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West Allis Common Council
West Allis City Hall
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Gentlemen,

Two major subjects have been gnawing at me for weeks and I feel it is important to bring them up.

First of all, the building project at St. Aloysius has developed into a horrific danger to many. Being allowed to build so close to the church is unbelievable. How could the fire department get between the two buildings during a fire, with them being so close together. How could the building inspectors allow such a thing to happen.

Doesn't any of you remember the terrible fire at Our Lady of Angels Catholic school in Chicago? The school was built just like St. Aloysius. And when the fire department responded to the alarm, they couldn't get to one side of the building because of a fence blocking access..just like the fences blocking the roadway between our school and the new apartments. Children were jumping out the upstairs windows because the firemen couldn't get to them. Everyone of you should read the account in TO SLEEP WITH THE ANGELS by David Cowan and John Kuenster. Because of the neglect of our city inspectors to keep on top of that building project, this could happen to our children.

Considering that our inspectors give everyone else so much trouble when we try to build something, considering that contractors don't want to take jobs here because they are given so much trouble in West Allis, where is the balance!! This situation is outrageous.

Second: Plowing in 2008 has been ridicules, also. As I drove in Milwaukee and Franklin, I couldn't believe they had dry side streets while we bumpity-bumped these months. How come those communities could have clean streets and ours were horrendous?

I used to be so proud to live here. [It's been 80 years.] No wonder so many people move out! Many people would like answers to the above.

Regretfully

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