



# Alderman Joe Dudzik

11th District

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## Dear Neighbor,

This year has certainly been a busy one for our dedicated poll workers and Election Day volunteers (many of them city workers and retirees). The April spring general election, then the gubernatorial recall held in June, and of course the fall general election (plus primaries!) made for a steady and crowded 2012 elections schedule, and I want to extend a sincere "THANK YOU!" to these citizens for their important work. I also want to thank all of the voters in the 11th District who went to the polls and made sure their vote counted (even if it meant waiting in line for several minutes).

Our form of government works best when people are involved, and I think you should take every opportunity to vote and I also encourage you to contact the Election Commission (286-3491) to see how you can become a poll worker for the next election.

In this winter edition of my newsletter, you will find out more about the 2013 city budget, the Morgan Ave. reconstruction project, our new 6th District Milwaukee police captain, a new pilot sanitation program in the district, and other articles that will help you be ready for this winter season.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone in the 11th District for your support and for re-electing me as your Common Council representative at City Hall. I work for all of you and for every neighborhood in our great district, and I pledge that I will continue to serve to address your concerns properly and in a timely manner.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year's.

Sincerely,

Joe Dudzik  
Alderman, 11th District



## Alderman Dudzik's Committee Assignments

Member: Finance and Personnel Committee  
Member: Licenses Committee

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## Volunteers Needed for July 4th Celebrations

It might seem right now like summer is very far away, but local neighborhood associations are already beginning the planning process for next year's Fourth of July celebrations, and they need volunteers to help with the work.

Alderman Dudzik said that planning for the Independence Day festivities can be a year-round task, and the number of volunteers has started to dwindle recently. He hopes more residents of the 11th Aldermanic District step forward to secure the future of these great traditions.

Anyone who is available to assist in planning Fourth of July celebrations, or help out next summer, is encouraged to contact Alderman Dudzik's office at 286-3446. The office can identify where help is needed and how interested residents can get involved.

## Inauguration of Elected Officials



Alderman Dudzik addressed the audience and was sworn in at the Inauguration of Elected Officials held in the Common Council Chamber on April 17, 2012.



## New MPD Commander at District Six

Captain Diana Rowe is the new commander of the 6th Police District.

Captain Rowe joined the Milwaukee Police Department as a police officer in 1991 and was promoted to identification technician in 1996, to identification supervisor in 2002 and to captain in 2004.

Captain Rowe has served in a variety of assignments including the Patrol Bureau, the Prisoner Processing Section, the Identification Division, and the Integrated Justice Services Division where she spearheaded the Department's Crime Scene Training program, designed to instruct patrol officers on the basics of evidence collection.

Captain Rowe earned a bachelor of arts degree in Business Management and Finance from Alverno College.



## Common Council Holds the Line on Taxes, Services

Much like most Milwaukee families, city government continues the balancing act of paying its bills while operating within an increasingly confined budget. And again this year, the Milwaukee Common Council has passed an amended city budget that holds the line on property taxes while maintaining crucial city services.

The 2013 tax levy approved by the Common Council in November was \$250.39 million, up 0.96 percent from 2012's \$248 million levy, and \$20,878 less than the Mayor's proposed 2013 budget levy. Following a few changes made by the Mayor's veto pen, the owner of an average Milwaukee home will see a \$46 decrease in the city portion of their tax bill, which with a modest \$17 increase in fees for solid waste and other services, provides \$29 in relief to homeowners.

"Early in the budget process, we identified minimizing the impact on property tax payers as a top priority," Alderman Dudzik said. "Continued responsibility and austerity are key to maintaining the city's fiscal health in the years ahead and maintaining a level of service consistent with other communities."

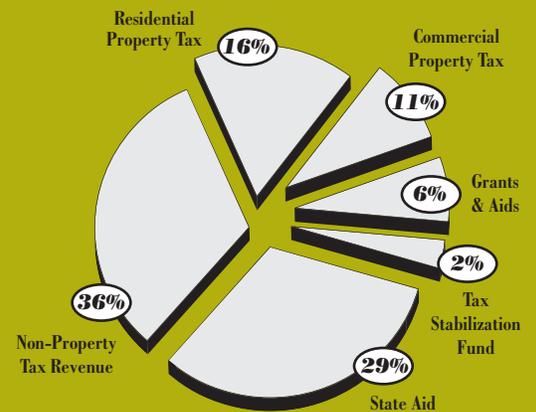
To further those ends, Alderman Dudzik was among the Common Council members who approved changes to the Mayor's proposed budget that increase the amount of overtime funding available to the Milwaukee Police Department by \$350,000. And with the urban forestry division facing a backload of tree stumps in need of removal and replacement, the Common Council increased funding for those services by \$500,000.

