Greetings!

Here is your look into all the latest community happenings from Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park!

A Message from Charlotte

Spring brings new growth at LBWN

Greetings to my LBWN friends, neighbors, and partners!

As LBWN celebrates 20 years of stabilizing and revitalizing the Silver City, Burnham Park, and Layton Park neighborhoods, we also celebrate the talented team members not only for the impact they have made in the neighborhood but also in how they have nurtured their passions and experience in community development. This cultivation of the next generation of community leaders often leads to transition.

You may have heard that three of our amazingly talented staff members are moving on to other opportunities. Natanael Martinez, Economic Development Manager, has started a new position at the Department of City Development where he will apply what he learned here in the neighborhood to communities throughout the City of Milwaukee.
Dan Adams, Director of Neighborhood Planning, has moved on to the Harbor District where he will play a key role in planning what could be the next Menomonee Valley.

Jezamil Vega-Skeels, Director of Catalytic Projects, will move to her hometown in Puerto Rico, where, for the next year, she will apply her talented asset-based architectural and design skills to the development of affordable housing.

These are all wonderful opportunities that could not be passed up! LBWN congratulates Dan, Natanael, and Jezamil, and wishes them all the best in this next chapter!

After nearly 16 years of leading the LBWN team and creating a healthy neighborhood, I also have found a new way to share my own experiences and what I have learned on a broader scale.

I have recently accepted the position of the Director of HUD’s Milwaukee Office of Community Planning and Development. This is an exciting opportunity for me to build strong communities and expand my impact throughout Wisconsin. I will continue to lead LBWN until the end of May.

I leave LBWN in very excellent hands under the new leadership of Will Sebern, our current Director of Fund Development and Communications, who will assume the LBWN Executive Director position on June 1, 2015. Will will take the charge of working closely with each of you to carry on this legacy of building a strong and healthy neighborhood and serving as a model for how community development can be done effectively in Milwaukee.

Will is committed to ensuring that LBWN will continue to be results oriented and successful in all of its operations. He values the talents and expertise that each of our neighbors, staff, board members, and partners brings and he knows that these relationships are key to our success!

The School Sisters of St. Francis, LBWN Board members, and our long-term and newest staff members are committed to working with Will and each of you to continue creating a neighborhood of choice!

Please know that it has been an amazing journey working with each of you on so many projects and developments in our neighborhoods. I
have learned so much from each of you and in some ways you have been my very own George Bailey. You have been incredibly amazing in all that you do and all of your partnership in working with LBWN!

You have truly helped to build our capacity to revitalize our community. Due to your investments, time, and talents, we have been able to make significant impact and momentum that will carry on into the future.

I know you will continue to work with LBWN in this and other ways. I also know that our paths will continue to cross as I move into my next chapter!

Again, thank you for all you do for Milwaukee! It has been a pleasure to watch the tremendous investments bloom in so many ways! I look forward to working with you in my new capacity starting in June!

Sincerely,

Charlotte John-Gomez

**LBWN is Hiring!**

**Neighborhood Plan Coordinator**

LBWN is excited to announce a new career opportunity with our community development organization!

We are seeking to hire a Neighborhood Plan Coordinator that is bilingual in English and Spanish and is responsible for planning, coordinating, and carrying out comprehensive revitalization in accordance with the LBWN Quality of Life Plan, working together with local organizations, residents, government agencies, consultants, businesses, and local service providers.

Visit the LBWN website today for a complete job description and instructions on how to apply by 4:00pm on Wednesday, May 13th by emailing cover letter, resume, and salary expectations to charlotte@lbwn.org.

**Tour of Homes for Sale**

Find your new home in Layton Boulevard West
Saturday, June 6th | 10:00am-12:30pm
Urban Ecology Center (3700 W Pierce)
Register Today

Join us for this free, guided-tour of the Layton Boulevard West neighborhood as we view available homes for sale and learn about homebuying resources including $20,000 forgivable loans, mortgage options, homeownership education and more!

