

## Dispose of Prescription Drugs at MPD District Stations ➤

In order to keep them from falling into the wrong hands, residents may now dispose of expired or unwanted prescription medications at drop boxes located at Milwaukee Police Department district stations throughout the city.

“Too often, those who suffer from heroin or opioid addictions have developed the habit based on their experiences with prescription painkillers,” Alderman Murphy said. “Disposing of unwanted meds in a responsible manner is a simple step anyone can take to protect their loved ones.”

Alderman Murphy said the drop boxes give residents the option of securely and anonymously disposing of their solid medications by leaving them in around-the-clock drop boxes at MPD headquarters. CVS’s Drug Disposal for Safer Communities Program donated seven household pharmaceutical waste receptacles to MPD that will be located at Municipal Court and District Stations 2 through 7. A pilot version of the initiative has been operating at MPD’s District 6 and District 3 stations since late 2014.

The program is made possible through a partnership with the Milwaukee Health Department, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division and the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Coalition. ■



### MPD Med Drops

<b>Municipal Court</b> 951 N. James Lovell St.	<b>Police District 5 Station</b> 2920 N. 4th St.
<b>Police District 2 Station</b> 245 W. Lincoln Ave.	<b>Police District 6 Station</b> 3006 S. 27th St.
<b>Police District 3 Station</b> 2333 N. 49th St.	<b>Police District 7 Station</b> 3626 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
<b>Police District 4 Station</b> 6929 W. Silver Spring Dr.	



Located in the heart of Story Hill, Central Greens aquaponic greenhouses is expanding their organic food growing operation in the 10th Aldermanic District. Pictured: Alderman Murphy congratulates co-owner Bowen DornBrook.

## Irish Visit ➤



In honor of St. Patrick’s Day, Alderman Murphy welcomed a visiting delegation from Ireland as they toured the City of Milwaukee on a mission to connect Irish Americans with their homeland and promote business, trade and tourism.

“From its inception, Milwaukee has been a city where we celebrate our heritage as immigrants,” Alderman Murphy said. “Many of us hold dear to deep roots in Ireland, and I’m pleased and honored to have the opportunity to further Milwaukee’s relationship with my ancestral homeland.”

The first American-born son of Irish immigrants, Alderman Murphy delivered the welcome address to the visiting delegation at the “Connect Ireland Business Breakfast.” Later, he offered Irish Minister of State for Diaspora Affairs Jimmy Deenihan a chance to tour the Common Council Chamber...and take a turn in the Council President’s chair.

Milwaukee has had an active “Sister Cities” relationship with Galway, Ireland since December 21, 2001.

To learn more, visit [milwaukee.gov/sistercities](http://milwaukee.gov/sistercities). ■

## Stay Up-to-Date on Zoo Interchange Work ➤

The State of Wisconsin Zoo Interchange project continues this summer, with major roadwork and route changes expected at the interchange of I-94, I-894 and U.S. 45. ■

Stay up-to-date on all the latest information at the state’s website, [zoointerchange.wi.gov](http://zoointerchange.wi.gov).

DISTRICT 10

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SPRING 15



In recognition of Read Across America Day on Dr. Seuss's birthday, Alderman Murphy read *Oh, the Places You'll Go* to students at the Hmong American Peace Academy.



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## Improving Playgrounds with MKE Plays >



In an effort to provide kids and adults both with quality outdoor exercise areas, Alderman Murphy has authored legislation that creates a collaborative, community-oriented process for leveraging private investment in new play spaces.

Adopted by a unanimous vote of the Common Council, the MKE Plays initiative aims to create a “bottom-up approach” to replacing aging or obsolete equipment in city-owned play areas. The initiative seeks both to raise up to \$1 million in private funding and to drive projects with input from ad hoc committees selected from the local community.

“It’s my hope that MKE Plays gets residents to rally around these play spaces, which are crucial to the development of kids growing up in our neighborhoods,” Alderman Murphy said. “Using a similar approach, I’ve met with success replacing playgrounds here on the West Side. But MKE Plays will allow us to utilize this approach citywide.”

At Alderman Murphy’s direction, the Department of Public Works assessed dozens of city-owned parks and play areas to determine which ones were in the direst need of replacement. Now, the city is seeking private donors to finance the improvements while assembling committees to determine what sort of amenities to provide. The Fund for Lake Michigan has already pledged \$25,000, and the Zilber Family Foundation has generously donated \$300,000. Zilber executive director Susan Lloyd, who has been instrumental to the project, said one reason Zilber chose to back the initiative is because it supports the foundation’s goals of making neighborhoods safer. “Collective efficacy is a stronger predictor of safety in a neighborhood than poverty or race,” Lloyd said.

