

Representatives' Corner

by Rep. Jon Richards

The tax season is upon us. In this time of economic uncertainty there are many that are facing hardships in completing their taxes or in facing the returns from the 2008 tax year. I want to take this opportunity to provide you some information about what the State of Wisconsin is doing to provide assistance to people filling out their state and federal income tax forms.

First and foremost, please be advised that the tax deadline is April 15 for the 2008 tax season. If you cannot complete your taxes by this deadline, extensions are available for you. You can find information about filing for extensions or about your other tax questions by contacting the Wisconsin Department of Revenue at 608-266-8641 or on their website at <http://www.dor.state.wi.us/> or the US Internal Revenue Service at 800-829-1040 or on their website at <http://www.irs.gov/>.

I want to encourage you to take advantage of tax credits for middle class families. Every year a surprisingly large number of people do not take advantage of tax credits and end up with a higher tax bill. The first program that is available is the Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC). If you qualify for EITC you could receive a combined state and federal refund of up to \$6,898 for three or more children, up to \$5,499 for two children and up to \$3,034 for one child. To qualify for Wisconsin's EITC for 2008 you must qualify for the federal earned income credit, have at least one qualifying child, be a full-year Wisconsin resident and file a joint return if you are married.

Another program you might be eligible for is the Wisconsin Homestead Credit. If you qualify for the Wisconsin Homestead Credit, you could receive up to \$1,160.

To qualify to file for the Wisconsin Homestead Credit for 2008, you must have been a legal resident of Wisconsin, been 18 years of age or older, not be claimed as a dependent on someone else's 2008 tax return, have a household income less than \$24,500, have been the owner or renter of your Wisconsin homestead and other requirements.

Ask your tax preparer or contact the Wisconsin Department of Revenue if you have questions about whether or not you qualify for either of these programs.

Also, please contact my office if you need assistance finding free tax preparation services in your area.



About MHNA

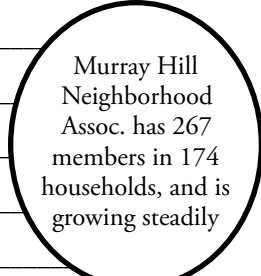
Murray Hill Neighborhood Association (MHNA) is about a group of diverse residents working together to keep Murray Hill a great place to live, work and study. Murray Hill is the 58 block area bounded by Hartford Avenue to the North, Bradford Avenue to the south, Downer Avenue to the East and Oakland Avenue to the West. Our goals are to develop an atmosphere of respect for the rights and lives of all residents in the neighborhood, build a safe and clean community that improves the quality of life for all residents, and maintain open communications with UWM students and representatives to effectively find positive solutions to problems. Benefits to the neighbors include information on safety and crime, regular updates from elected officials, business owners and UWM representatives on neighborhood issues, providing monthly speakers on relevant topics, provide quarterly newsletter, maintaining a cleaner neighborhood through adopt-a-block program and neighborhood-student clean-up events, and welcoming and informing neighbors of the workings of the city. Residents of the area, including students renting property off-campus in this area, property owners, landlords and owners of businesses within the area are encouraged to be members. MHNA is about making a wonderful neighborhood even better. MHNA is an IRS 501 (c) (4) non-profit organization. Dues may be deductible on your income tax return.

Murray Hill Membership Application

NOW is the time to join!

Clip and mail with your payment to:
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Name: _____
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Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____



The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association serves a 58-block area from Hartford Ave. to Bradford Ave., and Oakland Ave. to Downer Ave. Membership is open to all residents, property owners and businesses. General membership meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Urban Ecology Center (1500 E. Park Pl.) from 7-8:30 pm. To find out more about the association, or to share your interests and concerns, please attend one of our upcoming meetings, or contact:

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A Word from the President

by J. Gerard Capell

As a spring, nature's time of renewal. The same is true for Murray Hill Neighborhood Association. As we emerge from the coldest winter in 15 years, we are finally seeing the snows (glaciers) of December disappear from our curbs and yards.

Another glacier is also receding, that of the progress of Chapter 17 and 18 from public hearings (February 2007) to draft document (March 2008) and now to final public review (March 2009) and legislative action (supposedly spring 2009). Many Murray Hill members and residents testified again before the Regents' subcommittee both in support of the proposed changes and against. Those who spoke against were primarily students but they did make their voices heard. The MHNA Board is in support of the proposed changes. These changes may not be perfect but then again neither is the original legislation. One item that is important is the recognition that student behavior within the general community does reflect on the university and affects a "significant university interest".

