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## **Police Athletic League Facility Offered For Sale Or Lease In Bankruptcy Action; Bids Due Monday**

*Future of Facility That Serves as Community and Recreation Center, Public School Hangs in Balance*

Just a little more than two years after opening its doors in one of Milwaukee's neediest neighborhoods, the Police Athletic League (PAL) facility at 2320 W. Burleigh St. is being offered for sale or lease as part of PAL's bankruptcy action, Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. said today.

Anyone interested in buying or leasing the PAL facility must submit a bid to Leonard G. Levenson of Kravit, Hovel, Krawczyk & Levenson by 5 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2005. Levenson and PAL officials will then meet with bidders on May 17 to discuss the bids and to select a bid proposal. PAL officials will then give notice of the "winning" bid on or about May 18, and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court will conduct a final hearing on any proposed sale on May 26.

The athletic league filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on March 1.

Ald. McGee said he is keeping a close eye on the PAL bankruptcy and the sale of the building because of "potentially far-reaching ramifications" for young people, families and children living in the neighborhood. "This facility has been a true haven for kids and young people since it opened, a place where they can go to exercise their bodies and minds and escape the many negative influences they see in their neighborhood every day," said Ald. McGee.

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## **PAL Facility On The Block/ADD ONE**

It is hoped the facility will be purchased by a non-profit organization that will keep the facility operating much like it has been, said Ald. McGee.

The debt-laden PAL has been racked by several problems affecting its financial status, including a much publicized kickback scandal involving former state senator Gary George and an attorney he brought in to do work for PAL, Mark Sostarich. George pleaded guilty and is serving a four-year sentence in federal prison. Sostarich pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years' probation.

Two floors of the PAL facility are home to Auer Avenue School, an MPS elementary school.

Anyone interested in finding out more about bids for the PAL building can call attorney Leonard G. Levenson at 271-7100.

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