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Cruising At Miller Park To Be Addressed By Ald. Donovan During News Conference

*Ald. Donovan Says Activity "Crosses the Line," Ties Up Police Resources For
"Babysitting" of Cruisers*

Allowing cruising in and around the parking lots at Miller Park ties up valuable police resources and sends the wrong message to the vast majority of city residents who do not take part in cruising activities, Ald. Robert G. Donovan said today.

Ald. Donovan said he will be joined by about 20 concerned citizens during a 1:30 p.m. news conference regarding the alternative cruising initiative at Miller Park that has been championed by colleague Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. The news conference will be held at 1:30 p.m. today (July 6, 2006) inside the OASIS Center, 2414 W. Mitchell St., where Ald. Donovan has a district office. Media coverage is invited.

Ald. Donovan, whose 8th District includes most of the parking lots and streets that have been targeted for the midnight to 4 a.m. alternative cruising events, said he considers the activities to be an "attack on myself, on my district and on my constituents."

"I've received numerous calls from constituents who are outraged that this activity is taking place in the district and within a stone's throw of Miller Park, a community asset that we are extremely proud of and our team's home ballpark," Ald. Donovan said.

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Ald. Donovan To Address Miller Park Cruising/ADD ONE

As chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, Ald. Donovan said he cannot stand by silently as an "unapproved, unofficial and unwanted cruising experiment" drains precious police resources away from neighborhoods that really need the patrols during the high crime early morning hours. "This (Miller Park cruising) work by our men and women in blue is almost like babysitting, and I can't tolerate it any longer," he said.

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