

Layton Boulevard News



Living in Silver City, Burnham Park, and Layton Park

Spring 2011

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors, Inc has been your dedicated neighborhood organization since 1995.

Your look into neighborhood events, activities, and resources

Get Involved in Your Neighborhood Quality of Life Plan!

By Charlotte John-Gomez

LBWN is proud to announce that the Zilber Family Foundation has expanded the Zilber Neighborhood Initiative to include LBWN's 3 neighborhoods. Thanks to this investment, we are collaborating with neighbors to develop a Quality of Life Plan for our entire community. Many neighbors have already contributed to this process, including Kimberly Kowalczyk. Her story of personal investment in our neighborhood demonstrates the importance of community.



Silver City resident Evelyn Delgado and her family recently participated in the Zilber Quality of Life planning process

When Kimberly was looking to buy a home in places like Wauwatosa, many of the houses were out of their price range or lacked the charming elements that they desired. Kimberly was looking for a home with the beautiful woodwork and stained glass that she had always admired in her grandparents' Burnham Park bungalow.

When Kimberly's grandmother put her house on the market, Kimberly was cleaning the original beveled glass French doors and thought,

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¡Participe en la Creación de un Plan para su Vecindario!

Por Charlotte John-Gomez

LBWN se enorgullece de anunciar que la Fundacion de la Familia Zilber ha aumentado su proyecto de vecindarios de Zilber para incluir las 3 vecindades de LBWN. Gracias a la inversión de la Zilber Neighborhood Initiative, estamos trabajando con vecinos para desarrollar un Plan de Calidad de Vida para nuestra comunidad. Muchos vecinos han contribuido a este proceso, incluyendo a Kimberly Kowalczyk. Su historia muestra qué tan importante es la comunidad.

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LBWN Spring/Summer 2011 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 5	6:30pm	Silver City Quality of Life Plan Meeting	Iglesia Discipulos de Cristo 29th & Scott
April 7	6:30pm	Home Renovation Workshop	Sacred Heart Center 28th & Lapham (Room 203)
April 12	6:30pm	Burnham & Layton Park Quality of Life Plan Meeting	Nativity Jesuit School 30th & Orchard
TBD	TBD	Historic Layton Blvd. Quality of Life Plan Meeting	TBD
April 16	9:00am -12:00pm	Spring Clean-Up	37th & National Ave.
May 5	6:00pm	Mining for Silver Dinner	The Wherehouse 818 S. Water Street
May 18	6:30pm	Concerts in the Park	Arlington Heights Park 35th & Pierce
June 15	6:30pm	Concerts in the Park	Arlington Heights Park 35th & Pierce
July 20	6:30pm	Concerts in the Park	Arlington Heights Park 35th & Pierce
Aug 17	6:30pm	Concerts in the Park	Arlington Heights Park 35th & Pierce
Aug 27	10:00am	Asian Fest	36th & National



Warm weather and Asian Fest are just around the corner. Here's a photo from the festival taken by Silver City resident Stephen Antosiewicz that won 2nd Place in the 2010 "Love Where You Live" Photo Contest. If you have photos from the neighborhood that you would like to share, please email them to will@lbwn.org or post them on our Facebook page.

Home Improvement Resources

By Will Sebern

Want to learn more about all the available programs for renovations to your home? Come to our Home Renovation Workshop where you will have the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of experts in the many home improvement programs available to you as a resident of the LBWN neighborhoods. Listed below are a sample of some of the programs that will be at the workshop.

Most Improved Porch Contest – At the April 7th Home Renovation Workshop, LBWN will kick off the 2011 Most Improved Porch Contest. Come learn how you can participate in this contest by improving your porch during the summer and compete for cash prizes for the most improved porches in the neighborhood.

Greenfield Station TIN– Now is the time to apply for the Targeted Investment Neighborhood (TIN) program. Homes located between Scott and Mitchell Streets, and Layton Boulevard (27th) and 35th Street are eligible. This program is the best home improvement resource for income eligible families. Eligible households can receive up to \$10,000 in forgivable loans, when

matched by an owner occupant or investor owner. Low interest loans are available for the matching portion.

