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## **Neighbors, children needed Thursday to help improve playground**

*Alderman Coggs: Resident involvement and collaboration key to successful planning*

The rebuilding of a neighborhood playground destroyed by vandals last year will take a key step forward this week with a site visit and planning meeting on **Thursday, September 8**, according to **Alderman Milele A. Coggs**.

The playground at N. Buffum and W. Center Streets has been selected to be rebuilt as part of the **MKE Plays** initiative, and families and residents are being asked to provide input into the new playground's equipment and features as part of a collaborative planning process, Alderman Coggs said.

"The goal is to make the playground improved and styled to fit the vision of the neighbors and families who will be using it," Alderman Coggs said. "I strongly encourage neighbors – and especially kids -- to join us on Thursday evening and provide valuable input."

At **5:30 p.m.** on Thursday, the group will meet at the playground (2630 N. Buffum St.) for evaluation and idea generation. At **6:00 p.m.**, the group will then reconvene at the St. Marcus North Campus (2669 N. Richards St.) for discussion and presentation.

MKE Plays is an award-winning, city-led initiative aimed at renovating 12 of Milwaukee's most dilapidated playgrounds in an effort to encourage children to play and exercise and to combat childhood obesity. MKE Plays has been highly successful and lauded for its focus on developing safe spaces for children and families in some of the city's most compromised neighborhoods.

For more information about current projects, or to get involved, call 286-8532 or email [mkeplays@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mkeplays@milwaukee.gov).