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**June 18, 2025 Ald. Peter Burgelis**

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**Portion of Oklahoma Ave. to temporarily close Friday for vigil**

*Vigil to commemorate the lives of three individuals killed at the hands of reckless driving last year*

On Friday, June 20 from 1:30 – 8 p.m. the eastbound lanes of Oklahoma Ave. from S. 49th St. to S. 51st St. will be closed for a vigil in recognition of the individuals who lost their lives due to reckless driving last year. The vigil will start at 2 p.m.

It was in the early morning hours on June 20, 2024 that a high-speed crash resulted in the deaths of three young adults near the intersection of 50th and Oklahoma. Family and friends have organized a vigil in remembrance of the victims, and to bring awareness to the dangers of reckless driving.

**Alderman Peter Burgelis** urges nearby drivers to be aware of the closure and to continue to practice safe driving habits. “For those who plan to travel east on Oklahoma Ave. Friday, please be respectful of the vigil that will be ongoing and plan an alternate route accordingly,” he said. “One year after this terrible accident, we are still working to combat reckless driving across the city. As we continue to work on this issue through the avenues of education, enforcement and infrastructure at City Hall, we also need people to practice appropriate driving habits. Drive at the posted speed limit. Wear your seatbelt. Obey traffic signs and signals. Reckless driving injuries and deaths are preventable, and your life isn’t worth the risk.”

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