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Hello Neighbors,

It has been a very busy summer and early fall in the 8th District, and it is hard to believe that winter and the holidays are now only a matter of weeks away!

Before I detail what you can read about in this edition of my aldermanic newsletter, I want to ask you to please make plans to attend one or more of my upcoming town hall meetings (see details at right). The meetings will include representatives from the Milwaukee Police Department, DPW, the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Community Prosecution Unit, and they provide an excellent opportunity to share concerns, ask questions, and learn more about what is happening in the district. I hope to see you at one or more of the meetings!

In this edition of my newsletter, find out about how 2nd District Captain Alfonso Morales approaches his work (page 2), and also about the Crime and Safety Trend Meetings Captain Morales holds in both English and Español (page 2). Please also find out more about the Journey House Neighborhood Ambassador Program (page 3), how Tax Incremental Financing helps drive city investments (page 5), the many events and news items involving Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (pages 6 and 7), and the newly transformed Arlington Heights Park at S. 34th and W. Pierce Streets (page 8).

I have also included important sanitation and parking information that will be useful as we get closer to the snowier days that are just around the corner.

As always, please contact me any time with questions, concerns or ideas for improving the district and our great city.

Have a safe and prosperous fall and winter.

Bob Donovan
Alderman, 8th District



TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Alderman Donovan has scheduled three town hall meetings in late October 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 6:00PM. The dates and locations:

TUESDAY, OCT 27

U.S. Grant School, 2920 W. Grant St.
6:00 – 8:00PM

WEDNESDAY, OCT 28

Doerfler School, 3014 W. Scott St.
6:00 – 8:00PM

THURSDAY, OCT 29

OASIS Senior Center, 2414 W. Mitchell St.
6:00 – 8:00PM

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, and recycling.

PLEASE NOTE: All meeting locations are handicapped accessible.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

MEMBER

- Public Works Committee
- Public Safety Committee

VIEW MEETINGS ONLINE:

www.milwaukee.gov/citychannel

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Police Captain Alfonso Morales Focuses on Building Relationships

For Captain Alfonso Morales, commander of Police District 2, building relationships with residents is a key factor in effective community policing. As a 22-year veteran of the Milwaukee Police Department, he has extensive experience in crime prevention and reduction strategies. He is hoping to improve community-police relations by getting residents involved in these plans: “The community approach is... to include the group as a whole in communication, from my alderman to the community group leaders to the block watch captains. I look at keeping the community informed as a way of creating awareness and engagement,” Captain Morales said.

While Morales also utilizes data and intelligence in his strategies, he needs residents’ help to pinpoint issues in the area. “We target problem people and problem houses, which are a big reason why we need to stay engaged with our residents,” he said. One method the captain has used to maintain contact with residents is technology, specifically with a social network/mobile application designed to keep the community aware of issues. “We are currently still learning how to use the NEXT Door App but hope to expand on this as a way to keep our neighborhoods informed and engaged,” he said.

For Captain Morales, policing and constant communication with the community go hand in hand. He noted that the district has already seen the impact of increased community involvement. “Very recently we’ve had police pursuits in District 2 where the suspect gets away, but we (the police) will have citizens approach us and direct us to the last place the suspects were seen fleeing.

That’s huge, it doesn’t happen everywhere, and most importantly is a foundation the near south side community can build off of,” he said.

Captain Morales is looking forward to building healthy, productive relationships with District 8 residents, and he is proud to serve the community. ■



DID YOU KNOW?

Captain Morales holds Community Crime & Safety Trend Meetings in both **English** and **Español!** By eliminating a major language barrier, the captain hopes to increase resident involvement in policing. The remaining 2015 Crime & Safety Trend Meeting Dates can be found below:

ENGLISH

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 15TH @ 6:00 PM
Trane Corp.
234 W. Florida St.

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 19TH @ 6:00 PM
Rockwell Automation
122 W. Greenfield Ave.

