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Spring into Action: Most Improved House to Win \$1,000

by Jessica Bartley

At Layton Boulevard West Neighbors, Inc. we are looking forward to seeing the many changes that spring will bring. The browns and gravs turn into greens and pinks and the quiet neighborhood streets fill with activity. Children play in their front yards again and more neighbors will be seen riding their bikes to the Hank Aaron State Trail. The changes in weather will also inspire neighbors to start projects they held off during the winter such as sprucing their front garden or putting another coat of paint on their tired-looking porch.

Last year, neighbors in the Layton Boulevard West neighborhood made drastic changes to the "curb appeal" of their homes by taking charge of their long-awaited exterior improvement projects. LBWN gave these neighbors an extra incentive to finish their projects over the spring and summer by establishing our first ever Most Improved House Contest. As part of the Most Improved House contest, neighbors were invited to compete against others in the Layton Boulevard West neighborhood for grand prizes of up to \$1,000! Additionally, all neighbors who participated and completed their exterior improvement project received a \$50 rebate!

Gane premios hasta \$1,000 con proyectos de mejoramiento de su casa! Llame a Chelsey para más información al 383-9038 x. 2305.



Home of Neighbor, Dawn Maurice, 2008 Contest Participant

This spring, enhance the "curb appeal" of your home and make a change of your own by improving your home's exterior. We encourage you to take part in our 2nd Annual Most Improved House Contest. We will only be accepting 50 applications this year on a first-come basis, so apply while spaces are still available!

Your Home Could Win Cash Prizes!

- ◆5th Place \$400
- ♦6th Place \$250

Everyone who completes wins \$50!

All winners will be determined by a panel of five judges. The judging criteria will be:

- Quality of craftsmanship
- Impact of design
- Curb appeal aesthetics
- Appropriateness (with respect to the nature of the house, neighborhood, and block)
- Most changed exterior from before to after ("wow effect")

Application included in newsletter! For more information call Chelsey at 383-9038 x 2305

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OOKING BACK at our Neighborhood

Historic Restoration on Burnham St.

by Jessica Bartley and Maria Pandazi



A work in progress: Frank Lloyd Wright's Model B1 home near the corner of Burnham St. and Layton Blvd.

The Layton Boulevard West Neighborhood has the honor of being home to six unique American System Built homes, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The American System Built homes were designed by Wright to be an affordable option for low to middle income families. Many visitors from all over the world come to our neighborhood to see these unique homes designed by a world-renowned architect.

Frank Lloyd Wright® Wisconsin (FLLWW), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the heritage of Frank Lloyd Wright in his native state of Wisconsin, currently owns three of the American System built homes and plans to restore them to their original 1916 design. The first of the homes to be restored, "Model B1", located at 2714 West Burnham

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Street, will become a house museum for neighbors, visitors, architects and students. The restoration of "Model B1" is already well underway and completion is planned for this spring.

This project is the recipient of a 'Save America's Treasures' grant as well as many other local and national grants. Efforts continue to raise funds for the restoration of the other homes.

FLLWW has developed a website dedicated to these homes and the restoration project (www.wrightinmilwaukee.org). The site includes photos, tour information, and a weekly newsletter.

El vecindario de Layton Boulevard West tiene la suerte de tener las seis casas muy únicas de Frank Lloyd Wright. Están ubicadas cerca de la esquina de Burnham St. y Layton Blvd. Una de las casas, el Modelo B1, ahora está en proceso de renovación al diseño original de 1916. El Modelo B1 se convertirá en un museo para los vecinos, visitantes, estudiantes, y arquitectos. El proyecto se termina para esta primavera.

Bring the FLLWW ad located in this newsletter for complimentary neighbor admission!

Tours are available at 2714 W. Burnham: April 11, 2009 from 1:00 – 4:00pm May 9, 2009 from 1:00 - 4:00pm

¡Traiga el aviso de FLLWW, ubicada en este boletín de noticias, para una entrada de vecino gratis!