Many MHNA members would have liked to see a stronger statement of action and consequences between the university and its primary representatives. However, Chapters 17 and 18 allow a Chancellor to flexibly respond to the needs and expectations of the community that surrounds their campus. Students see this and other provisions of Chapter 17 (the enforcement portion of the legislation) as an attack on their constitutional rights to due process and possibly free speech under an authoritarian administration. They and their supportive organizations have actual examples of egregious behavior by university administrators who have over stepped their authority, but most of those cases have been overturned or are in litigation with the strong expectation that the abused rules will be given curbs to bring them back in line.

Currently we have the support of the University administration and elected state officials in seeing that this gets passed. However, we will need your help to make sure that this is heard and acted upon by the legislature.

The economy will probably slow down many proposed developments in or around Murray Hill, but the Master Plan, by which UW-Milwaukee will be shaped for the next 20 years, is continuing to march forward. Members of Murray Hill are actively

participating in review of the Master Plan and we are trying to make known our concerns over the effect of UWM growth on the neighborhood.

Both of these efforts and many more take the time and dedication of members just like you. All of these members have jobs, families and lives beyond the concerns of Murray Hill, but they also find and make the time to do their part to make the neighborhood a little bit better. We have many on-going efforts to make the neighborhood a better place for everyone from 1 to 100. I hope that you can find the time to help us make this the community we want it to be. So please volunteer by calling or e-mailing us to sit on a committee or sit in on a hearing, or become a block captain. You will gain much more than what you could imagine.

MHNA 2009 General Membership Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, MHNA Meetings are held at the Urban Ecology Center – 1500 E. Park Place at 7 pm. 414-964-8505 – urbanecologycenter.com

April 28

Meet Art Dahlberg, the New Director of the Department of Neighborhood Services

Hear his views as he takes the helm once held by Murray Hill's own Marty Collins, and voice your concerns for the community.

May 26

Dining on the Eastside

We will hear from the owners and managers of three of the Eastside's most popular and distinct restaurants.

Tess's hidden away at 2499 N. Bartlet, Shiraz on Oakland and its delicious and fast middle eastern cuisine, and Oakland Trattoria with its long standing reputation and new changes

Watch the web site for detailed information on upcoming meetings: www.murrayhillna.org

Lake Park Friends Events:
www.lakeparkfriends.org

Frederick Law Olmstead Walking Tours
Thursday May 7 and 14 from 6 to 8 pm.

Chapter 17-18 Re-Emerges for the Finish Line

by J. Gerard Capell

After months of postponements the UW Board of Regents has re-started the revisions of Chapter 17 and 18, which are the legislative Chapters that regulate disciplinary actions by the university's chancellor for disruptive or illegal behavior conducted on campus lands. This has been a major effort by the neighborhood associations that surround UWM for many years as the neighborhood endures more stress each year from an increase in student population and disruptive behavior at the loss of owner-occupied residences.

The draft recommendations are complete and ready for final board review before being sent on to the legislature for their action. On March 5 at the Peck Center for the Arts a full auditorium provided the final public comments before the Chapter 17-18 committee in one of the last public hearings. Those in support of the current revisions include the Chancellor's Office of UWM, Senators Darling and Plale, Representative Richards, many home owners who live around the campus and of course Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, represented by President J. Gerard Capell. Opposed were the students who see these changes as an attack on their constitutional freedoms, and one more opportunity for the un-checked power of Big Brother, in the form of the chancellor, to endanger their ability to graduate in the event that they stray of acceptable behavior even a little bit.

As stated above the student's fear could seem bordering on paranoia but unfortunately there have been situations where college

presidents or chancellors have over re-acted to perceived threats or protests that weren't well defined. The Student Association has engaged the aid of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), a Philadelphia based organization whose mission is "to defend and sustain individual rights at America's increasingly repressive and partisan colleges and universities." FIRE has identified several points of contention with the current and proposed Chapter 17 language that they feel restricts the constitutional freedoms given to all Americans. Of particular note is a perceived loss of due process for the students in a hearing which could result in a lawsuit on federal grounds. Two main items of their contention is that the changes made to make the hearing process less adversarial deny the students the right to a lawyer during the hearing and that the rules of the hearing may or may not be consistent from case to case.

