

Alderman  
**Robert W. Puente**  
9th District



SUMMER 2007

## Dear 9th District Residents,

I'm pleased to send this edition of my newsletter to you as we continue to deal with the challenges facing our city. And I deeply appreciate the assistance of so many in the 9th District who have worked hard with me to improve the community.

I strongly urge all residents of the 9th District to get involved. Volunteer your time and talents. Join a neighborhood group or become a block watch member. Take a walk around the block and get to know your neighbors. By working together we can reduce criminal activities, improve our quality of life and help keep our neighborhoods as safe and livable as possible.

In this newsletter you'll find information on the Block Watch Program, spring cleaning tips, ways in which you can help slow traffic in our neighborhoods, N. 76th St. construction and much more. This is one way that I can report to you on various issues facing the city and 9th District. I will continue to do that. I'm planning a fall Town Hall meeting in the district and you will be notified when it is scheduled.

Please continue to share your concerns with me.

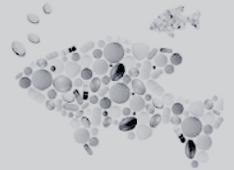
Sincerely,

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Alderman – 9th District



## Medicine Collection Day

*(A prescription for clean water)*



You can help protect Lake Michigan, prevent accidental poisonings and reduce substance abuse in our city by bringing your expired and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medications to a special "Medicine Collection Day."

**Medicine Collection Day will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2007 at the Sausage Haus at Miller Park between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Do not bring illegal drugs, needles/sharps or biohazardous material. Never flush or pour medicine down the drain. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove all medications from wastewater.

If you can't make it to the medicine collection, remember that putting unused or expired medications in the garbage is not ideal either. When you throw medicine in the garbage kids, pets and other animals can still get into them or they could be stolen. Ald. Puente said if you must put medicine in the garbage, seal the original child-proof container with tape or crush the pills and put them into a container with old coffee grounds or something that kids would never eat.

For more information visit the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District web site at [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com)

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### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

#### Vice Chair

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Licenses Committee

Public Works Committee

Housing Authority

## Havenwoods Receives Home Ownership Grant

Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) is the nonprofit community development partner working in conjunction with the Havenwoods Business Improvement District #31. Their mission is to promote and recruit new and existing businesses to the area and create family supporting wage jobs for residents. Havenwoods encompasses the area bounded by West Good Hope Road, West Silver Spring Drive, North Sherman Boulevard, and North 76th Street.

Earlier this year HEDC was awarded a two-year \$40,000 Helen Bader Foundation Grant to establish the Walk to Work Employer-Assisted Homeownership Program to assist Havenwoods area employees in buying homes in the area. The program will reduce the number of absentee homeowners in the area and create a local workforce committed to the stabilization of the neighborhood.

The Walk to Work program will recruit Havenwoods employers to offer home buying assistance to their employees through down payment assistance programs. The strategy will help to revitalize the neighborhood and will help to retain and attract new businesses and employees.

The grant funds will be used to hire a part-time staff person at HEDC who will reach out to employers and connect the employees with homeownership workshops, banking institutions, one on one counseling, down payment assistance and loan closing. These services will be provided through a partnership with Select Milwaukee, a home buying counseling organization.

For more information about this program, please contact Stephanie Harling at 431-2274.



*Shown from N. 68th St. looking to the west, the new Granville Heights is expected to have its first occupants move in during June.*

## Granville Heights To Offer Top Shelf Senior Housing

A high quality senior apartment home development – Granville Heights – will be coming soon to the 9th Aldermanic District.

Located on W. Granville Circle (just off the southwest corner of N. 68th St. and W. Brown Deer Rd.), Granville Heights is being designed and built by Horizon Development and will offer more than 20 one- and two-bedroom floor plans for people over 50.

Ald. Puente said Granville Heights will offer a true neighborhood living experience that is complimentary to the 9th District. “It speaks volumes that Horizon has chosen to locate Granville Heights in the historic former Town of Granville,” he said.

“You simply cannot find the unique mix of expansive parkland areas, medical clinics, great shopping and restaurants, workplaces, professional services and other amenities that we have here in the 9th District and

Granville Heights residents will find a safe, vibrant and welcoming community here,” he said.