Home Renovation Workshop

Thursday, April 7

6:30—8:00 pm

Sacred Heart Center, Room 203

(Entrance at 28th & Lapham)

RSVP to Will at 414-383-9038

x.5300 or will@lbwn.org

Home Rehabilitation Program – New Program! - Don't live within the TIN boundaries? No problem! The Home Rehabilitation Loan Program offers low-interest and deferred payment rehab loans to income-qualified owner-occupants outside the TIN.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) – Interested in the exciting opportunity of buying an affordable foreclosed property in our

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Recursos Para Las Mejoras de Vivienda

Por Will Sebern

¿Quiere saber más de todos los programas para las renovaciones para su casa? Venga a nuestro Taller de Renovación de Vivienda donde tendrá la oportunidad de aprender sobre los varios programas que se ofrecen a Ud. como residente de la vecindad de LBWN. Abajo, hay una muestra de algunos de los programas de los que se hablarán en el taller.

Concurso del Porche más Embellecido – Durante el Taller de Renovación de Vivienda en el 7 de abril, LBWN lanzará El Concurso del Porche Más Embellecido de 2011. Aprenda cómo se puede participar en este concurso mediante las mejoras de su porche durante el verano y cómo se puede competir para premios de efectivo.

TIN de Greenfield Station – Es hora de aplicarse

para la Vecindad de la Inversión (TIN). Viviendas ubicadas entre las calles Scott y Mitchell, y el bulevar Layton y la calle 35 están calificadas para este programa. Este programa es el mejor recurso para las mejoras de casa para familias con ingresos que se califican. Viviendas elegibles pueden recibir hasta los \$10,000 de préstamos perdonables mientras son emparejados. Préstamos de tasa de bajo interés están disponibles para la porción de emparejar.

Programa de Rehabilitación de Vivienda – ¡Nuevo Programa! - ¿No vive entre los límites del TIN? ¡No hay problema! El Programa de Rehabilitación de Vivienda les ofrece préstamos de bajo interés y préstamos del pago diferido a los dueños-ocupantes con ingresos que se califican.

Taller de Renovación de Vivienda

Jueves, 7 de Abril

6:30—8:00 pm

Sacred Heart Center, Sala 203

(Entra en el 28 y Lapham)

Comuníquese con Will al 414-383-9038 x.5300 o will@lbwn.org

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Neighborhood Resources

By Beth Haskovec

Did you know that the **Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce (HWCC)** is located on the Silver City Main Street? They are just one of the many businesses and organizations operated on National Avenue by Milwaukee's growing Asian community.



The HWCC offers business technical assistance for entrepreneurs and small business owners. They also have a business loan fund that can help you get your business off the ground. Kim's Thai Restaurant located within Pacific

Produce recently received an interest free micro-loan from the Hmong Chamber; which allowed them to purchase equipment for their business.

You don't need to be Hmong to receive services from the Hmong Chamber. Any minority owned business can qualify for technical assistance or apply for their loan program. The HWCC offers the following services to assist small businesses in reaching their goals.

I. Workshops and Classes – The HWCC provides four areas of business technical assistance to support successful business start-ups. The HWCC maintains partnerships with established business assistance programs to offer affordable education opportunities in English and Hmong.

II. One-on-One Assistance – The HWCC match business owners with pre-qualified professional advisors. These advisors understand the unique challenges faced by minority businesses.

III. Business Development Assistance –The HWCC monitors the latest procurement initiatives of private corporations and government agencies. Workshops on these procurement processes are offered to members interested in private and public sector contracting opportunities. Private tours for specialists to visit member businesses are scheduled annually.

IV. Mentoring – Mentoring is a powerful and effective method to build successful businesses. HWCC's structured mentorship program measures the effectiveness of each mentorship relationship by improvements in business performance.

For more information on the Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce contact them at (414) 645-8828 or visit their website at www.hmongchamber.org for loan fund information.

Home Improvement Resources

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neighborhood? The NSP program provides owner-occupants with forgivable loans to help pay for the purchase and rehabilitation costs of certain foreclosed properties. There are also forgivable loans available for rehabilitation of a property you wish to rent out.

