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President's Message

by Tory Kress, President

You have in your hands the latest edition of the Murray Hill News, and as always, we hope you find it both informative and fun to read.

We have two major updates regarding the Milwaukee Police Department. The first is that in August, we learned that MPD is discontinuing the "Report It, Record It" program, and replacing it with a new procedure. In summary, if you need a police squad to respond to a nuisance disturbance, you are to call the MPD non-emergency number at 414-933-4444.

Provide information related to the situation and be clear about whether you want to be contacted by MPD for follow-up the same night or next morning, and you may also request a citation be issued. If the police are unable to reach the scene while it is happening, they will strive to visit the house the following day to speak with residents and possibly issue a citation.

For those calls where it is NOT necessary for immediate police service, but where you would like the officers to address a particular situation in the next

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Solar East Side Group Buy Program Surpasses 50 kW Goal!

*by Peter Murphy,
Midwest Renewable Energy Association*

The Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA), with its partners Milwaukee Shines, the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, and Arch Electric, Inc., achieved 84 kW of solar installations through the Solar East Side group buy program. 84 kW of solar power is enough to produce 100,800 kW hours per year and offset 225,792 pounds of carbon dioxide produced from a coal-fired power plant. 26 homeowners participated to make this the fifth successful solar group buy.

Combined with previous group buys, which include the neighborhoods of Washington Heights, Layton Boulevard West, Bayview, and Riverwest, the ongoing program is responsible for 92 home and business owners installing a total of 322 kW. To announce the milestone, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett joined the group buy partners at a press event on

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Solar East Side partners proclaim the success of the group buy program outside the home of participants Bonnie and Gary Halvorsen

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October 12 at the historic home of Solar East Side participants Bonnie and Gary Halvorsen. The Halvorsens made the decision to install nine solar panels on their south-facing roof. "Milwaukee Shines is helping Milwaukee create jobs and be a national leader in environmental sustainability," Barrett said.

Solar group buy programs are open to all residents of Southeast Wisconsin and reduce the cost of going solar through the power of volume purchasing. The MREA partnered with communities to host free Solar Power HoursSM throughout the region to educate communities about solar installation, financing options, and return on investment. These seminars are imperative to increase consumer knowledge not only about solar power, but also about existing energy policy.

To learn more about solar installation and considerations, visit GrowSolar.org/power-pack. Explore the Solar Power HourSM Guide and the numerous resources to discover if solar is the right clean energy source for you. For question and more information, call 715-592-6595 or visit www.midwestrenew.org.



Solar Panels on Gary and Bonnie Halvorsen's House

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day or so, you may send an email to MPD1@milwaukee.gov, which will be monitored with a goal of providing a response within 24 hours.



Mayor Barret congratulated the Solar East Side partners on their successful neighborhood solar program

As always, call 911 for emergencies. More information on these new procedures is available by visiting our website at murrayhillna.org/qol/. Please support these new procedures, and we welcome your feedback on your experiences with the new system.

The second update is that Captain Leslie Thiele has been reassigned, and we will be welcoming a new Captain to the 1st District – Captain Eric Moore. We thank Captain Thiele for her dedication and service to our neighborhood and wish her the best in her new position. We welcome Captain Moore and look forward to working closely with him and continuing our strong relationship with the 1st District.

On a final note – CONGRATULATIONS to our neighborhood for an outstanding Solar Group Buy Program! Thank you to our partners Milwaukee Shines and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association for making this program a terrific success! Read in the accompanying article about the success and recognition for MHNA neighbors in making this a more sustainable world.



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Department of Neighborhood Services Happenings

by Kimberly Lyons, Special Enforcement Inspector

The Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) recently implemented a Nuisance Residential Rental Inspection Program to better deal with landlords whose properties receive multiple calls for service from the Milwaukee Police Department. This program is designed to hold landlords accountable for nuisance activities that occur on their properties. To be declared a nuisance, a property must receive three calls for service within a thirty-day time frame or two or more drug dealing, firearms, violent or other serious crimes must have occurred at the premises within one year, with some exclusion for specifically designated calls.