Many of the students (some of whom came from Black River Falls and Green Bay) who spoke also complained about the inclusion of municipal code violations as a consideration. This, in the case of Milwaukee, make the students subject to noise, parking, or illegal tavern laws enacted by the City as a consideration of violation of the conduct code for the university, not just state and federal laws. The United Council of University of Wisconsin Students presented their own list of amendments to the proposed changes, mainly intended to clarify what they see as language that limits student ability for a fair hearing.

Many of the issues brought up by the students have some merit and may be worth further consideration. However, their concerns would only be a reality in the most egregious of situations by a chancellor, and by students who have definitely pushed the boundaries of constitutional or social norms.

For copies the revised Chapter 17-18 language or United Council's amendments contact
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MHNA announces an

APPRECIATION AWARD to CLARK GRAPHICS 2915 N. Oakland Avenue

In thanks of their efficient, professional
and friendly service to MHNA.

Thank You Clark Graphics!

Nominated by Jennifer Rzepka,
MHNA Newsletter Production Manager
and unanimously approved by MHNA's Board of Directors.

Neighborhood Clean-Up Scheduled for April 18

Several UWM departments are working together to sponsor a neighborhood clean-up on April 18, 9 AM to noon.

Keri Duce, Director of Neighborhood Housing & the COAST Program, will be directing this effort. She will coordinate 50 student volunteers from the Center for Volunteerism and Student Leadership, as well as COAST Leaders and interns from the Office of Neighborhood Relations.

Residents and members of the neighborhood associations are also sought to round out the effort. Interested parties should contact Duce at: klduce@uwm.edu. Participants will gather at 9 AM in the Science Building parking lot which can be entered from E. Kenwood, just east N. Cramer.

The hope is that volunteers from the neighborhood will join 5 groups of 10 students; these groups will then concentrate on cleaning up the area surrounding UWM. Neighborhood volunteers are asked to take time to identify locations that are the biggest eyesores; these concerns will help focus the clean-up routes, and should be forwarded to Duce by Monday, April 13 at the latest.

UWM will supply bags, gloves, and pick up sticks for all participants. UWM Building and Grounds will be supplying 2 pick up trucks and drivers to assist. Two students will be assigned to each truck to assist in picking up the filled plastic bags and large curbside items. Walkie Talkies will be provided to group leaders to allow communication with the pick up drivers as to locations where pick ups can be made. Lunch will be provided for the participants at noon in the Union.

The City of Milwaukee DPW has provided roll off boxes that will be located at Newberry and Frederick, Cambridge and Hampshire, and Prospect and Kenwood.

The Student Association is sponsoring a Block Party on this date, from 1 to 7 PM on campus, (E. Hartford from Maryland to Downer, and the Enderis parking lot) with many activities. The SA is encouraging neighbors to attend.

Streetscape Plans Developing for Downer Avenue

DCD has awarded a \$300,000 match to Historic Downer Avenue BID for an updated streetscape. The Downer Avenue Merchants and BID are working on the streetscape design and hoping to commence the project this fall. DCD requires elevation plans, civil engineering plans and details, and a signed resolution by the BID which agrees to financing terms and how the work will be completed. The design also requires a COA, Certificate of Appropriateness, from the Historic Preservation Commission which requested reviewing the design by this April 8th. Since Milwaukee's DPW would not be able to start construction until 2011, a special permit, "Out of Program Agreement" by DPW allows the BID to privately contract the work and begin constructions this year.

Remember:

1. The Downer Avenue Bike Races are slated for June 27.
2. A Belgian Beer-Tasting event is planned at Cafe Hollander, Friday, June 26.

PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR YARDS!

Dear Students, Landlords and Residents,

If you had family or friends visit your residence last Valentine's Day...yes, mid-February when the early snows had melted... how did your front yard and curbside look?

Plastic cups, aluminum cans, beer bottles, litter and debris in yards and curbsides makes a mockery of "the beautiful East Side"! Help put a stop to it.

We know that winter snows cover up a lot of this mess. When the snows first melt is when our properties may look the worst. We know that you are probably not the offender, that careless culprits are leaving cigarette butts, cans, bottles and litter where you live. We know that the City won't cite you until you have over a bushel or so of litter in your yard. But can you imagine if everyone went the limit in failing to clean up?

