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Elm Grove landmark enters era of rebirth

School Sisters of Notre Dame property to become apartments

By Jake Ekdahl Jekdahl@Conleynet.com 262-513-2657

ELM GROVE - The School Sisters of Notre Dame are set to leave Elm Grove after more than 150 years. The comes after the announcement of a pur-chase agreement between the Sisters and Milwaukeebased Mandel Group.

In a letter addressed to village residents, the Sisters expressed confidence in the redevelopment plans.

"We are confident they will honor the SSND legacy, mission and core values as they develop the property in the months and years ahead," wrote Sister Debra Sciano in her letter to Village residents.

Mandel said it anticipates the preservation of the historic buildings visible from Watertown Plank Road and the development of marketrate apartments in a manner sensitive to the surrounding neighborhood.

"We are excited to redevelop the Sister's campus while respecting and honoring the Sister's heritage and contributions to the community," said Phillip Aiello, senior vice president of development for Mandel Group, in a statement.

"The press release from Mandel indicated that they most likely intend on submitting four apartments, but we don't know whether or not those are going to be owner-occupied condomini-Grove Zoning Administrator Tom Harrigan.

The Sisters' campus is located at 13105 Watertown east of the Elm Grove's downtown.



The 30-acre School Sisters of Notre Dame campus in Elm Grove may be converted into apartments by Milwaukee-based Mandel Group.

charm and convenience of Milwaukee downtown make it an ideal location for an apartment community," said Aiello. "Preservation of historic buildings comes at the cross-section of purpose, function, and marketplace. Maria ums or they're going to be Hall and Notre Dame Hall all apartments," said Elm on the Sisters' campus appear to be well-suited for conversion to housing and associated amenities while providing distinct apart-Plank Road, immediately ments in the marketplace."

Mount Mary University will be the new home for

"The walkability to the the Sisters. The 2021 relocation is part of the unidowntown Elm Grove as versity's \$45 million plan well as quick access to for intergenerational housing on the campus.

'The intent of this community is twofold: To provide a vibrant, intergenerational living environment for School Sisters of Notre Dame and seniors, and to provide an educational and supportive housing option for single mothers who are students at Mount Mary,' reads a press release on the university's website.

Despite the changes, School Sisters will contin-Archdiocese of Milwaukee before the village of Elm said.

and within the greater community.

The Schools Sisters of Notre Dame came to Wisconsin in 1850, primarily serving as a school for German immigrant children in the Milwaukee area. The effort was led by Mother Caroline Friess, SSND, who then purchased 40 acres of land in Elm Grove to build an orphanage for girls and a home for retired sisters. The property eventually increased in size and became known as Notre Dame of Elm Grove.

"The School Sisters of ue to live and work in the Notre Dame were here long

Grove was established and have been an important part of the fabric of the Village," said Neil Palmer, Elm Grove Village President, in a letter to constituents. "I know many of us will miss the Sisters when they move to their new home at Mount Mary University."
Palmer said over the

coming months the village board will work to be transparent about the pro-

"We all want the best possible project that will continue to keep Elm Grove a great place to live,"

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Vintage Brew

Area composer adds video to '80s Brewers tribute tune



screenshot taken from the YouTube video for "Brewer Champ Polka." The song was released in 1983, but Karl "Wisco" Heider updated it recently, adding a photo montage as a video and posting it to YouTube.

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ore than three decades removed from Harvev's Wallbangers, an area composer is revisiting those heady days, recently uploading a YouTube video update of a Milwaukee Brewers tribute song he wrote and released around the time of the team's zenith.

Karl "Wisco" Heider of Pewaukee wrote the "Brewer Champ Polka" on Oct. 10, 1982, the morning the Brewers beat the California Angels for the American League

"I woke up and that song just came to me," Heider said. "It wrote

The song, set to the tune of the "Beer Barrel Polka," actually was released in 1983, the B-side to another Brewers-themed ditty, "Brewers Be Good," which adopts the melody of "Johnny B. Goode." In 2007, Heider released another, "Let's Go Brewers."

