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## City to Conduct Sale of Granite Pavers; Potential Buyers Must Fill Out Application & Agree to Sale Terms

*Sale Set for July 11 at DPW Field Headquarters (former Tower Automotive site)*

Next month the City of Milwaukee will hold a sale of surplus granite paving bricks (pavers) – great for patios, walks and landscaping projects – at the Department of Public Works’ field headquarters facility at 3850 N. 35<sup>th</sup> St., according to **Alderman Robert J. Bauman**, chair of the Common Council’s Public Works Committee.

The first-ever sale of “Milwaukee Pavers” will be for city residents only on Saturday, July 11 at the field headquarters. Applicants will receive a phone call from the DPW assigning a three-hour time period on July 11, during which they will be allowed to pick up, load and remove pavers, which will be priced at \$1 each.

The quantity of surplus pavers to be sold is limited, and DPW is requiring prospective buyers to submit an application that must be returned (postmarked) no later than July 3. Applicants will also be required to sign a release of liability, holding the city harmless in case of injury or accident in the process of purchasing the pavers (also to be postmarked by July 3).

The pavers weigh 15-35 pounds each, so a load of 30 of the large granite bricks could weigh 1,000 pounds. Online applications, purchasing rules and liability release forms for the sale can be viewed and printed. Go to [www.milwaukee.gov/district4](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district4) to view the documents.

The program grew out of a resolution sponsored by Alderman Bauman about 18 months ago that directed DPW to salvage pavers when streets are reconstructed. This has been occurring, including many thousands of pavers that have been reclaimed from the former Pabst Brewery site, now The Brewery multi-use development spearheaded by Joseph Zilber. Many pavers are being used by DPW Forestry crews for boulevard projects.

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Alderman Bauman said the city is making the reclaimed bricks available for sale for re-use “because it’s the right thing to do.” “A remarkable number of Milwaukee streets and alleys have pavers underneath the asphalt. DPW actually has statistics on this, and it’s pretty cool,” he said. “Pavers are incredibly durable, and paver-surfaced streets can easily last over 100 years.”

“I’ve always thought highly of Milwaukee’s granite pavers because of their shape, color and overall durability,” said Alderman Bauman. “I’m curious to see if I’m in the minority on that or if there will be strong interest. No matter what I think the sale’s a win-win for the city and the public.”

The application/purchasing rules and release of liability forms will also be available at [www.mpw.net](http://www.mpw.net) -- the DPW website.

No loading assistance will be available, and applicants will be required to show a driver’s license for ID and proof of city residency.

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