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## Headline News

Did you know that you live in the Garden District of Milwaukee? Did you know that you could nominate yourself or one of your neighbors for an award just for doing their part to beautify our little corner of the city? Well, the Garden District Neighborhood Association (an umbrella group that includes our own) is currently seeking nominations for the best gardens for 2009.

To qualify, the gardens must be located within the Garden District and be designed, installed, and maintained by amateur gardeners. Exceptions include the installation of trees and/or hardscapes (such as fencing and raised beds).

To nominate an individual, include their name (if known), address and telephone number (if known), along with a brief description of why you think their garden is the best. Mail your nomination to the Garden District, 1122 West Boden Court, Milwaukee, WI 53221 or via email to [thegdna@gmail.com](mailto:thegdna@gmail.com). Nomination forms also are available at <http://thegdna.org>.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, July 10, 2009. Nominations will be reviewed by the Garden District Awards Committee. Gardeners selected for an award will be invited to participate in the garden tour and a recognition event.

Let's make sure that our neighbors are recognized for keeping our district a beautiful place to live!

A large, stylized version of the 'The Garden District' logo, featuring the words 'The Garden District' in a cursive font with a starburst above 'Garden'.

**If you would like to receive news about the neighborhood online, please contact Scott at [sps496@gmail.com](mailto:sps496@gmail.com) and he'll add you to the association's email list.**

**If you would like to receive future newsletters please call Scott at 414-243-0446.**

The mission of the Wilson Park Neighborhood Association is to foster a greater sense of community among its residents through social activities and coordinated action on common goals.

**[www.wilsonparkneighbors.com](http://www.wilsonparkneighbors.com)**

# I-94 Construction Freeway Project

## April showers Bring May Orange Colored Construction Barrels.

The 94 North-South Freeway Project stretches 35 miles from the Mitchell Interchange down to the Illinois state line. The 1.9 billion dollar project will expand the interstate from 3 to 4 lanes each direction and redesign 17 interchanges. Construction began on March 22nd 2009 and the entire project will be completed in 2016.

The areas that will affect us with rerouted traffic and with our own commutes:

### 27th Street from Layton to Bottsford:

- o Two lanes of traffic open in each direction
- o Northbound to Westbound loop ramps closed
- o Westbound exit ramp closed
- o Southbound to Westbound entrance ramp closed
- o Eastbound exit ramp closed
- o Southbound left turn to Eastbound entrance ramp closed.

### Grange Avenue:

- o Reconstruction of the Grange Avenue bridge over I-94
- o Close to all traffic

### Westbound Airport Spur:

- o Reconstruction of the Westbound Airport spur bridge and ramps to I-94.
- o One lane of traffic open – Day Hours
- o Closed – Evening Hours

### To make driving more confusing:

- o Howell Avenue from Howard to Grange will be resurfaced this summer and will be completed by fall.
- o 27th Street/College Ave. Eastbound left turn lane will be modified
- o 13th Street/Rawson Ave. Eastbound left turn lane will be modified.
- o College Ave. /Rawson Ave. Eastbound left turn lane will be modified.
- o College Ave. /Howell Ave. Westbound left turn lane will be modified.

For all of us that will be affected by the construction, don't fret! The U.S. Department of Transportation has estimated the construction that directly affects us to be completed by December 2009. In the mean time you can visit [www.plan94.org](http://www.plan94.org) which is the official 94 North-South Freeway Project's website. This has everything you will need for current traffic conditions, lane closures, and project status reports.

Another option that I discovered is the new #511 phone number. When in traffic you can call 511 from your wireless phone for current traffic conditions and the best detours. I tried this myself and found it very useful for my morning commute. There are other options available that offer: roadside assistance, ride-share, public transportation and much more.

Please remember that fines are doubled in construction areas. Let's slow down in construction areas and "Let's give them a Brake". We all want a happy and safe summer.

Source: [www.plan94.org](http://www.plan94.org)



## FREE Summer Movie:

Looking for something unique and cheap to do this summer? How about a drive-in movie without the car! The Holt Park Neighborhood Association will be screening a FREE family-friendly movie on Friday, July 17th at dusk (with a rain date of Saturday, July 18th) at Holt Playfield, which is near the intersection of S. 18th and Holt Ave. Past showings have included Cars and Happy Feet. Treats and beverages will be for sale. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy a night under the stars!

