



# Alderman Joe Dudzik

## 11th District

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## Dear Constituents,

Spring and summer in Milwaukee have so much to offer and in this newsletter, you'll have access to events, tips and warm weather policies in our community.

Last year's floods were devastating and in the past year, we've learned much about prevention and the post-flood process. Please note the discussion on homeowner laterals and work to prevent basement backups as the city and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District do what they can to prevent and remedy other flood troubles in the city.

Included in this newsletter is also the annual list of festival activities in our community. We all recognize Summerfest, but don't forget about the great church festivals in District 11: St. Gregory, St. Sava and Our Lady of Lourdes. Watch my website for more details.

Join me for a town hall meeting this May and voice your opinion on the fire and police residency discussion taking place at the state and local level by filling out my online survey on the issue.

I wish you a warm summer season and encourage you to make the most of the Festival City as we move away from the chill of winter!

**Joe Dudzik**  
Alderman, 11th District



## Mark Your Calendars for an 11th District Town Hall Meeting

**WHEN:** May 19, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church,  
3722 S. 58th St. in Hall AB

A representative of Me<sup>2</sup>, Milwaukee's Energy Efficiency program, will be in attendance to answer questions and share information about the program.

## Your Input is Valuable!

Alderman Dudzik would like your input on an online survey about several topics including Milwaukee's residency requirements and recycling programs. Go to [www.milwaukee.gov/district11/survey](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district11/survey) to participate.

## Basement Backups – Check Your Laterals!

As we approach summer in Milwaukee, we are reminded of last year's devastating floods. There are a number of procedures in place for flooding and residents should be aware of ways to not only prevent the problem, but how to report any backup problems as they occur.

Backups may be caused by sewer pipe blockages in either main sewer lines or service laterals (lines between buildings and the main line). Other factors may include pipe breaks or cracks due to tree roots, system deterioration, insufficient system capacity due to residential or commercial growth, or construction mishaps. In home and office plumbing systems, the main cause is accumulation of grease, tree roots, hair, or solid materials that are too large for wastewater pipes to handle.

Check your lateral lines. Often, basement backups are exacerbated by poorly maintained or aging plumbing laterals that link your home to the city's sewerage system. Contact a plumbing or sewer contractor to help you with this process.

If backups occur, report them through the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District online form, <http://v3.mmsd.com/BasementBackup.aspx> and log all information including dates and times of the back up. The MMSD also offers tips for clean up and managing basements flooded by backups.

Last year's floods taught us many lessons and primary to that was solid reporting and data collection to support any efforts to remake our sewerage system or solicit federal funds for assistance.



In home plumbing systems, the main cause of sewer backups is an accumulation of grease and solids in the pipes. Here, a plumber is shown installing sewer pipes beneath the foundation of a house.



# Water Pressure Repairs Update

The Milwaukee Water Works is continuing its work to improve water pressure in an area of the 11th Aldermanic District. Phase III of the project is about to begin and will affect S. 54th St. to S. 68th St. and W. Morgan Ave. to W. Howard Ave. as originally planned. The project will now also include additional water main replacements to be conducted in the spring of 2012 on S. 56th St., W. Howard Ave., W. Forest Home Ave., and S. 60th St. (W. Morgan Ave. to W. Forest Home Ave.).

