



THE HAAS REPORT

*THE 14TH DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2011*

Dear neighbor,

As we head into the last few months of 2011, and my sixth month of service to you, I am often amazed and grateful to see the many good things we are doing here on the South Side. If you have driven down S. 6th Street, you will surely have noticed the blossoming of the new Garden District Community Garden, which was joined by the new farmers market just this past month. And the street itself is being transformed into a “green corridor,” which will reduce the rainwater runoff and flooding problems in the area.

Further west, we have welcomed a new festival to Wilson Park, and we have seen improvements to Copernicus Park. I am striving to ensure that all of our South Side Parks get the care that they deserve by forming Friends groups for each of the eight parks in my district. The first will be Saveland Park. See page 2 for more on that.

County Board Committees

- Vice-Chair, Parks, Energy, & Environment
- Transportation, Public Works & Transit
- Personnel

Community Memberships

- Bay View Neighborhood Association
- Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Bay View Garden and Yard Society
- Hide House Community Garden
- South Side Business Club
- Victory Garden Initiative
- Humboldt Park Watch
- South Shore Park Watch
- Garden District Neighborhood Association
- Holler Park Neighborhood Association
- Town of Lake Neighborhood Association

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Volunteers Needed for the Bay View Pumpkin Pavilion

It's that time of year again, and the Bay View Neighborhood Association is putting together another wonderful "Pumpkin Pavilion". This is a family friendly activity, and we need to pull together some volunteers. Here is what you can do to help:

- **Wed. Oct 19: @ Club Garibaldi 2pm-8pm.** Join us for pumpkin prep! Enjoy a beverage while washing and gutting pumpkins.
- **Thurs. Oct 20: @ Humboldt Park Pavilion 2pm-6pm.** Pumpkin prep continues. We also need volunteers from 4pm-10pm to help erect scaffolding and racking, move picnic tables, and decorate the pavilion hall.
- **Fri. Oct 21: Humboldt Park Pavilion.** All-day general help needed for last minute decorating and logistics.
- **Fri Oct 21 and Sat. Oct 22:** General help needed from **5-10pm** for pumpkin carving and lighting.
- **Sun. Oct 23: 8am** Clean-up, disassembly of scaffolding and racking, and Pumpkin distribution.

Thank you in advance for helping out and spreading the word!

Friends of Saveland Park Meeting 10/20 @ 7PM

The first meeting to discuss forming Friends of Saveland Park will be on **Thursday October 20 at 7PM** at the **Saveland Park Pavilion**, at S. 2nd Street & Wilbur Avenue.

This group will help raise awareness, community activity, and funding to help improve Saveland Park. The park is an anchor of the neighborhood and deserves all the support we can give it.

Jim Goulee of The Park People of Milwaukee County will be on hand to talk with you about starting the group and what needs to be done for its success.

Here are the details again:

Where: Saveland Park Pavilion, S. 2nd Street & Wilbur Avenue

When: Thursday, October 20 at 7:00PM

Look forward to seeing you there, and feel free to spread the word!



The Saveland Park Pavilion

Growing Power Comes to the Garden District Farmer's Market

Last weekend, I was pleased to welcome Growing Power as the newest local vendor at the Garden District Farmers Market!

In case you haven't checked it out yet, the Farmers Market is located at **S. 6th Street and W. Norwich Avenue**, just south of the new Garden District Community Garden on Howard Avenue, and is open to the public every Saturday this season from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

To say that I am excited about Growing Power's presence at the market is an understatement. Growing Power has long been at the heart of the local urban farming movement. Urban farming has the power to strengthen and revitalize communities, and now companies like IBM recognize that urban farming as a vital economic and sustainability component of American cities. We will again see the day when Milwaukee feeds and supplies the world.

Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization and land trust supporting people from diverse backgrounds, and the environments in which they live, by helping to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable food for people in all communities.

Companies like Growing Power, and the South Side's very own Sweet Water Organics, are changing the way we look at food production. While Growing Power operates the only farm remaining within the City of Milwaukee, Sweet Water Organics has turned an old Harnischfeger factory on Ward Street into a full-scale vegetable and fish farm. And they did this using techniques mastered at Growing Power.

Please help spread the word and come on down to this great event, and feel free to offer a wonderful 14th district hello to our newest vendor!

For more information, visit these web sites:

The Garden District: www.thegdna.com

Growing Power: www.growingpower.org

Sweet Water Organics: www.sweetwater-organic.com



Will Allen of Growing Power and Supervisor Haas at the Garden District Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 1st.

Get in Touch with Me

I want to hear what you think about the issues that are before us. Please call me at (414) 278-4252, or email me at: jason.haas@milwcnty.com

Calls from the County Courthouse come up as "BLOCKED" on caller ID, so if you are expecting to hear from me, I might be that blocked call.

I look forward to working with you as I represent you on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Stay in touch, and I'll talk with you soon.

2012 Budget Town Hall Meeting



Milwaukee County

Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, 4th District
Supervisor Jason Haas, 14th District

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SUPERVISORS TO HOST JOINT TOWN HALL MEETING ON 2012 COUNTY BUDGET

Residents invited to ask questions, share concerns

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Jason Haas are co-hosting a public meeting on October 10th to discuss the 2012 Milwaukee County Budget.

“I am looking forward to hearing from the residents of the 4th District on our 2012 Milwaukee County Budget,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “There are many changes being proposed, and it’s important for me to discuss these changes with my neighbors before taking a vote on the budget.”

“Due to reduced state support and funding challenges facing the transit system, we are currently facing one of the worst budgets in Milwaukee County’s history,” Supervisor Haas added. “Given the County’s fiscal state, there are no easy solutions. I need to hear from constituents to make the best decisions as we move forward through this budget process.”

Who: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Jason Haas
What: Town Hall meeting on 2012 County Budget
When: Monday, October 10, 2011, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Where: South Shore Park Pavilion
2900 S. Shore Drive, Milwaukee, WI

Both Supervisors have also issued surveys to their constituents in an effort to better assess the needs of both districts.

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Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative



Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative

Date: OCTOBER 8th 2011

TIME: 12:00PM-4:00PM



Clarke Square Park

2330 W. Vieau Place, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Clarke Square Neighborhood Weatherization Fair

- = Join us to learn simple, low/no cost ways to reduce your energy bill, make your home more comfortable, and use less energy
- > Kids activities to teach them about energy through a fun game!
- Tips for home owners and renters
- > Have the opportunity to apply for Energy Assistance

We will also be announcing the WINNER from the nominees for the Clarke Square Curb Appeal award!

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