Deaf and hard-of-hearing amenities will be offered in common areas and in select apartments. Those amenities include a video TTY system and telephone signaler via flashing light at entry, assistive listening devices in the community room, and visual and auditory emergency warning systems.

Granville Heights will include 24-hour emergency maintenance, onsite management, urgency call systems, a business/media center, exercise room, deck/patio for each unit, a club room for a myriad of social activities, a beauty and barber shop, and much more.

For more information please call the Granville Heights office at 357-6740, and TTY users should dial 711 or (800) 947-3529. Visit their website at [www.fivestarms.net](http://www.fivestarms.net)



## Lake Shore Burial Vault Looking At Site

Lake Shore Burial Vault, a Brookfield company looking to expand, has met with Ald. Puente about a possible development site north of W. Brown Deer Rd. and west of N. 107th St. behind the tank farms.

“The company is looking for a new location for their business that will allow them to expand their existing product lines and give them room for new product development,” said Ald. Puente.

“Because of its location, this property (Brown Deer & 107th ) is not the most attractive for development,” the alderman said. “But I’m excited that Lake Shore is looking to possibly develop this property, adding to the city’s tax base and adding jobs in the 9th District.”

Lake Shore Burial Vault was founded in the early 1920s and manufactured precast concrete boxes and vaults. In addition, in the early 1960s it saw a growing market for septic tanks and entered that market. Today, in addition to burial vaults and urns, the company’s Concrete Products Division manufactures a wide array of precast concrete items including septic, holding and pump tanks, grease traps, commercial treatment tanks, drip irrigation systems, gravel filters and related accessories.



*Ald. Puente went to Lake Shore Burial Vault to meet with ownership representatives (from left) Hugh McQuestion, Kelly Schmierer and Hubert McQuestion.*

“We are excited about the possibilities offered by Milwaukee for a new location,” said Lake Shore’s Brian McQuestion. “We have enjoyed working with Alderman Puente in our initial feasibility study of relocating back to Milwaukee, the birthplace of our family firm. It is refreshing to work with an alderman and city so warm and friendly to business and so concerned about creating new jobs for local residents.”

## North 76th Street Improvements Coming

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) will be improving North 76th Street between W. Florist Ave. and W. County Line Rd. over the next two years. The section from Florist to W. Clinton Ave. will be done this year and the Clinton Ave. to County Line Rd. section will be done in 2008.

This project calls for the replacement of pavement, curbs and sidewalks along the entire length of the project. Only one side of the roadway will be worked on at one time to allow for through traffic on the other side of the roadway.

In addition, WISDOT also analyzed each of the driveways along North 76th Street and worked with businesses that have multiple access drives to minimize the number of access points onto North 76th Street. This should help improve the traffic flow and help to minimize accidents.

Questions or concerns can be directed to **Beth Blum (WISDOT), 262-548-8644** or **Dale Oldenberg, Construction leader at the WISDOT Field Office, 466-9551.**

## Hungry?

In addition to the many great restaurants and eating establishments already located in the 9th District, we have some recent additions.

Recently opened were a new **Taco Bell** located north of Brown Deer Rd. in Granville Station, **Isaiah’s Barbeque** at 7272 N. 76th St., and **El Paisa**, a Mexican restaurant, at 9120 W. Brown Deer Rd. El Paisa will also be opening a Mexican grocery store and restaurant at 6905 W. Brown Deer Rd. The grocery store is expected to be open in Mid-May and the restaurant will be opening within the next several months.

## Signs Prohibited

All signs in the public right of way require authorization by city ordinance. Realty signs, for sale signs, rummage sale signs as well as political signs are prohibited. The public right of way extends from the sidewalk on one side of the street to the sidewalk on the other side. City personnel are trained to remove unauthorized signs placed in the public right of way.

## Need To Contact The City? Couldn't Be Easier

In addition to contacting his office, Ald. Puente wants you to know there are many ways to get information, request services, register complaints or comment on issues important to you. Among them: One Call, That's All. (See list at right).

## Or There Are High-Tech Options

If you have a computer and Internet access, keeping informed about what's happening in the 9th District, the city and the county and finding government information and services online is just a few clicks away on the Milwaukee Portal Page.

Go to [www.milwaukee.gov](http://www.milwaukee.gov), simply type a keyword or phrase in the site section and click GO. The new search engine will take you to the proper department in either the city or the county.