We will also tour many of the attractions that make our neighborhood an ideal place to buy a home including high-achieving schools, parks and recreation, international dining, and more! Register for the tour today!

**Spaces & Traces: Layton Boulevard West**
Historic Milwaukee in-depth tours coming to neighborhood

Saturday, May 16th | 9:00am-5:00pm
$20 for Historic Milwaukee members
$25 for non-members
Register Today

Over the past 34 years, Historic Milwaukee's Spaces and Traces event has helped thousands of tour goers become more familiar with the unique characteristics of Milwaukee's richly textured neighborhoods, and this year they will feature the Layton Boulevard West neighborhoods of Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park.

Among the tour locations are five privately owned homes (including former Mayor Norquist's home), three Frank Lloyd Wright System Built houses, the School Sisters of St. Francis motherhouse and St. Joseph Chapel, Burnham Park Pavilion, the Silver City Townhomes, and Urban Ecology Center.

Visit the LBWN website for more information and a link to register. Use coupon code "LBWN2015" for a discount!

**Mobile Bike Hub Summer Site Visits**
Free bike repairs for neighborhood residents
This June, the Mobile Bike Hub will begin its third year of providing free bike repairs to neighbors living in Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park. Once again, two local youth will serve as Mobile Bike Hub apprentices, providing them with job training while they also make a community impact!

**2015 Mobile Bike Hub Site Visit Schedule**

June 16th - July 2nd: Rogers Field (S 36th & W Rogers St)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | 12:00pm-4:00pm

July 7th - July 23rd: The Story Garden (2830 W Burnham St)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | 12:00pm-4:00pm

July 28th - August 13th: Trowbridge Square (1530 S 38th St)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | 12:00pm-4:00pm

August 18th - Sept. 3rd: Urban Ecology Center (3700 W Pierce St)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | 12:00pm-4:00pm

Visit the LBWN Mobile Bike Hub webpage for more information.

**Neighborhood Flags for Sale**

Order your Burnham Park or Layton Park flag today

Do you love where you live? If so, share that love by displaying your neighborhood name and sign on your home with a neighborhood flag.

LBWN is offering neighborhood flags for sale for the Burnham Park and Layton Park neighborhoods. The flags cost $5 and come with a mounting bracket, 5 foot wooden pole, Layton Park neighborhood poster, and a neighborhood history written by Milwaukee historian John Gurda.

For more information and instructions on how to order your flag visit either the Burnham Park or Layton Park websites.

LBWN expresses our sincere gratitude to the City of Milwaukee Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation for their support of this effort to enhance pride in the neighborhood!
Community Garden Beds Available
Grow your own produce, get to know your neighbors

Looking for some space to grow your own fruits and vegetables while also getting to know your neighbors? If so, consider getting involved in one of the community gardens in Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park!

There are three community gardening opportunities available in the neighborhood, including: Madison Garden, The Story Garden and Three Bridges Park.

Visit www.lbwn.org/getinvolved for more information on how you can reserve your garden bed in these community gardens.

Home Improvement Design Workshop
FREE design advice for home improvement projects

Thursday, June 18th
6:00pm-8:00pm
Sacred Heart Center, Room 50
1545 S Layton Boulevard

Join UWM Community Design Solutions for expert design advice on how to make your home improvement project shine!

At this FREE Home Design Workshop you can meet one-on-one with a design specialist to discuss landscaping projects, color schemes, and other ideas for home improvements. Space is limited!

Register today by contacting Kate Wolf at kate@lbwn.org or 414.944.6007 or visit the LBWN Home Improvements webpage for more details.

Many thanks to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and City of Milwaukee NIDC for their support of these Healthy Neighborhoods design workshops.
Home Improvement Grants Available
Homeowners eligible for up to $3,000

If you own a home in Layton Boulevard West or Clarke Square, you may qualify for a matching grant up to $1,000 to $3,000 for home improvements. These grants are made possible by the Zilber Family Foundation and Wells Fargo.

