



# Havenwoods Community News

## A Message from Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation

*Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation is proud to introduce the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative to our Community. The Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative is designed as an avenue for implementing revitalization strategies in the Havenwoods neighborhood.*

*Each Healthy Neighborhood designs their own program to promote their neighborhood, engaging residents around positive actions such as involving neighbors, promoting the neighborhood as a good place to live, improving neighborhood appearance and encouraging homeowners to buy in the neighborhood.*

*Working in your neighborhood now, Havenwoods Healthy Neighborhood Initiative is:*

- \* Enhancing the physical condition of the neighborhood.*
- \* Promoting neighborhood identity.*
- \* Supporting neighborhood management.*
- \* Positively impacting the real estate market.*

*Together with the eight other Healthy Neighborhoods in the City of Milwaukee, Havenwoods partners with several area organizations to provide neighborhood development services to residents and business owners.*

*We have hired **Nathan Powers** as our Neighborhood Coordinator.*



## FEATURED STORIES:

- **Transitional Workers Program**
- **Milwaukee's Healthy Neighborhood Initiative**
- **Neighborhood Developments**

## **NEW \$635,000 TRANSITIONAL WORKERS JOB PROGRAM BEGINS.**

The Silver Spring Neighborhood Center Inc. has announced it is using a \$635,000 state grant and a \$50,000 grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to establish a jobs pilot program to create family sustaining jobs for residents around its northwest Milwaukee neighborhood.

The center, located in the Westlawn public housing development, is serving as the lead agency in a collaboration which includes Havenwoods Economic Development Corp.; leading businesses in the Havenwoods Business District such as GENCO Inc., Hentzen Coatings Inc., Supreme Cores Inc., Pereles Brothers Inc., and Grede Foundries Inc., the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education, the Family Leadership Academy, and the Center for Teaching Entrepreneurship.

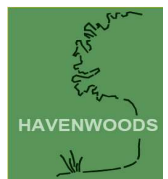
The collaborating partners have developed a curriculum for turning "difficult-to-employ" program participants into successful employees, with on-the-job training and transitional jobs serving as key components of the pilot program, according to a news release from the center. Participants will earn the income needed to support themselves and their families while they develop the skills needed to start on a new career path, the center said.

## LIGHTHOUSE NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNAGE



In partnership with the Lighthouse Neighborhood, Havenwoods Economic Development Corp, NIDC, Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, and the Lighthouse Blockwatch, the Lighthouse Neighborhood has designed new neighborhood signs to identify their community.

**Thank you for everyone involved in their creation.** Signs are being produced now and will be installed November 2010.



# DID YOU KNOW???

**HAVENWOODS STATE FOREST USED TO BE THE HOME OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS AND THE US ARMY'S NIKE AJAX MISSILE BASE.**



**HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS  
OPENED IN 1917**

**NIKE AJAX MISSILE BASE  
CONSTRUCTED IN 1956**

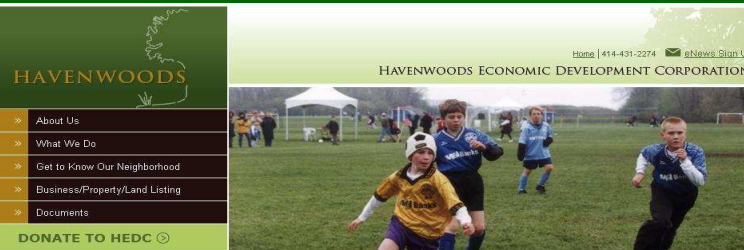


In the early 1900s, Milwaukee County, needing a new home for its House of Correction, began buying up farmland. The new, modern House of Correction, opened in 1917. The prisoners weren't idle. They tended crops, milked cows, and constructed furniture in the Granville Chair Factory. The Inspector's report from 1939 indicates the prison kitchen canned 5,534 gallons of tomatoes, 1,100 gallons of catsup, 1,350 gallons of corn, 172 gallons of rhubarb, and much more that year!

In 1945, the US Army seized the House of Correction for use as an Army Disciplinary Barracks (USDB). The USDB housed soldiers, prisoners of war, and German-American internees.

In 1956, the Army constructed a Nike Ajax missile base at Havenwoods. All together, the Army built eight Nike sites encircling Milwaukee, to protect the city from long-range bombers. By 1958, the Ajax missile was obsolete. The site here was abandoned in 1963.

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WWW.HAVENWOODS.ORG**



# WESTLAWN REDEVELOPMENT



The \$101 million first phase has started on the massive redevelopment of Westlawn, the largest public-housing project in the state.

Built by Milwaukee's Housing Authority in the 1950s on what was the Hockbarth family farm, Westlawn is on 75 acres bounded on the north by W. Silver Spring Drive, on the south by Lincoln Creek and from N. 60th to N. 68th St. Before demolition work began recently, it contained a total of 726 housing units.

The redevelopment is the largest such project ever undertaken by the Housing Authority, officials said. The idea is not just to revamp Westlawn but also to provide a catalyst for redeveloping the broader Silver Spring area, the plan states.

Demolition work has started to make way for the first phase of the development, which includes 37 acres on the eastern portion of Westlawn where up to 390 new units will be built. These will include 94 one-bedroom units for the elderly, disabled and families in two multifamily buildings along Silver Spring Drive. The estimated cost for the second phase is about \$120 million. When complete, Westlawn would include up to 950 housing units.

# HAVENWOODS TOUR OF HOMES OCTOBER 2010



**Thank you to everyone involved in our tour, you all did a wonderful job!**

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