Another city initiative called **E-Service Request** provides an online request form that allows citizens to request a service without knowing which city department provides that service. E-Service cuts at least two-days off the process.

And the city can also communicate with you with **E-Notify**. This easy-to-use, internet tool allows the city to send such information as city news, Common Council meetings, police crime bulletins by neighborhood, meeting and bid notices and many other topics to subscribers' email accounts based on selections made by the individual citizen.

To use E-Services go to [www.milwaukee.gov/eservices](http://www.milwaukee.gov/eservices)



## 286-CITY (2489) then press:

### 3 Police/ Fire Non-Emergencies

- 1 Police
- 2 Fire

### 4 Mayor/ Common Council

- 1 Mayor
- 2 Common Council/  
City Clerk's Office
- 3 Licensing Division

### 5 Department of Public Works

- 1 Parking Operations
- 2 Milwaukee  
Water Works
- 3 Street Maintenance,  
Street Lighting,  
Traffic Control,  
Sewers, Forestry  
and Sanitation  
including Solid  
Waste/Recycling

### 6 Department of City Development

- 1 Housing Authority,  
Public Housing,  
Rent Assistance
- 2 Development  
Center, Permits,  
Occupancy  
Applications,  
Zoning, Historic  
Preservation,  
Property Research
- 3 Business Assistance  
Programs
- 4 City-owned Real  
Estate, City Planning,  
Low Interest Home  
Renovation Loans

### 7 Health Department

- Immunizations,  
Medical Assistance,  
WIC, Communicable  
Disease Control

### 8 Library

- 1 Library Hours
- 2 Renew Library  
Items
- 3 Other Services

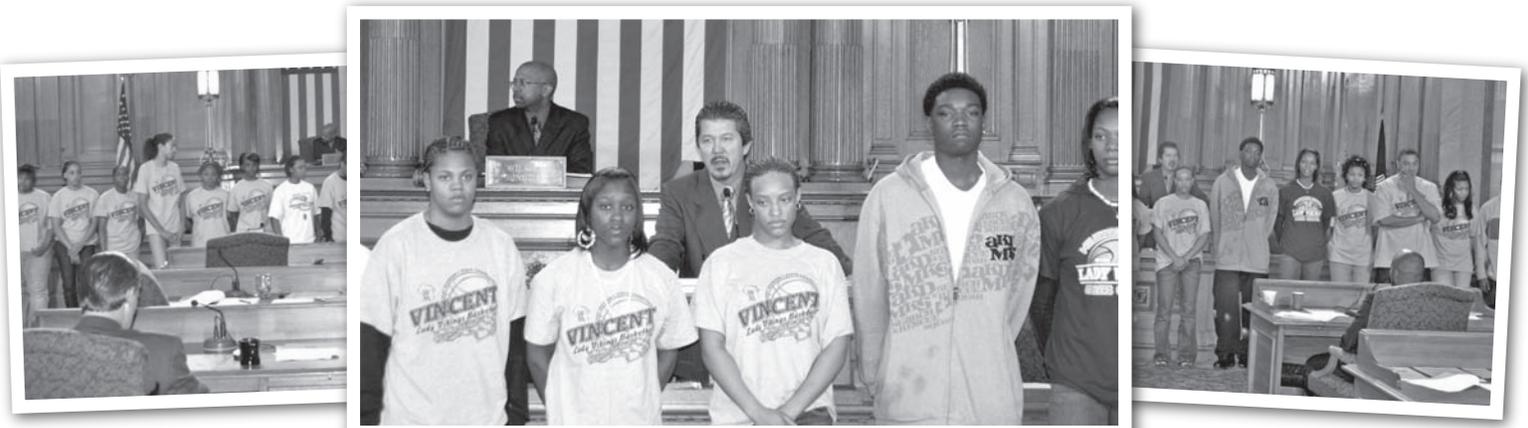
### 9 Department of Neighborhood Services

- 1 File complaint for  
Building Code  
Violations, Litter,  
Graffiti, Nuisance  
Vehicles
- 2 Inspection Services

### 0 Customer Service Representative

- For all other City  
departments and  
services

## CALL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES



## Congratulations to Vincent High School

Ald. Puente welcomed the Vincent High School Girls and Boys Basketball teams to the **April 17th Common Council meeting** at City Hall where the Aldermen congratulated the players and their coaches on a very successful season. The Vincent girls won the state WIAA Division One Title while the Vincent boys were champions of the City Conference and finished second for the state WIAA Division One title.