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

ESPAÑOL

MIERCOLES
OCTUBRE 21ST @ 6:00 PM
St. Adalbert School (LL)
1923 W. Becher St.

MIERCOLES
NOVIEMBRE 18TH @ 6:00 PM
St. Adalbert School (LL)
1923 W. Becher St.

NO HAY REUNIONES EN DICIEMBRE

Techniques Keeping Crime and Disorder in Check ➤

New efforts to curb crime and other nuisances on the near south side are meeting with success, and a law enforcement team known as the Community Prosecution Unit is at the heart of that effort.

The CPU is tasked with handling long term problems that often cannot be handled with a single call for service to the police department, with a focus on nuisance properties that are the scene of repeated problems at the same address such as drug dealing, trouble with neighbors and loud music. It's a big, broad job.

"The CPU is doing something different every day," Alderman Donovan said. "They handle loud music, loitering, illegal drug

activity, disorderly conduct problems, animals disturbing the peace, licensed premise violations, problems with taverns, drug houses, gang houses and other issues. They are also active at community meetings with residents to find out about any problem locations in their neighborhoods."

The CPU is comprised of four police officers and supervised by one sergeant. But the effort to crack down on near south side crime has also included stepped up foot patrols through problem areas.

Contact the CPU at 935-7763 ■

Journey House Neighborhood Ambassador Program: Making a Difference ➤

Long a key favorite of Alderman Donovan's, the Neighborhood Ambassador Program (NAP) was designed to help increase employment opportunities for low income residents of Milwaukee who are participating in W-2 programs while providing valuable services to the near south side of Milwaukee. The project goals are to successfully move participants toward self-sufficiency by providing intensive employment assistance. At Journey House, the crew members are offered trainings, workshops, employment and financial literacy skills, with hands on work experience.

The program grew out of the need to address quality of life issues. The NAP crews focus on neighborhood cleanups as recognized by the local Alderpersons. Sidewalk and yard cleaning is focused on one street at a time. Special consideration is given to blighted and abandoned properties. The Ambassadors act as the eyes and ears for the Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services, the Alderperson's office and the Police Department. Information on nuisance properties, suspicious behavior and community members' concerns are passed on to the appropriate department. This is all done with neighborhood quality of life and crime reduction strategies in mind.

As a Financial Opportunity Center (FOC), Journey House offers a three-prong approach to employment success. Participants will meet one on one with each of our three coaches to access development needs and goals, and the relationship can continue until the goals are met. First we screen to see if



they are eligible for income support benefits, and assist with any applications that are necessary.

Next, our financial coach will take an initial financial assessment, set up a budget and look at each participant's credit report. The goals are to assist the participant with an increase in three areas: net worth, net income and credit score. Then, the employment coach will look at work history with each participant, help design a resume and work portfolio, and assist with job searching and overcoming barriers to employment.

In addition, each participant will go through a four week leadership and customer service training, as well as courses to improve computer skills specifically for the workplace. Through education, exposure and relationships, Journey House improves their employability, quality of life, awareness and access to services in Milwaukee that will lead to safer neighborhoods, reduced crime and a stronger community. ■



Sign Up for Snow Emergency Alerts ➤

The City of Milwaukee offers a text message system, Snow Mobile - Winter Text Alert, to residents and businesses looking to be informed when the city declares a snow emergency or when the 4-inch rule is in effect.

The message will state the date and time the emergency is in effect and would provide the same when it is lifted. The primary purpose of declaring a snow emergency is to make sure the streets are cleared to keep the city open for business.

On your computer web browser, enter the link below to sign up for snow emergency alerts.

milwaukee.gov/enotify ■

Winter Parking Regulations ➤

The city's strictly enforced winter parking regulations are in effect from December 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-CITY**, or go to the pertinent city web page at milwaukee.gov/parkingregulations.