"Brewer Champ Polka" became a regional favorite, Heider said, and was played on radio stations around the state, covered in papers of the day, and even found its way into area jukeboxes. Heider said he still hears one of the three songs on the radio from time to time.

And as the Brewers gear up for another campaign in their 50th anniversary season, Heider said it was time to update it, something he'd thought about as the team mounted playoff runs the past two

"It's time to do something," he said. "This year I had more time over the winter so I figured why not take a shot and I did. We'll see what happens. I just wanted to put it out there for all the Brewers fans.

His video for the song is com-

prised solely of still images, used with permission from The Freeman, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Wisconsin State Journal, as well as items from personal collections. The photos used capture County Stadium in its midlife splendor, the fans, and the local

about three months, he said. The Brewers were not involved in the making of the video, Heider

boys of the summer of '82 as they

are etched into our minds, grown

men playing a boy's game, but with

youthful exuberance of champions

on the rise. The process took him

Heider, a state native, was a fan of the Braves and "heartbroken like everybody else" when they left Milwaukee, he said. But he embraced the Brewers from their arrival in town. He actually left Wisconsin for California for a couple of years, playing drums in several bands around L.A. and San Diego. There, he was known as "Wisconsin Karl," which was eventually shortened to "Wisco," and the moniker stuck when he returned to these parts in 1981. "The next year is when everything happened," he said.

After recording the polka, Heider recalled pitching it to nearly every radio station in town, as well as beyond. He had 1,000 copies made, and gave many away. He also pitched it to the Brewers for use on the scoreboard during the game, and his contact seemed receptive, but the moment passed and it never came to be, he said.

"I'll never forget going to QFM, coming down the elevator ... and it was on when we got into the car. Whoever that DJ was said, 'We'll put it on right away,' and they did."

To view the video:

https://youtu.be/kn6TU09NUjw

Early experience: Local students get head start on career skills

Report says adaptable employees in demand

By Jake Ekdahl Jekdahl@Conleynet.com 262-513-2657

WAUKESHA — School has long been seen as the first step towards a career, but districts are increasingly allowing students to get career experience before graduation. A new report from the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices looks to narrow the gap between the skills employers are looking for and the skills new entries into the workforce actually possess. That can start with K-12 education.

The report calls for cultivating a workforce that is "adaptable, creative and adept at problem solving.

"As the nature of work and careers changes, work-based learning can prepare students to engage in active learning both at work and in the classroom and develop new skills throughout their careers," the report reads.

School's Engineering Academy, students are being provided the tools they need to stay adaptable lifelong learners.

"We work with the (Waukesha County) Business Alliance quite a bit and focus on their high-need, high-demand industries," said Mollie Heilberger, School District of Waukesha career and technical education coordinator.

One of those students is Yazel Delacruz, an Engineering Academy junior, who was busy welding a table for his aunt. He plans to do dual enrollment at Waukesha County Technical College next year and continue honing his welding schools with their program.

"Everything we try to get these kids do is build things," said Engineering Academy teacher Andy Weber.

Career-oriented classes appeal to students at all achievement levels. According to an Education Week report, highachieving K-12 students are opting for technical courses over more traditional ones. Even students who plan to pursue a traditional four-year degree are finding value in the practical nature of vocational training.

Engineering



Jake Ekdahl/Freeman Staff

Waukesha South Engineering Academy Junior Yazel Delacruz welds a table for his aunt.

Academy ranks second in the

"It is representative of our great Academy teachers," said Waukesha Superintendent Todd Gray in a statement. "This is also a strong testament to the entire teaching staff at Waukesha South High School whose classes support non-Academy courses taken by Engineering Academy students.'

The Muskego-Norway School At Waukesha South High District takes a tiered approach when it comes to career-oriented learning, starting with job fairs and ending with career internships. Students hear from professional panels, get training and certification, and do job shadowing along the way.