## Ald. Puente Nurtures Job Creation

The City of Milwaukee and the Common Council have a job creation “toolbox” to help foster development and economic growth, and Ald. Puente has helped open up that toolbox to benefit the 9th District and its residents.

Primarily, the city uses **tax incremental financing (TIF)**, bonds, loans and land sales to help create jobs. “I’ve been diligent at working to create jobs and economic development in the 9th District, and I’ve also voted to approve similar efforts in other parts of the city, because each job created benefits the entire city and many 9th District residents can benefit from newly created jobs that are outside the district but still in the city,” he said.

Here are some recent examples of 9th District projects that have created new jobs and growth:

### **Cintas Laundry relocation**

6300 W. Mill Rd.

City property sold to Cintas Laundry for construction of new industrial laundry facility in Milwaukee. Impact: 125 new jobs, 57,000 square feet of commercial/industrial space added, \$8.5 million in private investment.

### **Direct Supply expansion**

Industrial Rd.

Established \$13.3 million tax incremental financing district to assist Direct Supply to expand significantly at its current location.

Impact: 525 new jobs and 635 jobs retained, 498,000 sq ft. of new commercial/industrial space added, \$64.2 million in private investment.

### **Job Corps Center Campus**

60th & Green Tree Rd.

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM) acquired the land and then sold a portion to the U.S. Dept. of Labor for a federal Job Corps facility with educational buildings, dormitory, cafeteria and recreational facilities serving 250 students with job training and connections to employment. Impact: 80 new jobs at the facility, 250 students at a time getting ready to work.

### **Milwaukee River View subdivision**

99th & Bradley Rd.

Sold 21-acres of Redevelopment Authority land for a 57-lot single-family subdivision. Impact: Construction jobs, 57 new units of housing and \$12 million in private investment.

### **Mortara Instruments expansion**

8730 W. Port Ave.

The city issued a \$4 million industrial revenue bond and Milwaukee Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) issued a \$1 million loan to support 26,000 square foot expansion of this growing company. Impact: 50 new jobs, 100 jobs retained. Private investment: \$5 million.

## Free Landlord Training Program

When destructive tenants operate out of rental property, neighborhoods suffer and landlords pay a high price. There is help available, and it’s free.

The City of Milwaukee’s award winning Landlord Training Program works to teach landlords fundamental ways to properly screen tenants, be active in managing their property, how to identify illegal activity and keep it out of their property.

The classes are **FREE** and held on a regular basis throughout the year at various locations. They are held on evenings and weekends to accommodate virtually anyone’s schedule. The classes are generally either one (1) five hour session in one day or two (2) two and a half hour sessions for two nights. Attendees get a free 100 page comprehensive manual and handouts on a variety of legal and business issues related to managing a property.

### **Among the next landlord training classes:**

#### **June 5th & 6th**

Milwaukee Safety Academy  
6680 N. Teutonia Ave.

#### **June 19th & 20th**

YMCA  
9050 N. Swan Rd.

Other options are available. To arrange a training session in your neighborhood or for a complete listing of future training dates, call program coordinator **Karin Long** at 286-2954.

The Landlord Training Program is a joint effort of the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Milwaukee Police Department.

## Thinking About Putting Up A Fence?

If you are, check the city rules on fences rules before you put it up. People have had to take down fences after spending money on them because they were too high, in the wrong place or facing the wrong way. For more information on rules governing fences and other permits needed that may be needed, check the Milwaukee Development Center at [www.mkedcd.org](http://www.mkedcd.org) or call 286-8211.



## It's Spring Cleaning Time

Spring continues to be the best time of year to clean out garages, attics and basements, and there are a few things residents need to remember.

First, although city crews will remove bulky items, they will not collect the following: Appliances, household hazardous waste, more than five tires, construction material, paint, waste oil or other hazardous liquids and more than four cubic yards of brush. Place your unwanted items at your collection point on your scheduled pick up day.

### What's New

This is your last opportunity to dispose of large amounts of bulky items at no charge. After June 1st, bulky pickups that exceed four cubic yards will cost \$50.

