** (see details below) on Monday, October 27th. This is a great opportunity for me to meet with you, and for you to hear from and discuss issues with top city leaders.

Prevent. Mitigate. Revitalize, and Renew. Those are the four goals of the **Strong Neighborhoods Plan**, a key city initiative that you can read more about on page 3. Also on that page you will learn about **Olympic Day**, a new celebration at the Cudahy YMCA that is part of an international effort to promote fitness and to further the Olympic ideals of fair play, perseverance, sportsmanship, and respect.

The newsletter also includes developments involving **HellermanTyton**, **Helwig Carbon Products, Inc.**, the **Eisenhower Center, Inc.**, and the **Granville-Brown Deer Chamber of Commerce**, as well as some helpful DPW information to help you prepare for fall.

Please contact me whenever you have a question or a concern. I stand ready to help as your representative at City Hall. Have a safe and peaceful remainder of the summer!

Sincerely,

Robert W. Puente
Alderman, 9th District

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS****Vice Chair**

- Public Safety Committee

Chair

- Ambulance Service Board

Member

- Licenses Committee
- Wisconsin Center District Board

STAY INFORMED, STAY ENGAGED

Sign up for an E-Notify account to receive 9th District news releases, meeting notices and other updates:

www.milwaukee.gov/enotify

In addition to Alderman Puente's website and signing up for E-Notify, the Alderman has an email list used to send out various notices, city press releases, and articles that might be of interest to 9th District residents. **If you would like to be added to this list, please email your name, mailing address, and phone number to Alderman Puente at rpuent@milwaukee.gov.**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday, October 27 Destiny Youth Plaza — 7210 N. 76th St., 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Alderman Puente will hold a public town hall meeting this fall to meet residents and discuss important issues affecting 9th District neighborhoods and the city as a whole. **Mayor Tom Barrett** and **Police Chief Ed Flynn** are planning to be there, along with Department of Public Works Commissioner **Ghassan Korban**, Department of City Development Commissioner **Richard "Rocky" Marcoux**, and Department of Neighborhood Services Commissioner **Art Dahlberg**, to discuss issues and address questions.

HavenWorks: Building Futures Initiative

The Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) is launching the HavenWorks: Building Futures Initiative to connect our next generation's workforce to Milwaukee businesses. With the help of a grant from the Helen Bader Foundation, HEDC will be partnering with local high schools to connect students with employment opportunities. Additionally, HEDC will bring local businesses to the classroom with classroom presentations, and classrooms to local businesses with plant tours and job shadowing. Coordinating this initiative is Executive Director Stephanie Harling, with the assistance of Brittany Morton, the Business and Education Liaison Intern from UWM. **For more information or to get a business involved in this new initiative, please email sharling@havenwood.org or call 431-2274.** ■



ARBOR DAY – Alderman Puente was joined by students, faculty, staff and parents during an Arbor Day event at St. Peter Immanuel School, 7801 W. Acacia St.



NEIGHBORHOOD WALK – In June several people joined Alderman Puente on a neighborhood walk in the area of N. Swan Rd. and W. Allyn St. Pictured (left to right) are: Police Officer Carrie Resnick; Karissa Vang - Sojourner Family Peace Center; Neva Hill – Woodlands; Mike Stahler – Department of Neighborhood Services; and James Wright – Department of Public Works.

Bring Block Watch Program to Your Neighborhood

The Block Watch is a tested, successful program which provides residents with specific information on how to reduce or eliminate opportunities for crime. But block watch groups can also do so much more. The support of local businesses is vital to the block watches and the support of block watches is vital to local business. They can accomplish many things by working together that they may not be able to do if working alone, and this cooperation is essential to making a neighborhood a cohesive community.

Alderman Puente knows firsthand just how effective block watch groups can be, and he would like to see additional groups formed in the 9th District. “By forming a Block Watch, you and your neighbors can play an integral role in improving the quality of life in the district,” he said.

To become involved in a Block Watch you can contact a community liaison officer for the 4th Police District at 935-7248. If you'd like Alderman Puente to attend a Block Watch meeting, please call his office at 286-2868. ■

Foodie Fridays

The Granville Business Improvement District is sponsoring “Foodie Fridays” from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various food trucks can be found at the intersection of W. Tower Ave. and N. 76th St. and at the corner of N. 86th St. and W. Port Ave. The well-known food trucks vary from week to week, but there is always something for everyone. The food trucks will be in the area until the end of October. ■



Strong Neighborhoods Plan

The city is owner of last resort for more than 1,100 residential properties. Many of these homes have gone through foreclosure and abandonment, which creates venues for crime and drags down property values.