The Department of Neighborhood Services continues to partner with the Milwaukee Police Department regarding noise nuisance citations. Every week throughout the year, MPD forwards a list of noise nuisance citations for DNS follow-up. In the fall of 2015, MPD referred 32 properties to DNS, resulting in inspections. Of the 32 properties inspected, 66% were issued orders and 18% received advisories.

In 2015, a new ordinance was enacted, creating the Board of Zoning Appeals Periodic Inspection Program in order to

track and inspect all properties which must have a BOZA approval to obtain a certificate of occupancy. These inspections help to ensure property owners and/or business operators are abiding by all conditions set by the board, landscaping plans and plans of operation agreed upon at the time of approval.

A few common complaints the Department of Neighborhood Services receives are in regards to rooming houses, overcrowding and illegal occupancy of attic and/or basement areas. This can put tenants in immediate risk in case of fire or other emergencies, as well as increase noise, traffic, and litter. If you have any concerns regarding any of these, please call 286-2268 to make a confidential complaint.

Please be advised: If you haven't done so already, now would be a good time for batteries to be checked and/or replaced in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors CANNOT save lives if they are not working properly!

If you have any concerns regarding properties, please call 286-CITY (2869) or visit www.city.milwaukee.gov.

Thank You All!

by Cynthia Sommer and Gary Halvorsen

We don't recognize enough the real efforts and time involved in keeping our organization and our neighborhood going. The MHNA Board sincerely thanks the many 'distribution engineers' who distribute this newsletter several times a year and for many years. We could not provide this publication without your help because the mailing cost would make it prohibited.

MHNA Board would also like to thank the neighbors who have helped in the past and are unable to do so now. If we have missed anyone, please pardon the omission.

We are still looking for volunteers for a few blocks out of the 58 neighborhood blocks that receive newsletters. Contact Cynthia Sommer at wcsommer@yahoo.com if you can share a few hours. It is your neighborhood!

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Murray Hill Real Estate Report



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Through September more properties were sold in Murray Hill than in all of 2014, and prices continued to increase.

Most properties had offers within 90 days. Closing typically followed within 60 days of the offer.

A new consumer protection law adds 10 to 15 days to the time required to close. So while it is possible to close within 45 days after listing, it is more likely to close more than 4 months after listing.

Homes that get the best price in the shortest amount of time are in good condition and priced right. My website, JackIsNimble.com, has helpful guides for selling your home and for buying a home. Call me if you have any questions about real estate, 414-335-1718.

UWM Fall Semester Updates

by Dr. Tim Gordon, Dean of Students, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

As we enter the month of December, I thought it would be a good time to share the efforts and collaborations in which UWM and the Milwaukee Police Department used to mitigating noise, nuisance and safety issues during the start of the fall semester.

The university continued to prioritize funding for the grant to MPD and knowing the first part of the fall is often the busiest time of the year, UWM agreed to shift a larger portion of its \$50,000 of grant money to the fall. MPD was given \$35,000 by UWM to supplement overtime costs for addressing issues and concerns on the eastside in September and October, allowing MPD to put a greater focus on the first weeks of school. This assisted the university and MPD to have a strong presence during the first few weeks of the semester and continue to confront noise nuisances, set expectations of students in the neighborhoods, and focus on safety on the neighborhoods.

Preparation for the fall actually began over the summer during all 16 New Student Orientation sessions. UWM's 3500 incoming students and their families were a part of presentations by myself and they also viewed a video that included comments from an eastside neighbor and a representative from MPD.

The efforts to communicate with new students continued during Fall Welcome. All residence hall students were given information about off-campus behavior and safety during meetings with their resident assistant, and were invited to a number of programs and activities that address respect and responsibility.

