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Dear Neighbor,

New and old businesses in the 11th District (and across Milwaukee) provide the character and commerce that help make our city a great place to live, work and play. Two such businesses in the 11th District – **Leon's Frozen Custard** (a globally-known landmark on the east side of the district) and **Flavorella's Yogurt and Café** (on the western edge of the district) – deserve further mention and are featured in this edition of my newsletter.

Leon's Frozen Custard will be receiving one of the Historic Preservation Commission's Cream of the Cream City awards – the Preservation Stewardship Award – for preserving its unique and genuine 1950s roadside architecture. Flavorella's Yogurt and Café is a new business opened in a location that needed some serious updating at S. 92nd St. and W. Oklahoma Ave. The owner deserves much credit for improving the space and the property, and breathing life and commerce into a formerly vacant location.

Also in this edition of my newsletter, you will find information about the **2013 Clean and Green program**, required citywide smoke alarm upgrades, the process for having damaged sidewalk squares replaced, and other helpful articles.

Please have a safe and enjoyable late spring and summer, and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns that I can address.

Sincerely,

Joe Dudzik
Alderman, 11th District



You Can Appeal Your Property Reassessment

Please note that in order to contest your City of Milwaukee property reassessment, you should contact the Assessor's Office at 286-3651. The appeal period will run through Monday, May 20, 2013.

City reassessment notices were mailed to all property owners on Friday, April 26, 2013.

If you disagree with your reassessment value, please follow the instructions on the back of the reassessment notice. You can also request an objection form by calling 286-6565, by email at assessor@milwaukee.gov or in person on the 5th floor of City Hall (room 507), 200 E. Wells St.

The last day to file an objection for 2013 is Monday, May 20th by 4:45 p.m. Also, if the objection is postmarked by May 20, 2013, it will be accepted.



Alderman Dudzik's Committee Assignments

Member: Finance and Personnel Committee
Member: Licenses Committee

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In late April, Alderman Dudzik stopped by to check progress on the soon-to-open Flavorella's Frozen Yogurt and Café at 9205 W. Oklahoma Ave. He is shown here with owner Willy Kusak, who has done an excellent job renovating the formerly vacant location. The business is expected to be open by June 1.

Installed Your CO Detectors Yet?

Please remember that under **Wisconsin's Carbon Monoxide Detector Law**, ALL one- and two-family buildings (including owner-occupied buildings) are required to have CO detectors.

Three-family and larger buildings in Wisconsin that have attached garages or "fuel burning devices" – gas heat, oil heat, gas dryers, gas stoves etc. – also have a similar law now in effect.

CO detectors must be within 75 feet of all fuel burning device and within 15 feet of each bedroom. One is required in the basement if there is a "fuel burning device" in operation, and they are also required in common hallways spaced no more than 75 feet apart.

Battery and plug in units are acceptable and should be mounted on a ceiling or wall.

The Department of Neighborhood Services will be completing annual inspections of Carbon Monoxide Alarms during safety inspections.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Services located at 841 N. Broadway, Rm 104, Milwaukee, WI, 53202 or call (414) 286-3441.



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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. If you need to have a copy mailed to your home, please e-mail a request to tprejs@milwaukee.gov.

An online version of the Call for Action is also available at:
www.milwaukee.gov/callforaction



Smoke Alarm Upgrades Required This Summer

Starting this summer, property owners in Milwaukee will be required to install smoke alarms that are powered by 10-year or greater, non-removable batteries, in a measure aimed at saving lives.

Under the ordinance approved by the Common Council, the old smoke detector models that use nine-volt batteries will be phased out due to concerns that, too often, the batteries are not replaced or are removed for use in other devices. This is in the wake of numerous tragedies in recent years where Milwaukee residents unnecessarily lost their lives because there was not a functioning smoke detector in the house.

"This is a simple, yet life-saving initiative that can have a tremendous impact on how citizens respond to fires and give them the best possible opportunity to escape without injury," Alderman Dudzik said. "The City of Milwaukee has a history of being a leader on public safety issues, and this is just the latest example of us using technology to make the city safer."

Starting June 1, property owners will be required to meet the new requirements when they replace smoke alarms on their property, or by October 1, 2017 at the very latest. Any smoke alarm located within 20 feet of the primary cooking appliance within the unit is required to be equipped with a silencing switch. Smoke alarms that plug-in or are hardwired are exempted from the upgrade requirement.

Additionally, every battery-operated smoke alarm must now be tested by the property owner not less than once every calendar year. The owner must provide a copy of test results to city officials upon request, and test results should include the date on which testing was performed and the name, telephone number and property relationship of the person who performed the test.