“One thing is for sure,” Alderman Murphy said. “MKE Plays will ensure that our kids have access to better play areas than we had as kids, and will improve conditions for kids in neighborhoods that need it most.” **To learn more, visit [milwaukee.gov/MKEplays](http://milwaukee.gov/MKEplays).**

- 67th & Spokane
- Long Island & Custer
- 21st & Keefe
- 5th & Randolph
- Snails Crossing
- Buffum & Center
- DeBack Park
- 17th & Vine
- Foundation Park
- 34th & Mt. Vernon
- Arlington Heights
- Trowbridge Square

Twelve playgrounds are slated to be reconstructed over the next three years through the MKE Plays initiative.

## MKE Peace Project Seeks Solutions to Violence >

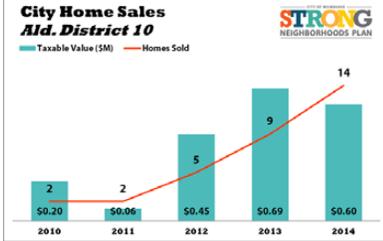
Alderman Murphy and dozens of other civic leaders gathered at City Hall to launch the MKE Peace Project, an initiative that tasks young Milwaukeeans with identifying the causes of violence in the city and finding solutions. Participants will be rewarded with prizes from generous community partners like the Brewers, the Bucks and Summerfest. **Submissions are due on Thursday, May 21**, and will be reviewed by the Milwaukee Youth Council. The best proposals may be implemented as city policy.

Visit [milwaukee.gov/mkepeaceproject](http://milwaukee.gov/mkepeaceproject) to learn more and sign up.



## Strong Neighborhoods Plan Gets Results

In 2014 and 2015, the Mayor and Common Council dedicated almost \$24 million in city funds to continue the fight against foreclosure, vacancy, and blight through the Strong Neighborhoods Plan. The city set aggressive goals last year, and met or exceeded each.



An effort brought forward by Alderman Murphy to involve local realtors in the sale of city-owned homes was a major factor in the city's sales success. Those realtors sold 110 city-owned homes, 49 percent to owner-occupants. The brokerage effort was expanded to 10 realtors in September 2014, and provides a great boost to the city's ability to move families back into formerly vacant housing.

In 2015, the city has launched new initiatives to help underwater owners finance critical repairs, challenge developers to rehab city-owned property in bulk, and move city-owned commercial properties back to productive use. "Milwaukee continues to face the effects of the foreclosure crisis head-on," Alderman Murphy said, "and the Mayor and Common Council are committed to seeing our neighborhoods strong and healthy." ■

## Near West Side Partners



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*Making Milwaukee's Near West Side a better place to live, work and play*

Leaders from several of Milwaukee's largest business, education and non-profit organizations have formed Near West Side Partners, Inc. (NWSP), an organization with a mission to revitalize and sustain the near west side as a thriving business and residential corridor.

The organization entails leading business, non-profit and civic organizations with a presence on the near west side, including Aurora Health Care, Avenues West Association, Harley-Davidson, Marquette University, MillerCoors, Potawatomi Business Development Corp., and Wiegand Enterprises, among others.

Alderman Murphy said the NWSP will include four active working teams in the areas of Safety, Housing, Neighborhood Identity & Branding, and Commercial Development. NWSP will focus efforts on an area bounded roughly by I-43 to the east, I-94 to the south, Highway 41 to the west and on the north, Vliet Street west of 27th Street and the north side of Highland Avenue east of 27th Street.

The NWSP Steering Committee is looking at best practices for neighborhood improvement, both from within Milwaukee—especially the Menomonee Valley—and from cities across the country. Members of the Steering Committee are visiting four target cities to research and apply best practices from other successful improvement projects. ■

2014

## YEAR IN REVIEW

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

## STRONG

NEIGHBORHOODS PLAN

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# 437

## HOMES SOLD

50% increase over 2013

Record sales return nearly

# \$19 MILLION

to City of Milwaukee tax rolls

52% of homes sold to owner-occupants

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## 440

Demolitions of blighted property

Happy neighbors and safer neighborhoods

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### New Initiatives Launched

- Homebuyer Assistance Program - \$20,000 forgivable loans for rehab
- Lease To Own Program - Existing City tenants buy their homes
- \$1 Vacant Lot Sales - 15th District Pilot Program

### VACANT LOTS

99 SOLD
126 IMPROVED

Tax delinquencies down 10%

1,000 properties kept out of tax foreclosure pipeline compared to last year

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## 2015 Approved Budget Supports Jobs and Road Repair ➤

A popular transitional jobs program will be expanded and extra resources will be diverted to help resurface high-traffic streets under the 2015 City of Milwaukee budget approved by the Common Council.

The Compete Milwaukee transitional jobs program expands a pilot launched in 2014, and will provide 135 city jobs to low-income residents between the age of 18 and 64 who have been unemployed for at least four straight months. The target group includes noncustodial parents, ex-offenders and people with limited or no work histories. Participants will earn a living wage of \$10.10 an hour working at least 20 hours a week in various city jobs.

