

Why Picking Up Litter Helps Protect The Environment

by Chad Fickett

We all learned at an early age not to litter. Amazingly, litter is still a common problem in our neighborhood. Litter is an eyesore, can lead to unwanted pests and scavengers and can contribute to the degradation of the surrounding neighborhood. It is surprising that many are still unaware litter is also very bad for the environment. Much of the litter you see will end up in our waterways and groundwater, adding unwanted harmful chemicals to resources we depend on. Animals critical to the ecosystem also become ill or die each year from ingesting these chemicals due to human carelessness with litter.

Researchers continue to learn about the effects litter can have on the environment. For example, through the processes of "bioaccumulation" and "biomagnification," toxic substances taken in at the bottommost levels of the food chain (from bacterium to plant life) may multiply exponentially as you move upward.

As responsible citizens none of us are above picking up garbage and keeping our neighborhood tidy. Please do your part by not littering and disposing of litter where and when you can. You may find, as I did, that it feels good to care about the environment!

About MHNA

Murray Hill Neighborhood Association 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.

Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is about making a wonderful neighborhood even better.

Murray Hill Membership Application

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Murray Hill Neighborhood Assoc. has 236 members in 150 households, and is growing steadily

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 us.

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Actions Speak Louder Than Words

by Steve Klebar

The issues impacting quality of life on the East Side are serious enough that Mayor Tom Barrett and several of his staff "rode along" with officers from the 1st District until 4 AM on a recent Saturday evening. I believe that the actions of the mayor were in part due to the concerns voiced by Eastside residents regarding nuisance noise, vandalism, and crimes of opportunity.

The recent article by the editorial staff of the UWM Post portrayed MHNA as a lone wolf organization in opposition to UWM and its student population.

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Testifying in Municipal Court: One Witness's Story

by Gregory James

MHNA has been encouraging residents to report nuisance problems directly to District 1 using the "Report It / Record It" program (935-7211). We ask people to request citations be issued and that they agree to testify in municipal court if necessary. So, what should you expect if you are called to testify? I have gone through this process several times and I can summarize my experiences.

Most of my appearances have been very brief and uneventful. The script goes something like this:

After registering with the court receptionist you wait for the court room to actually open. During this period you are in a large waiting room with a lot of other people. You are unlikely to recognize the person whose case you are involved in. Soon an announcement is made and you walk down to the actual courtroom, a much smaller space divided into two areas. On the "business end" is a stage where the judge sits, and an area for the City Attorney to work. Non-officials sit in a set of benches facing the stage. The City Attorney will at some point call the offender up for a chat, to see if they still want to contest the charge. After a while he (or she) will either call you up front or ask to speak with you outside of the courtroom. It is here that the "Record It" part of "Report It / Record It" comes into play. If you made notes right after the events in question, you will be able to remember and describe the events. This makes all the difference. Armed with your comments, the City Attorney will again talk to the offender. Chances are that a deal will be made, a reduced fine in exchange for pleading "no contest". If you can't remember details (or if you don't appear) the chances are good that the case will be dismissed. In any event, once the case is settled, the offender leaves through a side door and then, a few minutes later, you are thanked by the judge for your help, given a form, and released. Turning in this form will result in a small witness fee

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President's Message

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The link to the POST Op/Ed is www.uwmpost.com/2011/11/07/good-senses-make-good-neighbors/.

Further research on this topic by the author would have shown that ensuring a reasonable quality of life is a goal shared by all six of the NA's which comprise the community in which UWM resides. The MENA (Milwaukee Eastside Neighborhood Associations,) a loose collaboration of these six NA's, unanimously thanked the Mayor for his decision to visit, observe and educate himself on the challenges faced by the East Side. The NA's are not against the University, in fact many members work or teach on Campus. It is unfortunate that a minority of students have cast the entire student body in a negative light. Residents and students alike are frustrated however by the University's lack of desire to hold students accountable for irresponsible, reckless behavior in their community.

The Post, instead of assuming a leadership position and helping students understand reasonable expectations for respectful behavior elected rather to side step the issue. The Post should have dispelled the student notion that they are anonymous, invisible and there is no consequence for their actions. My guess is the parents that sent these students off to school would not tolerate the behavior that Eastside neighbors are expected to put up with on an ongoing basis. Would these same students torch furniture in their parent's yard? Break bottles on their driveways, and leave trash and urinate on their parents front lawns? Would they be doing any of this if their behavior was posted on Facebook for parents and sponsors to see? All things considered do they think that a visit to the city jail will be a real world experience that a future employer is looking for?