The goal is to help students "informed decisions about their next steps," said Jim Michling, college, career and experiential learning coordinator. "As a district, we pride ourselves on the various options we have for our students.'

Michling said employers value any experience for students, whether it's specific to the careers they offer or not. At the Elmbrook School Dis-

trict, students can engage with the career-oriented LAUNCH program, which aims to provide a project-based immersive experience and collaborations with business and community partners. The program values student exploration and allows them to try out potential profes-

"We have a wide open course catalogue (and) no program is closed off," Heilberger said. '(We're) helping to change the mindset for all the stakeholders The trend holds up at Wauke- (on) what might be a viable sha South. With a composite career pathway (that) may ACT score of 25.8, Waukesha have been looked at differently Preparatory 10 years ago."



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Shut in but not shut off: Libraries offer way to stay busy at home

A world of information at your fingertips

By Jill Fuller

coronavirus, or COVID-19, most of us are staying inside to keep ourselves and others healthy.

As the kids get bored and your list of things to do dwindles, it might be tempting to visit the library to check out some books or movies, or attend a program or storytime. However, to abide by the CDC's at recommendations and to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff, most of can do to stay busy right are over 90 magazine titles

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Besides these, we collected a huge list of online closed, but library staffs Bridges Library System.)

As Ron Weasley says in the Harry Potter books, "When in doubt, go to the library."

activities, resources, and tools on our website. We will even be adding virtual storytimes from libraries so your kids can still get that fun library experience. Take a look www.bridgeslibrary system.org/stuck-at-homeresources.

As Ron Weasley says in the Harry Potter books, "When in doubt, go to the library.

Your library might be

are still available at most libraries if you need to call with a question on using any of these resources.

And if you already have library materials checked out at home, don't worry about returning them. Due dates have been extended to May 1 and fines won't accrue until then.

Finally, make sure to follow your public library on Facebook or check their website for further details as the month progresses.

Stay healthy and we hope to see you back at the library very soon!

(Jill Fuller is the coordinator of marketing and communications for the





Roskopf, Wied vie for seat on Elmbrook School Board

By Jake Ekdahl Jekdahl@Conleynet.com 262-513-2657

BROOKFIELD — Two candidates are competing for one seat on the Elmbrook School Board in the April 7 election. Jennifer Roskopf and Leanne Wied spoke with The Freeman and offered their views on what the direction of the district should be going for-

The seat is open because Kathryn Wilson did not seek re-election

are you running for a seat on the school board? **ROSKOPF:** My children are receiving an excellent education through Elmbrook and I want to ensure the district's reputation for excellence continues to grow. I believe ongoing excellence requires maintaining a strong foundation in core subject areas while adapting learning systems to evolving student needs,

enrollment changes, and

expectations of employers

tions. Having engaged parent stakeholders on the board is important to continue this excellence and I am concerned the board has only one remaining member with children currently attending Elmbrook schools.

WIED: I am running because I believe my unique understanding of both the classroom environment and board budgets and policies will allow me to contribute immediately to our continued success. I have worked collaborative-The FREEMAN: Why ly with the school board and administration for 10 years on each of the four school board committees, including finance and operations, and on several different task forces. The Elmbrook School Board is losing two experienced members this year. Through my work with the board. I have learned that it takes a full term for a new board member to become knowledgeable and effective.

the Elmbrook district?

ROSKOPF: Our district s growing enrollment and the potential to exceed our elementary schools capacity is the most important issue for families and taxpayers. To successfully address the enrollment issue and make appropriate facility decisions, the facility and enrollment made up of community and district members, should continue to monitor and analyze enrollment forecasts, understand student and family impact, and provide transparency to stakeholders. I am honored to serve on this committee as well as to have provided analytic leadership for the 2016 Enrollment Balancing Task Force.