Please clean up your yards. Please keep them clean. Care more about where you live and about being a good neighbor. Consider it Step One in restoring beauty to the East Side and keeping it beautiful.

Thank you.

You're Invited to Participate in the MHNA Newsletter

*Do you know who or what is
special about your block?*

- ...a **neighbor** who is an artist, a published writer,
- ...a **winner** of an exceptional award,
- ...a **person** who does a distinctive job of some kind
- ...a **home** of historic or architectural distinction
- ...a **yard** of pleasing landscaping or gardens
- ...a **family, a child, a student** worthy of the community's recognition

We're looking for such items to include in future newsletters. We can't assure that your report will be included, but we'd love to hear from you. Please e-mail or mail your (100 word or less) reports to us at rzepkaj@wi.rr.com, or PO Box 71133, Milwaukee, WI 53211.



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Business Improvement District

Formerly called "University Square", the new UES is the East Side's most eclectic two-block business district featuring food from around the world, services for your daily life, and vibrant entertainment venues.

The B.I.D. is actively engaged in making your shopping and entertainment visit to our neighborhood the best it can be! We salute the efforts of our neighborhood partners at MHNA.

Enjoy delectables from **Oakland Trattoria, Lisa's, Bella's Fat Cat, George Webb's, Oakland Gyros, Subway, Shahrazad, Thai Kitchen, Shiraz, Cousin's Subs, Chin's Fresh Asian, and Cold Stone Creamery.**

Don't forget your service and daily shopping needs can be fulfilled on your next visit to Oakland Ave. from **Clark Graphics, Gilbert's Liquor, The Washing Well, Walgreen's, Sal's Barber Shop, and Cloud Nine!**

And don't forget the eclectic mix of entertainment at our beloved **Miramar Theater** or grab a game of pool and a cold one at **Axel's**. On **Oakland Ave.**, we have it all!

UNA Update

by Pamela Frautschi

UNA, the collaboration of UWM Administration, the Neighborhood Associations, and UWM Student Association, meets four times annually. See the Announcements in this newsletter about 1) the April 18th Clean Up, and 2) the May 22 Rummage and Collection. The latter is intended to help students, landlords, and the neighborhood with the numerous move-outs that occur at semester's end. UNA hopes to arrange more Rummage and Clean Ups in July and in the third week of October.

"Art in the Alley", a project initiated in Riverwest neighborhoods, is now expanding to include neighborhoods east of the Milwaukee River. RSPNA's Chair, Terri Kinis, is collaborating with UWM's Student Association and Administration over the summer to activate the program this fall. Terri wants people to look at the alleys in a new way, and hopes this project will help create safer cleaner neighborhoods.

<https://sites.google.com/site/artinthealleyproject/> (link to info from Oct '08 project in Riverwest)

An "Alcohol Awareness Outreach" is being planned. Sponsored by Alderman Kovac, MPD, UWM-PD, and Village of Shorewood, major locations from the 128 alcohol distribution sites in the larger area will be asked to display posters. Messages on the posters say: Have Fun. Party Responsibly. Spread the Word. Think about How it Will End." This is to help young people think before they drink, and to help sellers exercise caution. The possibility of neighborhood associations and UWM's Student Association coming together for a Forum about drinking is also being explored.

UWM's Walk to Work Program, and updates on development of UW-System's Chapter 17 regarding student discipline will be among agenda items for UNA's June meeting

3DNA Update

by Pamela Frautschi

3DNA, the group of local neighborhood associations working together as Third District Neighborhood Associations, has worked effectively on all the announced community meetings in this newsletter. 3DNA is also gathering and conveying information about NIDC (Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation). Milwaukee's NIDC makes \$2000 matching grants available to projects related to safety. Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association (CWNA) received such a grant from NIDC last year for new street lights. CWNA is considering making a grant application this year for video cameras for assistance in monitoring careless or speeding vehicles to monitor safety for the near-miss situations of bicyclers at the corner of Cambridge and Locust. Riverside Park Neighborhood Association (RSPNA) is exploring a project of Rain Gardens in the River Corridor area as a possible application of NIDC. Share your potential grant-application ideas with your neighborhood association.