So if you are adversely impacted by the disrespectful behavior of individuals, the single most important action you can take is to Report It/Record It at 935-7211. This is the safest, strongest and most effective tool neighbors have to make an impact. For example, it is better to let the Milwaukee Police Department know than to put yourself in harm's way with a drunken, potentially bellicose young adult. This way, your issue is documented and there is an ability to track and impact the behaviors. Use Report It/Record It to make a difference and show you care about your community and your neighbors.

Testifying in Municipal Court: One Witness's Story

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check appearing in your mailbox in a few weeks. You won't get rich this way, but it does cover the cost of parking.

The first time I was called to testify was actually my most interesting experience. The offender, a young woman who lived a block away from me (yes, it was that loud) had not bothered to show up. In her place was an attorney who, I'm guessing, was either a family friend or was being paid by her parents. I suppose the attorney decided that since he was being paid for a complete job he would take this case all the way through trial. It ended a marvelous lesson in civil justice and I had the pleasure of my own small Perry Mason moment. I was called to the stand, sworn in, and questioned by both the defense and prosecuting attorneys. It was actually kind of fun. The defense attorney tried to suggest that perhaps I was mistaken about which property was involved. ("I object. Leading the witness!" from the prosecution.) He suggested that perhaps it wasn't really that loud. But because I had... yep... Recorded It, it was clear that there was no mistake and 2am really wasn't a reasonable time to disrupt the neighborhood. The charges were upheld, the fine issued. And I assume the attorney was well paid.

The bottom line?

In my experience testifying has not been stressful. The City Attorneys I've encountered have all been pleasant, professional, and completely aware of the nature of the problem. I've found the judges fair-minded and I've always left with the feeling that the system had worked. So my advice: don't feel intimidated by the idea of testifying. Report It. You probably won't be called to testify, but if you are called things will go smoothly, assuming you have also Recorded It.

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Community Response

The following is a letter written by neighborhood resident Michele Patin in response to an editorial recently appearing in the UWM Post newspaper. You may read the original editorial on-line here: <http://www.uwmpost.com/2011/11/07/good-senses-make-good-neighbors/>.

The author of the November 7 "Good Senses Make Good Neighbors" editorial evidently walked into the middle of the movie that he/she is reviewing. Let me tell you what you missed so far.

You characterize April 2011 as the beginning of a "campaign" that the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association has been "waging against UWM student and administration." That was not an opening salvo in an act of war. It was preceded by more than a decade of quiet diplomacy in which area residents made good faith efforts to work with UWM students and administrators to remedy an alarming and expanding set of problems.

Also, while you were out getting popcorn, you may have missed the long, slow slide that the UWM neighborhood has taken as the area's quality of life has eroded. You focus on noise issues, but that's an easy one. The 200 percent increase in noise complaints which you cite and attribute to MHNA's "Report It, Record" initiative does not signal a new hostility. The program is a simple but effective attempt to empower frustrated and frightened people by better enforcing ordinances of all kinds which exist to protect everyone. It's not anti-student, it's anti-noise. It's anti-graffiti. It's anti-public drunkenness. Anti-assault. Anti-burglary. Anti-vandalism. Anti-rape. Get the picture?

You do recognize the problem of foreclosure (applause) but fail to connect the dots. Does foreclosure have anything to do with falling rates of owner-occupancy? Are lower home values due to property damage by strings of negligent renters? What do you suppose is the "curbside appeal" of a house with seven cars parked in its driveway, day-old vomit on the porch, and a sidewalk strewn with shards of cherry vodka bottles?

Let MHNA gather those statistics and then let's work together on it.

This movie isn't over, and it's hard to say how it will end. The residents of Murray Hill hope you stick around to see it. We're not whispering "SH-H-H-H" in the theatre to spoil your fun. We just want everyone to be able to hear the dialogue.