And as part of ongoing efforts to expand upon public safety in Milwaukee, Council members signed off on an amendment that finds funding for 13 additional Fire Cadet positions, to start with the scheduled class in September 2013. Fire Cadets are uniformed civilian employees who work in an apprentice-style program designed to prepare them for a career as Milwaukee firefighters.

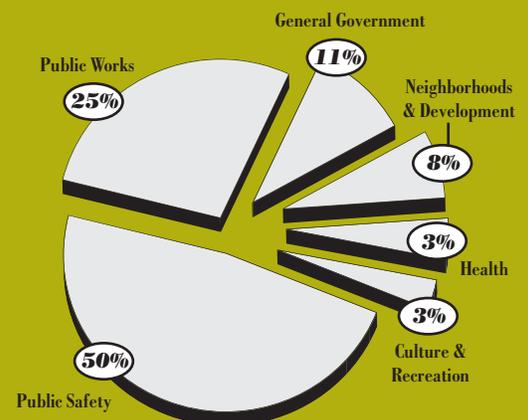
"Very simply, this budget offers Milwaukee residents a little more for their tax dollar, while minimizing the burden on hardworking families," Alderman Dudzik said.

### City of Milwaukee 2013 Budget Sources and Uses of Funds

#### Sources of City Revenue



#### City Services Provided by this Revenue



# Winter Public Works in Milwaukee

We can't predict the future, but here in Milwaukee, it is a safe bet there will be snow in winter. With the snow and cold come rules related to plowing, shoveling and even changes in our garbage pick up patterns. The information below helps you keep track of schedules and rules about our Department of Public Works in winter and over the holidays.

## Snow Plowing

When a major storm occurs, it can take from 18 to 24 hours to plow all streets, depending on the severity of the storm. Sometimes plows must make four to six passes down a street to clear it curb to curb. The city tries to do this at one time so residents can shovel out driveways and sidewalks. It is best to wait, if possible, until we've plowed your street before shoveling out your driveway approach. It is also helpful if you pile the snow to the right side of your driveway as you face the street. This will minimize the amount of snow pushed back into the driveway approach by a plow.

Residents have 24 hours after the snow stops falling to clear snow from sidewalks. Violators who are reported to DPW are issued a notice to clear the walk and will be assessed an initial inspection charge of \$25 for the first notice, \$45 for the second notice and \$90 for subsequent violations. If the sidewalks still are not clear within another 24 hours, a sanitation crew will clear a path on the walk, and the charge will appear on the owner's property tax bill.

## Sidewalk Clearing for Seniors & Disabled Persons

Residents who own single family homes who are physically unable to clear the sidewalk in front of their home can call sanitation at 286-3345 to apply for assistance with clearing the walk after a snowstorm exceeding 4 inches.

To report an unshoveled sidewalk, call 286-2489.

## Need Assistance or Have a Question?

Efficient delivery of the hundreds of services provided by city government is only a phone call or a computer click away – in the NEW, full-color “Call for Action” telephone directory. The popular directory is arranged alphabetically by specific problems and topics, and also includes helpful web addresses and additional information about community attractions.

Remember that in addition to contacting Alderman Dudzik's office for help with your concerns, there is one number – 286-CITY (2489) – that can put you in touch with the right department for any questions or concerns about city services.

To save postage and staff costs, please download or print your own copy of the new Call for Action booklet by going to Alderman Dudzik's webpage at [www.milwaukee.gov/district11](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district11). If you need to have a copy mailed to your home, please e-mail a request to [tprejs@milwaukee.gov](mailto:tprejs@milwaukee.gov).

An online version of the Call for Action is also available at: [www.milwaukee.gov/callforaction](http://www.milwaukee.gov/callforaction)



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Alderman Joe Dudzik joined Maria Monreal-Cameron (President and CEO of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin), owners Olivia and Ernesto Villarreal and manager Nelson Lang at the grand opening celebration of the new El Rey grocery store at 5200 W. Oklahoma Ave., the previous location of a Sentry Foods store.