Me2 – Me2, is a federally funded program to help income-eligible homeowners make their properties more energy efficient. This program can help you by providing the support of a trained team to navigate your energy upgrades. For more information, call 877-399-1203 today to schedule an appointment with an Energy Advocate who will guide you through the process or visit www.smartenergypays.com.

Weatherization Program - Provided by The Wisconsin Department of Administration, this program offers eligible households assistance in weatherizing their home for the Wisconsin climate. This can increase insulation levels and appliance efficiency. To learn more about the Weatherization program, call the Social Development Commission at (414) 906-2700 or on the web at <http://www.cr-sdc.org>.

Unless otherwise noted, for more information about these programs and others, or to fill out an application, visit www.lbwn.org/neighbors or contact Will at LBWN at 383.9038 x 5300.

Two Families Buy LBWN Turnkey Renovation Homes!

By Jeremy Belot

Gabriel Perales Victoriano and Jason and Marco Dalhman have both purchased homes and are moving their families into the Layton Boulevard West Neighborhood. Both homes were part of LBWN's Turnkey Renovation Program which renovates vacant foreclosed homes to sell to new homeowners at an affordable price. The improvements focused on increasing the homes' energy efficiency and restoring the turn of the century craftsmanship found in the neighborhood's housing stock.

Mr. Victoriano was renting an apartment in the neighborhood but wanted to invest in his neighborhood by becoming a homeowner. He liked the 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home on S.



34th St. that LBWN converted from an illegal duplex to a completely remodeled home. LBWN installed a solar thermal water heating system, an Energy Star furnace and water heater, attic and wall cavity insulation, and air sealing and high efficiency lighting. All improvements combined will reduce the utility bills for the

home. Mr. Victoriano is glad to be staying in the Silver City neighborhood as a homeowner.

After a friend told them about all the attractive features of the Burnham Park neighborhood, Jason and Marco Dahlman began looking to buy a home in the area. When they saw the 3 bedroom, 1 and 1/2 bath home on W. Mitchell St. they not only loved the house, but also liked that it was so close to Jason's work and to Burnham Park where their children like to play.

LBWN made similar energy efficiency upgrades as they had with the Victoriano home, but also addressed water infiltration issues in the basement, built a garage, remodeled the non-code-

compliant bathrooms and renovated the kitchen with custom cabinets and beautiful granite counter tops. Jason and Marco are excited to raise their family in the Burnham Park neighborhood and get to know their neighbors.



LBWN is now looking for two more vacant foreclosed homes to be the next Turnkey Renovation homes. If you know of a home on your block that you would like us to consider renovating for a new homeowner please contact Jeremy Belot at 414-383-9038 x2515 or Jeremy@lbwn.org.

Mejoras de vivienda *(Continuado de la página 3)*

Programa de Estabilización del Vecindario (NSP)

– ¿Le interesa la oportunidad de comprar una propiedad asequible en su vecindario? El NSP les ofrece a los dueños-ocupantes préstamos perdonables para ayudarlo con la compra y los costos de rehabilitación para ciertas propiedades de ejecución hipotecaria. También hay préstamos perdonables para la rehabilitación si quiere arrendar la propiedad.

Me2 – Me2 es un programa para dueños de vivienda con ingresos calificados para mejorar la eficiencia de energía. Este programa le ofrece el apoyo de un equipo de expertos que le puede ayudar con las mejoras de la eficiencia de energía. Para más información, llame al 877-399-1203 para hacer una cita con una especialista o visite www.smartenergypays.com.

Programa de Climatización – Este programa les ofrece a casas con ingresos calificados ayuda con la climatización de sus hogares. Para aprender más, llame a la Social Development Commission al (414) 906-2700 o por internet en www.cr-sdc.org.

A menos que se indique algo diferente arriba, para más información sobre estos programas y otros o para llenar una aplicación, visite www.lbwn.org/neighbors o comuníquese con Will en LBWN a 383.9038 x 5300.

Block Celebrity

By Daniel Adams

A key component to any healthy neighborhood is having committed residents who are willing to give their time and effort to make the neighborhood a better place. Silver City resident **Jose Miramontes** is one example of the many volunteers who work hard to improve their neighborhood.