Se da tours de 2714 W. Burnham: 11 de Abril, 2009 de 1:00 – 4:00pm 9 de Mayo, 2009 de 1:00 - 4:00pm



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LOCK CELEBRITY by Chelsey Berg

As a new employee with LBWN I have had the privilege of chatting with some of the neighbors in our neighborhood, one of whom is María Guzman-Diaz.

Why did you choose the Layton Boulevard

neighborhood? The homes in this neighborhood are so beautiful and have so much character. I love the stained glass windows! It is so great when people take the time to preserve these historic homes; it lets people know that we are proud of our neighborhood. I have painted everything, installed handrails and a fence, improved my yard and even planted annuals in my garden. I just love how "homey" it makes my house and the neighborhood feel. I also like that there are so many nice restaurants. El Cabrito, a little taco shop "on wheels" (often stationed at 29th and Greenfield) is cheap and so delicious. My family loves going there. This area is also close to pretty much anything I would want to do!

Do you have any hobbies? My husband, son, two friends and I have a music group called "Luz y Sombra," which we love practicing. We play in restaurants, bars and other spots around the city. In the summer, its nice that the lake is so close because we also enjoy bike rides, playing basketball and grilling out!

Tell me a bit about helping out with the Solar Lighting project. Some of the neighbors on our block and I wanted better lighting in our alley. We heard that LBWN had funds available for small block improvement projects so we approached them to see what we could do. On the day of the event the neighbors and I had fun installing the solar lights while drinking hot cocoa and eating hot dogs. I had moved to this neighborhood just a year before and so it was a nice way to get to know my neighbors. This project was a great way for us act as more of a community.

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Editor's Note



Neighbors working

together on the Solar

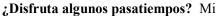
lighting project

We are always on the lookout for neighbors who are "gems within our midst." If you, or a neighbor you know, is willing to share success stories or a "history" of living in the neighborhood, please call us and we'd be happy to contact them.

Como una nueva empleada con LBWN he gozado de sentarcon muchos de los vecinos en nuestro vecindario, una de ellas fue María Guzman-Diaz.

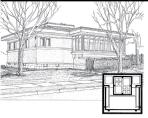
¿Por qué escogió el vecindario de Layton Boulevard? Era exactamente lo que anidábamos buscando. Los

hogares de este vecindario son hermosos y tienen tanto carácter. Me encanta mi hogar y los vidrios especialmente. Me hace alegre cuando la gente toma el tiempo para mantener sus casas históricas. Cuando lo hace, emite un sentimiento orgulloso por nuestro vecindario. Este año, pinté todo, instalé pasamanos, puse una cerca y semilla en la yarda y también planté flores anuales en el jardín. Me encanta el sentimiento hogareño. También, hay tantos restaurantes muy buenos. El Cabrito (29th y Greenfield) es una taquería muy deliciosa y barata que mi familia y yo frecuentamos. ¡Esta área esta cerca de casi todo lo que quisiera hacer!



esposo, mi hijo, dos amigos y yo tenemos un grupo de música que se llama "Luz y sombra" y nos gustan mucho practicar. Tocamos en restaurantes, barres, y otros lugares alrededor de la ciudad. También, por el verano, me gusta que el lago está tan cerca, porque lo pasamos bien biciclando, jugando básquetbol, y asando en la parrilla.

Dime un poquito sobre la experiencia con el proyecto de luces solares. Algunos otros vecinos y yo queríamos alumbrado mejor en nuestro callejón. Oímos que LBWN tuvo fondos para proyectos pequeños para mejorar el cuadro y por eso se dirigimos a pedir lo que podemos hacer. En el día del evento, todos los vecinos y yo lo pasamos bien instalando las luces solares mientras tomando el cocoa y comiendo hot dogs. Solo he mudado a este vecindario hace un año y por eso fue buen ocasión para conocerme con mis vecinos. El proyecto ayudó a nosotros a convivir mejor.