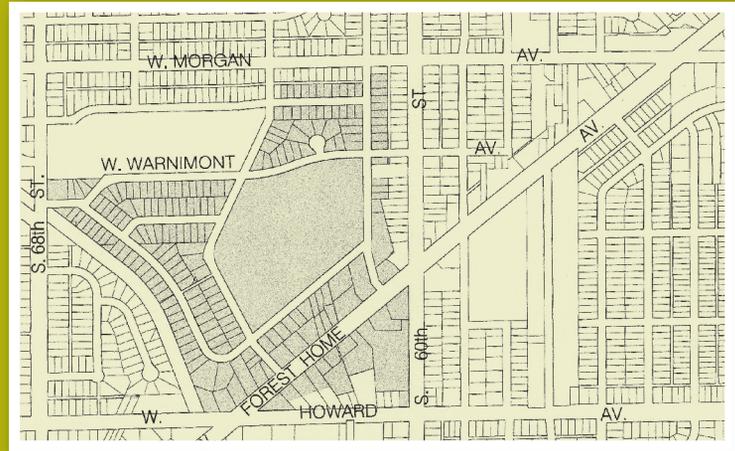
Phase III is divided into two projects. First, in August of this year, crews will increase the water pressure in the area west of S. 61st. St. to east of S. 68th St., south of W. Morgan Ave. to north of W. Howard Ave. Then, in August 2012, plans include water pressure increases in the area east of S. 54th St. to S. 60th St., north of W. Howard Ave. to W. Forest Home Ave.

This two-phased operation for this final leg of the project is expected to help prevent the amount of main breaks that were experienced in Phase II and should allow for increased pressure to be made available with little to no interruptions for residents.

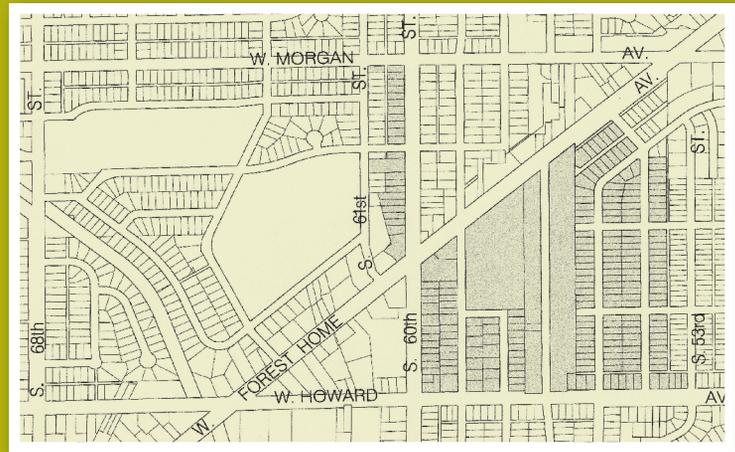
“The safety of the drinking water will not be compromised at any time during this project, so residents can be assured that they can safely consume, cook with and bathe in the water at all times,” said Alderman Dudzik.

Prior to each planned pressure increase, Water Works personnel will go door-to-door to talk with customers and leave informational door hangers.

Once the new mains are in service, the Water Works will test them prior to increasing water pressure, and also notify residents. Homes, apartments, and businesses with older plumbing or existing leaks in their internal plumbing may see additional water dripping due to this increase in pressure. However, in earlier phases of this project there have been very few problems with private water pipes leaking following the pressure increase.



**Phase III West** - In August of this year, the water pressure will be increased in the area west of S. 61st. St. to East of S. 68th St., south of W. Morgan Ave. to north of W. Howard Ave.



**Phase III East** - In August 2012, plans include water pressure increases in the area east of S. 54th St. to S. 60th St., north of W. Howard Ave. to W. Forest Home Ave.

## Did You Know?

Milwaukee is an exciting place to live with lots of great things to do. Here is but a small sampling of ways to get involved, save money and enjoy yourself in Milwaukee.

### Get paid to work at the polls:

286-3491 or [www.milwaukee.gov/election](http://www.milwaukee.gov/election)

### Organize a neighborhood cleanup:

272-5462 or [www.kgmb.org](http://www.kgmb.org)

### Get fit at the YMCA:

224-9622 or [www.ymcamke.org](http://www.ymcamke.org)

### Save money with a weekly bus pass:

[www.ridemcts.com](http://www.ridemcts.com)

### Send your child to a great school:

[www.milwaukee.k12.wi.us](http://www.milwaukee.k12.wi.us)

### Visit the art museum for free on Thursdays:

[www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org)

## Pet Waste and Leash Laws

You shouldn't have to watch where you step in our neighborhoods, but unfortunately there are people who neglect to pick up after their pets. Not only is it unsightly, pet waste left on the lawn or next to the sidewalk washes into storm drains which carries it directly into our rivers and Lake Michigan.