Jose has lived with his wife, Maria, and their two dogs, Nena and Paco, near 34th & Scott for almost 10 years.

Jose and Maria became familiar with LBWN when they first bought their home and were approached to participate in a block improvement project. Jose and Maria have been involved with the Silver City neighborhood and LBWN ever since.

Annually Jose and Maria help out by volunteering for the neighborhood cleanup in spring, Asian Fest in late August, and the Silver City Trick-or-Treat Street around Halloween. Jose and Maria also volunteer every fall for the School Sisters of Saint Francis' Pancake Breakfast. Other than Maria, Jose's most common volunteering partner is his sturdy truck which he uses to help set up and take down events.

When asked why they like living in Silver City both Jose and Maria responded, "we like living on a block where the neighbors support each other, everyone looks out for one another." With neighbors as dedicated and caring as Jose and Maria it is easy to see why this is a common sentiment among Silver City residents.

If you would like to get involved and support your neighborhood, contact Justin Shoman from LBWN at Justin@lbwn.org or 414-383-9038 ex. 5247 for volunteer opportunities. With warm weather just around the corner and plenty of activities already planned, there will be more than enough opportunities for you to take after Jose and volunteer in your neighborhood.



Estrella del Bloque

Por Daniel Adams

Un componente clave de cualquier vecindario saludable es que los residentes comprometen a dar su tiempo y esfuerzo para hacer que el vecindario sea un lugar mejor. **José Miramontes** es un ejemplo de los voluntarios que trabajan duro para mejorar su vecindario.

José ha vivido con su esposa María y sus dos perros, Nena y Paco, cerca de 34[°] y Scott por casi 10 años. José y María se familiarizaron con LBWN por primera vez cuando compraron su casa y LBWN les invitó a participar en un proyecto de mejoramiento del bloque. Desde entonces, José y María han estado involucrados con el vecindario de Silver City y LBWN.

Cada año José y María sirven como voluntarios en la limpieza del barrio durante la primavera, en Asian Fest a finales de Agosto y la Calle de Trick-or-Treat de Silver City para el Halloween. José y María también son voluntarios cada otoño para el desayuno de panqueques del School Sisters de San Francisco. Aparte de María, el compañero más común de José cuando está voluntando es su camioneta robusta que usa para ayudar con los eventos.

Cuando se les preguntó por qué les gusta vivir en Silver City, José y María respondieron, "nos gusta vivir en un bloque donde los vecinos se apoyan mutuamente, todos trabajamos el uno para el otro." Con vecinos tan dedicados como José y María, es fácil ver por qué esto es un sentimiento común entre los residentes de Silver City.

Si usted desea participar y apoyar su barrio, comuníquese con Will Sebern de LBWN al will@lbwn.org o llame al 414-383-9038 ex.5300 e infórmese sobre oportunidades voluntarias. Con un clima cálido acercándonos y muchas actividades en planificación, habrá suficientes oportunidades para que usted, igual que José, sea una estrella brillante en su propio bloque.



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Securing a Business Loan

Advice from the Experts at Equitable Bank

Sooner or later most small business owners end up needing a business loan of some kind. Being prepared when you meet with your banker is the easiest way to ensure a smooth process...which hopefully ends with securing the money you need. There are some standard documents that most banks request. Before you even sit down with your banker it's helpful to gather the following:

- Business Plan
- Cash Flow Projections
- Personal Financial Statement
- Bank Statements
- Past Tax Returns (both personal and business)
- Legal Documents (articles of incorporation, franchise agreements, etc.)

You should also be prepared to discuss the collateral you have and your expertise in your industry.

Looking to talk with someone about your business finances? Stop by The Equitable Bank at 3418 W. National Avenue or call 414.645.3553.

The 5 C's of Credit

Sherry Saiki, Layton State Bank
Chair, Silver City ER Committee

The following five factors will help you identify if you are ready to take on the risk and responsibility of a business loan.

Character – How a person behaves or might behave in the future. This is measured by reviewing personal credit reports and scores. Any judgments, accounts in Collection and liens are also considered. The first impression that you make with your banker will also play a role, so be punctual and always behave in a courteous and professional manner.