Visit the Frank Lloyd Wright® American System-Built Home 2714 West Burnham Street

Tour information at www.WrightInMilwaukee.org or call 608-287-0339

LBWN neighbors, show this ad for a complimentary tour \$10 value



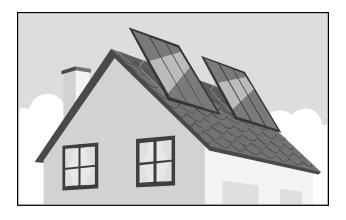
Going "Green": Programs Give Financial Assistance and Incentives for Energy Efficient Improvements

by Jessica Bartley and Lisa Fox

There is very little green visible in a Wisconsin winter, but with an energy efficient home you can make your winter "greener"! Consider these two programs which could reduce your carbon footprint and the cost of heating your home:

Focus on Energy's Targeted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program is available for income-qualified homeowners in Milwaukee. Examples of possible improvements are new insulation, heating and cooling system updates, sealing air leaks, and installation of energy saving products including ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances.

Not a homeowner? Encourage your landlord to apply! To get more information and to find out if you qualify for this program you can contact Targeted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR at 800.762.7077 or at their website www.focusonenergy.com.



Worried that you may not financially qualify for the Targeted Home Performance Program? Then the **Together We Save: Milwaukee Neighborhood Efficiency Project**, luckily coming to our neighborhood, will be for you! This 2009 pilot program will help get deep energy savings for at least 100 homes in two Milwaukee neighborhoods. An unbiased technician and energy advocate will come to participant's homes

Energy Efficient Home for Sale

Check out an affordable home in the neighborhood for sale completely remodeled with a focus on energy efficient im-

provements. A flyer with more information has been included in this newsletter.

1213 S. 29th Street Price: \$117,000

LBWN provides \$2,500 in down payment grants to qualified first-time homebuyers.

and see what should be done in order to increase

energy efficiency, such as adding insulation, sealing air leaks, equipment updates, installment of energy saving devices, etc. Depending on household income, homeowners will only pay between 10%-50% of the cost of energy upgrades to their home!

Besides the financial incentive of the very small co-pay for these services, participants will also receive support throughout the process from a program representative who will offer such services as walking the homeowner through the application and energy assessment process, selecting and scheduling of service contractors, setting home electronics and control equipment to optimal energy efficiency settings, and educating the homeowner on sustainable energy practices/behaviors. Limited time offer!

This is a deal you do not want to miss!

Call Chelsey at 383-9038 x2305 to sign up your home!

Come learn more about Together We Save on Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30p.m. Meeting will be at St. Rafael Church (former Holy Spirit) on 34th and Lincoln.

For more information about Focus on Energy's Targeted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®

Call: 800.762.7077 or Visit their website: www.focusonenergy.com



Healthy Neighborhood Tip

Graffiti needs to be removed within 24 hours to help prevent reoccurrences! Please remove it and/or call 286-8715.



Upcoming events have something for everyone in your family and include:

Dare to Be Aware: March 28th

Bird Fest Migrates to the Domes: April 18th
Green Vehicle Fair: April 25th

Green Living Fest: May 2nd

When was the last time you visited the Domes? With the newly installed lighting system these historical icons now light up Milwaukee's nighttime skyline and

offer not only an evening destination, but a whole new conservatory experience. Join us!

Enjoy the spring and summer shows of the floral dome! Check out **Spring in Yorkshire:** *An English Garden* from April 4th through May 25th. Get ready for **Summer in Provence:** *A View of the French Countryside* from June 6 through September 13.

The Domes are open on Monday through Sunday from 9am-5 pm. Call for recent updates and information

at 414-649-9830. Support this great facility by becoming a *Friend of the Domes*. Members receive free admission along with reduced rates and special event invitations and the newsletter. Visit the Dome Gift Shop for more information.

See you at the DOMES!



Under the Glass: The Domes' live music shows on Thursdays resuming in the Fall

¿Cuándo fue la última vez que visitó los Domes? Con la instalación reciente de un nuevo sistema de ilumi-

nación, estos iconos históricos ahora iluminan el horizonte nocturno de Milwaukee. Los ofrecen no sólo un destino para la noche sino una toda nueva experiencia conservatorio. ¡Acompañanos!

