



Millwood Park

Millwood Musings

*"I want you to be concerned about your next door-neighbor.
Do you know your next-door neighbor?" Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

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"Go West, Good People, Go West"

Those are the operative words these days for drivers traveling Mill Road between 107th Street and 91st Street. And *West* it will be until August when the action will take place in the *East* bound lane. Project surveyor/construction technician Patrick Stankiewicz said the \$2.2 million



Eastbound Construction

reconstruction/rehabilitation project is one of the biggest Milwaukee County has taken on this year. "Your tax dollars in action," he quipped.

The resident engineer on the job is Claude Williams, Jr., an affable person with a gift for communication and an eye for details.

He's the go-to guy for residents' questions. He spends 70 percent of his day on the job site seeing to particulars and the remaining time handling paper work in an office in the mall at Fond du Lac and 91st Street. Collaboration in such a huge undertaking is imperative. Each week he meets with the 12 sub-contractors who are responsible for everything from the ubiquitous orange barrels to the enormous machines that grace some front yards.

The job is divided into stages. The first was the time-consuming set-up for the west bound lane. Stage II is now in progress as huge excavators scoop away the old road to a depth of

24 inches. Tons of pavement are carted away to destinations arranged by the sub-contractors. Disposal of the soil from lawns is overseen by the DNR (Department of Natural Resources).

Big chunks of residents' drive-

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In The Know - Millwood Park Doings

Growing Power

Plots are available. Growing Power people will be at the garden behind Maple Tree School every Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon working on the plots. For more information, call Maple Tree School (414)578-5100.

Cell Tower

After a year and a half of planning, T-Mobile erected a cell phone tower in summer, 2007. Millwood Park Neighborhood Association, Ken and Colleen Dipple, and Alderman Bohl helped to facilitate the tower that is located near the corner of Bourbon Street and Fond Du Lac Avenue. The tower provides an increase in geographical coverage, cell phone call volume for this area, and has other wireless capabilities. Millwood Park continues to work with T-Mobile to ensure all plans are completed and upkeep is done at the location.

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Everything you need to know to connect to a City

of Milwaukee service is available on a handy 4 x 6" card. If you would like a magnetic copy for your refrigerator please contact the Millwood Park Neighborhood Association at president@millwoodpark.org. Someone will drop one off for you.

Summer Stars – Free Fun for Teens

Boys and girls 13 through 17 can enjoy sports, enrichment classes, field trips, swimming, video games, weight training, computer classes, and organized games at Vincent High School located at 7501 N. Granville Road. The times: 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

The program is in full swing and will continue until August 7. Additional sites are available. Questions visit www.MilwaukeeRecreation.net or call Brian Hoffer, (414) 476-8983.

Contributed by Millwood Park President Jenny Kehoe

"Life is a great bundle of little things." Oliver Wendell Holmes

KIDS IN THE STREET

It's summer and school is out. That means kids have "nothing to do." Some Millwood residents are having problems with children in the streets. It's not just the number it's the attitude. Somehow it's become "cool" to block the way of passing cars, challenging the driver to react.

More often than not, if a large group forms there will be problems.

If you see this happening or experience it yourself, don't hesitate to CALL THE POLICE,

933-4444. You do **not** have to give your name. When you call, stress - not just kids in the street - but how dangerous it is for them..

The summer curfew for those under 18 is 11 p.m.

From the Religious Community

Salem Lutheran



Day Camp for Kids

August 4th through August 8th
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch included
\$30 for the program
To register call (414) 353-7930

Register now for the 2008-2009 K3 and K4 programs. Call (414) 353-7930. Leave your name and address. An information packet will be mailed to your home

In the picture: The 1st and 2nd grade of Salem Lutheran School gather by the flag pole in Granville Cemetery on Memorial Day.