“With the skills and experience these temporary employees will earn, they will be better qualified for permanent jobs that open up with the city or in the private sector,” Alderman Murphy said.

To address ongoing infrastructure and road repair needs, Alderman Murphy sponsored amendments that transferred \$3.5 million to the High-Impact paving program. The repaving initiative creates a new surface on high-traffic roads in a span of several days, extending their useful life and addressing residents’ pothole complaints. The Council scrapped plans to remodel the eighth floor of City Hall for \$3.1 million.

Alderman Murphy co-sponsored the amendment which also channeled an additional \$1.5 million to the High-Impact paving program, increased funding for the STRONG Homes loan program by \$500,000 and added \$1 million to the Rental Rehabilitation Program capital account. ■



## New Tools for Policing Disruptive Afterparties ➤

Milwaukee police will be able to crack down on persistent late night parties in homes and businesses past bar time under new legislation passed by the Common Council.

The ordinance adds “after set activity”—the unlicensed sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or the operation of public entertainment on an unlicensed premises—to the city’s official list of public nuisance activity. Alderman Murphy said this opens up new avenues for enforcement that were not available to police before, and will make unlicensed premises owners or operators subject to fines and administrative costs associated with enforcement.

Once police respond to an after-hours party at a location, the department will issue a written notice of the violation to the premises owner. If there are repeated violations within two weeks of the written notice, the chief of police may notify the premises owner that, under the city’s nuisance abatement law, they will be subject to fines up to \$5,000 for repeated violations in a given year, as well as paying the cost of enforcement.

All costs are charged to the owner as a lien against the property, requiring payment as a special fee included in the annual property taxes.

To learn more, visit [milwaukee.gov/ChronicNuisance](http://milwaukee.gov/ChronicNuisance). ■

## 10<sup>th</sup> District High Impact Paving Projects ➤

The High Impact Paving project will resurface two major thoroughfares in the 10th Aldermanic District this summer.

W. North Avenue will be repaved from W. Lisbon Avenue to N. 60th Street sometime after sewer work finishes up around midsummer.

Hawley Road will also be repaved from W. Lisbon Avenue to W. Burleigh Street. This is in addition to repaving work from W. Lisbon Avenue to W. Vliet Street that was done last year.



## Ice Skating Returns to Center Street Park ➤

Nearly 25 years after it was closed because of budget cuts, ice-skating enthusiasts were once again able to practice their Toe Loops and Axels at the Waterstone Bank Ice Rink at Center Street Park this winter.

Re-opened this winter, the park at 6420 W. Clarke St. features a warming house in the Center Street Park Pavilion, with access to public restrooms and the opportunity to purchase warm beverages. The ice rink is being run and maintained by Friends of Center Street Park and volunteers from the neighborhood.

President Murphy has supported the collaborative effort to re-establish the ice rink to provide fun outdoor activities for children and families. “The Waterstone Bank Ice Rink at Center Street Park is a family-friendly rink that allows the community to gather, get a little exercise and enjoy themselves during the winter months,” President Murphy said.

The rink opening was made possible by the efforts of Friends of Center Street Park, Waterstone Bank, the Milwaukee County Parks Department, the Park People of Milwaukee County and President Murphy. Donations of time and supplies were also made by the Milwaukee Fire Department, the Wauwatosa Fire Department, Pettit National Ice Center, Milwaukee Admirals, Colectivo Coffee, Sentry on Lisbon and community members and volunteers. ■



## Theater Founder, Gallery Owner Chosen as Artists of the Year ➤

The Milwaukee Arts Board has chosen prominent representatives of the performing and visual arts as its 2015 Artists of the Year, Alderman Murphy said.

Dale Gutzman, a fixture in Milwaukee theater for 50 years, is an actor, director, playwright, producer, educator and mentor. He was a protégé of theater legends Robert Pitman of Alverno College and Clair Richardson of Skylight Music Theatre, where Gutzman directed, wrote, and performed in dozens of productions. He founded the highly successful Off The Wall Theatre, repeatedly cited among the “Year’s Best” by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, and mentored dozens of younger actors, including two-time Tony winner Mark Rylance.

Milwaukee native John Riepenhoff is an artist, curator, co-owner of the Green Gallery and co-organizer of the Milwaukee International and Dark Fairs. He’s known as “an inventor of artistic platforms for the expression of others,” and his work has been widely exhibited locally,



nationally and internationally. This year, he was selected to participate in the exhibition State of the Art: Discovering American Art Now at the Crystal Bridges Museum, where he participated in the panel “Decentralizing Art-Making in America.”

Alderman Murphy chairs the Milwaukee Arts Board, which launched the Artists of the Year program in 1995.

**To learn more, visit [milwaukee.gov/MAB](http://milwaukee.gov/MAB).** ■