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## Basura Bash pits neighbors against crime and grime on the south side

In an effort to clean up litter and graffiti while building upon diversity and community pride, community stakeholders on Milwaukee's south side will take part in the sixth annual Basura Bash this weekend.

With the guidance of **Alderman José G. Pérez**—and organized by Safe & Sound, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful and the Department of Neighborhood Services—Basura Bash brings together block clubs, law enforcement, businesses and community members to improve south side neighborhoods. This **Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, participants will gather to remove tires and other litter, clean up graffiti, add identification numbers to the alley side of buildings and beautify vacant lots.

The events culminate in a fiesta at **Walker Square Park, 1029 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St.**, which will include resource information, free food, games and entertainment for all the hard-working residents who strive to keep their neighborhoods beautiful.

Alderman Pérez has worked closely with the Department of Public Works to provide dumpsters and recycling carts to assist with the event, and plans to do his part in helping clean up the area.

“Neighborhoods work best when residents take a stake in the places they live,” Alderman Pérez said. “I hope all of my neighbors will join us Saturday as we celebrate what a wonderful place the south side is to live, and work to keep it that way.”

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