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Dear Neighbors,

I hope the return of warm weather and outdoor fun finds you well, and that this winter wasn't too taxing. As the City of Milwaukee heads into festival season, there's lots to tell you about here on the north side as well. This newsletter provides details on some of these exciting developments.

The Granville Business Improvement District is working with business partners along N. 76th Street to put on the inaugural Granville Car, Truck and Bike Spectacular on Sunday, September 20. Gearheads and families alike will be able to peruse a superb selection of classic automobiles and enjoy a day outside with their neighbors.

The planning process continues for the library that will be built to replace the Mill Road Library. Meanwhile, the Granville BID is partnering with a multigenerational group to create miniature "libraries on a stick" that will bring books right to people's neighborhoods.

The city's Strong Neighborhoods Program is making headway on mitigating the effects of the foreclosure crisis, and there are several big new developments planned for the 9th Aldermanic District.

And finally, I will be holding my annual Town Hall meeting on Monday, October 19, 6:30 p.m. at Direct Supply on Industrial Road. More details will be included in a newsletter later this year, but make sure you mark your calendars now.

Please don't hesitate to contact me any time you have a concern or a question pertaining to city services. I stand ready to help as your representative here at City Hall. Have a safe and peaceful summer!

Sincerely,

Robert W. Puente
Alderman, 9th District

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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**



Site Selected for New Mill Road Library, Design Process Continues ➤

The city has selected a site near the intersection of N. 76th Street and W. Good Hope Road for the new facility that will replace Mill Road Library, and the process of gathering public input on the plans is ongoing.

The new library will be built at 7717 W. Good Hope Road on the former longtime site of the Northwest Senior Center, and more recently the Milwaukee Brotherhood of Firefighters headquarters. Alderman Puente, along with his colleagues James A. Bohl, Jr. and Joe Davis, Sr., have joined a series of public meetings hosted by the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees (MPLBT) to review proposals and answer questions about the plans as they develop.

“Our branch libraries are the nerve centers of our neighborhoods,” Alderman Puente said. “We want to make sure

that every library user has an opportunity to offer their input on the plans for what we hope will become a library of which we can all be proud.”

The MPLBT has expressed interest in a mixed-use proposal from a developer team including Maures Development, Common Bond and Engberg Anderson. The proposal features a 15,000 square-foot library on the first floor, dedicated on-site parking for library users, green space and a potential 2,500 square-foot commercial space on the city-owned parcel. The top floor is expected to include either apartment housing or a site for a school.

To stay up-to-date on the latest Mill Road Library news, subscribe to Alderman Puente’s community information email list at milwaukee.gov/enotify ■

Common Council Honors Joseph Brown ➤

Alderman Puente and the Common Council honored 15-year-old Joseph Brown for his quick actions and presence of mind after he saved the life of an 8-year-old neighbor. While waiting for his brother’s school bus, Mr. Brown saw a vehicle hit the neighbor boy and begin to drag him underneath. The driver appeared unaware of what had happened, so Mr. Brown ran to the vehicle, pounded on the window and then opened the door to get the driver to stop. Emergency help was summoned, and Mr. Brown crawled under the vehicle to comfort the boy until firefighters lifted the vehicle and pulled him out. Emergency personnel said the accident would have been fatal if the vehicle was not stopped when it was. Joseph is a student at Ronald Reagan High School, and the city is grateful for his quick-thinking heroism. ■



Exchange Club Crime Prevention Award >

At the Exchange Club Crime Prevention Awards ceremony held in January, several people who serve our community were recipients of Community Crime Prevention Service Awards. Police District 4 Officers Carrie Resnick and Tracey Geniessee were named the Outstanding Community Liaison Officers. Beth Rosenow, formerly of the Granville Business Improvement District, was named as the Outstanding Individual Involved in Crime Prevention. ■

Sam's Club >

Sam's Club has purchased the properties located on the northeast corner of 124th Street and Bradley Road. They plan to start construction of the new store in July and open in May 2016. ■

Havenwoods >

Business Leaders Breakfast

On February 4th, 2015, business owners, stakeholders, and city partners gathered at Direct Supply Co. for the Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation's Business Leaders Breakfast. Attendees came out to network with resource providers, business peers and city officials.

Participants were able to speak one on one with resource providers for workforce development, real estate development, and small business financing assistance from SBA. Neighborhood amenities and businesses such as the Havenwoods State Forest, MLG Real Estate and Kallas Honey took the opportunity to promote their products and services.

Alderman Puente attended the breakfast and Mayor Tom Barrett mingled with the crowd and provided opening remarks. Katy Sinnott, Vice President of Division of International Business at the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, was the featured speaker. She provided an in-depth analysis of international business activity in Wisconsin and informed business owners of the revenue growth potential when thinking globally and how Milwaukee is faring in the international market.

Havenwoods Commercial Façade Grant Program

The Havenwoods BID has rolled out a Façade, Sign, and Landscape grant program to assist business owners

Record Sales of Tax Foreclosed Properties >

The Department of City Development's Real Estate Foreclosure team sold 437 tax-foreclosed improved properties in 2014. That has returned nearly \$19 million to the property tax rolls. This is an increase of 50 percent over the 2013 total. 56 percent of the properties were sold to owner-occupants. ■

Northern States Brokerage LLC >

Northern States Brokerage, LLC, purchased a 7,000 square foot building at 8021 W. Tower Ave. from the Service Employees International Union Local 150. Northern States Brokerage, located in Brookfield, will renovate the building into their new offices. ■



From L to R: Sharon Jordan, Direct Supply; Alderman Puente; Mayor Barrett; Wilfredo Vigil and Vera Ford, Job Corps at the Business Leaders Breakfast

of BID #31 with exterior upgrades, new signs and lot beautification. This grant opportunity does not interfere with, nor is it tied to, eligibility for City of Milwaukee grant programs. It is meant to enhance existing programs or be a standalone grant program separate from the City of Milwaukee.