The 2014 city budget allocated almost \$12 million for the Strong Neighborhoods Plan, a multi-year effort focused on reducing the negative impact of tax-foreclosed properties which stand vacant or abandoned.

The Strong Neighborhoods Plan funds the handling of the city's nearly 1,500 tax-foreclosed buildings, which includes inspecting them, negotiating leases, arranging to re-key and board vacant properties, referring properties for demolition if necessary, and marketing those properties that can be redeveloped.

There are four goals in this program: Prevent, Mitigate, Revitalize, and Renew.

When it comes to **prevention**, the city will work to avoid future tax foreclosures whenever possible by securing properties at an earlier stage, working with owners, maintaining property registration records and inspecting properties to reduce deterioration.

As part of **mitigation** efforts, the city will significantly reduce the backlog of structures that are on our must-raise list.

In the **revitalization** component, city staff will increase both property management and property marketing efforts and additional funds will be provided for property rehab efforts.

The goal is to get these homes, whenever possible, into the hands of responsible homeowners, which is why the **renewal** section of the Strong Neighborhoods Plan partners with community-based organizations for the re-sale and targeted rehab of city-owned properties. As part of the HOME GR/OWN effort, the city is identifying the best use of city-owned vacant lots.

For more information please go to:
city.milwaukee.gov/strong. ■

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Alderman Puente was honored by Milwaukee Job Corps at their Business Partner Appreciation Luncheon in May. Pictured from left to right: James Roberts, Jr., Center Director; Sean Pierce II, Student Government Association President; Alderman Puente, District 9; Mai Kou Xiong, Student Government Association Treasurer; Vera Ford, Business Community Liaison.

Olympic Day

On June 23, the Granville Business Improvement District was one of the supporters of "Olympic Day" hosted by the John C. Cudahy YMCA. Olympic Day, held annually on June 23, is celebrated by millions of people in more than 160 countries. Commemorating the birth of the modern Olympic Games, Olympic Day is not only a celebration, but an international effort to promote fitness and well-being in addition to the Olympic ideals of fair play, perseverance, respect, and sportsmanship.

Olympic Day activities at the Cudahy YMCA included swimming, arts and crafts, face painting, and tattoos, and a Passport Sports Challenge where children received a booklet they could get stamped after trying many different activities and sports, such as baseball, soccer, basketball, nature hikes, and Tae Kwon Do. Children who made it to each activity received an Olympic Day certificate. ■





Fireworks Are Illegal in the City of Milwaukee

Remember, it is illegal to sell, use, or possess fireworks in the City of Milwaukee. Violators face fines up to \$1,000. Fireworks are loud and disruptive, but more importantly, they can start fires and endanger lives. They can also waste the valuable time of police personnel.

Learn more about fireworks safety meet Sparky, the mascot of Milwaukee's Fireworks Task Force, at www.milwaukee.gov/sparky. Along with information on fireworks safety, the website has a downloadable coloring page, and you can like Sparky on Facebook to stay posted on fireworks events and more in Milwaukee. ■

Fire Pits: Know the Rules

While the City of Milwaukee code does not include the words "recreational fire pits" or "outdoor fireplaces," it does include regulations for controlled outdoor fires.

Fire pits are legal under these conditions:

- Open burning shall be conducted only in an approved and listed container or a substantial burner built of metal, concrete or brick, well-covered or screened to prevent the escape of sparking and burning embers.
- A burner shall not be operated within 15 feet of any combustible construction. Open flame cooking devices, including charcoal burners and LP gas burners, are exempt from this requirement for one and two-family dwellings.
- Open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization. ■

Tornado Safety

Tornado safety is important for EVERYONE in Milwaukee County. Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms, with winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Wisconsin averages 21 tornadoes a year, and the peak tornado season in Wisconsin is April to August (but tornadoes can occur any time of year!).

A tornado watch means conditions exist for the possible formation of a tornado. A tornado warning means there is a high likelihood of tornado formation or a tornado has been sighted. When a tornado warning is issued, the County Outdoor Warning Siren System will be activated, sounding a steady warning tone for three minutes. When outdoor warning sirens are sounded, be prepared to seek shelter and take cover. Tune to local TV or radio stations for detailed information.

Do not call local law enforcement or the Emergency Management Office except to report the sighting of a funnel cloud.
Emergency Management's 24-hour phone number is 414-525-5770.

Above all, remember to remain calm. Panic leads to unnecessary injury. ■

Brush Should NOT Be Placed in the Street

Weeds and branches from trees and bushes should be called in for a special pickup (may include a fee). Grass clippings and large brush piles can be taken to one of the city's Self Help Centers for free. Brush should NOT be placed in the street or on the curb.

Placing brush in the street causes sewer catch basins to be clogged, which leads to ponding and flooding on neighborhood streets when it rains.