As students began to return for the fall semester, students living off-campus received information during the UNITE program, which dropped off bags at 1,500 student residences. Off-campus students also receive a newsletter from the Neighborhood Housing Office (NHO) and follow-up and assistance as needed from the NHO's COAST leaders. Additional signage were displayed throughout the residence halls and on-campus during the busiest times of the fall in an effort to remind students of safety, security and respect messages. The signage encouraged students to respect the neighborhoods and stresses the need to be aware and alert.

UWM also worked with MPD to



develop information cards that both MPD and UWMPD could pass out when interacting with students off-campus. Magnets listing key phone numbers were also created and distributed during UNITE and other campus events. Weekly meetings of UWM and MPD focused on discussing neighborhood trends, sharing of citation and contact information between MPD and UWM and the collection of student IDs and/or filling out of incident cards by MPD as necessary. Those last two measures are in addition to any citations issued and allows UWM to quickly begin its own discipline process.

Overall, the continued partnership between UWM and MPD provided opportunities to address off campus student behavior, continue to focus on keeping residents and students safe, and remind the community of UWM's commitment to being an active neighborhood and partner on the Eastside and beyond.

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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 Solo, Lil' Caesars, Lisa's, George Webb's, Oakland Gyros, Subway, Shahrazad, Thai Kitchen, Cousin's Subs, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Cold Stone Creamery, Sal's Pizza, Shawarma House and Black Rose.

Don't forget your service and daily shopping needs can be fulfilled on your next visit to Oakland Ave. From Clark Graphics, Atomic Glass, Gianni Hair Salon, Gilbert's Liquor, H & R Block, The Washing Well, Walgreen's and Sal's Barber Shop!

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!

Murray Hill History – Did you know?

by Gregory James

Ice

In the Twenty-First Century we rarely consider ice, except, perhaps, in the depths of winter when frozen water is something we just want to melt as quickly as possible. But a hundred years ago ice played an important economic role in making Milwaukee into the city it became.

In the decades before the Civil War and though the end of the Nineteenth Century, Milwaukee experienced rapid growth. Immigrants poured in from around the world, especially from German speaking countries. By 1900, fully one third of Wisconsin's population had been born in Germany. They were a generally industrious and well educated population. And they brought a traditional fondness for beer. That taste for beer combined with a healthy helping of good geographic luck, and the result was a city made famous by its frothy brew. To this day people around the world associate Milwaukee with the brewing industry. And all because these Germans happened to settle where three large rivers converged, inland lakes abounded, and winters were cold. Very, very cold.

Of course, beer-brewing immigrants settled in many other places, too. But brewers in Milwaukee held a particular advantage. Brewing works best when temperatures are cool. And steamy hot summer evenings are more enjoyable if a cool beer is at hand. Ice made summer beer production possible and an ice-farming industry was born a short stroll from our front doors.

Milwaukee's first ice harvests occurred in the waters of the Menomonee Valley, but those operations were soon abandoned in favor of Milwaukee River ice fields, particularly above the old North Avenue dam. The dam kept waters consistently deep, and every winter deep ice formed. Waters below the dam may have been deep enough, but upstream was much cleaner in the early days.

Horse-drawn sledges scored the ice into large uniform rectangles, leaving etched lines crisscrossing the river's surface. These lines were then cut by workers with saws and floated to ramps where the blocks could

be hauled into storage. Ice blocks remained frozen for months once stacked in storage buildings and insulated with sawdust. Throughout the year, horse-drawn delivery carts could deliver to the iceboxes in homes as well as to breweries, and the city's burgeoning meat packing industry. By 1890 more than 300,000 tons of ice were locally produced in a single winter.



*Milwaukee Public Library/
Historic Photos Collection*

You can see remnants of this old industry if you know where to look. Schlitz Brewing, one of the city's largest beer companies, had major ice requirements. To help satisfy their needs, a large ice harvesting and storing facility was built a block and a half north of Locust Street on the west side of the river. The Schlitz ice storage buildings are now long gone but if you stand on the bridge and look north you'll see the remains of an old ice dam the company built to raise the level of the water in winter. It looks a bit like a low waterfall and is especially visible this time of the year when the river runs low. Stroll north from Riverside Park and you can walk out on part of the old structure to examine logs, boards, and iron spikes all still in place. It was built to last!