## New El Rey Meeting with Success in First Year

Alongstanding south side staple is thriving in a new location, offering up ethnic grocery options and snappy Mexican cuisine to the 11th District's evolving population.

The El Rey market opened its newest location on W. Oklahoma Ave. a little more than a year ago. The new store is the third branch of the family-owned market chain, which originated in a small storefront on S. Chavez Dr. more than 30 years ago and catered to a mostly Hispanic clientele.

But with the new location directly across the street from Serb Hall, further to the south and west than its sister stores, manager Nelson Lang said they are trying to appeal to those with Serbian and Polish roots as well. Accordingly, in addition to the traditional specialty items for which El Rey is well-known, the new location also features more American food products, Polish goods and Serbian fare, and Lang is open to adapting their offerings based on customer feedback.

In its first year at the new location, the El Rey market has already undergone a couple of expansions. A taqueria and café with lunch counter service and seating for 60 now operates every day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., offering traditional Mexican fare. And by popular demand, Lang said they opened up a full-service butcher counter inside the store to handle special orders from customers.

The business opened after extensive renovations to the building, which formerly housed a Sentry store. Contractors exposed the original brick of the structure, built columns to match, added a new roof and upgraded the plumbing and lighting inside. The new El Rey market now employs more than 60 people, including a handful of original employees from the previous Sentry store – “familiar faces,” Lang called them, for neighborhood residents.

And, Lang is not ruling out further expansions in the near future. He said he is particularly interested in adding outdoor seating to the taqueria and café if business continues to be steady.

## Crews Wrap Up First Phase of Morgan Ave. Project

After six months of construction, the dust is settling and, for the time being, life can return to normal in the wake of the first phase of the Morgan Ave. repaving project.

Throughout the summer and autumn, crews have entirely replaced the 53-year-old roadway in the one-mile stretch between S. 84th St. and S. 68th St. Prior to the project, the road was heavily patched to cover past utility work and failing pavement joints, but as the patches began to fail, the integrity of the road's surface was in jeopardy.

"It was in just deplorable shape," Alderman Dudzik said, looking back. "It had definitely reached the end of its life. It's been a long process, but the ride and the aesthetics are so much enhanced with all the work that's been done."

Starting with the roadway north of the median and then tackling the south side, crews removed the existing asphalt surface and concrete base, placing seven inches of new concrete on a five-inch gravel base. The work also included the replacement of curbs and gutters along the entire stretch, as well as many driveway approaches and sidewalk segments. From S. Massachusetts Ave. to S. Honey Creek Dr., the roadway was narrowed slightly to increase the amount of green space south of the road without causing any permanent detriments to traffic or parking.

In order to provide for safer travel by bicyclists and meet federal and state requirements, crews built the roadway to accommodate bicycle lanes that were painted in. State and federal sources provided 80 percent of the funding for the \$2.15 million project.

But the completion of this segment of road is only phase one of a two-step process. Alderman Dudzik said that, next year, work should begin to make the same improvements to the stretch of Morgan Ave. that runs from 68th St. to Forest Home Ave.



Alderman Dudzik visited the site of the Morgan Ave. repaving project. The improvements will include the installation of sustainable boulevards with new grass, highly visual signature beds and more tree plantings. Similar to previous projects in the district, the landscaping will be coupled with automated irrigation systems to save operating costs.





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## 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:**  
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**Send your child to a great school:**  
[www.milwaukee.k12.wi.us](http://www.milwaukee.k12.wi.us)

**Visit the Milwaukee Art Museum - FREE the first Thursday of every month:**  
[www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org)

## FREE Landlord Training

For future training dates call 286-2954 or to learn more about the program and view a class schedule go to:  
[www.milwaukee.gov/landlordtraining](http://www.milwaukee.gov/landlordtraining)



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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 20 this year.**

## Don't Get Left Out in the Cold

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## Euclid Park Neighborhood Association Honors McDonald's



Alderman Dudzik took part in a special presentation held recently at the McDonald's at S. 76th St. and W. Oklahoma Ave. The Euclid Park Neighborhood Association (EPNA) presented a plaque of appreciation to the restaurant to mark 10 years of cooperation and service.

Those shown with Alderman Dudzik are EPNA treasurer Scott Krueger, McDonald's employee Mary Kochanski, McDonald's manager Peggy Johnson, and EPNA board member Marilyn Brilla.