$1,000 - Exterior improvements visible from the front sidewalk.

$3,000 - Roof repair and replacement.

Homeowners and investor-owners may apply regardless of income. Apply today at www.lbwn.org/homeimprovements.

Most Improved Home Contest
Enter for your chance to win $1,000!

Your chance to win $1,000 for the most impactful home improvement project in the neighborhood! Between now and September 30th, homeowners in Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park can make enhancements to the front of their homes for a chance to win:

1st - $1,000 | 2nd - $750 | 3rd - $500 | 4th - $250
5th & 6th - Power Tool Kits

Register today for the Most Improved Home Contest! The first 20 homeowners to complete their projects will also receive a $50 rebate! A big thanks to Tri City National Bank and The Home Depot (150 W Holt Ave) for their sponsorship of this contest.

Visit the LBWN website for information on additional home improvement resources.

Featured Home for Sale: 2059 S Layton Boulevard
Spacious Brick Colonial on Historic Layton Boulevard
Located on Historic Layton Boulevard in the Burnham Park neighborhood, this spacious 5-bedroom 1.5-bath Brick Colonial features old world charm, stained-glass windows, hardwood floors, an updated kitchen, two fireplaces, and many other amenities.

Within walking distance to several Milwaukee attractions including El Rey Supermarket, Burnham Park, El Señorial Mexican Restaurant, high-achieving schools, and convenient shopping on Miller Park Way.

Visit [www.lbwn.org/buyhome](http://www.lbwn.org/buyhome) for details on this and other homes for sale in the neighborhood and contact Brianna Sas-Perez at brianna@lbwn.org or 414.385.5300 for information on homebuying resources.

**May Community Safety Meetings**

**MPD District 2 Crime & Safety Meeting**

Thursday, May 21st | 5:30pm
Vieau Elementary School
823 S 4th Street
(Meeting in English)

Join LBWN, the Milwaukee Police Department and other community partners to learn more about how we can all work together to promote a safe neighborhood.

[Visit the LBWN website](http://www.lbwn.org) for a complete schedule and to learn about other ways you can get involved in the neighborhood.

**Reunión de Seguridad del Distrito 2 de MPD**

Miércoles, 20 de Mayo| 5:30pm
United Community Center
722 W Washington Street
(Reunión en Español)

Únase a LBWN, el Departamento de Policía de Milwaukee y otros socios en la comunidad para aprender más sobre cómo podemos trabajar juntos para promover un vecindario seguro.
Visite la pagina web de LBWN para un calendario completo de reuniones y para aprender sobre otras oportunidades para involucrarse en el vecindario.

**Urban Ecology Center Summer Camps**

Register today for summer fun in the outdoors

The Urban Ecology Center in Silver City offers Summer Camps starting June 29th. They offer energetic, professional environmental educators who teach students throughout the school year. These educators are ready to engage your kids in topics and activities that will encourage curiosity and discovery, developing skills for school and life.

Through the Summer Camps, your children will:

- Foster a deep connection to nature through fun, hands-on adventures
- Explore the secrets of nature by looking under logs, hiking in the woods, climbing trees, building forts, creating art projects, taking pictures, and much more
- Build science and engineering skills to be better prepared for the school year
- Wade in or paddle along waterways, fish and enjoy the beaches of Lake Michigan
- Enjoy low-key, healthy outdoor fun with kids from all over the city

Visit [www.lbwn.org/youth](http://www.lbwn.org/youth) for more information on the Urban Ecology Center Summer Camps.

**FREE Youth Art Activities**

A.W.E. studios return to Burnham Park neighborhood

Artists Working in Education, Inc. (A.W.E) provides free art activities for youth during the Summer with their Satellite and Truck studios at Burnham Park and Trowbridge Square.

With Satellite Studios, neighborhood youth can create large-scale public art installations alongside professional artists.
Truck Studios offer Free, drop-in arts programs for ages 4-14. Youth learn visual arts concepts through fun, interactive activities.