While Schlitz harvested and stored their own ice, many companies relied on other companies that specialized in ice harvesting, storage, and delivery. There were many such companies competing with one another for market share, and this competition led to the Great Ice War of 1901.

John Kopmeier, one of the city's many German immigrants, formed the Wisconsin Lakes Ice Company

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Photo by Gregory James

in 1849, three years after Milwaukee was incorporated. By 1890 his son John Henry Kopmeier had taken over and had bought out many of the city's other large ice businesses and was operating under the name Wisconsin Lakes Ice and Cartage Company. The firm was handling huge quantities of ice every year and John Henry became one of Milwaukee's leading citizens, and among the wealthiest.

By the turn of the century, Milwaukee's river system had gained a reputation as a rather fetid water source. Sensing an opportunity, an upstart firm called the Pike and North Lakes Ice Company formed with the intent of providing cleaner ice by shipping it by rail from distant clean lakes. All seemed to go well for the new company as they built storage infrastructure and prepared for production. But somehow they failed to realize the need to purchase land between their ice-harvesting operations and the railroad. Others were paying closer attention, however, and agents for Kopmeier's Wisconsin Lakes Ice and Cartage acted quickly. They purchased the property between the new ice farm and the rail line, denying Pike and North access to the railroad. Having invested large sums in a now useless ice harvesting operation, the owners of the Pike and North Lakes were more than a little upset. They went to war.

Wisconsin Lakes operated several harvesting sites on the Milwaukee River. One of these was along the west side of the river just south of today's Gordon Park. Foundations of that structure can be found in the woods to this day. Another set of harvest and storage structures was located on the east side of the river on the site of today's Wisconsin Paperboard Corporation, just north of North Avenue.

The North Avenue dam kept waters high year around. In summer recreational boating was common and river excursions carried traffic up and down the river with stops at beer gardens and swimming schools along

the way. The Pike and North Lakes Ice Company decided on a new kind of recreational boating - winter "recreational boating". They made a deal with the captain of a small steam ship called the "Julius Goll" to pilot their "excursions". Beginning in January, the ship steamed slowly up and down the river, breaking ice along the way and ruining the

ice crop. A festive atmosphere was encouraged by the presence of a German brass band that played on deck during the "cruise". However, passions flared and police were required to prevent combatants from coming to fatal blows as defenders from Wisconsin Lakes, many of whom were Polish immigrants living nearby, tried to stop the steamer. Newspaper reports at the time mention that many a combatant suffered bruising and countless others experienced chilly baths during the conflict, but nobody seems to have been seriously injured. The Julius Goll suffered serious damage from one of its many encounters with large ice blocks, but the ship didn't sink. No more ice was harvested that year.

But times were already changing, and the ice business was threatened by more than ice-breaking watercraft. Chicago companies were now manufacturing large amounts of ice in freezing machines and while the product was often just as unhealthy as harvested ice, production was more reliable. By the time World War I arrived the industry was nearly finished. Then, in the winters of 1920 and 1921, an ice farmer's "drought" occurred when unseasonably warm winters made ice harvesting impossible. Within a couple more years the ice harvesting industry was gone.

The Wisconsin Lakes Ice and Cartage Company eventually became Hometown, Inc. and added heating oil and auto service stations to the business. They continued to manufacture and sell ice until 2005 when Hometown's packaged ice division was sold to a Canadian ice company. UWM's Cambridge Commons residence hall now sits where their corporate headquarters had been.

More interesting information about the ice industry along the Milwaukee River, and many other historical insights about Milwaukee, can be found on Carl Swanson's very interesting blog: "Milwaukee Notebook". Google it!