If you are in the Havenwoods area (BID 31) and are considering making exterior upgrades to your façades, please contact **Stephanie Harling** at **414-431-2274** before you begin the work. Watch for brochures for the Havenwoods BID grant program, but if you would like information immediately, please call Stephanie. ■

Granville Business Improvement District >

New Assistant Director at Granville Business Improvement District

The Granville Business Improvement District hired Karen Riendeau to join the BID's efforts and work as the Assistant Director. Karen will be responsible for community outreach and communications and will be out in the community meeting the businesses and residents at many of the BID's functions.

Security Camera Grant

On April 20, Alderman Puente attended a ceremony as the Granville BID presented its first security camera grant to Carlin Horticultural Supplies, 8170 N. Granville Woods Road.



From L to R: Alderman Puente; Mary Hoehne, Granville BID; Carol Maletzke, company owner; Bill Koehn, company Controller

Libraries on a Stick Coming to Granville >

The Granville Business Improvement District is collaborating with Common Bond Communities' Glenbrook Apartments to organize a multi-generational project to build libraries on a stick and place them throughout the area north of Brown Deer Road.

The libraries will be built by children and seniors, decorated by both groups, and then placed throughout the community. The spot surrounding the libraries on a stick will have benches and flowers.

The purpose of the project, partially funded by the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation in partnership with the City of Milwaukee Community Improvement Project grant, the Granville Business Improvement District and Common Bond Communities, is to bring books to the thousands of children in the area with no or limited access to libraries.

The BID will be coordinating book drives with local BID businesses to keep a constant supply of books in the libraries. The children and adults will be encouraged to keep the books and treasure them. ■



Inaugural Car, Truck and Bike Spectacular Planned for 76th Street >

The Granville Business Improvement District and the car dealerships along North 76th Street are planning to hold the Inaugural Granville Car, Truck and Bike Spectacular on Sunday, September 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Classic, vintage, muscle and hotrod cars, trucks, and bikes are scheduled to be displayed along North 76th Street in the car lots of Heiser's Quick Motors, Hansen Brothers Auto Sales, Russ Darrow Chrysler Dodge Jeep Milwaukee, Van Horn Latino and Van Horn 76th Street. The cars will be judged, and trophy presentations will be announced at 3:00 p.m.

The family festival will feature cars and plenty of other activities. Music will be provided by the Captain Bob & Arlo Wisconsin Hotrod Radio Show and Marcell Guyton & the Rhythm Kings. There will also be many different foods available for purchase along with other vendors and merchants.

Proceeds from the show will be used to further youth programming in Granville. More information about showing your car, truck or bike can be obtained by calling the **Granville Business Improvement District** at **414-736-2891** or emailing **mary@granvillebusiness.org** ■

From the City of Milwaukee Election Commission

The Facts on Voter Identification (ID) Requirements, Absentee Voting and Voter Registration

Starting with the **2016 Spring Primary Election**, all Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID before voting. This includes voters at polling places and many absentee voters.

- **The address on your photo ID does NOT have to be your current address** and the name on your ID does NOT need to be an exact match to your name in the poll book.
- **You will need to show one of the photo ID types listed below.** Please note: There is no such thing as a “Voter ID Card.”

Voting and Acceptable Photo IDs

The following photo IDs are acceptable, even if they are expired (as long the ID did not expire before November 4, 2014).

- A Wisconsin Driver's License, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin Identification Card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (available for free)
- A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. Passport

NOTE: The Election Commission has additional facts about voter identification requirements that can be found at www.milwaukee.gov/election

City Now Hiring Election Workers

Do you support fair, transparent and accurate elections?

If so, the City of Milwaukee Election Commission needs your help.

The Election Commission is hiring election workers for the 2016 elections (February 16th, April 5th, August 9th, and November 8th). Earn some extra money, work at a voting site close to home, and serve as a role model of civic responsibility to your friends, family and neighbors.

For more information visit www.milwaukee.gov/election and click on the Election Workers tab where you will also find the application (either an application to print and mail or one to complete and submit online). You may also pick up an application at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Room 501 or call the Election Worker Coordinator **Dan Puhek** at **414-286-3491** and request an application by mail. ■

Family Entertainment Venues Planned

Kangaroo

8173 W. Brown Deer Road

Kangaroo is being developed as a family entertainment center. The main focus is inflatables, but there will also be bumper cars and child geared non-redemption arcade games such as simulated racing and flying games. Future additions may include a rock climbing wall and an indoor roller coaster. Once a child under the age of 12 is admitted with his/her parent, that child is free to participate in any Kangaroo activity. There will be foods available such as pizza, chicken snacks, cotton candy, popcorn, nachos, etc.

iSk8 Family Fun Center

8211 W. Brown Deer Road

The iSk8 Family Fun Center is a state-of-the-art indoor roller skating rink and entertainment zone. They will offer recreational skating to families as well as catering to interested groups. Party rooms will be available for children's parties, corporate functions and church outings. The concession area will feature a variety of foods concentrating on healthy snacks and beverages.



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As vice chair of the Public Safety Committee, Alderman Puente helped honor two Milwaukee Police officers who were seriously wounded in the line of duty when they were ambushed by a gunman in 2009. Officers Graham Kunisch and Bryan Norberg were shot in the face at point-blank range by a man they were questioning in the 800 block of S. 2nd Street. Officer Kunisch suffered severe wounds and injuries in the shooting, including brain injury and the loss of his left eye, and Officer Norberg also sustained severe wounds. The city is grateful for their heroic service.

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