Disfrute las exposiciones de primavera y de verano en el Dome floral. No se pierda **La Primavera en Yorkshire:** *Un Jardín Inglesa* entre el 4 de Abril al 25 de Mayo. Pueda anticipar **Un Verano en Provence:** *Una Vista del la Campo Francés* entre el 6 de Junio al 13 de Septiembre.

Los Domes están abiertos todos los días del semana entre 9 a.m. a 5 p.m. Llame para actualizaciones y información a 414-649-9830. Apoye este gran facilidad y hagase un "Amigo de los Domes" para beneficiar de admisión gratis, el boletín de noticias, y también precios reducidos e invitaciones para eventos especiales. Visite la tienda de regalos de los Domes para más información.



Sign up for E-mail Updates from LBWN!

Send us your e-mail address to get up-to-date information on what is going on in the neighborhood including housing resources, open houses, block meetings, newsletters, and more! Send your e-mail address to: Chelsey@lbwn.org or call Chelsey at 383-9038 x. 2305

New Outreach Manager Joins LBWN Staff

by Jessica Bartley

We welcome Chelsey Berg to Layton Boulevard West Neighbors as our new Outreach Manager. Chelsey joins LBWN after recently graduating from Marquette University with a degree in Marketing and International Business. Chelsey will be responsible for a variety of projects at LBWN including our Most Improved House Contest, Block Improvement and Neighborhood Identity Projects. She most recently took the lead on a Foreclosure Seminar with the help of Southside Communities in Action. The event was a huge success! We look forward to all the hard work and expertise she will bring to the neighborhood!



Chelsey Berg Outreach Manager

OOKING FORWARD

So Much Happening... So Close To Home

by Stephanie Ziebarth

• Mining for Silver Dinner & Auction

This annual event will be held on Thursday, May 14th at the Rice Palace Restaurant located at 3605 W. National Avenue, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$35, and will include dinner and a silent auction with prizes from organizations across Milwaukee and Wisconsin. Please join us for an evening of fun and the chance to contribute to a great community-building cause. All proceeds will benefit the *Silver City Main Street* program working in the heart of the Silver City district on National Avenue. Contact the Silver City office for more details: 645-1700.

• "Silver City Day"

Are you familiar with the local businesses in the Silver City District? "Silver City Day," June 6th from noon-7:00 p.m., is the perfect opportunity to get to know the district better while enjoying special deals. The diverse businesses located between 31st and 39th Street in the Silver City District on National Avenue will be offering *Silver Dollar Specials*, \$1.00 specials that commemorate the "good ol' days" when the people of this district could buy just about anything with the silver dollars they earned from their jobs in the Menomonee Valley.

• Concerts in the Park

Summer is around the corner...and so are the Concerts in the Park! Every 3rd Wednesday of the months May through August you can enjoy free concerts in Arlington Heights Park, 3429 W. Pierce Street (located under the 35th Street viaduct) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Concerts will showcase local talents and a variety music styles.



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• Silver City Asian Festival

Milwaukee is known as the city of festivals and Silver City's Asian Festival is another great one to add to the list. This year's festival takes place on August 22nd from 10:00 - 6:00 p.m., along National Avenue, between the 35th and 39th Streets. Like many other Milwaukee festivals, Silver City Asian Festival will feature performances, a parade, raffle, auction, and of course, a variety of great foods! But unlike other festivals, there are no entrance fees, and you won't have to wrestle with high parking costs!

• Hank Aaron State Trail

This state trail, which spans 7 miles between the Lakeshore Path on Lake Michigan, past the Menomonee River Valley and Miller Park and ending in Doyne Park provides a great connection by foot, bike or blade to many parts of the city. These trails are a great asset to life in an urban setting by providing a place for recreation, fitness as well the chance to access many attractions and workplaces without using a car. We invite you to try out the trail or volunteer to help keep the area clean by participating in the annual Plant and Clean Day! Visit: http://www.hankaaronstatetrail.org for more information.