WIED: Elmbrook is an excellent school district but institutions can improve. These are some of the issues I want to tackle immediately as a board member: improving our instructional model

and post-secondary institu- do you believe is the most of all children in a more ing, one improvement area important issue facing flexible, responsive and effective manner; increasing teacher, aide and staff retention; and taking a more conservative, critical and analytical approach to budget expenditures that better improve and impact student learning outcomes.

> The FREEMAN: What do you believe can be done to improve the education of students in the district?

ROSKOPF: unprecedented global crisis requiring an at-home learning environment, the value of technology has been clear. Our district was extremely well prepared with technology infrastructure and tools as well as having staff equipped with the necessary knowledge and flexibility to quickly shift to an at-home learning environment. Technology is being used to support communication, instruction, practice, and classroom connection (and) projecting forward to the The FREEMAN: What inclusion to meet the needs return to classroom learn-

where our district can focus is to more clearly define and communicate the specific role of technology in our education processes.

WIED: Elmbrook has a well-deserved reputation for excellence, opportunity and innovation. Our challenge is maintaining that reputation. We can continue to improve the education of students in our district by working with those whom our decisions directly impact. Parent, student and teacher input on the implementation of inclusion would result in an improved model. We have hired over 100 new teachers in the last two years and we struggle to attract and retain paraprofessionals as well. This directly impacts the education of our students. The district can improve staff retention without incurring additional costs.

As a classroom teacher for 33 years, I have seen trends come and go and I know what will stand the test of time.

ELMBROOK SCHOOL BOARD

Name: Jennifer Roskopf Age: 48



Occupation: Homemaker and community volunteer, formerly management consultant

Years in district: 18 years **Prior elected**

experience: none Address: 2225 Derrin Lane, Brookfield

Name: Leanne Wied **Age:** 57



Brookfield

Prior elected experience: none

Occupation:

High school

math teacher

Years in dis-

trict: 20 years

Address: 1800 Dundee Road,

BROOKFIELD COMMON COUNCIL

Incumbent Jurken facing challenger Hallquist for District 4 seat

By Darryl Enriquez Špecial to The Freeman denriquez@wi.rr.com

BROOKFIELD — Political newcomer Mike Halis challenging incumbent Buck Jurken for his District 4 aldermanic seat in the April 7 election.

The term of office is four years. The annual pay is about \$9,900.

The FREEMAN: Why are you running for a seat on the Brookfield **Common Council?**

JURKEN: I am running for re-election to help keep Brookfield a safe and prosas a 36-year resident of our example being the stop signs on Brookfield and Calhoun roads.

HALLQUIST: I'm running to make sure Brookcommunity to raise a family, retire, or start a business. We need a voice in Brookfield that is willing to challenge current thinking, ask tougher questions, and better represent the Brookfield community. needs to protect its firstclass services. It can provide greater equity to homeowners by encouraging smarter development.

do you believe are the sions for Brookfield and most important issues the 4th District.

facing the city of Brook-

JURKEN: I feel that redevelopment is still an important challenge that Brookfield faces. You can see how the south side of Brookfield Square has changed into a true entertainment destination. Transformations like this are vital to the strength of the city. Another important issue is keeping property taxes in line while keeping the types of service and safety we currently expect

and enjoy in Brookfield. **HALLQUIST:** The number one priority is the city's emergency response perous city that we are all to the coronavirus. The proud to live in. I feel that city needs to work together with federal, state, and district I know what is county officials to help important to my neighbors keep residents safe and the and friends. I have listened city's core services operatto your concerns and ing. Longer term, the city helped make changes that needs to address its threeimproved our district, one year growing budget deficit and manage its increasing expansion and develop-

The FREEMAN: How Prior elected/appointed field remains a premier are you qualified to serve the residents of Brookfield?