### Other Options For Getting Rid of Large Items & Amounts

Ald. Puente says there are several ways to avoid any cost:

- Spread out the amount for pickup on regular garbage collection days.
- Reserve a large dumpster for neighborhood weekend cleanups.
- Use the city's Self-Help Centers.

Bulky materials can be taken to the Self Help Centers at 6660 N. Industrial Rd or 3879 W. Lincoln Ave. The city collects household hazardous wastes each Friday and Saturday between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the city's permanent collection station at the Self-Help Center at 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.

Large roll-off dumpsters can be reserved from the Sanitation Division for weekend neighborhood cleanups. If you'd like to volunteer or organize your neighborhood cleanup, please contact Ald. Puente's office for information on reserving a dumpster for your cleanup date or call the DPW Call Center at 286-8282.



*Left: Speed hump installation on McKinley Blvd. between 27th and 35th Streets.*

*Right: Typical curb bump out installation on Brady Street.*

## Slowing Speeders With Traffic Calming

Residents of the 9th District now have another tool to slow down cars that are speeding in their neighborhoods. The Milwaukee Common Council in December passed a measure that will allow "traffic-calming" devices such as speed humps or mini-roundabouts to be installed in their neighborhoods.

Under the plan, residents can petition for a traffic calming device and if the city agrees it is necessary, they would be given several choices. A speed hump would cost about \$3,000, while a mini-roundabout, or traffic circle, would cost about \$10,000. If affected homeowners agree, 90% of the cost would be split among residents with the city paving fund paying the remaining 10%. Any 9th District residents who are interested can contact Ald. Puente's office.

"People want safer streets and this ordinance is a safety measure which will encourage slower driving, enhance pedestrian safety and allow residents to gain control of busy and dangerous streets," said Ald. Puente. Speed humps and traffic circles have been in place in several city districts on a trial basis and have received positive reactions from residents.





## Recycling Cart Set-Out Pilot Program Called a Success

Last year the **Department of Public Works (DPW)** instituted a **Recycling Cart Set-Out Pilot Program** in various areas throughout the city. Most of the 9th Aldermanic District was part of the Pilot Program that involved guaranteed recycling collection days with residents setting their recycling carts at the curb on those days.

When the Pilot Program ended in November 2006, the Department of Public Works conducted a survey of the residents who were part of the program. They also asked for feedback on the program and for insights about how the program might be improved. Nearly 7,000 households in the program's areas responded.

As an incentive to return the survey, three of the responding households were drawn at random and awarded a \$100 VISA gift card that was provided by Waste Management. Two of the 3 winners were residents of the 9th Aldermanic District – Dan and Pam Muencheberg and Greg and Rosanne Conard.

87% of those responding indicated that they would be pleased to participate in similar recycling set out program in the future. More than half those responding liked the guaranteed collection day and the fact that it helped to make recycling collection more efficient. There were also comments that it was sometimes difficult to remember the collection day and that recyclables should be collected more often.

The Department of Public Works plans to use the pilot program data and the survey results to help frame, design, and ultimately implement an improved curbside collection program for the future to the benefit of the City and its residents.

## Block Watch Program Helps Cut Crime

The Block Watch program provides residents with specific information on how to reduce or eliminate opportunities for crime. And it works. But Block Watch groups can also do so much more. The support of local businesses is vital to the Block Watches and the support of Block Watches is vital to local business. They can accomplish many things by working together that they may not be able to do if working alone. This cooperation is essential to making a neighborhood a cohesive community.

Alderman Puente said one recent example of this Block Watch – business cooperation involved a proposal for a service station and several retail outlets at 5990 W. Good Hope Road. Neighbors were concerned about the type of permitted uses that might locate there. The **Brady Neighborhood Block Watch**, **Bradley Estates Block Watch**, the **Kaul Avenue Neighborhood Development Organization (KANDO)** and the **Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation (HEDC)**, along with Ald. Puente, worked together with the owner, Asif Rana, to come to a satisfactory agreement about what uses would be best for the neighborhood.

Block Watches have been a priority of Ald. Puente since his election, and he would like to see continued expansion in the 9th District. "Get to know your neighborhood and your neighbors and become proactive in improving the quality of life in the 9th District," said Ald. Puente.

To become involved in a Block Watch you can contact a community liaison officer for the **4th Police District** at **935-7248**. If you'd like Ald. Puente to attend a Block Watch meeting, please call his office at **286-2868**.

