

ALDERMAN TONY ZIELINSKI



200 E. Wells St. | Milwaukee, WI 53202 | 286-3769 | www.milwaukee.gov/district14 | www.facebook.com/aldermantony.zielinski | tzieli@milwaukee.gov

Dear Neighbors,

I am excited to detail in this newsletter a number of new and exciting initiatives for our area. The initiatives run the gamut from the environmentally friendly, first-ever curbside compost pickup pilot program, to a skate board park, a micro hotel, new businesses and measures to protect our pets. In addition, I am very excited about our police department getting body worn cameras. Not only will this provide more transparency with community interaction, but it will also save taxpayer dollars by discouraging frivolous and potentially costly lawsuits.

Pedestrian safety is another important area where new initiatives have advanced, and I've included information about a few of these important projects in this newsletter.

Finally, I voted for the upcoming 2016 city budget because it provides for a zero property tax levy increase. It is critical that we are frugal and efficient with hard-earned taxpayer dollars. It should also be noted that all of these new, multi-million dollar developments are expanding our tax base, thereby helping to reduce the tax burden on everyone.

I want to remind everyone that my most important job is to be responsive to your wants, needs, and concerns. Please do not hesitate to call me at 286-2873 or email me tzieli@milwaukee.gov if you feel I can be of service.

I wish all of my constituents a safe and happy remainder of 2015 and prosperous 2016.

Sincerely,

Tony Zielinski
Alderman, 14th District



Alderman Zielinski joined in the spirit of fun with some participants at the Ohio Park Neighborhood Association's annual Halloween costume contest.



Alderman Zielinski was proud to honor the memory of former Alderman Erwin Zillman by officially accepting the generous donation of a sculpture from Alderman Zillman's granddaughter, Catherine Billingsley (pictured here with her husband, Carl, and Alderman Zielinski at Zillman Park, 2168 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. in Bay View). Erwin Zillman known as "Mr. Bay View," was the long-time editor of the Bay View Observer (1934-1958) and alderman for the 27th Ward (1948-1956) and the 17th Ward (1958-1964). He was born in Bay View on August 21, 1888. "Bud," the floral form sculpture was created by Carl Billingsley.

Council Approves City 2016 Budget Focused on Public Safety, Libraries and Jobs

On November 3, Alderman Zielinski and his Common Council colleagues approved a zero property tax levy increase 2016 city budget focused on public safety, expanded access to libraries and doing more to ensure economic development and job expansion across the city.

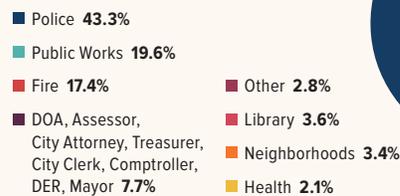
The amended budget funds the hiring of 120 additional police officers – 20 percent more than the Mayor’s proposed budget. Alderman Zielinski sponsored an unsuccessful amendment calling for the hiring of additional police officers.

“I believe we need to hire new officers to provide the elevated level of safety and response that is required right now,” he said. “Our front-line level of officer staffing is not close to where it needs to be, and I will continue to work to add additional officers.”

The budget also increases funding to expand the successful Safe Zones initiative to combat crime through the use of neighborhood advocates, and the Council also restored Friday and weekend hours at six of the city’s 12 Milwaukee Public Library branches.

The Council created a first-ever position (Heroin and Opiate Victim Advocate) in the police department to help combat the terrible and deadly problem of heroin and opioid addiction and overdose deaths.

Tax Levy-Funded Operating Budget: By Department



Note: Does not include \$299.66 million of DPW-operated Enterprise Funds (Parking, Sewer, Water). Three departments (DPW, Police, Fire) comprise 80.3% of the 2016 Operating Budget.