UWM Master Plan Update

by Cate Deicher

A presentation on the UWM Master Plan was made to university and community members recently. It included updates on the use of the Columbia Hospital property and the construction of projected new facilities.

Plans now show the Columbia Hospital site converted into student dormitory space, an idea that is challenged by some UWM faculty who feel it would be better used for housing the projected School of Public Health.

Opposition to building an engineering facility in Wauwatosa has been voiced by the Sierra Club. It is hoped that the space remains open and in a natural state. Meanwhile, there is support from some quarters to locate the Engineering School downtown. Aldermen Kovac and Bauman support the development of dorms downtown.

The Master Plan also shows Capitol Drive space for development of a sports complex.

Details of the Master Plan are available online at: www4.uwm.edu/master_plan. Feedback on the plan can be e-mailed to masterplan-feedback@uwm.edu. For information on upcoming meetings and presentations, call 414 229-5188.

Committee of Landlords

by Pamela Frautschi

Oscar Perez, UWM Community Liaison, indicated his willingness to meet with landlords and student tenants, including those living in apartment buildings, to convey methods of being good neighbors and living safely in an urban environment. Oscar also pointed out that landlords with 4 to 5 bedroom houses need to get a special Rooming House Permit.

Keri Duce, head of UWM's NHO (Neighborhood Housing Office), and the student leadership group, COAST, reported on their efforts for neighborhood residents to 1) keep their porch lights on, and 2) keep doors locked. This helps prevent "crimes of opportunity" in our neighborhood.

Keri says that students can't afford the high rents being charged, on average \$1600 per month for 3-bedroom units. High rents lead to increased density in such units, and to abuse of the 3-person-occupancy Ordinance. HUD guidelines are observed in Wellston Apartments properties in which \$1100 to \$1200 rents are more typical.

Alderman Kovac reported that a proposal for changes in Street Sweeping is being prepared, intended to achieve less towing of vehicles. Currently street sweeping is done on the first and third Fridays monthly, April through November. COL member Stacy Hegg of the Wellston Apartments will be working with Karin Long, DNS Director of the Landlord Training Program, to tailor a program for the University area.

Landlords interested in joining COL should contact Chair, Helen Ceci, hceci@wi.rr.com, about attending the next COL meeting scheduled for June 11.

••••• Upcoming Events & Neighborhood Notices •••••

March 30 - April 17

City Offers Spring Leaf Collection

Early winter snowfall halted crews from completing the final cycle of fall leaf collection in 2008. In response, the Department of Public Works will conduct a special limited spring leaf collection. Staff had collected 16,660 tons of leaves as of November 29, 2008. In 2007 Sanitation crews collected 12,300 tons of leaves.

Residents can rake leaves from the tree border into the street at the curb from now through March 29th. DPW crews will collect leaves from March 30th through April 17th. It takes City crews 10 to 11 days to get through the entire City.

As weather permits (temperatures above 32 degrees), crews will continue to sweep up leaves with mechanical brooms during normal street sweeping operations.

Leaves and yard waste can also be taken to the City's two self help centers located at 6660 N Industrial Road and 3829 W Lincoln Avenue from Monday through Saturday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Summer self hours begin April 13th and are Monday through Saturday 7:00 am - 6:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

April 11 - 9:00 am

5th Annual Eggs-travaganza

Have a fun morning with your kids and grandkids at the 5th Annual Eggs-travaganza on Saturday, April 11th at 9 am in the children's play area in Riverside Park. All are Welcome – bring your containers and smiles! The event is sponsored by the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association and the Upper East Side Business Improvement District. Geryl Flick of Murray Hill Pottery and community artists will be making unique ceramic eggs to add to the real decorated and plastic-filled eggs traditional for the egg hunt. Volunteers are needed to cook/dye the many real eggs between April 1-9th and help is also needed early morning on Saturday, April 9th to find places in the park to challenge the young hunters. Please contact Geryl Flick, the coordinator of the event, at www.murrayhillpottery.com or call at 332-8828 to volunteer a few hours and join in the fun of this neighborhood activity.

April 18 - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Earth Day Festival - Riverside Park

Come to the annual Riverside Park festival and enjoy music, rock climbing, nature walks, crafts, carriage rides, games, food, resource booths and more. Featured entertainment is a Korean Traditional Drum Group. This new and dynamic group will engage everyone in the earthy and fascinating sounds of unique Korean drums. The event is open from noon to 4:00 pm in Riverside Park on Saturday, April 18th. This free event is open to everyone. Donations are appreciated.