The single biggest problem during major snowstorms is parked and abandoned vehicles. 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. ■

Shovel Your Sidewalk, It's the Law ➤

Remember that residential and commercial property owners and occupants are required to clear sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours after a storm. If violations are reported, a 24-hour notice is issued. If the sidewalks still are not cleared, a sanitation crew will clear a path and put the charge on the property tax bill. *Note: the city does not plow alleys.*

If you have older or disabled neighbors who need help with shoveling – please help them out when you can. And make our city safer by shoveling out the fire hydrants near your home. "Adopting" a fire hydrant will ensure maximum visibility for firefighters in the event of an emergency.

To report an unshoveled sidewalk, call 286-CITY ■



TRICK OR TREAT SCHEDULE

Once again, the City of Milwaukee will sponsor a city-wide Trick-or-Treat event, and residents and ghouls alike should know that this year's schedule is: **Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM**

Driving Investment with Tax Incremental Financing >

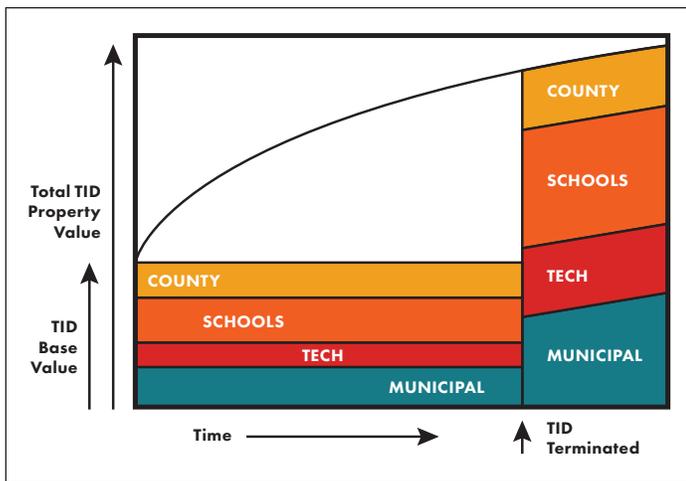
With several high-profile projects underway that are funded in part by “Tax Incremental Districts” (TID), including the new Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance and Financial Services tower that is reshaping the downtown skyline, many Milwaukeeans are wondering what “Tax Incremental Financing” (TIF) is and how it works.

WHAT IS IT?

Essentially, TIF is an economic development funding tool that allows cities, towns and villages to use local taxes and fees to finance certain public costs of development and redevelopment. Projects financed with a TIF loan must serve a public purpose, such as redeveloping blighted areas, providing employment opportunities and improving the tax base.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

When a TID is established, the assessed value of all taxable property within the district is established as a base. The TID lasts until the project costs are repaid, but may not last longer than 27 years. During this time, any increased tax revenues above the base (known as “increment”) are available to the municipality to finance public project costs. Taxes generated from base assessed value continue to be paid to the various taxing jurisdictions (city, county, MPS, MMSD and MATC). Normally, a TID is “closed” when the loan is paid back, and then the increment becomes a normal part of the city’s property tax revenue.



WHY USE TIF?

For a municipality to use TIF to help finance a development or redevelopment project, it must determine that, among other things, investment, development and economic growth are difficult but possible if TIF is utilized. It must also determine that TIF is not being proposed for an area where investment,

development and economic growth would have occurred anyway and that TIF is being used to supplement and not replace normal public functions and services. Thus, TIF is used as a critical funding tool to leverage investment by developers that would otherwise simply not happen, creating tax revenue that otherwise would not have existed.

HOW MAY TIF BE USED?

Tax increment revenues must be spent for approved public costs of development and redevelopment near the designated geographic area. These may include:

- Capital costs, including costs of acquisition, construction, demolition, public improvements, public buildings, structures and fixtures
- Financing costs, including costs associated with the issuance of bonds
- Real property assembly costs, including clearance and preparation
- Environmental remediation

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TIF?