The Council also doubled staff in the city’s Youth Violence Prevention Program, bolstered the Compete Milwaukee and other job programs, expanded the summer jobs initiative, and increased funding to the MKE Plays initiative – a city partnership with several foundations and other organizations that focuses on rebuilding playgrounds and play spaces in city neighborhoods through a collaborative process involving residents. With the adoption of the budget by the Council:

- Library branches that were closed on Fridays or Saturdays will be able to reopen on those days, under an amendment approved by the Council.
- An enhanced city Safe Zones initiative will go forward to continue efforts to help diffuse potentially violent or confrontational situations.
- The city will add seven Police Community Service Officers – non-sworn MPD police officers who attend to lower priority calls for service in the community. The seven PCSOs added in today’s budget for 2016 will complement the class of 10 PCSOs approved in the 2015 budget. ■

Body Worn Cameras Now A Reality



Last year Alderman Zielinski pushed to bring body worn cameras for Milwaukee police officers, and the alderman said he is pleased Mayor Barrett made a point of including 1,200 such cameras in the 2016 city budget.

“The mayor stepped up and included nearly \$900,000 in his budget for body cameras for every MPD officer,” Alderman Zielinski said. “I hope the move will increase overall police transparency while providing a clear record of what occurs during a given call for service.”

Alderman said he believes the cameras will also save taxpayer dollars. “The cameras offer the public a clear record of what transpired, and I believe people who would otherwise be inclined to bring a frivolous and potentially costly lawsuit or complaint will think twice. Bottom line is the footage can provide irrefutable vindication for officers.” ■

Skateboard Park Receives Committee Approval ➤



The Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee unanimously recommended approval of Alderman Zielinski's resolution to provide

partial funding for the establishment of an indoor/outdoor skateboard park at S. 1st and Lincoln.

"Studies demonstrate that more youth recreation helps keep kids in positive related activities as opposed to crime related activities," Alderman Zielinski said.

The alderman said Milwaukee city residents will receive a 25% discount on admission at the new facility.

The Four Seasons Skateboard Park which has been operating in the Menomonee Valley for 16 years needs additional space to accommodate more youth and this site will be large enough for that expansion. The expansion is not only for skateboarding, but also for BMX biking as well.

"Not only will we be providing a recreational outlet for our youth, but it is in our neighborhood. That means we will receive around 40,000 visitors (not including the parents who drop off the kids) to that site who can patronize our businesses on S. Kinnickinnic which is a short distance away. It should also be noted that there are no residential housing units nearby that would be disrupted," he said.

Alderman Zielinski is working to set up an endowment for the project so that kids can be admitted for free. ■

Work Underway on \$40 Million Housing Development on Robinson ➤

Work is now underway to replace a dilapidated, six-acre former industrial site on the north end of Bay View with a \$40 million apartment development.

The Robinson and Ward development will add 307 units of housing to two parcels of land at 2151 S. Robinson Ave. and 2181 S. Robinson Ave., one block west of Kinnickinnic Avenue. Alderman Zielinski said the density of the project will benefit the neighborhood.

"The residents of this development will help make this area safer by providing more eyes and ears in a block

Ald. Zielinski Working to Bolster Pedestrian Safety ➤

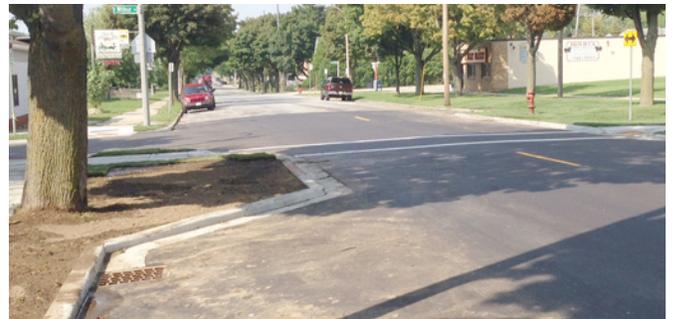


Bump-out at S. 6th and Hayes

Pedestrian safety is one of Alderman Zielinski's top priorities in the 14th District, and he's taking a proactive stance to keep residents – especially kids – safe from harm.

The alderman recently partnered with the Milwaukee Police Department to survey neighborhood crosswalk patterns. "I was with the police along South KK as they pulled over drivers who did not stop for pedestrians at cross walks," he said. "In most cases the drivers were issued warning citations, but I believe they did get the message. Motorists need to know they simply must yield for pedestrians in cross walks. "

Alderman Zielinski was also instrumental in getting pedestrian crossing "bump-outs" installed at 6th and Hayes and on Clement Avenue near the Clement Avenue School. The alderman worked with the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation and other groups to get the bump-out for Clement Avenue School ■



Bump-out adjacent to Clement

that used to be a little bit seedy," Alderman Zielinski said. "Additionally, since this is right next to the KK business strip, these new residents will provide more of a customer base to keep development on KK moving forward."