The city has two Self-Help locations – 3879 W. Lincoln Ave. and 6660 N. Industrial Rd. – where residents can bring larger amounts of brush as well as other trash for disposal. Between mid-October and mid-November, residents may place small amounts of soft brush (annuals, clippings, weeds, etc.) on top of leaf piles at the curb for pickup by city crews.

To find out more about disposing of brush, about Self-Help Center hours, or to request a special pickup (may include a fee), please call the Unified Call Center at 414-286-CITY(2489). ■

Developments in the District

Granville-Brown Deer Chamber of Commerce

The Board of Directors of the Granville-Brown Deer Chamber of Commerce, after careful deliberation, decided to dissolve its organization.

The Chamber, organized in 2002, served as a force for partnership and collaboration linking the city's northwest side (including most of the 9th District) and the Village of Brown Deer. While there is no longer a formal organization, both the City of Milwaukee and Brown Deer will continue their collaboration and cooperation on regional issues of mutual interest.

The Granville-Brown Deer Chamber played an important role in community-building events and initiatives, including "Diversity Dialogue" seminars, a free summer "Community Vibes" concert series, business and community expos, "Vision Series" luncheons, ribbon-cutting ceremonies to welcome new businesses, and a variety of excellent networking events.

The chamber fulfilled its role and completed its course of work, and the creation of the Granville Business Improvement District (BID) 48 in 2013 will ensure that the needs of local businesses and manufacturers continue to be addressed, and that economic development and beneficial improvements will be championed going forward. ■

Eisenhower Center, Inc.

The Eisenhower Center, Inc., is a non-profit work-training program that provides rehabilitation services for people with developmental disabilities. Located at 4425 W. Woolworth Ave., the center has about 80 clients who do assembly, packaging, mail order and product network services.

Feeling the need to diversify and to continue to provide jobs for the disabled, they developed the Ike Bites Dog Treat Bakery. The clients mix, bake and distribute the peanut butter and molasses dog treats. With the capacity to make 2000 of the star-shaped biscuits per day, at least 25 of the clients are involved in the dog treat production. The treats are available in jars and bags with prices ranging from \$3-6.

For more information, including how to order, please visit them at www.ikebitesdogtreats.com. ■

HellermannTyton

HellermannTyton North America, 6701 W. Good Hope Rd., is continuing with plans to expand its newest facility. This 92,000 square foot building has been operational since April 2013. They plan to add at least 50,000 square feet of manufacturing space.

HellermannTyton is pressing forward with this expansion ahead of schedule in order to meet growth expectations in the region. They anticipate that this expansion will create a minimum of 50 new manufacturing and technical jobs for the Milwaukee area in the next two years and up to 125 new hires for them over the next five years. Presently, there are 152 employees working at this location.

With the expansion, HellermannTyton will be consolidating molding operations and adding space to support the company's projected growth over the next several years. Some of the molding work will transfer from the company's Faulkner Rd. location, which will continue to serve as its North American headquarters.

HellermannTyton provides systems and solutions to world-class companies which improve cable management, connectivity and identification systems, leading to better quality, ergonomics and productivity.

Globally, HellermannTyton is located in 34 countries, employing more than 3,200 people. ■

Helwig Carbon Products, Inc.

In existence since 1928, Helwig Carbon, Inc. has been named among Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's Top Workplaces for the past five years. They manufacture carbon brushes for electric motors and the brush holder and spring clips for the brushes. They have never laid off an employee in their 85-year history and offer their employees morning stretches, a cafeteria serving healthy foods, an exercise room, a quiet room, and an on-site nurse practitioner to keep employees on track with their health goals. The Milwaukee Business Journal has recognized Helwig Carbon Products as one of its healthiest employers. ■



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REPORT FRAUD

It is everyone's job to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse of public funds. If you suspect or witness any fraud, waste or abuse against City of Milwaukee resources, **TAKE ACTION** and **REPORT IT** to the Fraud Hotline at 286-3440, via email (hotline@milwaukee.gov), or online. See milwaukee.gov/comptroller.

Tips may be made anonymously. The Fraud Hotline ensures confidentiality and will not share contact information without consent.



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Alderman Puente Takes Part in the '100 Miles in 100 Days' Initiative



Alderman Puente joined Mayor Barrett for a recent walk held at Havenwoods State Forest. Beth Mittermaier, conservation biologist at the Havenwoods State Forest (wearing green) and others joined in the walk, part of the "Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days" initiative—a city wide effort to encourage Milwaukee residents and families to lead a more active lifestyle and implement physical activity into daily routines. **Visit milwaukee.gov/Walk100 for more details on the program, to see about registering and to track your progress. A list of scheduled walks can also be found on the website. ■**