



Alderman Joe Dudzik

11th District

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Dear Neighbor,

Effective crime prevention and public safety efforts are directly connected to neighborhood and community involvement, because no police department can do it alone. We cannot put police officers on every corner, and neighbors must keep an eye out for suspicious persons, vehicles and activities. That said, we have had a recent spike in burglaries and other crimes in the district, and I am inviting you and your neighbors to a public meeting to discuss ways we can improve public safety while still providing other valuable city services. Some budget reductions may be necessary, and City Budget Director Mark Nicolini will be at the meeting to discuss these important issues.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Hamilton High School, 6215 W. Warnimont Ave. I hope to see you there.

In this newsletter you'll also see an update on the city's recycling efforts, learn about the new 2014 virtual night parking permit system, find out about utility upgrades in the district, read about a new ordinance restricting the height of grass and weeds and see fall leaf collection and garbage/recycling schedules.

As always, I welcome your input. It continues to be my distinct honor to represent you as 11th District Alderman, and I wish you and your loved ones a very happy and safe autumn.

Sincerely,

Joe Dudzik
Alderman, 11th District



Polish Museum Management Delegation Visits City Hall

Earlier this summer, Alderman Dudzik helped welcome to Milwaukee a U.S. Department of State sponsored delegation studying U.S. museum management practices to help enhance and improve how museums are operated in Poland. The delegation met with the alderman and others during a June 14 event at City Hall.

The delegation, hosted in Milwaukee by the International Institute of Wisconsin, was invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. The delegation stopped in selected cities over a roughly three-week span.

Alderman Dudzik, a longtime and active member in Milwaukee's Polish cultural and heritage organizations, said the visit can be attributed to Milwaukee's high standing in the world of museums, history and culture.

"As Milwaukeeans we can be proud that the delegation chose our city over many others," he said. "Not only am I proud of my Polish heritage, but I also know that cultural, educational and economic exchanges strengthen our understanding of the world in which we live and also help us gain possible future partners."



Alderman Dudzik addresses members of a special U.S. Department of State sponsored delegation studying U.S. museum management practices during a special welcome ceremony on June 14, 2013 at City Hall. Immediately to Alderman Dudzik's left is Alderman Terry Witkowski, who also helped welcome the group to the city.

Alderman Dudzik's Committee Assignments

Member: Finance and Personnel Committee
Member: Licenses Committee

View meetings on the web at: www.milwaukee.gov/channel25

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New 2014 Virtual Night Parking Permit System

For the convenience of the city's night parking permit customers, there will be no requirement to display a physical permit for 2014. When residents buy a night parking permit after December 20, 2013, they will complete the same application accurately listing the applicable license plate number. Residents will receive a confirmation number to prove purchase of the permit, but will not receive a physical permit to place on the vehicle's window.

The license plate number will be used by parking enforcement to determine whether it has a purchased, valid permit. All customer service problems arising from misplaced or stolen permits will be eliminated. Failure to purchase a permit will still be subject to a \$20 citation.

When a resident purchases a permit online, the cost savings of no permit production, handling and mailing will be passed on to customers. The convenience fee will be reduced from the current \$2.25 to \$1.00.

Visit www.milwaukee.gov/parking to purchase a night permit online and avoid the hassle of standing in line to pay in-person. Please call 286-8350 with any questions.

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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

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Cell phone, dial 414-773-0211.
Pay phone, dial 1-866-211-3380.

New Maximum Height for Grass and Weeds

On July 23, 2013 the Common Council adopted an ordinance that shortens the maximum allowed height of grass and weeds in yards and vacant lots from nine inches to seven inches.

The ordinance change also increases the penalties for those who fall out of compliance with the grass and weeds height requirement – an attempt to address complaints about blighted and vacant properties in the city.

Alderman Dudzik said DPW has received media coverage about the height change, and has also been conducting a public information campaign to alert property owners. "If you received a DPW garbage cart tag with details about the change, it does NOT mean the city is telling you that you are in violation of the ordinance – it is merely telling you that the ordinance change was made," Alderman Dudzik said.

Questions about the ordinance change can be directed to 286-CITY(2489).

Making it New Again! Milwaukee Recycling Program – 2012 Year in Review

We do it every day – tossing old cans, jars, bottles, paper and cardboard into the recycling cart to turn them into something new! These recyclables are turned into a wide variety of products, including paper toweling and writing paper, cardboard boxes and newsprint, new soda cans and beverage bottles, carpeting, patio furniture, auto parts, construction materials and more.

During the past several years, recycling has been on the rise in Milwaukee. From 2009 through 2012, recycling pounds per household have increased by 13 percent! This means that more materials are headed back to industries where they support jobs and are made into new products.

In 2012, Milwaukee residents recycled more than 24,000 tons of household materials, saving more than \$1.5 million between avoided landfill disposal costs and the revenue earned from the sale of recyclables, net of processing costs. Beyond the recycling cart, residents brought in more than 2.1 million pounds of electronics, more than 90 tons of carpet and carpet padding, and nearly 3,400 gallons of used cooking oil to DPW's Self-Help Centers for recycling.

We can still do more to conserve natural resources, save landfill space, reduce pollution, save money and bolster our economy. So, give your recyclables new life and keep them out of the trash! **Learn more at www.milwaukeekecycles.com**



NOW IT'S EVEN BETTER!

Have questions?

Call (414) 286-CITY (2489)

www.MilwaukeeRecycles.com



With MORE Recycling Materials Accepted!