Capacity – The ability of a person or business to repay monthly or annual obligations. This is measured by a cash flow analysis, both on a specific transaction level and from a global perspective. Both historical numbers and projections are analyzed.

Capital – The investment made by the owners into the business. The owners are always expected to have an investment into their company and to have their assets at risk. Normally the bank would require that the owners have at least a 20% investment in the company. Loan programs do exist that can reduce this investment, but there are also cases in which an even larger investment is required.

Collateral – Articles of value that back-up a loan request. These valuable assets will serve as a means to repay the loan if the business is unable to. The assets serve as a guaranty of payment to the bank and can be taken by the bank to be sold. It is possible that even if liquidated, the assets might not bring in enough money to fully repay the loan.

Conditions – The economic climate not only locally, by regionally and nationally. The owners must demonstrate their understanding of how these factors impact their business and their ability to respond to the changes to allow their company to survive. They should also have a thorough understanding of the industry they are in and the market for their product and/or service. An exit strategy should be well thought out.

The Silver City Main Street can offer resources to assist you with the business planning and cash flow projections necessary to apply for a business loan. We can also refer you to loan programs that assist you in reducing your capital investment toward the loan. Call Beth at 414.380.4680.

Business Neighbor

By Beth Haskovec

The Credit Union Service Center is the newest addition to the El Rey Plaza on W. Burnham Street. I recently met with the President of the company Rick Hagopian and Branch Manager Ana Martinez to discuss their business, the neighborhood, and their philosophy.

Many neighbors in the Burnham Park, Silver City, and Layton Park neighborhoods are members of Credit Unions. However, Rick and his team identified this neighborhood as one that lacked access to service centers that allowed credit union members to easily make deposits & withdrawals, process a loan payment, or fill out a loan application in close proximity to their home. It was primarily for this reason that they opened the service center in the El Rey Plaza on August 23, 2010.

The business noticed right away the diversity and community pride in our neighborhood, and was excited to become a business owner that took pride in their product, as well as, their property. They invested in the former Cricket store to create a warm, inviting environment for members. Renovations included a new paint job, new carpeting, and the creation of a lobby that welcomes clients in a warm, inviting atmosphere.

The response to the business has been great. Neighbors appreciate not having to take the bus to visit their credit union, and many more neighbors are learning about the benefits of being a member of a credit union. According to Rick Hagopian, "Credit unions are based on a model that puts people ahead of profits. Credit unions are often smaller than banks and offer good rates, lower fees, and quality service".



Credit Union Service Center

People Helping People

El Rey Plaza
3508 W. Burnham Street
414-431-3925

Monday-Friday 10am—6pm
Saturday 10am—2pm

The employees of the Credit Union Service Centers have really taken the philosophy of the credit union to heart. Ana says, "We're here to help neighbors and make things easier for them." Ana and her staff are bilingual in Spanish and English. If you are interested in learning about joining a credit union they can walk you through their services. For non-members they offer a variety of public services that can make your life easier; from sending a fax to free notary public services.

For a list of credit unions that are participating in the Credit Union Service Center visit their website at www.cuservicecenter.com or call 414-431-3925.

Do you have a suggestion of another business that you would like to see in the neighborhood?

E-mail Beth at silvercitymainstreet@gmail.com with your suggestion and tell us why that business would make the neighborhood a better place. First five people to e-mail will receive a free paint kit for their home.

We welcome your ideas, comments, and stories 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 y comentarios sobre el vecindario, incluyendo sus historias y sus cuentos.

Would you like to receive, once per month, an update on resources, activities, and news about what is going on in your neighborhood?

- ◆ Visit www.lbwn.org and input your email into our system!

Love where you live. Live in the Layton Boulevard West Neighborhoods!

We wish to thank the SCHOOL SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, who founded and support LBWN, as we build partnerships for a NEIGHBORHOOD THAT CARES.

Quality of Life Plan

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"Why don't we just buy this house?"

As Kimberly and her husband researched the Burnham Park community they found LBWN. Kimberly states, "I contacted them to gain more knowledge and ... we saw a lot of positive information." Kimberly has seen a lot of change throughout the years. "Today this neighborhood has been taken back by all the good people and homeowners that know what they have in this community and are willing to take a stand for it. Things went from being really good when I was a child, to not so good for a while, but now it is a great place to live again. Everyone on our block is friendly, family-oriented, and takes pride in their homes and yards. We know we belong."