Please, on behalf of your neighbors, double-bag pet waste in plastic bags. Seal the bags and then put them in the green garbage cart. If you have any questions, call the Call Center at 286-CITY.

There is a serious problem of unleashed dogs in the city, and Alderman Dudzik would like to remind residents that city law prohibits an owner from permitting an animal to be at large.

## Grand Opening of Marshalls



Alderman Dudzik congratulated the store manager of the new Marshalls as they contributed \$5,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities as part of the celebration.

Recent development adds incredible value to our district because it brings not only the jobs required to build and refurbish buildings and roads, but also the jobs managing stores and facilities. Increased solid business in our area also brings more sales and services to the 11th District.

Recent developments include the opening of the Marshalls store at 3555 S. 27th St. The store, a division of The TJX Companies, Inc., is the leading off-price retailer of apparel and home fashions in the United States and worldwide, ranking 119 in the most recent Fortune 500 listings and ranked #1 on The Boston Globe 2010 Globe 100 list. With over \$20 billion in revenues in 2009, more than 2,700 stores in six countries and approximately 154,000 associates, Marshalls is a global, off-price value retailer.

We're thrilled to welcome them to the 11th District and more than 150 people were ready and waiting for the 8:00 a.m. grand opening this spring. The retailer has also already demonstrated its good neighbor policy by donating \$5,000 to the local Ronald McDonald House as part of the grand opening celebration.



More than 150 residents lined up to participate in the grand opening of the well-known fashion retailer, Marshalls, new to the 11th District.

## Take Advantage of Home Rehab Programs

The Home Rehabilitation Program offers owner occupants no to low-interest loans, tied to income and family size, and deferred payment loans to income-qualified residents. This program can be used for projects like roofs, siding, code violations, porches, and more.

The Rental Rehab Program offers forgivable loans for rehabilitating rental property.

Landlords may be eligible for forgivable loans up to \$14,999 per unit. The loans bear no interest rate, and the loan is forgiven five years after the rehab is completed. Other restrictions apply. The owner must provide at least one matching dollar for each Rental Rehab dollar received. For example, a 2/2 duplex would be eligible for up to \$29,998 of Rental Rehab dollars if the landlord spends at least \$29,998 of their own funds (bank loan, cash). The landlord is required to spend their money first.

The city's Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp. runs these programs. Please call **286-5608** for complete details, or visit [www.milwaukee.gov/NIDC](http://www.milwaukee.gov/NIDC)



## One Call That's All: 286-CITY (2489)

That one number can connect you with 21 departments, 8,800 employees and 100s of city services, ranging from building permits to parking permission to library hours to garbage pickups.

Alderman Dudzik says the city continues to seek ways to improve communications with residents, and this one-stop number for city services makes it even easier to find the right department and person to handle your complaint or request. Residents will still call 911 for emergencies but can use the new number for any other city-related calls.

Of course you can always call Alderman Dudzik's office at **286-3768**.

## How to Report Potholes



As spring and summer near, the evidence of winter wear on our roads becomes clearer. If you have a pothole on your street, report it to the Department of Public Works for repair.

### To report a pothole or other street maintenance problems:

- Call Infrastructure Services Division - Field Operations at 286-CITY (2489)
- Submit an online service request through [www.milwaukee.gov/mpw](http://www.milwaukee.gov/mpw)

While we use preventive maintenance to avoid severe pothole problems, potholes usually develop in older pavements as water in cracks in the pavement expands and contracts as it freezes and thaws. Heavy traffic also causes fatigue in pavement weakened by age and frost action.

We regularly check for surface problems on streets with older pavement to keep ahead of any problems. We welcome calls from citizens to report situations in their neighborhood or on their traffic routes. If you notice a pothole in a street or alley, please report it right away.