West Granville Presbyterian Church

West Granville Presbyterian Church Rises to the Challenge

After three years of planning and listening to church and community recommendations, members of West Granville Presbyterian Church unanimously approved a comprehensive building and accessibility project nicknamed “***Give Ourselves A Lift***” (GOAL). Plans are for construction to begin in July 2008. The 148 year old church is located at the junction of 107th Street and Fond du Lac Avenue.

The goal is to make our sanctuary, Sunday school classrooms and social hall accessible to persons with mobility challenges. (Wheel chair use, for instance). The cost will be \$430,000. We are fortunate to have raised \$405,000 in cash and will need to finance only \$25,000. We are working with the design/construction firm Anderson/Ashton.

Main elements of the project include accessible access to the kitchen entrance of the social hall, accessible restrooms, accessible entrance to the church with a covered drop-off, elevator and restrooms; and an accessible hallway leading into the Social Hall. In addition to making life easier for persons with physical needs, a downstairs classroom will be renovated and the boiler will be repaired. Window installations will be completed and the church’s leaking steeple will be rebuilt.

The challenge is a big one, but we know that it is not nearly as challenging as daily life for people who struggle to overcome barriers. The National Organization on Disability reminds us of the 54 million Americans with disabilities who may be discouraged from participating in their faith communities due to lack of access. It will be a proud moment when we can use the Seal of Accessibility on all of our publications, website and material.

Thinking Ahead With Northtown Church

Sunday, August 16: Join us for our Northtown Neighborhood Carnival (10 a.m.-2 p.m.). Play games & win prizes. There will also be face painting and a chance to win a raffle. Parents: we will be giving away school supplies as well (while supplies last). All this is FREE, but a donation of a canned goods/nonperishable food items would be appreciated.

Go West

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ways go off with the road pavement. This problem, not unexpectedly, stirred up a good deal of concern. Many a resident wanted to know "How do we get out of here." The first of Williams' monthly hand-delivered fliers assured everyone that "access to at least one entrance way to all homes and businesses will be maintained at all times." One's driveway may consist of gravel, but it works and it's only temporary. Eventually, all driveways will be restored. Lawns will be re-seeded and the County will plant trees that were necessarily cut down.

The road will be broadened from 14 feet to 19 feet. Before that happens, however, safety is a major concern. While Williams and Stankiewicz stress the 25 mph speed limit, they are adamant about the "go west" direc-

tive. Emergency vehicles such as police and fire department vehicles have first priority. Collision with a vehicle traveling the opposite direction would be disastrous. Any driver defying the rules will be looking at a \$250 fine and an additional \$250 fine for disregarding construction area regulations.

A goal of planners from the beginning was to preserve the rural nature of the neighborhood, so there will be no curbs except at the corners of main intersections, and the walking path on the south side of the road will be retained.

Residents with questions concerning the reconstruction may call or stop by the office. Both Williams and Stankiewicz are confident that the job will be completed by November. Stankiewicz, "You'll be pleased with the project when we're done."

By Terry Lorbiecki, *Editor*

Day by Day

The Boys Down the Street

When my husband (aka The Big Guy) and I moved into The City, I spent some time walking around getting acquainted. One day I saw two boys about eleven a few yards away pointing in my direction and whispering into each other's ears. This did not bode well. It called for some quick thinking.

"Hey boys," I said, "I saw a little stream down the way. Is it any good for fishing?" Before my eyes the kids turned into neighborhood ambassadors. Little did I know that I had just befriended dual scourge of the neighborhood. Everyone knew them as bad news. No one had a good word to say about them.

My experience was different. They'd stop by the house to just talk. When my family's reunion rolled around, I asked them if they knew some games for the children to play. Well, of course they did. They offered their suggestions and that was that. Or so I thought. In a few minutes they were back with an offer: "Can we help you decorate for the party?"

There is no happy ending to my tale. The boys and their mom were virtually forced from the neighborhood. I never saw them again. The moral of the story is this: Make friends with the kids in your neighborhood and they'll be friends back.

Next Meeting July 12, 2008, 10 a.m. at West Granville Presbyterian Church located on 107th and Fond du Lac Ave.