

# Mather Heights Connection



## **GASIFICATION PLANT UPDATE. Public Hearing to be held.**

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Your Mather Heights Neighborhood Association spoke to many of you over the past 6 months regarding the proposed pyrolysis gasification plant that the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (OSGC) wishes to build. In addition to a random survey, a petition gathered over 900 signatures from MHNA residents indicating strong opposition to the plant.

In March, Mather Heights along with two other opposition groups presented information at the city council meeting regarding concerns with the plant. Many people from our area and around Green Bay spoke on a variety of concerns related to the design and operation of the plant. After nearly two hours, a motion was approved to hold a public hearing on the OSGC facility. The date for the public hearing is not set yet, but once we know it, we will do our best to communicate it out to our neighborhood.

On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at St Pauls Church on the corner of Wilson and Division we will hold a meeting in order to prepare for the public hearing. This will be another opportunity for you to voice your concerns and provide input on this issue. If you have an interest, please take some time to attend this meeting. Your insights and involvement are critical to the success of the effort to raise awareness of the potential impacts of a pyrolysis gasification plant's operation.

Please email [matherheightsNA@yahoo.com](mailto:matherheightsNA@yahoo.com) or contact a board member if you cannot attend but want to provide input.

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## **Meet The Community Police!**

Do you know who your community police are? What are community police? Community police officers seek to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. They are assigned to a specific area of the city and are not typically dispatched to calls for service but rather, work on long term problems. Working the same part of the city gives them the opportunity to gain familiarity, ownership, and establish relationships with citizens in their neighborhood. They have found that citizens, who may not otherwise report a crime or suspicious activity, are more willing to do so if they know a police officer personally.

Do you have a nuisance in your neighborhood that is affecting the quality of life in the neighborhood? Is there a house that continually has the same reoccurring problems where the police are dispatched quite frequently? If so, the community police can help by looking into the problem to see if there is something that can be done to abate further problems. Sometimes it is a simple call to the property owner to let them know what is going on. Community officers can also make referrals to the inspection department, animal control or human services.

Neighbors can call their community police to give tips about suspicious activity occurring in the neighborhood and give them the heads up to problem areas in the neighborhood.

Please call your community police if you feel they need to know about an ongoing nuisance or problem in the neighborhood. They are here to help! Our non-emergency number is listed below.

Community Officers Scott Schuetze 492-3785 ex. #3 and Officer Pat Blindauer 492-3785 ex. #5

Mark your Calendars!!

June 25th  
MHNA Meeting at St Pauls  
6:30 PM

June 16th  
Spring Rummage Sale

June 2nd  
Annual Meeting and Ice  
Cream Social

August 7th  
National Night Out at Mather  
Heights Park

### Letter from the President's Desk

Hello Neighbors,

First, for those of you who do not know, the work at Atkinson Park has started. We are very excited about this project! Once it is done this should make the park look so much better. Much of the work is being funded through Neighborhood Grants and fund raisers. No tax payer money is involved. If you would like to donate to this project, please contact any of your board members.

Second, there are a few people in the neighborhood that have a misunderstanding of our stand on the gasification plant that is planned to be built adjacent to our neighborhood. First and foremost, let me say that this IS NOT a political agenda. Representatives of Mather Heights Neigh-

borhood Association took a random survey last fall...let me say again, a **random survey**. While taking this survey we found that 50% of those polled did not know about this project. Those that did respond to the survey were 2 to 1 against the project, hence, our stand on this issue. With the majority voting against having this plant, we will attempt to halt this development.

I have received a few calls from people who are not happy with what our/your board is doing. These callers have stated that they will not have any more to do with our association. The fact is none of these callers and very few residents have attended our regular meetings. That being said, we still need to keep a respectful line of communication open with the residents. Please remember that we are your neighbors working to represent the prevailing views and

needs of the residents. If you disagree, you are encouraged to respectfully voice your opinions and we would like to see you at our meetings.. Just like voting...cast your vote on issues by discussing your views how things are getting done.