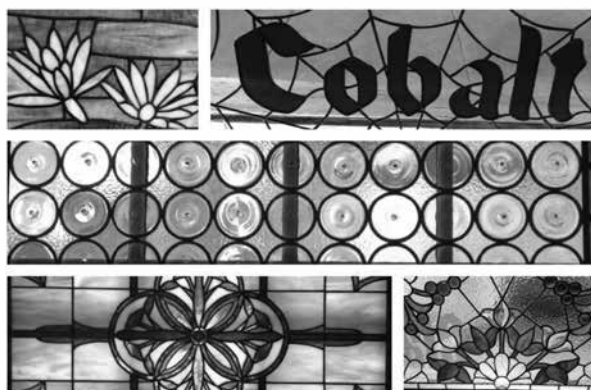
Creativity on Murray Avenue

by Cynthia Sommer

Don't let the hibernation syndrome associated with winter stymie your activity and self-expression!

We have in the Murray Hill area two great community-focused artists that can provide venues to let your creative juices flow and have fun in the process. Consider taking a class in the neighborhood in stained glassworks with **Jon Schroder** at **Cobalt Glassworks** or make unique pottery with **Geralyn Flick** and crew at **Murray Hill Pottery Works**. Stop by and support our local businesses or join a class and just have fun this winter and throughout the year!

Cobalt Glassworks



Jon Schroder, who lives in the neighborhood, has had his corner glassworks studio at 2400 N. Murray Avenue for almost 3 years. After graduating from UW-Milwaukee, he taught art for 4 years to special needs students (grades 1-12) in the Milwaukee Public Schools and has also collaborated with Betty Brinn Children's Museum art programs. Jon set up Cobalt Glassworks to develop and sell his own art as well as to share his craft through the several classes he offers. His stained glass studio is also dedicated to producing affordable, high quality custom work, repairs, and restoration.

Individuals or groups can "try your hand at glassworks" with an afternoon class that can result in a cherished sun catcher to proudly display at home. These classes are great for birthday parties, girl or boy scouts or other special groups. More dedicated clients who want to make their own window or other artwork can take his limited enrollment (6-8) classes on a Saturday afternoon or week night for 6 sessions. All materials are included in the class price. For more information or examples of work produced go to: www.cobaltworks.com, Cobalt Works Facebook page, call 414-534-7984 or just stop by his shop (10 am-6 pm Tues-Sat).

If your holiday shopping is not yet done, consider stopping by on Sunday, December 20th from 11 am-5 pm for a "Hand-Made Holiday" event. Jon and his fellow artists will show and sell their personal artworks of beautiful pottery, jewelry, photography, glassworks and much more. Check out Cobalt Glassworks for classes, great gifts and quality artworks!

Murray Hill Pottery Works



Murray Hill Pottery Works (MHPW) is a hidden gem nestled behind a storefront at 2456 N. Murray Avenue that has been serving the community for almost 20 years. The pottery studios and classrooms covering more than 2000 sq. ft. of space are run by Geralyn Flick and her group of seven in-house artists. Bowls, mugs, vases, sculpture and more are created by the artists and by the eager students who join them for classes. The studios that contain potter's wheels (16) and kilns (3), provide space/time for seasoned potters and classrooms for beginner and experienced adults and teens. Also available is a specially decorated hand-on children's room for group events and parties. Check the calendar for the very popular 'One Nite Stand' class dates! Sit at the potter's wheel and with their help create several treasures! Pick the best glaze color and 'Voila!' you get a pot back in a month! Mention 'Murray Hill Neighbors' and get the 'family' \$5 dollar discount! Also, stop by in December to pick up some great pottery for holiday gifts.

You will leave her classes with the joy of creating a pot that "you can use to eat out of, drink from and gaze at lovingly." Go to: www.murrayhillpottery.com or call 414-332-8828 for more information on classes and other options. The studio hours are: Tues - Fri 12 noon-9 pm; Sat, 10 am-4 pm; Sun, 12 noon-4 pm.

