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Hello Neighbors,

The winter of 2013-2014 will easily go down as one of the harshest in memory, and now that the spring thaw is taking hold, we're seeing the full extent of the city's pothole problems.

As many know, the "hot mix" that is the most effective patch and fill material for potholes cannot be produced until the warmer temperatures of April arrive, so the city has been "behind the eight ball" until now in terms of fully addressing the pothole crisis. I urge residents to report potholes by calling 414-286-CITY(2489). On the phone menu, select "Public Works" as the item to be addressed, and then please make sure you have the exact location of the pothole to be passed along to the call center representative.

I can assure you that crews will be out to address the potholes in the 11th District and across the city!

In this edition of my newsletter, you will also find information about my upcoming town hall meeting, as well as other helpful articles about city services.

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

**Changes for Alcott Park 4th of July**

There is a **new parade start time** for this year's Alcott Park 4th of July celebration – **9:45 a.m.** The new start time means that the parade assembly time will begin at 9:15 a.m. at the site of the former French Immersion School, 3575 S. 88th St. As always, free ice cream will be served at the park following the parade.

The rest of the Alcott Park 4th of July schedule:

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Doll Buggy, Bike, Trike and Coaster Wagon Contest Registration
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Balloon Clown, Kid's Crafts, Kid's Tattoos
11:00 a.m.	Doll Buggy, Bike, Trike and Coaster Wagon Judging
11:30 a.m.	Awards Presentation for all Contests

NOTE: Children's Games, Teen Games and Adult Games to follow the awards presentation.

9:15 p.m.	Fireworks Ground Display
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TOWN HALL MEETING

Alderman Dudzik has scheduled one town hall meeting to meet residents and discuss public safety and neighborhood issues. The date, location and time is:

Wednesday, May 21st
6:30–8:00 pm

Hamilton High School Auditorium
6215 W. Warnimont Ave.

Milwaukee Police Department representatives and representatives from other city departments will be in attendance to provide information and to answer questions.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**Vice Chair**

- Finance and Personnel

Member

- Licenses
- Public Safety

View meetings at:

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Alverno Seeing \$30 Million Campus Transformation ➤

On March 18th, Alverno College broke ground on a \$30 million expansion and renovation. This is the most significant transformation the Catholic liberal arts college has made in its 126-year history.

Construction will begin at the groundbreaking ceremony on March 18, and is expected to be finished by the end of 2015. The renovation and expansion will include a new classroom building, improvements to the JoAnn McGrath School of Nursing and the creation of a new, larger student commons area in hopes of enhancing the student experience.

The current campus was built in 1952, and with needs of students changing and enrollment numbers climbing, the college needs to “evolve to meet those needs,” says Dr. Mary J. Meehan, president of Alverno College.

Alverno College has grown into one of the largest women’s colleges in the country and many employers look to the college for future female leaders. In order to fully develop and enrich the students’ education, Alverno College needs to enhance the facilities and the curriculum.

The \$30 million expansion and renovation has been financed by a campaign started in 2011 by business leaders, Paul Purcell, CEO of Robert W. Baird, Don Layden, Partner, Quarles & Brady LLC, and Ellen Gardner, '69, retired President of Ameritech-Wisconsin. These business leaders have seen the impact that the women of Alverno College have had in the community, and **“believe deeply in Alverno and its future,”** says Purcell.

“I believe the improvements to Alverno College will aid in the enrichment of the overall educational experience, directly and positively impacting our community as a whole,” said Alderman Dudzik. ■



Image courtesy of Alverno College

All-new Alexia Hall will house the new Nursing Simulation Center as well as a suite of classrooms, meeting areas and a conference room.



Image courtesy of Alverno College

Abundant new modern meeting spaces will provide technology-empowered venues for tomorrow’s leaders to collaborate and share ideas.

New: Jackson Park Farmers Market ➤

The Jackson Park Community Association has announced that the inaugural season of the Jackson Park Farmers Market will kick off on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at **Jackson Park from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Vendors will be located at the park boat house with offerings of fresh produce, flowers, honey and food offerings.

The market will operate each week on Thursdays through October 16th. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Farmers Market by email at jacksonparkfarmersmarket@yahoo.com. ■