By the time you read this, another semester at UWM will have passed. We have had much success establishing relationships with landlords in the UWM area and they are more closely monitoring their tenants. I applaud them for that as this has helped to reduce calls for service. Nonetheless, I am aware that high levels of disorder continue to plague your neighborhoods and there are many challenges yet before us. I hope that by now you believe me when I say that I am truly committed to restoring a better quality of life for all of us. I wish also to express to you the level of commitment that the city has toward this goal. Mayor Tom Barrett himself requested and rode along with officers assigned to the UWM initiative. Additionally, we have tapped into other city resources to help us in this mission. Art Dahlberg, the Commissioner of Neighborhood Services, has assigned a nuisance officer to District One. This officer is solely responsible for assisting District 1 and will be working directly out of the First District. This is key in addressing nuisance properties. We have had a full semester now of using the Report It/Record it campaign and it has turned out to be a great tool to assist us in managing our nuisance properties so I encourage you all to continue using that as a means of communicating directly with the district shift commander when problems occur. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Captain's Corner

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Garbage and Recycling Cart Collection

by Gregory James

The winter recycling and garbage collection schedule starts Monday, December 05, 2011 and runs through April 13, 2012. There is no guaranteed collection day in winter, as the same drivers who collect garbage & recycling also salt and plow city streets during snow and ice events. This winter for the first time a helpful tool on the DPW website will be able to give households an estimated time-frame for their collection date for both garbage & recycling.

In addition, snow should be cleared around your trash and recycling bins to insure that sanitation crews can process your garbage removal. Solid Waste Regulation (ORD 79-5) states that it shall be the responsibility of the owners and tenants of every premise to provide a clear path to all trash containers free of snow and ice. 1st violation is \$25.00 assessment and 2nd violation is a \$50.00 assessment

City Updates and Reminders

Recycling Expanded

by Cynthia Sommer

The Single Sort Recycling that has been recently implemented by the City will allow all of your recyclables to be mixed together in your recycling cart. There is no need to separate paper and containers but please DO NOT mix in garbage with recyclables. New materials that are now acceptable include plastics numbered 4 and 5, aluminum foil and pans, bulky #2 plastics (e.g., buckets, laundry baskets, etc.) metal pots and pans, food cartons washed of milk, juice or soup, #5 plastic pill bottles (peel labels for privacy) and shredded paper in clear plastic bags (tied off) or in paper bags stapled shut. See www.MilwaukeeRecycles.com for more specific information and the list of materials that are NOT acceptable for recycling.

Snow Issues

Residential and commercial property owners and occupants are required to clear sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours after a snow. Property owners should deposit the snow from sidewalks and driveways onto their yards or the strip between the curb and sidewalk and not into the street. Violators who do not clean their sidewalks and who are reported to DPW are issued a notice to clear the walk and will be assessed an initial inspection charge of \$25 for the first notice, \$45 for the second notice and \$90 for subsequent violations per City Ordinance 116-8. If the sidewalks still are not cleared, a sanitation crew will clear a path and put the charge on the property tax bill along with an administrative fee.

The City of Milwaukee can also institute a snow emergency if the depth of snow constitutes a public hazard. During a snow emergency, these parking restrictions are in effect: 1) Night parking regulations are in effect from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. 2) No parking is allowed on arterials, bus lines, or through-highways from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. 3) Vehicles parked on streets designated as "Snow Route Tow Away Zones" will be ticketed and towed when a snow emergency is declared. 4) No parking is allowed on the side of the street signed "No Parking from December 1st to March 1st". MPS has agreed to make Hartford Avenue and Maryland Avenue school playgrounds available for parking during snow emergencies, from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am and during designated clean-up periods. Citizens are also asked to "adopt" a fire hydrant near your property to insure maximum visibility for firefighters in the event of an emergency. We also ask that residents that can help to please shovel snow for the elderly, disabled or neighbors with medical problems. The city also has a special needs service to help remove snow from their sidewalks. The elderly and disabled must certify that they and all occupants of a home are physically unable to shovel. The service is provided only when plowing operations are called and only for the public sidewalk, not for driveways or walkways from the sidewalk to a door. For information call the DPW Call Center at 286-CITY (2489) or visit their web site at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/mpw>.

Breakfast in the Neighborhood at the Original Pancake House

by Cynthia Sommer

Over the past 5 years, many neighbors have come to know the Original Pancake House as a destination place in our area for a great breakfast with family and friends. The location, in the previous Coffee Trader site (2621 N. Downer; near Sendik's), was also familiar to Joe DeRosa, the owner, who previously ran the Chancery restaurant on Downer. The site has been remodeled with WI-FI, old brick walls, exposed beams and ductwork, soft lighting and artwork to create a relaxing atmosphere and a building that fits the neighborhood.

This well rated national franchise is open for breakfast and lunch (M - F 7am - 2pm; Sat - Sun 7am - 3pm) seven days a week. During the week, many locals and downtown workers fill the venue in the early am hours and are then followed by the younger crowd later in the morning. You can also reserve during the week an enclosed room for meetings at no charge. Lunch brings a steady stream of customers who like breakfast for lunch or come for sandwiches. As expected, weekends at the Original Pancake House are popular so come early and plan for a little wait for bigger groups.