To all of our neighbors, you are the backbone to keeping us just what we are...a great place to live. I would not want to live anywhere else, because this is a friendly neighborhood, a safe neighborhood, and a just plain good area. Lets **all** work together to keep it that way.

Sincerely  
Robert Heroux  
Pres. MHNA



### Quarterly Meetings

We decided to revert back to St Pauls church for the Mather Heights Neighborhood Association meetings. The time will be 6:30 PM, and will be the fourth Monday every two months. Our next meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

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## 2012 Spring Rummage Sale—Saturday June 16th

This year we are having a spring rummage sale. The MHNA will place an ad in the Press Gazette. MHNA will also advertise on various community events calendars and place signs around the neighborhood. The cost of the above advertising will be paid for by the neighborhood association.

Each individual can place their own signs. Remember to collect any signs you put out after the sale is over.

The sale date this year is Saturday June 16th.

Happy Hunting!

### Tips for Healthy and Safe Outdoor Exercise

After being eased out of winter with a very comfortable early March, spring is finally here! The beautiful weather provides a great opportunity to get outside, providing a great environment for recreational exercisers and fitness enthusiasts alike. For one would much rather run/bike around the neighborhood than be stuck inside on a treadmill or stationary bike. This time of year and the upcoming summer should provide many opportunities to get out and enjoy the weather. With this in mind, I'd like to provide a few tips and reminders to help with those who also love to exercise outdoors regardless of your individual goals. As with any exercise program, be sure to consult a physician before beginning.

One thing to remember is that if you have not been outside or training much during the winter months you should ease back into your routine. If you are just starting an outdoor regimen, make sure that it fits your current level and goals – don't overdo it. Many injuries occur from pushing a little too much early. If you're not sure, start by walking/running one block at a time, gradually increasing as you improve. It can help if you set a goal to work toward. An example could be adding a block to your walk every couple weeks.

If walking or running you choose to run alongside the road instead of the sidewalk, never travel with traffic. Bicycles are required to travel with traffic, but for safety reasons joggers are allowed to travel facing traffic. Be sure to stay close to the curb, and always watch out and never assume you are seen by drivers. Another good idea is to wear clothing that is brighter and makes you more visible. If you are biking, it is a good idea to put a blinking type of light on at least the rear of your bike. An additional light on the front is even better. The blinking light is much more visible to drivers than a solid light.

I often see groups of two or more people out for walks or bike rides – this is a great idea! If you have a neighbor, friend, or family member to exercise with it definitely helps get you out. It is easy to put it off sometimes, but having someone to go with helps motivate you when you might be tempted to skip. It is also more enjoyable at times to go with someone else, no matter if it's walking the neighborhood, or trying your hand at tennis for the first time.

As the summer months approach, we must be aware of the heat and humidity. Be sure to drink **water** at least an hour before exercise if possible, and drink as needed throughout your outing. Do not wait until you feel thirsty, as often this

is too late. If you get light-headed or dizzy, stop and rest. Do not use sodas or energy drinks as a replacement for water, as these drinks will dehydrate you even more. It is also important to allow for a warm-up and cool down period while doing any form of exercise. This helps reduce chances for strains, pulls, and many injuries. Though our spring and summer seem too short, we are usually blessed to have many nice days that offer a chance to get out. Do it! Maybe this year you try a new activity, or even enter a fitness event as a goal. Regardless of what gets you outside, always try to be as safe as possible in whatever you choose. This includes looking out for our neighbors and friends.

I look forward to seeing many of you out and about in the neighborhood this spring and summer. Have a safe and happy spring and summer season! – **Brett Knoespel**

### New Alderperson Elected

Your New Alderperson for district 10 is Mark Steuer. Mark lives at 1730 Nancy Avenue.

Mark can be reached via email at [district10@greenbaywi.gov](mailto:district10@greenbaywi.gov) or by phone at 494-4494.

We hope to work with Mark to improve communications with the city council on Mather Heights issues and to further the mission of the neighborhood association.

Congratulations Mark!

## National Night Out—Tuesday August 7th at Mather Heights Park—Fun, Food, etc!!!

**Advertise Here** 

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