For those who may encounter financial difficulties equipping their homes with the proper smoke alarm, the city offers hardship assistance. Residents can call the **Smoke Detector Hotline at 286-8980** to see if they might be eligible for a **free smoke alarm** to comply with the new requirements.

Sidewalk Damaged? Call 286-CITY(2489)

Residents can request city review of damaged sidewalk squares by calling the Unified Call Center at 286-CITY (2489). The requests will be put on a list and work will be done as budgeted funds allow.

Sidewalks that have been damaged by tree roots will typically be replaced at no charge; If additional work is needed, a portion of the cost is assessed to the owner. The bills for the work are sent to the owners at least two years after the work is done. The bill can be paid in full within 45 days or can be included on the owner's property tax bill, with interest included.



Arbor Day Celebration

Alderman Dudzik took part in the 2013 Arbor Day celebration at **Honey Creek Elementary School**, 6701 W. Eden Pl. Alderman Dudzik presented a Common Council commendation to the school, and told the students that Arbor Day events allow the community "to work together to ensure the preservation of the urban forest and a very valuable natural resource."



Denim Day - April 24, 2013

Alderman Dudzik (left) and colleagues wore jeans in support of efforts to promote Denim Day during April – **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. Joining him were (from left) Alderman Michael Murphy, Alderman Willie Hines, Alderwoman Milele Coggs, Alderman Robert Puente, Alderman Nik Kovac and Alderman José Pérez.

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Tip Hotline Means \$\$ for Reporting Illegal Dumping

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

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.

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



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Congratulations to Leon's Custard



Leon's Frozen Custard near S. 27th St. and W. Oklahoma Ave. was selected to receive the Preservation Stewardship Award from the **Historic Preservation Commission** as part of its **Cream of the Cream City** awards. The iconic and famous drive-in restaurant was awarded for preserving its unique and genuine roadside architecture, which sprang up during the 1950s as Americans took to their cars like never before.



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Summer 2013 Events

There's a lot going on in Milwaukee! Hang this calendar on your refrigerator to help remember local events and recycling info.

2013 Church Festivals

Our Lady Queen of Peace Ride Fest

– May 10-12 & June 7-9 – 3222 S. 29th St., 672-0313

Our Lady of Lourdes – Aug. 16-18 – 3725 S. 56th St., 545-4316

St. Sava Serbian Days – Aug. 23-25 – 3201 S. 51st St., 545-4080

St. Gregory the Great – Sept. 5-7 – 6300 W. Oklahoma Ave., 543-8292

Other Festivals and Events

Polish Fest – June 14-16 – Henry Maier Festival Park

Greek Fest – June 22-24 – Wisconsin State Fair Park

Summerfest – June 26-June 30, July 2-7 – Henry Maier Festival Park

Bastille Days – July 11-14 – Cathedral Square Park

South Shore Frolics – July 12-14 – South Shore Park

Festa Italiana – July 18-21 – Henry Maier Festival Park

German Fest – July 25-28 – Henry Maier Festival Park

Wisconsin State Fair – August 1-11 – Wisconsin State Fair Park

African World Festival – August 3-4 – Henry Maier Festival Park

Irish Fest – August 15-18 – Henry Maier Festival Park

Mexican Fiesta – August 23-25 – Henry Maier Festival Park

Harley-Davidson 110th Anniversary Celebration – August 29 – Sept. 1

Indian Summer Festival – September 6-8 – Henry Maier Festival Park

A La Carte at the Zoo – August 15-18 – Milwaukee County Zoo

Spring Cleaning? Project Clean & Green Can Help

Project Clean & Green is happening again this spring, allowing residents of the 11th District to leave extra materials and items out for pickup by Sanitation crews at **no extra charge**.

In the 11th District, Project Clean & Green will occur the week of May 13-17 on your regular garbage collection day.

What DPW *will not pick up* during Project Clean & Green:

- Appliances, TVs and other electronics, such as computers, printers, scanners, tablets, etc.
- Construction debris and paint
- Grass, yard waste, and more than two (2) cubic yards of tree trimmings

It should also be noted that NO garbage or recycling will be collected on the following days this calendar year:

- **Memorial Day** – Fri. & Mon. – May 24 & 27, 2013
- **Independence Day** – Thurs. & Fri. – July 4 & 5, 2013
- **Labor Day** – Fri. & Mon. – Aug. 30 & Sept. 2, 2013
- **Thanksgiving** – Thurs. & Fri. – Nov. 28 & 29, 2013
- **Christmas Eve & Day** – Tues. & Wed. – Dec. 24 & 25, 2013
- **New Years Eve & Day** – Tues. & Wed. – Dec. 31, 2013 & Jan. 1, 2014