## Sanitation Updates – Self-Help Centers

City of Milwaukee residents have two convenient locations where they can recycle or safely dispose of a wide variety of residential refuse. To gain access into the Self-Help Center, at least one occupant must provide proof of City of Milwaukee residency. The driver of the vehicle must also have a valid driver's license from within the United States. No contractors or commercial vehicles are allowed on the premises to dump. The Self-Help Centers are located at:

- 6660 N. Industrial Road
- 3879 W. Lincoln Avenue

The hours have changed, however. The centers were closed on Wednesdays, but are now closed on Mondays instead.

**April 3 through November 26, 2011 hours:**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday,**  
**and Sunday - 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Closed Mondays**

## Time to Think About Your Block Party Permit

Block Party Permits are issued to residents in the City of Milwaukee who would like to barricade the residential street they live on for a neighborhood event - main thoroughfares are not closed for block parties. Planning a block party is a big job and requires the support of all those who reside on the block that will be closed. For first-time events and at the request of the District Alderman, residents on the block must sign a petition verifying their support.



The block party applicant must reside on the block and is responsible for the event – including setup and take-down of the barricades as described in the permit – cleanup of the public right-of-way following the event, and maintaining a clear lane for emergency vehicles.

Applications should be submitted 30 days prior to the event because they must be reviewed and approved by the District Alderman, the Department of Public Works, and the Milwaukee Police Department. When choosing the date and time of your event, it is important to be mindful and considerate of those who reside in the surrounding area as well as on your block.

Residents may apply for one non-fee block party permit annually. A fee for subsequent block parties in the same year will be imposed for the delivery of barricades, which typically is \$31.00.

Block Party Applications may be downloaded from DPW's website at [www.milwaukee.gov/mpw/BlockParties.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/mpw/BlockParties.htm) or call the Special Event Permit Office at 286-3329.

[SmartEnergyPays.com](http://SmartEnergyPays.com)

(877) 399-1203

# Me<sup>2</sup>

Milwaukee Energy Efficiency  
*Smart energy pays.*

Want to make your home more energy efficient? Me<sup>2</sup>!

Want help with the up front costs? Me<sup>2</sup>!

Want to see instant savings on your energy bill? Me<sup>2</sup>!



Program open to City of Milwaukee residents only.

Contact an Energy Advocate today to make Smart Energy Pay!



## Support Your Local Library!

As you may know, unfortunately libraries are continuously struggling to stay open, but there are some things you can do to support your local library.

- Get a library card
- Return books on time
- Pay fines
- Hold community meetings there
- Patronize
- Participate in programming
- Encourage others to use the library

Find out more at: [www.mpl.org](http://www.mpl.org)

## New Businesses in the 11th District

With the current economic situation so tight, it's encouraging to see new businesses taking root in the 11th District. Please join Alderman Dudzik in welcoming these new businesses.

**El Rey** – 5200 W. Oklahoma Ave. (formerly Sentry Foods)

**O'Reilly Auto Parts** – 3025-3027 S. 60th St.

## Putting Up A Fence?



If you are planning to put up a fence, check the city rules on fences before you put it up. People have had to take down fences after spending money on them because they were too high, in the wrong place or facing the wrong way.

For more information on rules governing fences and other permits that may be needed, check the Milwaukee Development Center at [www.milwaukee.gov/dcd](http://www.milwaukee.gov/dcd) or call **286-8211**.

## Tip Hotline Means \$\$ for Reporting Illegal Dumping



The Common Council has approved a tip hotline whereby callers can be eligible to receive reward money after anonymously providing information on incidents of illegal dumping of debris and/or hazardous materials.

Illegal dumping includes dumping of items, brush, and/or materials on streets, sidewalks, parking lots, vacant lots, alleys, or at vacant properties.

The 2011 city budget appropriated \$25,000 in funding for the tip hotline, and on March 1 the Common Council voted to get the hotline up and operating.

If you see or know of illegal dumping, call WeTip at **1-800-78-CRIME**. If the information provided leads to a conviction, you may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.

If you witness illegal dumping, please provide a detailed description of the vehicle/s (license plate info, make/model, etc.) and the individual/s involved. If possible, also provide a description of the items and/or material that was dumped.