Visit the LBWN website for more information on these free art activities.

**Community Biking Survey**
Participate in 16th Street Community Health Center Study

*Saturday, May 16th*
16th Street Community Health Center
1032 S Cesar E. Chavez Drive

Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers is recruiting community members to participate in a research study about biking in the neighborhood. This research project will find out more about helping people who want to start biking and how much biking can affect people’s health. Participants will be compensated for their time!

To learn more, contact Esperanza Magaña at 414.385.3367 or view this flier.

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La Clínica de Salud de la Calle 16 está inscribiendo para un estudio de investigación el ciclismo en su vecindario. El objetivo es aprender más sobre el ciclismo y como convertirse en personas más activas físicamente. Los participantes serán compensados por su tiempo.

Para informarse mejor, contacte a Esperanza Magaña al 414.385.3367 o vea este volante.

**Project Clean & Green**
Dispose of large items in May at no cost

Homeowners in some parts of the neighborhood can take part in Project Clean & Green from May 11th to May 15th.

Residents within the targeted zone can place unwanted furniture, mattresses, household items, up to 2 cubic yards of tree trimmings, and up to 5 tires at the garbage collection point (curb or alley) on their scheduled garbage collection day.

This is your opportunity to get rid of excess household debris at no
cost. After your Project Clean & Green week, there will be a $50-$150 charge for all bulky pickup requests larger than 1 cubic yard (about the size of an easy chair).

Visit the [City of Milwaukee website](http://milwaukee.gov) to see if your address qualifies for Project Clean & Green.

**Neighborhood Job Postings**

Cut down your commute by working in the neighborhood.

There are a number of recent job postings at neighborhood employers as well as with various community partners throughout Milwaukee.

Visit [www.lbwn.org/jobs](http://lbwn.org/jobs) to view all jobs detailed in the list below. If you have job postings in Layton Boulevard West, email them to will@lbwn.org.

**Neighborhood Jobs**

- Layton Boulevard West Neighbors
- Community Care, Inc.
- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
- School Sisters of St. Francis
- Tiny Green Trees
- Wild Flour Bakery
- Wisconsin Bike Fed

**Jobs with Community Partners**

- ACTS Housing
- Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative
- Conservation Services Group
- Helios Solar Works
- Johnson Bank
- Lakeside Manufacturing
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Potawatomi Hotel & Casino
- Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation

**Mortgage Check-Up Assistance**

Refinance, lower your interest rate and monthly payment.
If you are looking to lower your mortgage payment, review refinance or modification options, or help save your home from foreclosure, there is great news for you. Local non-profit homeownership specialists are available to provide information on a borrower's options when adjusting a mortgage or when facing foreclosure. For more information or to get connected, contact Brianna at brianna@lbwn.org or 414.385.5300 or visit www.lbwn.org/mortgage-assistance.

Click here for Take Root Milwaukee's information on "Steps to Take if You're Facing Foreclosure."

FREE Landlord Training Class
Learn how to become a more effective landlord

The City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services offers free training for landlords to learn the skills they need to effectively manage their rental properties. Advance registration is required by calling 414.286.2954 or via email.

Landlord Training Class (English)
Tue-Wed, May 12-13 | 4:30pm-7:30pm
Milwaukee Safety Academy
6680 N Teutonia Avenue

Clase de Entrenamiento para Propietarios (En Español)
Martes-Miércoles, 19-20 de Mayo | 4:30pm-7:30pm
4001 S 6th Street, Piso 3

Sincerely,

Will Sebern, Director of Fund Development & Communications
Layton Boulevard West Neighbors

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors is a non-profit community development organization dedicated to revitalizing Milwaukee's Silver City, Burnham Park, and Layton Park neighborhoods. For more
information on us and the many projects we are involved with please visit [www.lbwn.org](http://www.lbwn.org).