These changes are possible thanks to neighbors working side-by-side with LBWN. The School Sisters of St. Francis, along with countless others, and now the Zilber Neighborhood Initiative (ZNI), have invested millions to facilitate community improvements. ZNI will provide the resources to create a Quality of Life Plan and a five-year vision for the entire 140 block neighborhood.

LBWN is seeking your ideas to create and implement a vision for an ever-improving neighborhood. Many of our neighbors including Kimberly have already expressed theirs. "My husband and I were happy to participate . . . because Burnham Park and the surrounding neighborhoods are important to us. As homeowners here, we have a stake in its future prosperity. This plan can be as unique and extraordinary as the residents that make up the neighborhoods of LBWN, that's why it is important for everyone to get involved and be heard."

To lend your voice to the neighborhood Quality of Life Plan, attend a meeting and help shape the kind of neighborhood you want to live, work, and play in! Please attend any of these dates:

- **Silver City** – April 5th at 6:30 at United Church, 29th & Scott
- **Burnham and Layton Parks** – April 12th at 6:30 at Nativity Jesuit School, 30th & Orchard
- **Historic Layton Boulevard** – Date and location to be determined

Plan de Calidad de Vida

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compro esta casa?"

Kimberly y su esposo investigaron más sobre la comunidad de Burnham Park y se cruzó con LBWN. "Me puse en contacto con LBWN para saber más del área y encontramos mucha información positiva." Durante los últimos años, Kimberly ha visto muchos cambios. "Por un tiempo las cosas se cambiaron entre lo bueno y lo malo, sin embargo ahora toda el área se ha convertido en un lugar maravilloso para vivir una vez más. Todo el mundo en nuestro bloque es amigable, familiar y se enorgullecen de sus casas y jardines. Sabemos que pertenecemos aquí"- afirmó Kimberly.

Estos cambios positivos son posibles gracias a vecinos trabajando juntos con LBWN. La School Sisters of St. Francis, junto con otros y ahora la Zilber Neighborhood Initiative (ZNI), han invertido millones para facilitar los mejoramientos. ZNI le dará a LBWN los recursos para desarrollar un Plan de Calidad de Vida.

LBWN busca sus ideas para crear e implementar una visión para un vecindario que sea aún mejor todavía. Muchos, incluyendo a Kimberly, han compartido sus ideas. "Mi esposo y yo estamos felices de participar porque Burnham Park y los barrios vecinos nos importa también. Como propietarios en el vecindario nos interesa su prosperidad. Este plan puede ser tan único y extraordinario como los residentes que se componen los vecindarios de LBWN, por eso se importa que todos se involucren y sean oídos".

Para ser parte del Plan de Calidad de Vida en su vecindario, asista a una reunión para compartir sus ideas. Es su oportunidad de dar forma al vecindario en que quiere vivir, trabajar y jugar! Por favor venga y sea parte de una de las siguientes reuniones:

- **Silver City** – 5 de Abril a las 6:30pm en La Iglesia Discípulos de Cristo, Calle 29 y Scott
- **Burnham and Layton Parks** – 12 de Abril a las 6:30pm en Nativity Jesuit School, Calle 29 y Orchard
- **Historic Layton Boulevard** – fecha y local será determinado pronto

Love Where You Live!

The LBWN Annual Gathering, held last November, featured the first ever "Love Where You Live" photo contest. The response was so great we would like to feature the winners here. If you have great photos from the neighborhood that you would like to share, send them to Dan at Daniel@lbwn.org or post them on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/laytonboulevardwestneighbors. Thank you to everyone who entered and voted!