Steve Lindner, the owner of the property, said Alderman Zielinski has been a helpful resource with the proposal. "I really appreciate Alderman Zielinski's commitment to helping me find a good, productive use for the property," Lindner said. "Alderman Zielinski's been in my corner from the start, and it has really made a positive difference." ■

New Micro-Hotel Planned For Business District ➤

A dog-friendly, upscale micro-hotel is planning for a 2016 opening in a prominent Bay View building located along S. Kinnickinnic Ave., according to Alderman Tony Zielinski.

The developer plans to convert 2535 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. into a seven-room micro-hotel with a restaurant operation on the first floor of the 11,500-square-foot building – that's according to Charles Bailey, the project's registered agent.

"The upper floor hotel guestrooms will be luxurious, and equipped with 'smart' technology systems designed to offer comfort," Mr. Bailey said.

Mr. Bailey said the location takes advantage of the walkable neighborhood and the many nearby dining, tavern and theater options available in Business Improvement District #44 along S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

"Bay View is infused with the surging momentum I saw in the Wicker Park neighborhood of Chicago years ago, when I lived there – except without the crime," Mr. Bailey said. "The safe and walkable nature of Bay View is what sold us on the location, beating out other neighborhoods we looked at in the city."

Alderman Zielinski said he will be working with the city's bike-sharing vendor – Bublr Bikes – to see about a possible future Bublr station near the hotel. He also said the

hotel will allow guests to have their dogs stay with them. "The nearby Bay View Dog Park on Bay Street was also a big attraction for the developer, as guests will be able to take their canine companions for a stroll and some play within just a few blocks," Alderman Zielinski said.

Mr. Bailey said the city's wealth of chefs and culinary talent makes him optimistic that the developer will be able to find a restaurant operator who can offer top-shelf food and drink options. He said Alderman Zielinski has been "a true advocate and helper" on the project.

"From the beginning Alderman Zielinski has helped us navigate through the process and has been there to help answer our questions," Mr. Bailey said. "We greatly appreciate his assistance."



"My grandfather ran The Drake Chicago (hotel), my father ran The Drake Oak Brook, so I couldn't feel more proud, albeit in a far smaller way, to follow in their footsteps," Mr. Bailey said.

Alderman Zielinski said the developer also plans to display works from local artists in the lobbies and common areas throughout the hotel. ■

Mixed Use Development Planned for Vacant Faust Music Site ➤

Offering developers the ability to create a quaint new "Gateway to Bay View," 69 housing units and street level retail space will replace the buildings left abandoned by the closure of Faust Music at 2202-2206 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Alderman Zielinski said the \$13-\$14 million project will add additional housing and retail but will also preserve the residential ambiance "that makes Bay View the special place residents want to be a part of." The alderman said the Faust site development is the right fit for the neighborhood, and not too large or overbearing.

"As alderman I've rejected projects slated for residential areas that just wouldn't work in Bay View – such as the proposal last year for an apartment tower at the At Random site," he said. "We need to protect residential areas from high-density proposals such as the Teachtown Milwaukee project (proposed for Dover School) which featured an

entire apartment building. I rejected that original plan and helped bring about the compromise of making the development work with much lower density townhouses instead. The compromise will also result in fewer traffic and parking headaches."

"As you enter Bay View from the north, the Faust site is one of the first things you see," Alderman Zielinski said. "As demand increases to live in this bustling economic hub, developments like this make it clear that Bay View is the place to be."

The structure will have a glassy storefront along S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, with ample retail space. The apartments above will offer nice views for some units, and parking will be accessed at the rear of the building to the east, with extra spaces added to accommodate the loss of surface parking on the current site. ■

Measure Protects Animals Locked in Vehicles ➤



The Common Council passed legislation sponsored by Alderman Zielinski making it illegal to leave an unattended animal in a car that's too hot or too cold. The measure also authorizes first responders

to use reasonable force in freeing trapped dogs, cats and other animals from locked cars.