# Protect Yourself & Property Safety Tips

With the warm weather upon us and the economy not looking so bright, we can expect an increase of unwelcomed visitors prowling through our neighborhood. Here are a few tips to protect yourself and your property.

- When you purchase a large ticket item such as a TV or appliance, cut up the box for recycling. By putting the large box into the alley is like a billboard to criminals advertising what is now in your home and free for the taking.
- Junk mail, credit card offers, receipts and personal mail should be shredded and then put into your recycling container. People can ruffle through your paper recyclables and steal valuable information and your identity.
- Chain down snow blowers, lawnmowers and small personal vehicles in your garage. If someone is able to get into your garage by having these easy to sell items chained together will make it extremely difficult to remove from your property.
- Make sure your house or flat is secure. Always secure outside doors. Fit barrel locks top and bottom. If you have to use a key, keep it in a safe place away from the door where you can find it quickly in an emergency – you may need to use the door in the event of fire.
- Draw your curtains after dark and if you think there is a prowler outside call the Police.
- When away on vacation, put a light or two on timers to make it appear someone is home.

## **Most Importantly:**

- If you suspect anyone is in your house, do not go in. Go to a neighbor and call the police.
- If you see or hear anything suspicious, call the police.



The best form of protection is to start or join a Block Watch. If you are interested, please contact Scott A. at 414-732-6726 or email at [scottfrom14th@yahoo.com](mailto:scottfrom14th@yahoo.com). He will forward you Officer Gloria's contact information to help you form your neighborhood block watch group.

## **To join existing Block Watch groups:**

3500 – 3700 block of South 14th Street, contact Scott A. at [scottfrom14th@yahoo.com](mailto:scottfrom14th@yahoo.com).

3800 – 3900 block of South 14th Street, contact Scott S. at [sps496@gmail.com](mailto:sps496@gmail.com).

3700 - 3800 block of South 15th Place, please contact Tammy at [talteach@aol.com](mailto:talteach@aol.com).

# Police District #6: Our New Home

Big changes are taking place in the Milwaukee Police Department. The new Chief of Police, Edward Flynn, has been reorganizing the seven police districts into which the city is divided. Back in March, the leadership of the districts was reshuffled, and now the boundaries of the districts themselves are changing.

Effective June 28th, our neighborhood will have moved from District Two to District Six. But no plate tectonics are involved. Instead, the boundaries of these two districts will be redrawn to reflect the current distribution of crime. As many of you know, crime on the south side tends to follow a north-south pattern. The further north you go, the more problems you encounter; whereas fewer crimes are encountered the further south one travels.

The new boundaries reflect this fact. The districts will be separated by an east-west boundary rather than the old north-south one. This means that crime will be more uniformly spread across the districts instead of being concentrated on their northern ends. And that, in turn, means that squads won't be tied up in the "hot spots" of the district all of the time; they will be able to stay in their own patrol area more often. Ideally, lower crime areas like ours should receive more regular patrols than they did under the old regime.

As a result of the shift in borders, we also will have a new captain and community liaison officer (the person who, among other things, helps you get a block watch going). And our new district headquarters will be at the District Six station, just east of St. Luke's. All of this information can be found below. Let's hope that our new home is an unwelcome one...for the criminals in the area, that is!

District Six Headquarters – 3006 S. 27th St. – 935-7262

Captain Michael D. Young: 935-7260  
C.L.O. Jesus Gloria: 935-7268

## See map at

<http://media.journalinteractive.com/images/SAFETY05G.jpg>



## Summer Meetings:

We will be combining our meetings with the Holt Park Neighborhood Association this summer. These gatherings will be held at St. Francis Hospital (or Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - St Francis, as it's now called) in the 8th floor auditorium. St. Francis is located at 3237 S. 16th St., across from National Bakery. Here are the details:

### Tuesday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers: County Supervisor Chris Larson  
Alderman Terry Witkowski

Topics: Budget cuts in Milwaukee County  
Funding to county parks  
New dog park in Bay View

### Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers: State Senator Tim Carpenter  
Alderman Terry Witkowski

Topics: State budget situation  
City issues