

July 19, 2007

Alderman Pete Karas
Chairman Neighborhood & Housing Committee
633-2540

Dear Alderman Karas:

After our last meeting on May 17, 2007, you requested, us, as the owner of the Neighborhood Pantry, 1511 W. 6th St., to put in writing what we were willing to do to improve the neighborhood concerns. We did this in a letter to you dated May 24, 2007 with 8 items that we were willing to undertake immediately. I would like to update you on what we have done as promised.

Please refer to the attached letter dated May 24th as I reply.

Numbers 1, 1A, 2 & 4, we are doing on an ongoing basis as problems arise. We are calling the police, as we promised, and are reporting dates and times.

Number 3, we have placed an order with Minuteman Press for signage to address the loud music coming from the automobiles as they are using our services. I am happy to report to you that on 7-18-07, we were able to pick up the signage from Minuteman, and the signs will be in place by Saturday, July 21st. We will be bringing copies of this signage for you and your committee to look at on July 19th at 5:00pm

Number 5, the work order for repairing the fencing at our driveway entrances has been giving to Mano Fencing Company of Racine. In speaking with Mano Fencing on July 17th, they told me that they were approximately 10 days away from starting the job. Hopefully this will be completed by the end of July.

Number 6, five new trashcans have been purchased, and are on site. Again, we have been waiting for the decals from Minuteman press. As noted above, we have them in hand, and the new trashcans with "smiling" yellow faces will be in place by Saturday, July 21st.

Number 7, we have placed an order with "Century Security Systems of Racine" for 2 surveillance cameras that will have the capabilities of digitally recording, and the digital recordings will be held for 7 days. According to Century, the system should be in place by the end of August. This system is the most updated system currently available.

Number 8, we have been continually cleaning our parking lot 3-4 times per day, and we believe it is a vast improvement.

Alderman Karas, we at Neighborhood Pantry would like to take this opportunity to invite the W. 6th St. Association to use space at the corner of Harrison and W. 6th St. for planting of flowers to help beautify the neighborhood. We would be willing to pay for any and all plantings, and planting related materials that the W. 6th St. group may need. We hope they will take us up on this offer!

Also, Alderman Karas, at the request of the COP Officer Joe Spaulding, we at Neighborhood Pantry Store, have stopped selling Chore Boy cleaners and blunt wrap items because Officer Spaulding has informed us that these items are used in the drug culture. We feel it is important that we help the police in any way possible to reduce the drug activity in the W. 6th St. area.

Alderman Karas, as the chairman of the Neighborhood & Housing Committee, I hope that you and your committee will see that we are very dedicated to improve the quality of life on the corner of W. 6th St. and N. Memorial Dr.

Sincerely,