JURKEN: I have served our community over the last 20 years as your alderman as well as 5 years prior to that I was a member of the Police and Fire Commission. I bring 45 years of business leadership to each and every meeting I attend as your alderman. This experience helps me ask the right questions to help The FREEMAN: What me make the right deci**ALDERMAN, DISTRICT 4**

Name: Buck Jurken (i)



Address: 2040 Erin Court Occupation: CFO at Majic **Productions** Years in district/city: 36

Age: 66

years district; 44 years city Elected/appointed experience: 10 years Common Council; five years Police & Fire Commission

Name: Mike Hallquist



Age: 34 Address: 21500 Hollycrest Drive Occupation: Senior enterorise data architect, GE Healthcare

Years in city:

experience: None

HALLQUIST: I've spent the last five months knocking on doors and meeting residents to hear their concerns for Brookfield and to demonstrate my desire and willingness to truly listen to all voices in the district. I'd be ready day one to provide a new perspective to the city that represents that effort. My unique professional background is also an asset.



Photo courtesy of Greater Brookfield Chamber of Commerce

Brookfield chamber welcomes The Doctor's Office

BROOKFIELD — The Greater Brookfield Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for The Doctor's Office on Feb. 25.

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Pictured in the front row, from left to right are:

Robert Feest/Robert J. Feest Insurance Agency and Brookfield chamber board member; Anna Antoine/Brookfield chamber member services coordinator; Carol White/Brookfield chamber president; Scott Heins, Paul McGraw, Dr. Matthew Waro - all from The Doctor's Office; Melisa Maroo/Brookfield chamber investor relations manager; Judi Murphy/Murphy Associates; and Lori Choinski/Gerald Nell.

Veteran politicians vie for Brookfield aldermanic seat

School board member and County Board supervisor seek District 7 spot

By Darryl Enriquez Special to The Freeman denriquez@wi.rr.com

BROOKFIELD — Two veteran elected officials are competing for the District 7 aldermanic seat on the Common Council.

Kathryn Wilson, Elmbrook School Board president, and Waukesha County Board Thomas Supervisor Schellinger are vying for the seat being vacated by Renee Lowerr. She has chosen not to run for another term.

Both Schellinger, who had served previously on the council, and Wilson say they would bring their vast experiences in governing to the

The term of office is four vears and the annual pay is about \$9,900.

answered several questions posed by the Freeman.

THE FREEMAN: Why Name: Kathryn Wilson are you running for a seat on the Brookfield Common Council?

WILSON: In a time of political polarization, local government can be a model of cooperation and serving the public good. I knew I would continue community service in some fashion after stepping away from the school board. When the mayor asked me to consider an upcoming vacancy on the Common Council, I said yes. Local government

things done. **SCHELLINGER:** Many people desire to make their community a better place to live. This spirit of volunteerism, generosity and goodwill is what creates "community". My chosen path is as a public servant, advocating for citizen-raised issues and seeking at every turn to create opportunities for interaction and involvement by citizens to better their communi-

FREEMAN: What do you believe are the most important issues facing the city of Brookfield?

ALDERMAN, DISTRICT 7

Name: Thomas J. Schellinger



Address: 240 Leanore Lane Occupation: Sales AOB Years in district: 37 Elected/ appointed experience: alderman 2000-

Age: 67

06 serving on water and sewer and public works boards; forestation, finance, park and recreation and greenway committees. Waukesha County Board supervisor 2006-20 serving on land use, parks and environment, public works, human resources and health and human services commit-

Age: 56



Address: 1185 Simon Drive Occupation: homemaker Years in city: Elected/ appointed

experience: Elmbrook School Board president; Servant Leadership Team member at Community United Methodist Church of Elm Grove; Brookfield-Elm Grove Interfaith Network past co-

WILSON: Public health is the obvious priority during this crisis. Like all communities, Brookfield also has new behavioral health concerns to address. On the plus side, Brookfield is a premier community for doing business and raising a family. We can retain that advantage through smart development. Helping schools and busi-

nesses to control costs while maintaining community standards would benefit everyone.