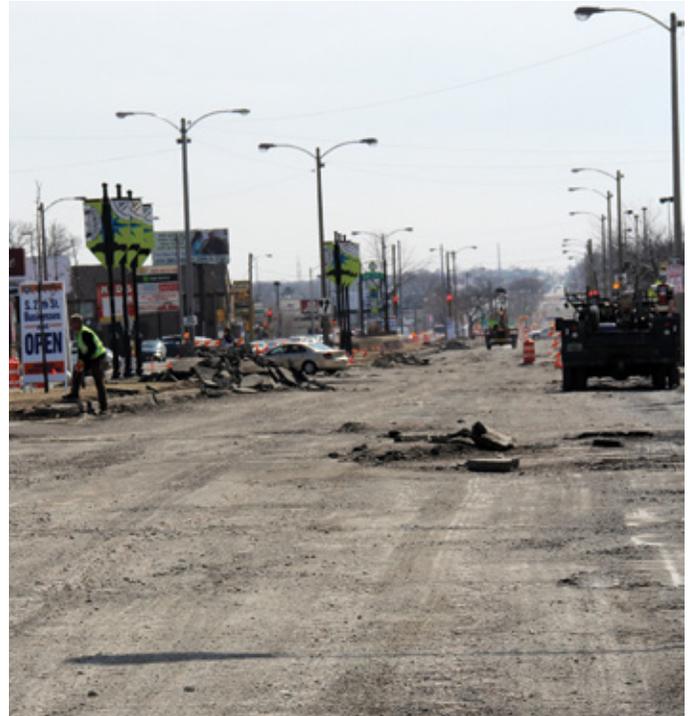


S. 27th St. Reconstruction Project Underway ➤

The city's reconstruction of S. 27th St. from W. Howard Ave. to the Union Pacific Railroad bridge near W. Dakota St. was started up in late March and is expected to be completed by mid-November 2014, according to the Department of Public Works.

The project includes:

- Replacing the existing pavement with a new concrete pavement
- Widening each roadway by two (2) feet to provide a bicycle accommodation
- New curbs and gutters, driveway approaches and sidewalks at most locations
- Installing decorative crosswalks at W. Howard, W. Morgan and W. Oklahoma Avenues, and the Kinnickinnic River Parkway
- Rehabilitating the bridge over the Kinnickinnic River and the culvert under the West Loomis Road intersection. West Loomis Rd. also will be reconstructed from S. 27th St. west for about 450 feet.
- "Green" sustainable infrastructure improvements



Alderman Dudzik said the project will incorporate safety improvements along the S. 27th St. corridor, a high volume street that provides access to a thriving business district, St. Luke's Hospital, schools, churches and recreational areas. The project will include traffic signal and crosswalk improvements and upgrades to the turning lanes as recommended in a series of safety audits.



The normally busy southbound lanes of S. 27th St. just south of W. Oklahoma Ave. are being reconstructed and all traffic has shifted to the northbound lanes. Alderman Dudzik talked about the project with Department of Public Works Construction Supervisor Paul Grabowski.

"The South 27th Street project provides an excellent opportunity for the City of Milwaukee and the Department of Public Works to continue to implement several **"green infrastructure"** components in our street designs," said DPW Commissioner Ghassan Korban.

"This project will include nine bio retention facilities, or bio swales, in the new boulevards as well as landscaping elements that help remove silt and pollution from storm water runoff." ■



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Cell: (414) 773-0211
Free: (866) 211-3380

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Milwaukee County

New Crime Watch Sign Program ➤

An ordinance to establish a crime watch sign program throughout Milwaukee has recently been approved by the Common Council. Although the police have yet to set up eligibility guidelines for participation of neighborhoods, business and block watch groups, provisions for the three types of crime watch signs have already been made.

The three types of signs that will be put in for the program will be those installed at locations along the perimeter of participating neighborhood crime watch areas, those installed in a business watch area and signs installed on individual blocks.

The chief of police has yet to establish standards for the size, placement, wording, etc. for all of the signs, but that is said to be happening soon.

Residents will be glad to know that the Department of Public Works will be installing these signs at no cost to the participating neighborhood association, business group or block club. They will be responsible though, for any sign fabrication costs that may come up in the future.

Any neighborhood association, business or block watch group interested in participation in the crime watch sign program should apply to the police department through the community liaison officer at the nearest district police station. ■

Project Clean and Green ➤

Project Clean & Green will be held again this spring, allowing residents of the 11th District to leave extra materials and items out for pickup by Sanitation crews. However it should be noted that no construction materials, hazardous waste, paint, electronics, more than 5 automobile tires, or brush piles larger than 2 cubic yards (equivalent to a 6-foot sofa) will be accepted. Your items to be disposed of must be placed at your collection point on your normal pickup day.

In the 11th District, Project Clean and Green will take place from May 13 – May 19 for all residences.

If you have questions about the project, please call 286-CITY(2489). ■

No Texting While Driving – Take the Pledge! ➤

AT&T, AAA and the Wisconsin State Patrol have joined forces for the It Can Wait® movement to urge everyone – especially students and young people that text messages can and should wait until after driving.

“Texting while driving is inattentive driving at its worst, and can lead to terrible accidents with serious injuries and even worse outcomes,” said Alderman Dudzik. “I urge students to take the pledge to never text behind the wheel at www.ItCanWait.com.”