April 21 - 6:00 pm

Eastside Call-In

Plan to attend the Eastside Call-In at Columbia Hospital Auditorium 2025 East Newport Avenue concerning East Side Drug Activity. Important for all citizenry to attend.

April 24 - 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 25 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Is it time for spring cleaning of the basement, garage and garden? Milwaukee County residents will be able to drop off hazardous waste at State Fair Park, Gate 8 located off 76th Street on Friday, April 24, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. The types of items to bring or not bring are listed at the web site <http://v2.mmsd.com/HHW.aspx>.

May 22 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Rummage & Collection

After holding your own rummage sale, put a sign "FREE" on leftover furnishings that are in your front yard. Trucks from Salvation Army, Catholic Charities & Engineers without Borders will pick up those things from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Friday, May 22. Or, you are welcome to bring your things to Rummage & Food Donation behind the Zelazo Center on Kenwood Blvd in its parking lot between Prospect & Stowell Avenues Dumpsters will also be available. Contact the UWM Neighborhood Housing Office at housing@uwm.edu or 414-229-6999 for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

June 26

Belgian Beer Tasting Event

Cafe Hollander

June 27

Downer Ave Bike Races



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Murray Hill History – Do You Remember?

submitted by Cynthia Sommer

A recent visit with Joan Krueger provided me with a perspective of the Murray Hill neighborhood in the past 50 years – an area of stability with caring and interacting neighbors. She has lived for the past 58 years in a two-owner duplex, over 100 years old in the 2600 N. Cramer block. Her husband, Gordon, and his family moved into the house in 1918 (90+ yrs ago) and they remembered the building of the apartments across the street and the four physicians who had homes/offices on the four corners of the block. Joan's husband of 56 years was baptized, confirmed and buried through the Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, two blocks away. Gordon's father was the station manager for streetcars run by the Milwaukee Electric Railroad and Light Co. located on Oakland Avenue near Edgewood (River Park area).

Joan came to Milwaukee in 1949 from Denmark when she was 18 years old because of the changes in her country as a consequence of the Nazi occupation. Contacts with family friends aided her settlement in Milwaukee and the waters of Lake Michigan reminded her of home. She still gives pre-travel talks on her personal history to 4th graders from Golda Meir School that travel to Denmark as part of the Urban Gifted and Talented program. Joan married her husband at 21 and through the years raised her five children, worked at several jobs and was a caregiver for both her mother-in-law and husband.

In the early years, she often used the streetcar that came down Oakland Avenue, turned east on E. Park Place and then south onto N. Murray. Stores in a short walking distance from her home included Retzer's grocery store, Willis Rexall Drugs, Van's bakery, Schuster's grocery, A & P, Eastside Beer & Liquor and Adolph Weber's Candy Store with its penny candy and luscious chocolates. A little further walk to Locust/Oakland took her to Henry Jung's Jewelry where her wedding rings were purchased, Badger Paints where her husband worked in later years and Riverside Bootery where shoes were made or repaired (owner moved to Texas to make his fortune making custom cowboy boots). Places to eat included Plotkin's deli (Asian Chin's site), George Webb's (Subway site), Red Barn restaurant (former Walgreen's site) and Kalt's restaurant (Oakland Trattoria site). Joan remembers Murray Hill as a nice place to raise her five children and the circle continues with three of her grandchildren returning to live in the area.

Her volunteer work at the Bartlett Avenue School in the neighborhood led to the principal suggesting that she should consider applying for a job since she was there so much. This led to Joan working in several MPS schools, including 8 years in the library at Bartlett Avenue School and involvement in a Head Start program that involved working with the young students and assessing their home environment. At Bartlett Avenue School, she and another staff organized a crocheting/knitting class for 40 boys and girls in the library as a special project – a young girl who had a significant hand abnormality even managed to make an afghan and another student made a vest for her gym teacher. Little things make schools and neighborhoods better. The circle of the neighborhood continues in many strange way – Joan's son, who is a "green" architect involved in the designs of Audubon and the Urban Ecology Center, used some of the building material from the demolition of Bartlett Avenue School in the construction of the Urban Ecology Center. I'm sure Joan had a little influence somewhere along the way! Joan still actively gardens, cuts her grass, shovels snow, walks her dog daily and is involve in the community. We wish Joan many more pleasant years living in her home in Murray Hill.