"I feel strongly that it's important to protect animals – especially helpless pets that are locked in either scorching hot or frigid vehicles," Alderman Zielinski said. "I am pleased my colleagues also agree that freeing trapped, unattended animals is an important role for our first responders, as it can often be the difference between life and death." ■

Curbside Composting Program to Begin April 1 ➤

A composting pilot program created by legislation authored by Alderman Zielinski is expected scheduled to begin sometime next year in the 14th Aldermanic District and on the East Side (3rd Aldermanic District).

Composting is the process by which organic materials are allowed to break down into a nutrient-rich material sought after by gardeners as a soil additive. Fodder for compost bins typically includes items such as fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds and filters, and food-soiled paper products such as napkins.

The legislation creating the program states that DPW shall solicit proposals for a service provider who will pick up organic food waste from residents. The waste is diverted from landfills and instead sent to a composting facility or potentially to an anaerobic digestion facility. Alderman Zielinski hopes to reward participants by reducing solid waste fees.

"Composting is a logical extension of the recycling program," Alderman Zielinski said. "The composting collection business is not only economically rewarding, but necessary given the changing realities of our climate."

The new initiative is modeled after similar programs in San Francisco and Seattle, both of which have seen a substantial reduction in the percentage of waste sent to landfills.

Additional details about the program will be shared in future city information pieces. ■

Avalon Theater Drawing in Crowds to Bay View ➤

Alderman Zielinski said the beautifully restored Avalon Theater (newly-rechristened as the Avalon Atmospheric Theater & Lounge) at 2473 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. is drawing significant numbers of patrons to Bay View.

"As of late October, the theater had drawn 47,000 customers during 2015, and will very likely draw an estimated 60,000 customers by the end of the year," Alderman Zielinski said.

"The theater is drawing in customers from all over, and definitely from outside of the 53207 ZIP code," he said.

Avalon owner Lee Barczak bought the venue in 2005 and has made a long list of updates to the historic Bay View landmark. Alderman Zielinski, who helped secure city funding for the redevelopment, said the result has been great. "We waited for the right proposal for the Avalon, and it was well worth the wait," he said. ■

Café Corazón to Open in Bay View ➤

Café Corazón – a popular Mexican restaurant for years in Riverwest – plans a second Milwaukee location at the old Johnnie's Club Carnival building in Bay View, Alderman Zielinski said.

"There was a proposal for that property (2392 – 2398 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.) for improvements worth \$10,000 for a bar, but I said 'no,'" Alderman Zielinski said. "I think it was a good call on my part, because a couple of months later Café Corazón approached me and said they would invest \$500,000 at the location and bring a great and well known restaurant to our area."

Café Corazón's owners, George and Wendy Mireles, are seeking a \$224,000 loan from Milwaukee Economic Development Corp. to help finance the development. The main lender for the \$560,000 project would be Legacy Redevelopment Corp. ■



DISTRICT 14

ALDERMAN TONY ZIELINSKI



200 E. Wells St. | Milwaukee, WI 53202 | 286-3769 | www.milwaukee.gov/district14 | www.facebook.com/aldermantony.zielinski | tzieli@milwaukee.gov

FALL 15



During one of 2015's Chill on the Hill concerts in Humboldt Park, Alderman Zielinski said "hello" to some new friends. Again, a hearty "Thank You!" to the Bay View Neighborhood Association for their great work on Chill on the Hill.



Tony Zielinski
Alderman, 14th District
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

PRSR STD
US Postage
PAID
Milwaukee, WI
Permit No. 4678

Bublr Bikes Rolling into Bay View



Bublr Bikes, Milwaukee's bike share system, will be arriving in Bay View in April 2016 at Zillman Park.

Bublr Bikes currently has 28 stations in

Downtown, Walkers Point, the East Side and Harambee. Bay View has always been a huge priority for Bublr's expansion and the system is excited to have this first site identified.

This Bublr station was made possible with the help of Alderman Zielinski and through the financial support of Trio, the new apartment development at S. Kinnickinnic and Ward. "The Trio development team is fully supporting the cost of this Bublr station, and is making this gift to the Bay View community to support its future growth and vibrancy," Alderman Zielinski said.

Trio will be operational in spring 2017. ■

MKE Mobile

City of Milwaukee services in the palm of your hand.

Request services, file reports and follow up, all from your mobile device.



GET IT NOW

SEARCH: MKE Mobile