Geralyn Flick and her friends also give generously of their time and art to the neighborhood and the greater community. The MHPW artists make unique ceramic eggs and serve as co-coordinators for the "Eggstravaganza", the Murray Hill annual egg hunt offered each spring. The artists have also recently created and donated over 900 ceramic bowls for the "Milwaukee Empty



Welcome to New MPD District 1 Captain

by Cynthia Sommer

We have seen the transfer of Captain Leslie Thiele from District-1 Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) in late October and the addition of Captain Eric Moore as the new Captain for our district. We thank Captain Thiele for her leadership in creating a partnership with the Murray Hill neighborhood and we welcome Captain Eric Moore. MHNA especially appreciated Captain Moore's effort to introduce himself at the October MHNA General meeting on his second day on the job, even with his tight schedule in starting his new position.

Captain Eric Moore has been a member of the Milwaukee Police Department for over 35 years. He began his career in 1980 as a Police Aide and was later promoted to the ranks of Police Officer, Detective, and Lieutenant of Detectives, and Captain. Immediately prior to his new assignment with District 1, he was a Captain of Police in the department's Risk Management Bureau. District 1 is not Captain Moore's first district command. He was the Captain of the 4th Police District, located on the City's northwest side, from 2005 to 2009. Captain Moore is very familiar with the 1st District through a number of previous assignments, including police office duties in the nearby MPD 5th District. During his career he has received numerous meritorious awards for outstanding service. Captain Moore holds a Master of Business Administration-Public Administration from Concordia University. In addition, he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice, and an Associate's Degree in Police Science. Captain Moore is committed to being highly responsive to neighborhood concerns and welcomes residents to reach out to him at emoore@milwaukee.gov



New MHNA Board Members

by Cynthia Sommer

Elections were held at the Murray Hill General Meeting on October 27 with returning board members J. Gerald Capell (vice-president), Gary Halvorsen (Treasurer), Cate Deicher (Board Member) being re-elected for 2 year terms. We thank them for their many years of service, their passion for the neighborhood and their willingness to continue on the Board. We welcome Mike Darnell to the open position of Board member and appreciate his commitment to the Murray Hill neighborhood.

We also express our sincere thanks to John Bleidorn for his many contributions to the Board in a Director position for the past two years. While John is leaving the Board he will still be involved in MHNA by serving on the working group that researches best practices for neighborhood quality.

Mike Darnell moved back to the MH area in 2011. He and his family lived in MH in the 1990s while he was finishing his graduate degree. Mike has taught and worked at UWM in several departments since 1997 and has extensive experience in management, financial functions and technology. Mike filled a temporary position on the MHNA Board previously and is now serving as a Board member for a two year term.



Welcome and thanks!

Add Us to Your Contact List!

We recently began using Mail Chimp to send Murray Hill Neighborhood Association email and your mail client may respond differently to our messages than it did in the past. Please add murrayHillNA@gmail.com to your address book.

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Bowls" event, the largest "Empty Bowls" event in the US. This fund raiser supports local food and hunger programs through the sale of the ceramic bowls that are filled with soup made by local restaurants. This event raised a record \$55,500 this year! It is great to have such creative and generous businesses in the neighborhood.

City Winter Regulations

by Cynthia Sommer

Winter Garbage and Recycling Collection

Garbage and Recycling Collection Schedules will change in the winter due to the holidays and the management of snow and ice by City crews. You can verify your garbage and recycling collection day by entering your address at the City web site: mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/garbage_day. Residents must clear snow and ice from their carts to provide access for garbage removal.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Most residents realize that the reason for prompt removal of snow is safety for all. The horror stories from previous years are real - a wheelchair bound student trying to get to the bus stop with great difficulty due to several inches of snow on an unshoveled sidewalk; or the blind student trying to walk through a bumpy, icy, narrow path created by several days of trampled, unshoveled snow; or the elderly afraid to walk to the store on the icy sidewalks for much of the winter due to concerns of falls. We can do better!

