

**Title:** Zillman, Erwin F. Papers

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**Historical Note:** Erwin Zillman was the long-time editor of the *Bay View Observer* (1934-1958) and alderman for the 27<sup>th</sup> Ward (1948-1956) and the 17<sup>th</sup> Ward (1958-1964). He was born in Bay View on August 21, 1888, and attended the local public schools. In 1907, he, his brother Fred and Harry Larkin started the *Bay View Observer* but abandoned the project the following year. Erwin then worked with the U.S. Postal Service as well as several other firms before reviving the *Observer* in 1934. Throughout his years as editor and alderman, Zillman was an active participant in Bay View’s civic life and a champion of Bay View development, especially the construction of a lakefront freeway. He passed away in November 1970.

**Scope and Content:** The records consist of correspondence, clippings, publications, programs, and financial records that detail Zillman’s newspaper, political, and civic activities.

**Administrative Note:** The collection was reprocessed on January 2001 by Kevin Abing.

**See Also:** Microfilm Reel #606 for additional newspaper clippings

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City of Milwaukee, Annual Report, 1934-1967 (not inclusive)	5	Loose in box
Common Council, Journal of Proceedings, 1953-1970 (not inclusive)	5	Loose in box
Board of Election Commissioners, Biennial Report, 1933-1965, 1969	6	Loose in box
Capital Improvements for Milwaukee, 1970-1975	6	Loose in box
<i>Civic Life in Milwaukee, 1937</i>	6	Loose in box
Final Report, Mayor's Study Committee on Social Problems in the Inner Core Area of the City, 1960	6	Loose in box
Report of the Commission on the Economic Study of Milwaukee, 1948	6	Loose in box
A Statistical Almanac of Milwaukee City/County/Metropolitan Area, 1963	6	Loose in box
<i>From Patterns to Processes</i> , 87 <sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Milwaukee Public Schools, 1946	6	Loose in box
Civil Service Manual, Board of City Service Commissioners, City of Milwaukee, 1962	6	Loose in box
<i>Once A Year</i> , Milwaukee Press Club, Annual Report, 1952-1953, 1958, 1960	6	Loose in box
Souvenir Book, Global World Series, Milwaukee, 1955	6	Loose in box
<i>The Daily Bond Buyer</i> , Special Conference Issue, Municipal Finance Officers Association, 1960	6	Loose in box
Sheet Music for Songs by Marie Franklin of Milwaukee, 1944-1945: "My World is Empty Now," "Anthem," "My Mother's Lullaby," "A Song and Prayer for Victory," "The Refrain from American Trains"	6	Loose in box
Official Inaugural Program, Roosevelt-Garner Inauguration, March 4, 1933 (2 copies)	6	Loose in box
<i>The Printer in Eighteenth-Century Williamsburg</i> , 1955	6	Loose in box
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Stadium Freeway: Preliminary Relocation Report, July 1970	6	Loose in box
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Newspaper Publicity, Lake Shore Drive & Bay View Business Men's Assn., 1937-1939		RC27 Sh. 7

<b>Oversize Items</b>	<b>Location</b>
Resolution Celebrating Bay View High School's Golden Anniversary, 1964	OS SM "Z"