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Wisconsin marked the third anniversary of its no-texting-while-driving ban in December 2013. The law prohibits sending an e-mail or text message while driving and imposes a fine of up to \$400. As a primary enforcement law, officers may stop and ticket drivers solely for texting and driving. Wisconsin is among 41 states that ban text messaging by all drivers. ■

REPORT FRAUD

It is everyone's job to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse of public funds. If you suspect or witness any fraud, waste or abuse against City of Milwaukee resources, **TAKE ACTION** and **REPORT IT** to the Fraud Hotline at 286-3440, via email (hotline@milwaukee.gov), or online. See www.city.milwaukee.gov/comptroller.

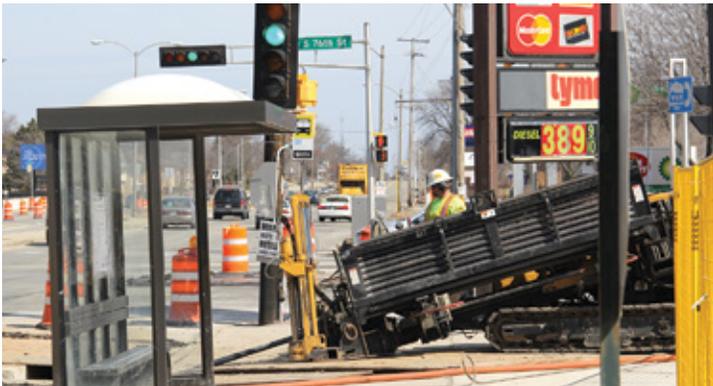
Tips may be made anonymously. The Fraud Hotline ensures confidentiality and will not share contact information without consent.

We Energies Continues Utilities Upgrade Work >

This spring We Energies is continuing work on the replacement of aging natural gas lines with new piping that is more resistant to corrosion and earth movement. The work first ramped up in much of the 11th District last 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 http://www.we-energies.com/home/pipe_replacement_proj.htm for maps and other details about the work. ■



Crews are shown replacing We Energies natural gas pipelines in early April at S. 76th St. and W. Oklahoma Ave.



Alderman Dudzik and resident Bob Bitters look into the site at S. 76th St. and W. Oklahoma Ave. where work is ongoing to prepare a former service station location to be used by the adjacent McDonald's for a larger parking area and more efficient drive-thru.

Garbage Collection >

For more information on your next garbage and recycling collection days, go to milwaukee.gov/mpw or call 286-CITY.

There is NO garbage or recycling collection on the following city holidays:

- **Memorial Day & Furlough Day**
Friday & Monday – May 23 & 26, 2014
- **Independence Day & Furlough Day**
Thursday & Friday – July 3 & 4, 2014
- **Labor Day & Furlough Day**
Friday & Monday – August 29 & September 1, 2014
- **Thanksgiving**
Thursday & Friday – November 27 & 28, 2014
- **Christmas Eve & Day**
Wednesday & Thursday – December 24 & 25
- **New Year's Eve & Day**
Wednesday & Thursday – December 31, 2014 & January 1, 2015 ■

New Maximum Height for Grass and Weeds >

On July 23, 2013, the Common Council adopted an ordinance which 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.

The Department of Public Works has received media coverage about the height change, and has also been conducting a public information campaign to alert property owners, including a DPW garbage cart tag with details about the change.

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



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2014 CHURCH FESTIVALS

- Aug. 22-24, **St. Matthias Parish**,
9300 W Beloit Rd, 321-0893
- Aug. 14-17 **Our Lady of Lourdes**,
3725 S. 56th St., 545-4316
- Aug. 22-24 **St. Sava Serbian Days**,
3201 S. 51st St., 545-4080
- Sept. 4-7 **St. Gregory the Great**,
6300 W. Oklahoma Ave., 543-8292



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Milwaukee as Top 2014 Destination Shows We're Doing Things Right >

Milwaukee has made Jetsetter magazine's list of top recommended travel destinations in 2014.

The Jetsetter article and posting, entitled "Where to go in 2014," has Milwaukee at fourth on the list, behind only Riga, Latvia, downtown Los Angeles and Glasgow, Scotland. Milwaukee, downtown L.A., and Crested Butte, Colo., are the only places on the list located in the U.S.

Recently, **ABC Travel Guides for Kids – a travel product company – recommended Milwaukee as its top destination** for family travel for 2014, touting many of the city's great amenities and attractions, including the Milwaukee County Zoo, the Domes, Discovery World and the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Alderman Dudzik noted that Milwaukee was recently named as one of the top art cities in the U.S., and also received a great write-up in the New York Times ("36 Hours in Milwaukee"), among other recent honors. "As residents we know how great Milwaukee is, and now we're recommended in some very elite company for top 2014 recommended travel destinations – this is great news for our city," he said.

Go to <http://www.jetsetter.com/feature/destination-2014> to see the entire Jetsetter post. ■