TIF allows municipalities to stimulate revitalization activities that the private sector is unwilling or unable to undertake on its own. By using TIF, municipalities can:

- Leverage economic revitalization
- Develop or redevelop property which is undeveloped, unproductive or blighted
- Enhance conservation, preservation and rehabilitation efforts
- Encourage residential development
- Enhance neighborhood stability
- Remediate environmental damage
- Expand the tax base, thus reducing the tax burden on individual property owners
- Prevent the deterioration of the tax base
- Create and retain jobs ■



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Silver City International Food & Art Walk was a Trip Around the World! ➤

Nearly 2,000 attendees traveled the World in our own Milwaukee neighborhood of Silver City at the 4th Annual Silver City International Food & Arts Walk, Saturday, September 12th.

Ethnic restaurants featured a variety of specials from around the world. In the two block festival on National between 33rd and 35th, you could eat foods from Mexico, Laos, Thailand, Europe, Puerto Rico, the U.S. and more.

Entertainment included a variety of cultures. From Escamilla Entertainment with traditional Mexican folkloric dance, to Ko-Thi who performed traditional African and Caribbean dance and drumming, the Carlos Adames group soothing the crowd with latin jazz, to the Brett Lipshutz Trio bringing Irish flavor, it was a beautiful representation of culture and ethnic celebration.

Art activities included the Milwaukee Public Museum's "Pop-up" museum, which featured the theme of "Cultural Foodways." Local artists from Cameras Latinas captured the many faces of Silver City in their photo booth. Projects for children included face-painting and street painting with Artists Working in Education.

To see photos of this event visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/LaytonBoulevardWestNeighbors.

This event was supported the Zilber Family Foundation, LISC Milwaukee (Local Initiatives Support Corporation), 88Nine Radio Milwaukee, Asian International Market, Silver City District, 97.9 Radio Caliente, A.W.E. Inc, Our Daily Salt, Yelp and Mamie's Bar & Grill.

To learn more about Silver City visit: silvercitydistrict.org ■

LBWN Economic Development Updates ➤

Two new restaurants have opened in Layton Park West!

Casa Noble, located at 3710 W. Lincoln Ave. in Layton Park, has an elaborate menu of Mexican homestyle dishes that bring an at-home feel to a warm atmosphere and friendly staff.

Bamboo Restaurant, located at 3427 W. National Ave. in Silver City, just opened this past week! Laos native and long-time Milwaukee resident, Santana Tenhover, head chef and owner, along with her husband Andy Tenhover, bring a clean menu of Laotian and Thai. Bamboo Restaurant serves authentic, made-from-scratch Laotian/Thai dishes for every diner, including carnivores, vegans, vegetarians and those who eat gluten free or low sodium. Feel free to dine in or take-out!



Business hours are Tuesday through Thursday: 10:30am to 9pm, Friday: 10:30am to 9:30pm, Saturday and Sunday: 11am to 9:30pm, Monday: CLOSED.

Over the past several years, LBWN has worked with entrepreneurs to open dozens of new businesses and create hundreds of new jobs. If you are interested in opening or expanding your business in Layton Boulevard West, please contact **Celia Benton, LBWN Economic Development Manager**, at celia@lbwn.org or (414) 383-9038 x. 2511.

For more information, visit www.lbwn.org ■

LBWN Fall Tour of Homes ➤

Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Urban Ecology Center (3700 W. Pierce)

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors offers FREE tours (sponsored by North Shore Bank) of homes for sale in the Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park neighborhoods. On the tours, homebuyers learn about home buying resources including \$20,000 forgivable loans, mortgage options, home-ownership education and more! We will also tour many of the attractions that make our neighborhood an ideal place to buy a home including high-achieving schools, parks and recreation, international dining and more!

If you have questions, please contact jonatan@lbwn.org.

To learn more about Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park, visit our Neighborhoods Page at:
<http://www.lbwn.org/neighborhoods> ■

Fall Home Improvement Fair ➤

Thursday, October 15th | 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Journey House Gymnasium (2110 W. Scott St.)

