



# NEWS UPDATE

## Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN) focus of three CDS spring projects

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LBWN was one of CDS' first clients and since then we have continued to work together with executive director Charlotte John-Gomez, her staff, local businesses, and residents of the neighborhood. LBWN is a community development corporation serving the communities South of Pierce St to Lincoln Boulevard and S. Layton Blvd West to the West Milwaukee/City of Milwaukee Border (Approx. 39th St.)

The three projects described below reflect the diversity of assistance available to the LBWN community.

- CDS will join the LBWN rehab program, which assists Senior's to "age in place. Currently, LBWN acts as coordinator, students from the UWM Department of Occupational Therapy assess physical limitations of individual homeowners and recommend modifications that can allow them to remain in their home and the Rebuilding Together of Greater Milwaukee, which focuses on providing seniors, people with disabilities or families that are low-income home owners with free home repairs and accessibility modifications, creates and implements a repair plan. The CDS team's role will be to: evaluate the structure and layout of those homes, which the OT assessment indicates are in need of significant structural changes; suggest the best and most affordable redesign approaches; and, then, work with Rebuilding Together to develop construction plans.
- LBWN will be holding a Most Improved House competition this summer. CDS will provide planning and design assistance to homeowners entering the contest at sessions to be held on May 21, 2008 .
- The Silver City Main Street Program (National Ave.from 31st to 39th Streets) lies within the area served by LBWN. Plunkett Raysich Architects volunteered its assistance to work with the Main Street committees and developed a streetscape plan, which will begin implementation this fall. The community has been unable to reach consensus on one aspect of the streetscape, a gateway to announce the Silver City area. Following a public meeting to gain more insight into the type of gateway Silver City would like to have, CDS will develop a design for the gateway and, possibly, signage.