Kudos to UWM Student Prize Winners



Kevin Schmoldt, a UWM Finance major, won top prize of \$7500 from the New Venture Business Plan competition. The competition held by UWM's Lubar School of Business ranked Schmoldt's project, CollegeRent101, as best among 43 business plan entries. Schmoldt's CollegeRent101 is a website that links students with landlords to lease student housing near campus. Landlords pay \$20 per listing. The site provides students an easy way to find available housing nearby. Schmoldt already runs PantherRent.com limited to the UWM area. He plans that CollegeRent101 will expand services to other college campuses in Wisconsin.

Second prize of \$3000 went to UWM's MBA graduate, Joan Martinie, who devised a recruitment service to bring Chinese students to the U.S. to study. Derrick Schoenike won the \$1500 third prize for an online automotive parts shop.

MHNA congratulates these UWM students for their enterprising work and the prizes they were awarded in March.

DPW Website

by Gary Halvorsen

When you're out and about in Murray Hill, you might observe violations of ordinances, or infrastructure that has fallen into disrepair that creates unsafe or unappealing conditions. The City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works (DPW) wants to know about these problems, so they've created a website that makes it convenient for residents like you to report them.

The DPW website, dpwworks.mpw.net, lists all of the divisions in Public Works. It is easy to navigate, and doesn't require you to remember another password. You can even request to be notified after the problem has been addressed, even if you are requesting service for a property other than your own. If you prefer, you can request services anonymously by leaving the top part of the form blank. Here are some tips one reporting common issues in the neighborhood.

Potholes

Potholes are a problem every year due to the freezing and thawing of the pavement. Click on Street Maintenance Services, and fill in the form. From the "select a service" pull-down menu, choose the "Pothole/Patch" option. Enter an address close to the location of the pothole. In the Comments section, give specifics, such as which corner, or direction of travel, etc.

Skid Referrals (formerly known as "Special Pick-Ups")

We're talking about those unsightly piles of debris left at the curb or the alley after someone has moved out. What used to be called a "Special Pick-Up" is now called a "Skid Referral", reflecting the new procedure of removing them with a bobcat-type of a machine known as a skid loader instead of a crew doing it by hand. There are two ways to request this service depending on the size of the pile; that is, if the pile is larger than 4 cubic yards (approximately larger than the size of two sofas), or smaller.

Click on Sanitation Services, and fill in the form. If the load is larger than 4 cubic yards, choose "Skid Referrals >4 c.y. (\$50 charge)" from the "select a service" pull-down menu. There is now a \$50 charge for those large piles and the fee is added to the property owners tax bill. When the information on the top part of the form matches the owner of the property, the request is given to a crew ASAP.

If the load is smaller than 4 cubic yards, no action is required, and no fee is assessed. The regular sanitation crew will pick it up on the assigned garbage collection day, as long as the debris is at the regular collection point, either the curb or the alley.

Nuisance Properties

You can report properties where garbage is collecting in the yard (not at the normal garbage pickup site) or where piles larger than 4 cubic yards may not have been removed for a long time. In these cases, a Sanitation Inspector must visit

the property. If there is a violation, the inspector will post a warning that gives the owner 3 days to respond. If there is no response, a sanitation crew will remove the refuse, and the appropriate charge will appear on the owner's tax bill. Click on Sanitation Services, and fill in the form. From the "select a service" pull-down menu, choose the "San Inspector Call Back" option, and be as specific as possible in the Comments section. There is no need to fill in the top of the form unless you want the Inspector to call you back.

There are many other seasonal situations and problems that can be requested by checking the DPW website again at: dpwworks.mpw.net and I'll be writing about them in the next few Murray Hill newsletters. Issues like the new rules for tree brush pick up, reporting high grass and weeds, or carts always left at the curb, etc. In the meantime you might want to check it yourself to get familiar with all of the options and use it as another tool to keep our Murray Hill neighborhood and the eastside in tip-top shape.

If you have any trouble or questions you can always call the DPW Call Center at 286-8282 and they will gladly answer any questions.

Good Luck and Happy Cleaner Neighborhood!

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