Please shovel your sidewalks for the safety of all in the neighborhood. The addresses of properties that disregard the safety of others should be reported to the City, and reporting can be done anonymously. You can conveniently use the City MKE Mobile app from your smart phone (for information on how to upload the MKE Mobile go to: murrayhillna.org/new-mke-mobile-app-now-available/). Or using your computer, go directly to the City web site (city.milwaukee.gov/home) and click the top right "Click for Action" link and then the option "snow and ice". Residents should also be aware that the Milwaukee City Council has increased the fines for violation of snow regulations this year.

Private Property, residential or commercial property owners and occupants are required to clear the sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. This includes the corner crosswalk area for property owners with corner lots or those whose property abuts a midblock crosswalk. City ordinance prohibits shoveling snow onto streets. Property owners should deposit the snow from sidewalks and driveways onto their yards or the strip between the curb and sidewalk.

A new ordinance for violating snow regulations has been in effect since Jan 20, 2015. Violators who are reported to DPW will be issued a notice to clear the walk and will be assessed a special charge of \$50. Property owners who fail to clear all

sidewalk snow and ice within 24 hours after receiving notice of the violation will be assessed additional special charges of \$75 for the first violation, and \$100 for a second violation and any violations thereafter, plus the cost of snow and ice removal if cleared by the City (City Ordinance 116-8).

The City is responsible for clearing approaches to alleys only; the City does not plow alleys. Inspection pictures of the property will be taken and these pictures are used if an owner appeals the charge/violation. If the sidewalks still are not cleared after the notice, a City contractor will clear a path on the walk, and contractor charges and additional administrative fees that can be substantial will appear on the property tax bill.

The city has a special needs service to help remove snow from sidewalks for older citizens and disabled persons for sidewalks with snow above 4 inches. They 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). All residents are asked to lend a helping hand to their elderly and disabled neighbors with snow removal.

Snow Emergency

A snow emergency may be declared by the Commissioner of Public Works (in consultation with the Mayor) to assist in snow clearing efforts. This is normally done during heavy snowfalls or when snow combines with winds that produce blizzard conditions. Such emergency is declared to continue for a period of 72 hours or until such earlier time as snow plowing operations have been declared completed by the Commissioner of Public Works.

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The January, February, March and April General Membership Meetings will be held at

Urban Ecology Center

1500 E. Park Place at 7:00 pm

on the 4th Tuesday of the month

414-964-8505 • urbanecologycenter.com

Speakers will be announced, so watch the web site (www.murrayhillna.org) for detailed information on upcoming meetings.

Topics and presentations will be released via e-mail.

Dates are subject to change at any time.

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Snow Emergency

During a Snow Emergency, these parking restrictions are in effect:

- No parking is allowed on arterials, bus lines or through highways from 11pm-6 am
- No parking on that side of residential streets signed "No Parking During Snow Emergency", "No Parking from Dec 1st to Mar 1st" or "No Parking Anytime."
- Posted signs for other parking restrictions must be obeyed, specifically the 4" Rule. On other residential streets, comply with the alternate side night parking regulations.
- Vehicles parked on streets designated as "Snow Route Tow Away Zones" will be ticketed and towed when a snow emergency is declared.
- Milwaukee Public Schools has designated that Hartford and Maryland Avenue Schools' parking lots are available for parking during snow emergencies from 7 pm to 7 am and during designated cleanup periods. Cars not removed by 7 am are subject to ticketing and towing.

Please do your part!



About MHNA

Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is 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

NOW is the time to join!

Clip and mail with your payment to:

MHNA / PO Box 71133 / Milwaukee, WI 53211

Membership Chair, **Gregory James:** 414-962-5158 or gjames@gjd.com

Name: _____

Company: _____

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 us.

Family ☐ \$25

Individual ☐ \$15

Business ☐ \$30

Senior (age 65+) ☐ \$5

Student ☐ \$5

Newsletter Only ☐ \$

Please mark all that apply:

Homeowner ☐

Renter ☐

Landlord ☐