- > All plastics numbered
- > Aluminum containers, foil & pans
- > Bulky #2 plastics (ex. 5-gallon buckets)
- > Cardboard & paperboard
- > Cartons
- > Glass bottles & jars
- > Metal pots & pans
- > Mixed paper & junk mail
- > Newspapers, magazines & catalogs
- > Phone books
- > Steel cans & empty aerosol cans



NEWLY ACCEPTED ITEMS IN BLUE



This photo shows the new service riser that was installed on the WE Energies pole on S. 43rd St. between W. Oklahoma Ave. and W. Forest Home Ave. to feed the city's street lighting substation at S. 43rd and W. Dakota Streets.

Street Lighting and Utilities Upgrade Work in the District

You may have noticed work this summer as crews installed new feeder cable to poles serving a city street lighting substation at S. 43rd St. and W. Dakota St. The new, upgraded service cable was installed and fully operational by late June, and the temporary overhead and wood poles were removed by the end of July.

We Energies is also overseeing the replacement of aging natural gas lines with new piping that is more resistant to corrosion and earth movement. The work has been ongoing in much of the 11th District this summer.

The project includes replacing pipe in the street, sidewalk and, in most instances, to homes and other buildings. In some cases, the work also may require relocation of natural gas meters. Depending on weather and other factors, the project in any given area can take up to eight weeks.

Please go to www.we-energies.com/home/pipe_replacement_proj.htm for maps and other details about the work.

Alderman Dudzik said work on both the electrical and gas infrastructure will help to better prevent gas line problems, ruptures and street lighting service outages.

Town Hall Meeting Scheduled

Public safety and budget issues will be front and center when Alderman Dudzik holds a Town Hall meeting on **Wednesday, October 2, 2013** at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Hamilton High School, 6215 W. Warnimont Ave.

Alderman Dudzik said the district recently had its first recorded homicide in more than a year, and there has also been an increase in reported burglaries. Milwaukee Police Department representatives will be in attendance to provide information and to answer questions.

City Budget Director Mark Nicolini will also be at the meeting to discuss the city's 2014 budget.

Helpful Fall & Winter Tips

Fall Leaf Collection

Residents can rake leaves into the curb lanes from **October 1 – November 15, 2013**. Sanitation crews will begin collecting leaves on October 14 (earlier if conditions warrant).

Winter Garbage Cart Collection

Because sanitation crews who collect garbage and recyclables also plow snow, collection days may change during the winter, especially after a heavy snowstorm or especially frigid temperatures.

Remember also that curbside summer garbage and recycling collection runs through November 27, 2013. Households with alleys are not required to change their procedures because they are emptied at the alley line.

There is NO garbage or recycling collection on the following City Holidays:

- **Thanksgiving:** November 28 & 29, 2013
- **Christmas Eve & Day:** December 24 & 25, 2013
- **New Year's Eve & Day:** December 31, 2013 & January 1, 2014
- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** January 20, 2014
- **Good Friday:** April 18, 2014
- **Memorial Day:** May 26, 2014
- **Independence Day:** July 4, 2014
- **Labor Day:** September 1, 2014



Home Foreclosure Assistance

Take Root Milwaukee, part of Mayor Tom Barrett's Milwaukee Foreclosure Partnership Initiative, offers reliable and trustworthy assistance for homeowners facing foreclosure, including property tax foreclosure. TRM is one of many strategies currently being used to address the impact of foreclosures on neighborhood residents and the housing market in Milwaukee. Free or very low-cost services are available by calling the hotline at 414.921.4149 or www.takerootmilwaukee.org.



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Alderman Dudzik spoke to customers (from left) Bob Bitters, Phillmore Bott and Jim Fons outside the McDonald's restaurant at S. 76th St. and W. Oklahoma Ave. on a recent afternoon. The location – one of the oldest McDonald's in the City of Milwaukee – is looking to acquire the corner property (shown in the background) for development to possibly create a larger parking area and a more efficient drive-thru.



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2013 Events

Saturdays thru 10/5 • **Westown Farmer's Market** • Zeidler Park
Saturdays thru 10/30 • **East Town Market** • Cathedral Square Park
9/21 • **Milwaukee River Challenge** • Pere Marquette Park/Milw. River
9/26-10/10 • **Milwaukee Film Festival** • Various venues in Milwaukee
9/27-29 • **Harvest Fair/World Beef Expo** • Wisconsin State Fair Park
10/6 • **Milwaukee's Lakefront Marathon** • Grafton to Milw. Lakefront
10/18-19 • **Gallery Night and Day** • Downtown Milwaukee
10/27 (1 p.m.- 4 p.m.) • **Trick or Treat** • City of Milwaukee
11/9 • **Veterans Day Parade** • Downtown Milwaukee
11/21-1/5 • **Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival** • Downtown Milwaukee
11/23 • **Milwaukee Holiday Parade** • Downtown Milwaukee
12/6-7 • **Christmas in the Ward** • Historic Third Ward

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.

Organize a neighborhood cleanup: 272-5462 or www.kgmb.org

Save money with a weekly bus pass: www.ridemcts.com

Visit the Milwaukee Art Museum for free on the first Thursday of the month: www.mam.org

Tip Hotline Offers Cash for Reporting Illegal Dumping, Vandalism and Other Crimes

The Common Council approved a tip hotline whereby callers may be eligible to receive reward money after anonymously providing information on incidents of illegal dumping of debris and/or hazardous materials or vandalism to vacant buildings in the City. Illegal dumping includes dumping of items, brush and/or materials on streets, sidewalks, parking lots, alleys or vacant properties.

Alderman Dudzik encourages residents to report this illegal activity. "Vandalism to vacant buildings should be a top concern for all city residents and stakeholders, because there is a direct relationship between vandalism to vacant buildings and increased calls for police and fire services."

If you see or know of these crimes, call WeTip at 1-800-78-CRIME.

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 materials that were dumped.

Bilingual operators answer the hotline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are taken for all crimes. All calls are anonymous, not just confidential.