Hello Neighbors,

It’s with a heavy heart, but great hope that I assumed the title of Alderman for Milwaukee’s 11th District. Alderman Joe Dudzik served diligently in this seat and set a high bar for his successor, and his passing came as a dreadful shock to me and all of his neighbors on the South Side. It’s his example that I hope to follow by bringing that same dedication and passion to serving as your representative on the Milwaukee Common Council.

As constituents of the 11th Aldermanic District, you are my new “bosses.” I am here to serve you and represent your interests at City Hall. Please call on me whenever I may be able to assist you. Obviously, I cannot promise new roads for everyone, but I can at least tell you that I will “battle” for you in everything I do at City Hall, and I will be as fair as possible.

I am also pleased to announce that Terri Prejs will stay on as the 11th Aldermanic District legislative assistant. She brings incredible knowledge and experience to the job, as she has served under two of my predecessors, council members Annette Scherbert and Joe Dudzik. I know many of you have grown to know her in her years of service as the point person for calls about city services, and I’m glad she can help offer some continuity in this time of transition.

This newsletter contains updates on some important developments, as well as critical information for the fall and winter seasons ahead. Thank you for this amazing opportunity to serve as your Alderman, and I look forward to what’s ahead.

Sincerely,

Mark Borkowski
Alderman, 11th District

Alderman Borkowski has scheduled an 11th Aldermanic District town hall meeting, during which he will meet with residents and discuss important issues affecting the district and the city as a whole. The meeting details are as follows:

**Wednesday, November 11th**
**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
Hamilton High School Auditorium
6215 W. Warnimont Ave.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

- Community and Economic Development Committee
- Judiciary and Legislation Committee

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Alderman Borkowski Sworn In

Chosen in a special election to fill the 11th Aldermanic District seat on the Milwaukee Common Council, Alderman Mark A. Borkowski was formally sworn in on September 1, 2015. His parents and his daughter were present with him for the ceremony.

Alderman Borkowski comes to city government with a wealth of legislative experience from his prior seat on the Milwaukee County Board, where he served 23 years.

Smother Rides Ahead: Local Roadwork Moving Forward

A source of pain for residents and car suspensions alike, S. 60th Street in the 11th Aldermanic District is finally on deck for the reconstruction and resurfacing it needs.

Alderman Borkowski said the preliminary engineering on the project is due to begin soon, laying the groundwork for projects that will take place in a couple of years.

“I’m relieved that the city has prioritized the reconstruction of this important arterial street,” Alderman Borkowski said. “South 60th St. plays a central role in many residents’ lives, and if we can all have a little bit of patience with the construction process, we will be rewarded with smoother commutes and a better driving experience.”

The Department of Public Works’s schedule currently calls for reconstruction of S. 60th Street from Cold Spring to Morgan in 2018. Then, during the following construction season of 2019, the work would be completed between Morgan and the Kinnickinnic River Parkway.

Park Installation Commemorates Joe Dudzik

Friends, family and community members gathered at Euclid Park on August 29 to remember the late 11th District Alderman Joe Dudzik. Alderman Dudzik was a lifelong Milwaukeean and an impassioned champion for the city. He served the citizens of Milwaukee as alderman for 13 years, diligently applying himself to improving the lives of those he represented.

Alderman Dudzik championed the construction of Euclid Park, a sanctuary that without his efforts would not exist. A plaque and a blue bench were installed at Euclid Park as a permanent memorial for his contributions.

Alderman Dudzik’s contributions were not lost on his fellow civil servants, many of whom expressed their deep respect and love for Alderman Dudzik. Alderman Borkowski spoke about the influence Joe had on him, saying “I felt his spirit on the campaign trail and this is his seat. This is Joe’s seat.”

Alderman Dudzik is survived by his wife, Lynn Dudzik, and his two sons. He was 56 years old. He will be sorely missed by the 11th District and the City of Milwaukee.

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

Starting on October 1, City of Milwaukee residents can rake leaves into the street for pickup by Department of Public Works sanitation crews. After November 25th, leaves can be taken to one of the city’s Self-Help Centers.

Residents are asked to rake their leaves into the street at the curb for collection. Sanitation crews will still pick up remaining leaf piles as long as weather permits through November 25. If you haven’t raked your leaves into the road by the time crews complete collections in your area, you must bag them and take them to a Self-Help Center for disposal.

For more information, call 286-CITY.
Quick-Thinking Heroism Takes Center Stage at St. Matthias Festival

Thanks to the quick-thinking, professional actions of a half dozen off-duty emergency responders, this year’s St. Matthias Parish Festival has a happy ending instead of a tragic one.

According to the Milwaukee Fire Department, a woman collapsed in the festival music tent on the evening of Sunday, August 30. Retired firefighter Duane Kantkowski and MFD’s Brian Wachowiacz, who was off-duty, immediately began chest compressions on the victim, who was not breathing and didn’t have a pulse. Retired MFD Paramedic Captain Kathy Bruss, off-duty Captain Jim Mueller and retired MFD Lieutenant Mike Glisch also rushed in to assist.

Several years ago, it was actually Kantkowski who led the effort to install automated external defibrillators throughout the St. Matthias Parish. This proved invaluable at the festival, as responders retrieved an AED from the nearby school and used it to administer a life-saving shock to the victim.

Within minutes, MFD Engine 12 and West Allis paramedics arrived in response to the 911 call. The on-duty responders were relieved to learn that the victim had regained a pulse and was breathing on her own, thanks to the quick actions of the off-duty firefighters and paramedics.

“The old saying holds true that real heroes never take the day off,” Alderman Borkowski said. “Thanks to the dedication and selflessness of these community members, a fellow Milwaukeean lived to see another day and a tragedy was averted.”

A Successful First Season for Jackson Park Farmers’ Market

The summer of 2015 was a season of firsts as Jackson Park kicked-off its inaugural “Jackson Park Farmers’ Market,” located at 3500 W. Forest Home Ave., adjacent to the boat house and just north of the pond. The farmers’ market season ran from June 11 to October 15, and was held every Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.


“I could not be more pleased with the success of this year’s Jackson Park Farmers’ Market,” Alderman Borkowski said. “The 11th really made this market their own. I think I speak for the whole district when I say, I can’t wait to do it again next year.”

Those who wish to learn more about the Jackson Park Farmers’ Market can do so by going to www.jacksonpark.us/farmers-market.
Alderman Borkowski toured the South Side’s new Spanish Immersion School campus, which will provide students in 4K through 1st grade an opportunity to learn a second language in the course of their regular studies. Having previously served as a French Immersion School, the new campus at 3575 S. 88th St. has sat vacant for years.

“This sort of repurposement is indicative of the rejuvenation taking place in many South Side neighborhoods,” Alderman Borkowski said.

“Adding a second campus for Spanish Immersion students will provide wonderful opportunities for students in our district.”