

# Mather Heights Connection



## Keeping the Green in Green Bay!

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The Green Bay City Council on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, voted 7-5 to withdraw the C.U.P (conditional use permit ) to build the Pyrolysis Gasification Plant. The Mayor, who could have vetoed the decision, chose to support the council’s decision. Mather Heights Neighborhood Association, backed by the majority of its residents, took an active role against the gasification plant. Our efforts should not stop here. We need to solve our waste problems. Our air quality is one of the poorest in the country and our landfill is at 90% capacity. We need to find non-polluting alternatives to clean up our environment. In the near future there will be meetings to discuss Zero Waste Management and the extension of our Recycling Programs . We will give dates and times on our web pages. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting to plan Earth Week Green parade and Eco-Block Party next May . Please join us at the Brown County Library at 7 P.M.

We wish to extend a special “thank you” to our new alderman, Mark Steuer, The Clean Water Action Council, and Incinerator Free Brown County. They worked tirelessly to support our efforts to defeat the gasification plant.

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## Reminders for Preparing for Winter

Fall is a beautiful time of year with colorful leaves and plenty of pleasant weather. It also reminds us that winter is not far behind. It seems we’re always preparing for the start of another season as they feel relatively short. This is a good time to start going over our winter checklists. I’ve taken a few things from my own to share. Most of these things are on many lists already, but sometimes a reminder can be helpful.

It is important to have your furnace system checked before winter. This is helpful not only to make sure it will stay on when it’s cold, but also to catch any problems that could affect your health, such as a cracked heat exchanger. A carbon monoxide detector is always good to have – even if there are no problems. Be sure to keep the area around your furnace free from clutter.

Do a check of your doors and windows to see if there’s anything you can do to increase efficiency. This could include installing/replacing weather stripping, caulking if necessary, and replacing cracked glass.

Inspect your roof and gutters to make sure they are in good condition, and try to clean out gutters of leaves and debris.

Prepare your winter equipment such as snow blower by checking oil and gas, and have serviced if necessary. The time to find out your equipment needs attention is now, not at 5am with a snow filled driveway! If you use shovels for anything, check to make sure they’re in good shape and ready to go, replace if needed. Also, be sure your lawn and garden equipment that won’t be used during the winter is ready to be stored.

## Letter from the President's Desk

Hi Neighbors,

Spring and Summer have come and gone. I hope it treated you well. Looking back over the past few months, I can say without a doubt, it has been a busy time. One of the biggest accomplishments, as far as the association goes, was to see the work at Atkinson Park started. The park now has two new corner wall sections completed. Besides looking good, it adds an element of safety to the park. The remaining stones have been removed, so, the danger of people tripping over them, or them being thrown has been alleviated. This ends phase one of the project! Phase two will see two fifty foot sections along the Mather Street side. This will be done as soon as we raise enough money. We will be looking to raise another \$7,000.00 to do this through fundraisers, and donations. Any help you could give would be GREATLY appreciated. Oh, by the way, the old stone is

being used in the new sections of wall, which will help keep the costs down.

within 24 hours of a snow fall, and that blowing snow into the street is not permitted.

Onto fall and winter; Remember, when putting yard waste out for pickup, please "DO NOT" put it in the street. When it rains, the debris gets pushed to the storm drains and the drains get plugged, which causes flooding. I also want to caution everyone that whatever we put into the storm drains, also goes into our water, adding to the pollution. Also, please remember when it snows, the city requires that our sidewalks be cleared

Finally, the association would like to increase the size of our board so, once again, we would appreciate more involvement from all of you. For more information, you can contact myself or any board member. Our contact information is always in this letter.

God Bless and God Bless America  
Take care until next time.

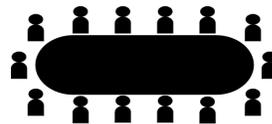
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### Meeting Time & Location

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## Letter from your Alderman—Mark Steuer

"The city of Green Bay did not receive a grant from the DNR to work on the west side rails to trails right of way. We are looking to get some Community Development funding to help offset the cost of installation. I talked with the Parks Dept. and we decided that they are going to use crushed gravel from Military Ave on the northwest to Oneida St on the southeast. This project is slated to start in the spring of 2013. We are also looking at feasibilities for private efforts to help save Colburn Pool.

I am working with the potential Military Avenue BID (Business Improvement District). We are trying to give a solid identity to Military Avenue as a regional destination for shopping and other services. I testified on Howard/Suamico, Ashwaubenon, and Bellevue having incorporated shopping regions into their communities. We need to be able to compete with this. However, the Plan Commission turned down the BID efforts, 4-3, at the Plan Commission meeting on 9/10/2012. Continued efforts will be made to revisit this issue.

I am the city representative on the Historic Preservation Commission and one of the major focal points is the Hotel Northland and the feasibility to restore it to its original hotel glory. I have met with the mayor and several city officials as well as area historic preservationists on this project. Also, as President of the Brown County Historical Society and Board member on the Brown County Trust for Historic Preservation, efforts are continuing to attain Certified Local Government status for Green Bay and to have vacant structures in the downtown area occupied once again.

On September 10, I met with city officials, village of Howard officials, Brown County Board, the DNR and Brown County Health officials at Sanimax to discuss solutions to various odor issues coming from the plant. It has been a bad summer as far as this issue has been concerned. Sanimax had instituted a system this summer to help here, but admitted to its failure. A comprehensive effort on Sanimax's part, which includes sending out teams to outlying areas to monitor smells, having enclosed garage areas for loaded trucks to wait, and newer technological innovations, were presented to the group. We are keeping close tabs on this.

I took a recent tour of the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewage District (MSD) with other alderpersons to discuss future upgrades that are necessary.

Budget time is upon us, and there have been concentrated negotiations to streamline various department budgets and methodologies.

There are many issues dealing with traffic, trees, sidewalks, potholes, noise, and industrial smells. Do not hesitate to contact me at 494-4494 or [mjsteuer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjsteuer@sbcglobal.net) on these or any other issues that you deem important. I will contact you promptly. Take care."

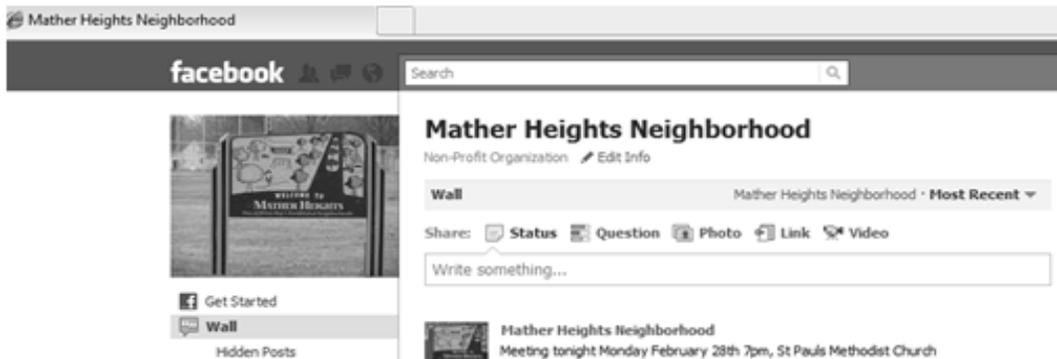
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