Concerts in the Park



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USINESS NEIGHBOR by Charlotte John-Gomez

When Ricky Jones shops at the Last Stop Shop, he knows that he will always find bargains and treasures. Ricky heard about this resale store from a friend and has

become a frequent customer ever since. "You never know what you are going to find. In times like these, I can save a lot of money by shopping here," states Ricky.

Sister Geraldine started the Last Stop Shop in a garage located on the grounds of the School Sisters of St. Francis. The Shop was started to provide unique items for bargain shoppers as well as a place to bring items in good condition.

Donations are tax deductible and the revenue generated by the Shop supports the retired School Sisters. Three years ago, the Shop moved into a larger loft-like venue directly behind its humble origin.

Today, the Last Stop Shop provides a vast array of goods including household accessories, clothes, baby

supplies, holiday decorations, furniture, appliances, dishes, glassware, crafts, and more. Sister Geri receives donations and customers from Illinois, Waukesha, Glendale, and the Layton Boulevard West neighborhoods. Amish-made furniture, quilts, candy, and jams make the Last Stop Shop a first stop for many Milwaukeeans.

Sister Geri says, "We have something for everyone. Especially if people are setting up a home, they can

find end tables, couches, lamps, and anything that a family would want here." Customers can even make a wish list for items they are looking for and Sister Geri will contact them when the item comes in. Ricky Jones says that is a level of customer service he cannot get at other stores.

Enter the School Sisters' parking lot off of 29th

Street and Orchard and you will find the Last Stop Shop tucked behind the St. Joseph Center at 1501 S. Layton Boulevard. The Last Stop Shop is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Don't miss your chance to find a bargain in this neighborhood treasure!



Shopping for deals at the Last Stop Shop



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Estamos comprometidas a acompañar y apoyar a nuestros vecinos en el área que rodea el Centro San José, nuestra Casa Madre Internacional. La Provincia de los Estados Unidos está orgullosa de patrocinar los esfuerzos exitosos de la asociación LBWN.

We welcome ideas for stories as well as your comments about the neighborhood.

- Yog mej muag tswvyim tej zaaj xaav has, los yog zug nug zoj tuaj jas tau.
- Chung toi han hoan don nham noi y kien dong, gop phe binh, chi dan.
- Nosotros invitamos ideas para sus historias, cuentos, y comentarios





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Would you like to get more involved in the neighborhood?

♦ Call Chelsey Berg 383-9038 x. 2305

Want to get up-to-date information through e-mail?

◆ Call Chelsey Berg 383-9038 x. 2305 or e-mail her at Chelsey@lbwn.org

We wish to thank the SCHOOL SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS who founded and support LBWN in building partnerships for a NEIGHBORHOOD THAT CARES.



APRIL	Wed., 15th Mier., 22nd Sun., 26th	LBWN Home Buying Education, 6:00-9:00 p.m., contact Barbara at 383-9038 x. 2303 to register LBWN Home Buying Education, 6:00-9:00 p.m. en español; llame a Barbara para inscribirse SSSF 135th Anniversary Celebration, 2:00 p.m. Liturgy, 3:30 p.m 5:00 p.m Open House, St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd., Please RSVP 385-5252 or 135th@sssf.org
MAY	Thur., 14th Wed., 20th	Mining for Silver Dinner & Auction, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Rice Palace, 3605 W. National Avenue Silver City Main Street's Concerts in the Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (free of charge) Arlington Heights Park, 3429 W. Pierce Street
JUNE	Wed., 4th Sat., 6th Wed., 10th Mier., 17th Wed., 17th	LBWN's Executive Breakfast, 7:30 a.m 9:00 a.m., Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St. Contact Chelsey to reserve a seat 383-9038 x. 2305 Silver City Days, 12:00-7:00 p.m. between 31st-39th Streets & W. National Ave. LBWN's Homebuyers Education, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Contact Barbara at 383-9038 x. 2303 to register LBWN's Home Buying Education, 6:00-9:00 p.m. en español; llame a Barbara para inscribirse Concerts in the Park, 6:30-8:30pm (free of charge) Arlington Heights Park, 3429 W. Pierce St

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