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Don Sargent Retires



On Friday, May 19th, Dwayne Edwards from the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development presented to Don Sargent a proclamation from Mayor Tom Barrett. The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, On Friday, May 19, 2006, friends and family are gathered to honor Don Sargent's hard work to make the Riverworks Center a better place to do business; and

WHEREAS, Don Sargent's commitment, skills and resources have been an essential part of the Riverworks Center revitalization, showing that he truly cares about the physical appearance of the area and the business community; and

WHEREAS, Over the past seven years, Don Sargent has provided business technical assistance to over 150 area companies, which in turn has led to the creation of 100 new jobs for area residents; and

WHEREAS, Don Sargent has gone well beyond the call of service to the Riverworks Center, building strong relationships with area businesses that have resulted in more businesses moving into the area; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Milwaukee recognizes the valuable contributions Don Sargent has made to the Riverworks Center and wishes him all the best in future endeavors;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR TOM BARRETT, Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 19, 2006 to be

DON SARGENT DAY
throughout the City of Milwaukee.

Tom Barrett, Mayor

Don's last day working for the Riverworks Development Corporation was June 2, 2006. We all wish him well.



Message from the Executive Director

I want to thank BIG MPG (Design/Marketing Group), Wenniger Compressor Company, Lakefront Brewery, Rana Enterprises, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, J.T. Bones, RDC Board Members and staff, individuals, residents and other area businesses that took part in or donated items for the 1st Annual Riverworks Center Clean-up Tailgate Party and Brewer Game which was held on May 19th. We all had a great time; please join us next year as we work together to connect business-to-business.

Construction on the new Goodwill store at 3900 N. Palmer Street has started. The construction completion date is early November 2006. The new store will have over 15,000 square feet of shopping space. In addition it will create new jobs for area residents.

Riverworks Business Improvement District II #36 Board of Directors is working with the City of Milwaukee to make improvements along Holton Street (Keefe Ave. to Concordia Ave.) and the abandoned Beerline railway that runs from Keefe Ave. to Auer Ave. These improvements will not affect business operations in the targeted area. Once the projects are completed, you will definitely notice the difference

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Riverworks Center Featured Business

Dovely Quilts and Fabric



Sarah Mast operates a very special retail store in River Glen Shopping Center. Dovely Quilts and Fabric at 138 E. Capitol Drive provides a worldwide variety of quilts, related fabrics, furniture and fair trade gifts. Don't do quilts? They can do customized quilts for you. Want to learn? They have books, classes, and patterns. Don't have the equipment? They have quilt frames and hoops, marking tools, right down to needles and thread. Of course they have lots of bolts of 100% high quality, quilter's grade, cotton fabric.

Sarah Mast has been designing and restoring quilts for many years and finally chose Riverworks as the place to open her first store in 2004. Need a Company Quilt for a special event or a family heirloom? Sarah will work with you from preliminary sketches, fabric and pattern selection through final delivery.

Dovely Quilts recently added Ten Thousand Villages fair trade gifts to her inventory. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit organization of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) that provides outlets for underemployed artisans' hand-crafted products from around the world. Dovely Quilts also carries Amigo Furniture's solid wood quilt racks.

Dedicated quilters will want to get

2nd Annual Career Fair Coming up in July

RDC will host its 2nd Annual Career Fair in July. This is a great time for you to get the word out about your current or upcoming employment openings. Last year's fair was a great success with more than 200 job seekers attending in just a few hours. We will also post this year's event on our website and plan to expand our advertising for the event. For information call Vanessa White at 414-906-9650.

Dovely's Blanket & Cloth e-mail newsletter. There are usually special events and classes going on. Every June they sponsor an Adoption Quilt Day complete with cake in honor of children who have recently received families.

Dovely Quilts is also a drop off point for contributions of comforters, sewing kits and material for the MCC.

For more information call Dovely Quilts at 414-967-9160 or go to www.dovelyquilts.com.

Job training and placement

The first Level I Press Operator training for 2006 is currently underway at MATC. The current class combines six incumbent workers including three from our hiring partner Production Stamping.

RDC paid the course fees and transportation for 13 unemployed or under-employed city of Milwaukee residents who are eager to begin working. One of the notable features of this particular group is that we have 100% attendance, the instructor also noted that many of the students arrive early for class.

Providing this training is the first step in helping this group to advance in the workforce. Vanessa White, Program Manager, is still identifying employers who are looking for trained and dedicated workers.

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in the area. As the project moves forward, we welcome input from the business community.

Riverworks Development Corp. has received a letter of intent from a local community bank to lease space on the first floor of the Riverworks Commerce Center building. We still have additional space on the first floor for a business that would complement the bank. Please contact me at 414-906-9650 if you are interested in leasing space.

Darryl Johnson

Our Best Ever Capitol Drive Day!

Mark your calendars for Saturday September 16, 2006. Riverworks's Capitol Drive Day is going to be a blast. We will have another car show and will also extend our entertainment and vendor roster. Come out and join us.