SCHELLINGER: Controlling spending and taxation is a never-ending mission for me. The goal is to provide quality services at a reasonable cost and this year with the anticipated downturn will have serious consequences for local budgets cities face the prospect of severe budget shortfalls because most revenue sources that government rely on — personal income, corporate income, sales, capital gains and gas taxes is bound to take a hit. Traditional during a recession, demand on government services — and thus their expenses — will go up at the same time that revenues are coming down

FREEMAN: How are you qualified to serve the residents of Brookfield?

WILSON: I have been a member of the Elmbrook School Board for 10 years. I learned from strong leaders. Becoming a leader myself has given me greater understanding of the strengths and challenges facing our city and the region. Community collaboration will be important in keeping our community strong and moving forward. I would be honored to contribute to that outcome.

SCHELLINGER: In 20 years as an elected official in Waukesha County, I have developed a thorough understanding of local government on many levels, from the perspectives of both a taxpaying citizen, and a public servant participating in the day-to-day management of a city or county. Residents should expect high standards and accountability from their elected representatives; I welcome and embrace this expectation and constantly strive to learn about and advocate for constituents' interests and concerns.

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Post from the past: Lobby mailbox still delivers

Porcelain vase a rare beauty; cake molds vary



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Antiques Appraised

Q.: In early 20th century, my uncle had managed the Edward Patton Building in Milwaukee. This mailbox has been in storage and now passed to me with little history and photographs. Could you tell me more about it and a value? – N.E.K. Pewaukee

A.: The urbanization of the U.S. postal system in early 20th century introduced new methods of service. One addition was the placing of letter collection boxes throughout large communities. The Cutler Mfg. firm of Rochester, N.Y., patented and manufactured this "Cutler Mailing System." These secure and well-constructed would be wall-mounted near the front desk or elevator of progressive high-rise buildings. A drop-slot chute was positioned on every floor that funneled letters downward to the main lobby box.

It didn't take long for the public to embrace this new idea of collection boxes. Americans favored the elaborately embossed symbols of patriotism in the design. Dropping a letter in the mail slot bordered on a ceremony of grandeur! However, the elongated drop chutes proved to be the All-too-slender demise. shafts became metal clogged from items that were never intended to be mailed.

Your heavy 2-foot by 3-foot postal box was originally mounted near the lobby ele-Building in Milwaukee. When city progress dictated the building for demoli- ber, "84" stamped on the tion, this postal box was underside is the pattern removed in a proper man- number. This bulbous ner. Today a new apprecia- shape ornamental vase tion is being given to could stand alone. Hard to antique architecture items, tell, did a single large blosespecially those that provided a specific function. the vase present the flower? The excellent condition Some have used these vesalong with the local history connection places your box the narrow neck and arch at museum quality.

Value: \$2,900.

Family keepsake vase a porcelain beauty

Q.: My mother was from the Stevens Point area and thought highly of this family keepsake. We thank you for any information and value, please.

— Pat, Thiensville

A.: This "Royal Nippon" porcelain vase was imported from Hinode, Japan, before 1891. The city was well-known for ceramic manufacturing and decorating techniques. Exports were shipped to high-level department and jewelry stores. Hinode workers were well-known for mak-







vator in the Edward Patton ing tapestry background shading equal in beauty to the center motif. The numsom present the vase, or did sels as an ewer pitcher, but handle impedes controlled pouring. Coralene beading technique elevates this beauty further. The minor gilt loss on the handle was created by moisture.

Value: \$150.

Ceramic reproduction *methods used today:* New pieces will have altered marks or decals. The porcelain will feel

rough. Any gilding will be overly shiny, almost a mirror-like

Molding a memory

reflection.

Remember the bunny or lamb cake? The odds are

turn out perfect!

high that it really didn't

This 1950s cast, two-piece aluminum cake mold has a value of \$35. Earlier castiron lamb molds: \$60.

Bunny examples run higher in value. Aluminum: \$40, and cast-iron: \$95.