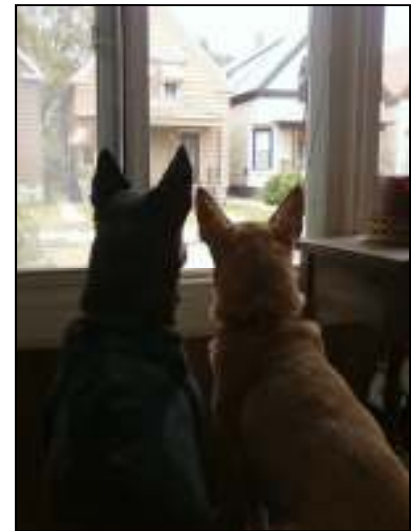
1st Place (People Category) - Genny Borda took this adorable photo at the North Burnham Park Block Party last summer.



Tied for 1st Place (Places Category) - Judy Allis snapped this beautiful sunset from behind Grace Chapel Church on 33rd & Lapham.



2nd Place (Place Category) - Nellys Rivera not only took this photo, but also created the beautiful yard shown in the picture.



Tied for 1st Place (Places Category) - Kathi Koenig caught her two dogs peeking out the window at the street.

3rd Place (People Category) - Kristy Jackson took this shot of all her friends dressed for Halloween and celebrating Kristy's birthday.



2nd Place (People Category) - see page 2 of the newsletter.

Welcome to our new LBWN Staff

By Daniel Adams

LBWN is pleased to announce that two new employees have recently started working with us to continue making our neighborhood an even better place to live, work, and play.

Jezamil Vega-Skeels is our new Neighborhood Planner working with neighbors to develop a Quality of Life Plan as part of the Zilber Neighborhood Initiative. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Jezamil spent her early years working at her father's woodshop where she developed her passion for design and construction. She came to Milwaukee to pursue her goal of completing her Bachelor and Master's degree in architecture at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. After working with private architecture firms she began working with local communities looking to improve quality of life, neighborhood infrastructure, and environment. Today she is a proud resident of the LBWN community and looks forward to building capacity among residents and stakeholders in order to develop a Quality of Life Plan that helps shape the future of our community.



Will and Jezamil enjoying a sunny morning at Wild Flour Bakery (28th and Lincoln).

Will Sebern is our new Community Outreach Manager. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Will brings seven years of experience working in organizing, government and politics. He is also fluent in Spanish having traveled throughout Latin America and studied abroad in Chile in 2003.

Will is looking forward to working with neighbors throughout our community on a variety of projects this year, including home renovations, the Burnham Park Community Garden, block pride projects, social gatherings, and the Most Improved Porch Contest. For more information, or to get involved with any of these events, please email Will at will@lbwn.org or call him at 383-9038 x. 5300.

Bienvenidos a los nuevos empleados de LBWN

Por Daniel Adams

LBWN les da la bienvenida a dos empleados que acaban de empezar a trabajar con nosotros para continuar haciendo que nuestro vecindario sea un lugar aún mejor para vivir.

Jezamil Vega-Skeels es nuestra nueva Planificadora del Vecindario trabajando con vecinos para desarrollar un Plan de Calidad de Vida como parte de la Zilber Neighborhood Initiative. Nacida y criada en Puerto Rico, Jezamil trabajó en el taller de madera de su padre durante su juventud. Allí, desarrolló su pasión por el diseño y la construcción. Llegó a Milwaukee para completar su título y magister en arquitectura en la Universidad de Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Después de trabajar para empresas de arquitectura, empezó a trabajar con comunidades que deseaban mejorar la calidad de vida, infraestructura y el medio ambiente. Hoy, se enorgullece de ser residente de la comunidad de LBWN y espera construir la capacidad entre los vecinos para crear un Plan de Calidad de Vida para dar forma al futuro de nuestra comunidad.

Will Sebern es nuestro nuevo Organizador Comunitario. Un titulado de la University de Wisconsin-Madison, Will trae siete años de experiencia trabajando en la organización social, el gobierno y la política. Él habla español y ha viajado mucho por Latinoamérica y estudió de intercambio en Chile durante 2003.

Will espera trabajar junto con vecinos en varios proyectos, incluyendo las renovaciones de vivienda, el Jardín Comunitario de Burnham Park, proyectos de orgullo del bloque, reuniones sociales, y el Concurso del Porche mas Embellecido. Comuníquese con Will al will@lbwn.org o 383-9038 x. 5300 para más información o para participar en estos eventos.



Contact us with comments, questions, or interesting neighborhood stories!

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