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Ald. McGee Announces Specifics For Racine Gun Buy-Back Program

Milwaukee Alderman Mike McGee, Jr. says the gun buy-back program in Racine, an offshoot of his successful program which concludes Friday in Milwaukee, will **begin on Wednesday, August 31, 2005** and will run for two months.

Details of the Racine Gun Buy-Back program will be discussed at a press conference on Saturday, August 20, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Project New Life Administrative Office at 1733 Douglas Avenue in Racine. Private donations will fund the program, including a \$1,000 contribution from Ald. McGee and St. Timothy's Church which will be presented at the press conference.

Participants in addition to Ald. McGee will include the Racine Police Department, Project New Life Community Development Corporation, Stop the Violence that Violence Produced Leadership Committee and Jim Brown's Amer-i-can Foundation Peace Squad.

Beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2005 and continuing on Wednesdays and Fridays for two months, guns can be dropped off at the Project New Life Administrative Office located at 1733 Douglas Ave from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. No questions will be asked. All weapons should be carried in a vehicles trunk, unloaded, and in a carrying case if possible.

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Contributions to the Racine gun buy-back program can be made to Project New Life, CDC, care of the Bank of Elmwood, 2704 Lathrop Ave., Racine, Wisconsin 53405

Meanwhile, the grass roots effort launched by Ald. McGee to take guns out of Milwaukee neighborhoods will end Friday, August 19, 2005, with the final collection at St. Timothy's Church, 3701 N. Teutonia Ave., from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

When the Milwaukee buy-back program ends, it's expected that more than 250 guns will have been removed from the streets of the city. Weapons are bought for up to \$150.00. Funds came from clergy, business owners and the Milwaukee Police Association.

A public ceremony will be held on August 31, 2005 at a time and place to be determined when weapons collected in the Milwaukee buy-back program will be destroyed.