Their signature menu items include their cherry kijafa crepes, Dutch-baby oven baked "German" pancakes and the always popular apple and blueberry pancakes. A variety of other pancakes, seasonal pancakes (e.g., pumpkin), crepes, waffles and egg specialties are available along with fresh squeezed orange juice and some of the best thick sliced bacon in town. Their huge, delicious omelets are very popular for both breakfast and lunch. Coffee cups are regularly filled by attentive and friendly wait staff, many of whom are UWM students.

Think about stopping for breakfast some morning at the Original Pancake House – it can be a pleasant outing in a walkable neighborhood.

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Don't forget your service and daily shopping needs can be fulfilled on your next visit to Oakland Ave. From Clark Graphics, Atomic Glass, 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!

MHNA 2011 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

Meetings are typically held the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Dates are subject to change at any time. Topics and presenters will be released via e-mail.

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

The End to a Case of Armed Robbery

by J. Gerard Capell

Eighteen months ago a terrifying one-night crime spree occurred, illustrating how quickly the safety and peace of a neighborhood can change. To the credit of the UWM and Milwaukee Police Departments, the perpetrators were arrested that same night, one even before police received the call about two previous armed robberies and as a third was being acted out. Especially disconcerting was that one of the perpetrators was a UWM student, seemingly being part of “jacking up” his fellow students. Former MHNA Board member Jerry Siegmann has closely followed this case and attended many of the court hearings of all three of the felons (the driver, the lookout, and the gunman.)

This is of import to today’s news because on October 27, the third and last perpetrator was sentenced to a year in the county correctional facility (six month full-time and 6 months with work/school release) and three years of probation for his involvement. Jerry and I attended the last sentencing hearing before Judge Dennis Cimpl, and I spoke to the court, emphasizing the importance of sending a strong message to the defendant, and hopefully anyone else in the future, that this neighborhood will not tolerate street crime.

The facts of the case were partially related in court: Three friends from Brown Deer came to the Eastside, supposedly to find a party. One drove the van with his DJ equipment (and the gun used in the robberies which he carried for self-protection at his DJ jobs, but was about to sell to one of his co-defendants). The gunman and the lookout got out of the van, supposedly to ask students on the street if they knew where a party was. They quickly got back in the van and kept driving. After the second such encounter the driver claimed that he realized what was going on and told the other two to get out. As he drove off, the side door on the van opened; the open door is what alerted the police to him. They pulled him over and were questioning him when calls came over the radio about three armed robberies involving two men and a black van driven by a third.

The gunman pled guilty to 3 counts of armed robbery with use of force before Judge Donegan, who gave him only 30 months in prison. The lookout cooperated with police by providing a variety of stories about the events of that night and showing them where the gun was dismantled and hidden. He was found guilty of three counts of robbery but because of the sentence received by the gunman, Judge Cimpl could not

sentence him to a harsher sentence for a lesser charge, and he received 30 months in prison and 30 months of

extended supervision.

Finally came the case of the driver who provided no explanation of the events and his involvement until his case was before Judge Cimpl. The driver’s case is indeed a tragedy. He started college before he graduated from high school, had earned a scholarship, worked as an intern at a nation-wide company and has his own DJ business, which he started at 17. He was on track to graduate from UWM by the time he was 20, after which he wanted to join the military and become a military lawyer. His family, employers, and minister all spoke glowingly about his character and dreams. They noted that this was his only transgression and they requested that the felony record could be expunged so that he could go to law school and become a lawyer in the future. (Evidently you cannot have a felony and then apply for the bar, but if you are already a lawyer, commit a felony, then after being disbarred you can apply for restitution of your law license; what a system.)

Judge Cimpl noted not only the number and quality of this young man’s supporters, but also his eloquence in presenting himself before the court. The judge also noted my presentation and a letter from a neighborhood resident who wrote a scathing letter about the severity of the crimes and the soft sentences given to the other two perpetrators, but anonymously signed the letter “Afraid”.

Judge Cimpl spoke with great seriousness about the events and lack of forthrightness of this defendant’s story, how the story just didn’t add up, and how, when in the presence of the police he didn’t do anything to help explain what had transpired and where to find the other two before they committed their third robbery. The judge was very stern and clear on why he had to give the sentence conditions he did and he also sincerely spoke to the tragedy of the defendant’s plight, given his loving and concerned family, his marvelous opportunities, and personal traits to do what he had accomplished and planned to do.