## City of Milwaukee Neighborhood Speed Watch Program

Speeding drivers on residential streets is one of the most common complaints received by the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee Dept. of Public Works. The City's Neighborhood Speed Watch Program encourages neighborhood residents to become involved in addressing this problem, and is a part of Milwaukee's new Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Neighborhood Speed Watch is a public awareness program in which concerned citizens can take an active role in solving the problem of speeders in their own neighborhoods. City residents record speeds and license numbers of cars traveling in excess of speed designations on neighborhood streets. Notification is then sent from the City to the registered owners of those vehicles.

A minimum of two volunteers are required at all times during the speed watch. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older to participate. Volunteers under the age of 21 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. This allows high school and college students to participate in the program.

If you are interested in this program, contact **David Schlabowske, Milwaukee Department of Public Works**, 841 N. Broadway, room 918 Milwaukee, WI 53202 via letter, email at **dschla@mpw.net** or phone at **286-3144**.

## Beware: Illegal Dumping

**Ald. Puente has been advised and observed that when the Self Help Center on N. Industrial Rd. is closed, some people have been illegally dumping their material at the front gate. A warning! Milwaukee police are giving special attention and surveillance to the area to deal with the problem.**



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## Pet Waste – Leash Laws



You shouldn't have to watch where you step in our neighborhoods but unfortunately there are people who neglect to pick up after their pets. Not only is it unsightly, pet waste left on the lawn or next to the sidewalk washes into storm drains carrying it directly into our rivers and Lake Michigan.

Please, on behalf of your neighbors, double-bag pet waste in plastic bags. Seal the bags and then put them in your green garbage cart. If you have any questions, call the **DPW Call Center** at 286-8282.

There is a serious problem of dogs being at large throughout the city, and Ald. Puente would also like to remind residents that city law prohibits an owner from permitting an animal to be at large.

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# FESTIVALS & EVENTS

## 2007 Summer Festivals

- June 1-3 **Riversplash**, Pere Marquette Park
- June 7-Sept 27 **Jazz in the Park**, Cathedral Square
- June 8-10 **Pridefest**, Maier Festival Park
- June 13-Sept 5, **Westown's River Rhythms**, Pere Marquette Park
- June 15-17 **Lakefront Festival of the Arts**, Mil. Art Museum
- June 19 **Juneteenth Day**, Martin Luther King Dr.
- June 22-24 **Polish Fest**, Maier Festival Park
- June 28-July 8 **Summerfest**, Maier Festival Park
- June 29-July 1 **Greek Fest**, Wis. State Fair Park
- July 12-15 **Bastille Days**, East Town
- July 13-15 **South Shore Water Frolics**, South Shore Park
- July 19-22 **Festa Italiana**, Maier Festival Park
- July 27-29 **Germanfest**, Maier Festival Park
- Aug 2-12 **Wisconsin State Fair**, State Fair Park
- Aug 3-5 **African World Festival**, Maier Festival Park
- Aug 3-4 **Jazz Festival**, Historic Third Ward
- Aug 10-12 **Arab World Festival**, Maier Festival Park
- Aug 16-19 **Irish Fest**, Maier Festival Park
- Aug 24-26 **Mexican Fiesta**, Maier Festival Park
- Sept 7-9 **Indian Summer Festival**, Maier Festival Park

## 2007 Church Festivals

- June 22-24 **St. Bernadette Parish**, 8200 W. Denver Ave., 358-2600

## Other Events

- June 2-Oct 13 (Saturdays)  
**East Town Farm Market**, Cathedral Square
- June 4 **Miller Lite Ride for the Arts**, Downtown Milwaukee
- June 20-Oct 31 (Wednesdays)  
**Westown Farmer's Market**, Zeidler Union Square
- July 3 **U.S. Bank Fireworks**, Veterans Park
- July 14-15 **TCF Bank Milwaukee Air Expo**, Veteran's Park
- July 16-22 **U.S. Bank Golf Championship**, Brown Deer Park
- Aug 16-19 **Milwaukee A La Carte**, Milwaukee County Zoo

To find out more about these events, check with **VISIT Milwaukee** at 1-800-554-1448 or [www.visitmilwaukee.org](http://www.visitmilwaukee.org), and for information about **Independence Day** activities sponsored by the City of Milwaukee call the **Department of City Development** at 286-5794.