The hotline is answered by bilingual operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are taken for all crimes. All calls are anonymous, not just confidential.

## New Garbage Cart Policies – Waste Reduction Works!

More people are finding they no longer need two or more garbage carts because they're doing an effective job of recycling and generating less garbage. If you have an extra cart, please call **286-CITY (2489)** or fill out an online service request at [www.milwaukee.gov/eservices](http://www.milwaukee.gov/eservices), and the city will collect it. One of the changes brought about by this year's budget, however, includes a \$20 annual fee for every extra garbage cart you'd like added to your residence. The Sanitation Division repairs broken carts. Call **286-CITY (2489)** or fill out an online service request to have your cart picked up for repair or replacement.



Simply call 211 to get help with life.

To call using a cell phone, dial 773-0211 or on a pay phone, dial 1-866-211-3380.



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## How to Challenge Assessments

If you received your assessment and believe it to be incorrect, here is how you can challenge it:

1. Go to [www.milwaukee.gov/assessor](http://www.milwaukee.gov/assessor)
2. Click on "Appeals and Assistance" in the left hand column and follow the instructions there.
3. Or call the Assessor's Office at **286-3651** for more information.



Remember, objections to an assessment must be written and filed before the third Monday in May, which is May 16 this year.

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## 2011 Festivals & Events

- Jun. 1 - Oct. 26 • Westtown Farmer's Market • Zeidler Union Square
- Jun. 2 - Sept. 22 • Jazz in the Park • Cathedral Square Park
- Jun. 4 - Oct. 29 • East Town Farm Market • Cathedral Square Park
- Jun. 4 • Milwaukee Highland Games • Hart Park, Wauwatosa
- Jun. 5 • UPAF Ride for the Arts • Hoan Bridge, Milwaukee
- Jun. 8 - Aug. 24 • River Rhythms • Pere Marquette Park
- Jun. 10 - 12 • PrideFest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jun. 17 - 19 • Lakefront Festival of Arts • Milwaukee Art Museum Grounds
- Jun. 17 - 19 • Polish Fest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jun. 19 • 40th Anniversary Juneteenth Day Celebration • N. MLK Jr. Dr.
- Jun. 29 - Jul. 10 • Summerfest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jul. 10 • Summerfest Rock 'n Sole Run • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jul. 14 - 17 • Bastille Days • East Town (Jefferson St./Cathedral Square)
- Jul. 21 - 24 • Festa Italiana • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jul. 28 - 31 • German Fest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Aug. 4 - 14 • Wisconsin State Fair • Wisconsin State Fair Park
- Aug. 5 - 26 • River Flicks • Pere Marquette Park
- Aug. 18 - 21 • Irish Fest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Aug. 26 - 28 • Mexican Fiesta • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Sept. 5 • Labor Fest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Sept. 9 - 11 • 25th Indian Summer Festival • Henry W. Maier Festival Park

## Clean and Green Program

**Project Clean & Green** is a city-wide program designed to foster neighborhood pride and ownership through coordinated clean-ups, street and alley sweeping, graffiti removal and neighborhood beautification activities sponsored by community organizations. Collection crews will target one zone each week and collect extra items left at the collection point on the scheduled collection day.

Residents within the targeted zone can place unwanted furniture, mattresses, household items, brush, up to five tires and extra recyclables at the collection point on their scheduled collection day.

If your neighborhood desires to schedule a group clean-up, you can contact **Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful** at [www.kgmb.org](http://www.kgmb.org) or 272-5462 for clean-up bags, gloves or to borrow a limited number of clean-up tools (rakes, shovels, brooms).

This is your opportunity to get rid of excess household debris at no cost. After your Clean & Green week, there will be a \$50 charge for all bulky pickup requests larger than 1 cubic yard (about the size of an easy chair).

**Project Clean & Green 2011 runs from April 11th through June 2nd. We are in Zone 5 and our clean up dates are May 11- May 17.**