Come hear about:

- \$1,000 exterior home improvement grants
- Low cost programs for home insulation
- Rebates for energy efficiency repairs
- Low interest home improvement loans

Free to attend and children are welcome.
 Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact: housing@lbwn.org
or call (414) 944-6007 ■

LBWN Annual Gathering ➤

Thursday, November 12th
5:30 PM: Taste of the Neighborhood
6:30 PM: Program
St. Joseph Center (1501 S. Layton Blvd.)

Taste of the Neighborhood, storytelling, awards for Most Improved Home Contest, Good Neighbors and Love Where You Live Photo Contest.

Questions? Contact Brianna at (414) 385-5300
RSVP: www.lbwn.org ■

Trick or Treat Street ➤

Saturday, October 24th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Along National Avenue between S. 31st and S. 39th Streets

Trick or treating, costume contest and other family activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To volunteer, contact **Danielle** at **(414) 385-5336** or danielle@lbwn.org.

More info: www.silvercitydistrict.org ■

Love Where You Live Photo Contest ➤



Here's your chance to win \$50 by taking a photo of something you love about living in Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park as part of the "Love Where You Live" Photo Contest. Here's how it works:

Step 1: Take a photo of something you love in the neighborhood.

Step 2: Email it to info@lbwn.org.

Step 3: Tell your friends and family to "Like" your photo on the LBWN Facebook page (50% of score).

Step 4: Bring as many of your friends and family as possible to the Annual Gathering on Thursday, November 12 to vote for your photo (50% of score). Must be present at the Annual Gathering to receive prizes.

For more information contact Beth Lee, Director of Fund Development & Communications at beth.lee@lbwn.org ■

Save the Date: LBWN Community Events ➤

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Fall Tour of Homes	Saturday, Oct. 10 10:00AM – 12:30PM
Fall Home Improvement Fair	Thursday, October 15 6:00PM – 7:30PM
Trick or Treat Street	Saturday, October 24 12:00PM – 2:00PM
LBWN Annual Gathering	Thursday, November 12 5:30PM – 8:30PM

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In August Alderman Donovan helped host a special City Hall reception with visiting dignitaries from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Pictured here with the alderman are (left to right): Hon. Jim Shannon, MP, Westminster, for Strangford, Northern Ireland; Frank Fahey, Mayor of Galway City; and Joe McHugh, Minister of State for Arts, Heritage, & Gaeltacht, Republic of Ireland.



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Arlington Heights Park Transformed

Alderman Donovan joined Common Council President Michael J. Murphy, Mayor Tom Barrett, and approximately 80 schoolchildren (from Escuela Verde) and other stakeholders during a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 24 to celebrate the opening of the transformed **Arlington Heights Park, 3429 W. Pierce St.** The Arlington Heights renovation – helped by ideas and engagement from local residents – is the first of 12 **MKE Plays** park renovations that will be taking place over the next three years across the city. ■

Fall Leaf Collection Started October 1st



The Department of Public Works (DPW) has begun its annual fall leaf collection, and City of Milwaukee residents were allowed to start raking leaves into the curbside lane on **Thursday, October 1.** The DPW collection service will end on Wednesday, November 25.

With the beginning of autumn, it's important for residents to know regulations on proper disposal of leaves and brush. Yard waste (i.e., leaves, brush, etc.) is not allowed in garbage or recycling bins. DPW collects yard waste in a separate process from garbage collection and uses it to make compost, saving the city money and preserving natural resources.

Tips for a successful fall leaf collection:

- Keep leaves away from storm drains in the street
- Keep piles away from sewer grates
- Place garden debris on top of leaf piles
- Do not put leaves in plastic bags
- Do not put leaves in garbage carts
- Do not put brush into the street – call 286-2489 through November for a pick-up

Residents should also consider incorporating yard waste in their garden maintenance by using leaves for mulch and keeping grass clippings on lawns. According to the Department of Public Works, “these tips will help save time, money, and will add nutrients to the soil.” Happy gardening! ■