Very early glazed earthenware examples, in perfect condition, can go much higher.

Have an item for appraisal?

If you have an item you'd like to be appraised, mail entries to Waukesha Antique Shop, 1427 E. Racine Ave., Unit E-2, Waukesha, WI 53186. Send sharp, well-lit photos of front, back and underside of your item, and measurements are important. List any known history or even hearsay, length of ownership and all markings, even partial ones. Include your name, address and phone number. No photos can be returned and no purchase of antiques

(Barbara Eash is a member of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America, specializing in appraisals of antiques and collectibles and has extensive experience writing and speaking about antiques.)

BROOKFIELD

Taxes, development tagged as top issues in alderman race

Balzer challenged by newcomer for District 3 seat

By Darryl Enriquez Special to The Freeman denriquez@wi.rr.com

BROOKFIELD — Incumbent District 3 Alderman Ron Balzer is facing first-time political candidate Jenna Meza in a race for his seat in the April 7 election.

Balzer, a 16-year veteran of the Common Council, sees holding the line on property taxes as an issue while Meza identified the city's use of tax money as a contention.

The term of office is four years. The annual pay is about \$9,900.

Balzer and Meza addressed questions posed by The Free-

The FREEMAN: Why are you running for a seat on the Brookfield Common Council?

BALZER: I am running for council because I like helping constituents with concerns and provide help and support whenever needed. With my years of experience, I am very helpful and know the city inside out.

MEZA: I am running for a seat on the Common Council because our district and community needs someone who is passionate and driven to serve the hardworking taxpayers of Brookfield. As a young and involved parent and member of the historic village area, I will bring a

fresh perspective to the board. If elected, I may be the only woman and mother on the Common Council.

FREEMAN: What do you believe are the most important issues facing the city of Brookfield?

BALZER: Development and holding the line on property taxes.

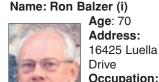
MEZA: After speaking directly to my constituents, the most important issues include how the tax dollars are being spent. I would like to see more property development and redevelopment to existing properties to add value to our city without raising the taxes already in place.

FREEMAN: How are you qualified to serve the residents of Brookfield?

BALZER: My experience working as a lead operator of the (Brookfield) water utility and 35 years as a resident of Brookfield, a community leader and volunteer. I have served on the Water and Sewer Board and the Legislative and Licensing, Public Works, Human Resources and Public Safety committees. I am a U.S. Army veter-

MEZA: I am driven, passionate, young and hardworking. I look to represent the newer generation of people and families who have moved into Brookfield while still

ALDERMAN DISTRICT 3



Occupation: retired lead operator of Brookfield Water Utility

Years in city: 35 Elected/appointed experience: 16 years Common Council

Name: Jenna L. Meza Age: 24



Address: 18665 Pleasant St. Occupation: full-time mom, Realtor's assistant

Years in city/district: 24 in Brookfield; nearly four in

Elected/appointed experience: student council

preserving the city's quaint-

ness and history that makes Brookfield so undeniably desirable in the first place. Being born and raised here and now starting my own family in Brookfield gives me the knowledge and experience to understand how to bring our neighbors together and add value to our community as a whole.

Lou Malnati's to open in former Stir Crazy in Brookfield

BROOKFIELD — Chicagostyle pizza maker Lou Malnati's has announced its Brookfield location will be in the building that formerly Point and soon the 7,750housed Stir Crazy near Brookfield Square mall.

Famous for its deep-dish pizza, Lou Malnati's was started in 1971. It's now head-

quartered in Northbrook, Illinois and has Chicagoland locations, plus three in Arizona, one in Fox square-foot location Brookfield at 15795 W. Bluemound Road.

The restaurant is planned to open this summer.

The restaurant will be able to seat over 180 dine-in customers. The pizzeria will also include a full bar, an outdoor patio and private party rooms where guests can host special occasions. Carryout, delivery and drop-off catering services will also be





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