This was a very un-ique opportunity for me and I was very proud to be able to represent the neighborhood in some small way. However, it saddened me to see the fall of a very promising young man. We as a society cannot be putting such young men in prison at a far higher rate than seeing them graduate from high school. It is not that this young man does not deserve time in jail for his involvement in these crimes, as he most certainly does, but we should all do what we can to see that such events are not the norm but the exception.

Murray Hill History – Did you know?

by Cynthia Sommer

Early Mass Transit – from Horse-Railroad to the Streetcar

The mass transit of people and goods in Milwaukee presents an interesting and changing story, from horse-drawn cars to streetcars to the trackless trolley to busses. Driving the early changes were the rapid growth in population in Milwaukee in the late 1800’s, the concomitant developments in technology and manufacturing, the thrust of entrepreneurial capitalists and the struggles for municipal control.

The newspapers reported that the first horse-drawn railroad cars were welcomed in Milwaukee in 1860 by a “cheering crowd of citizens”. The River and Lakeshore City Railroad, organized by Col. Walker (of Walker Point fame) and other investors provided transportation for a fare of 5 cents from the Walker’s Point Bridge, along the lakefront up Prospect Avenue to service Sister’s Hospital (the forerunner of Columbia-St. Mary’s). The horse-railroad on the Eastside was also needed for Wisconsin volunteers in the Civil War who were being trained from 1861-65 at Camp Sigel located near Lafayette Place and Prospect Avenue.

The horse railroad was soon replaced by the electric streetcar starting in 1890. “Modern” citizens soon overcame their fears of high voltage wires, flying sparks and excessive speeds and, of course, they appreciated less manure in the streets. The early streetcar system in Milwaukee stemmed from the vision of Henry Villard, a financial giant who formed the Northern Pacific Railroad in the 1870’s and who was integral to the Edison Electric Illumination Co. He consolidated several Milwaukee electric and streetcar companies to form by 1896 the Milwaukee Electric Railroad and Light Company (which evolved into the current WE-Energies).

By 1892, the Farwell Avenue line ran from Park Place on Murray Avenue to Farwell Avenue to Ogden to downtown. Also running in the area from 1888 was the “interurban” steam engine line of the Milwaukee and Whitefish Bay Railroad. The train originated at North and Farwell Avenues with a route using Farwell and Downer and continuing along the lakeshore to the Pabst’s Whitefish Bay Resort on the bluff above Lake Michigan. One can image the citizens in their Sunday best using the streetcars and steam engine line to have an enjoyable Sunday by the lake.

Lake Park Depot at Lake Dr. & E. Locust (Folsom Avenue) in 1927. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved (c) Milwaukee Public Library.



The streetcars followed the growth to the north. By 1898, Route 15, the Oakland-Delaware line traveled from the south side to an eventual route down Brady, Farwell, North, Murray, Park Place and Oakland Avenue with a termination at Newton Avenue, just north of Edgewood. By 1923, the Oakland line was extended into the suburb of Fox Point. In the 1920’s, the Oakland-Delaware line was called the “Daisy Fields” line because scores of Milwaukee residents would ride on a Sunday afternoon during certain times of the year to pick daisy flowers from open fields just south of Bradley Road in Fox Point. The entire Route 15 was converted to trolley buses by 1953.

By 1897, the Wells-Downer line serviced citizens starting at the Lark Park Depot on Folsom (E. Locust) and Lake Park and then traveled down Glen St. (Downer Ave) to Bradford to downtown. One year later this route was extended to Downer College and north to the Milwaukee Country Club at Newton Avenue. The Lake Park Depot was also the final destination for Route 22, the Center Street line. By 1909 this service traveled down Folsom St. (E. Locust St) to Center Street. The Downer and Center Street lines were popular during the summer because they were direct lines for concert goers and picnickers coming to Lake Park. As the streetcars got closer to the very fashionable Lark Park Depot, you might hear anxious children asking “Are we almost there yet, Mommy?” The Lake Park Depot was no longer used after the change to busses in 1938 and the terminal was removed in the late 1950’s. You can still see the transit turnaround at Lake Drive and Locust Street. While the streetcars present a romantic image, it is important to remember that they were an essential form of

daily transportation and a way of life for most citizens in the city.

Milwaukee Transit Timeline

