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Dear Neighbors,

Each day continues to be my honor to represent you and our District 11 neighbors at City Hall. Your conversations with me have helped shape my priorities: safer homes and streets, reliable city services, and careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Together with my Council colleagues, I secured \$8 million in additional 2026 funding to replace aging Milwaukee Fire Department vehicles. We also strengthened fire safety for renters: a law I authored requires landlords of larger multifamily buildings to tell prospective tenants whether their building has fire alarms and sprinklers or is legally exempt from those requirements. A second ordinance I introduced waives certain City fees when owners voluntarily install sprinklers in eligible older buildings.

I sponsored a new policy requiring City departments to alert the Common Council earlier to significant budget shortfalls. During this record-breaking year for pothole requests, I introduced a plan to speed street and alley repairs, including a proposed \$300,000 pilot program to test the use of contractors alongside City crews. Closer to home, El Rey Market and Global Power Components pledged a combined \$250,000 toward redevelopment of the park at 51st Street and Stack Drive. I also sponsored Milwaukee's participation in the Swimmable Cities alliance, supporting the long-term work to make our rivers cleaner.

You'll find more updates in the pages ahead. Please contact my office with questions, concerns, or ideas. I'm here to listen and follow through.

Sincerely,

Alderman Peter Burgelis



Committee Assignments

Vice Chair

- Finance and Personnel Committee
- Public Safety and Health Committee

Member

- Licenses Committee

View meetings online:

milwaukee.gov/citychannel

Save The Date

TUESDAY
**OCT
6**

11th District Town Hall Meeting

6:00-8:00PM (*Doors Open at 5:30 PM*)

Hamilton High School
6215 W. Warnimont Ave.

MONDAY
**OCT
19**

MPD District 6 Crime & Safety Meeting

6:00PM

Lady of Lourdes
3722 S. 58th Street

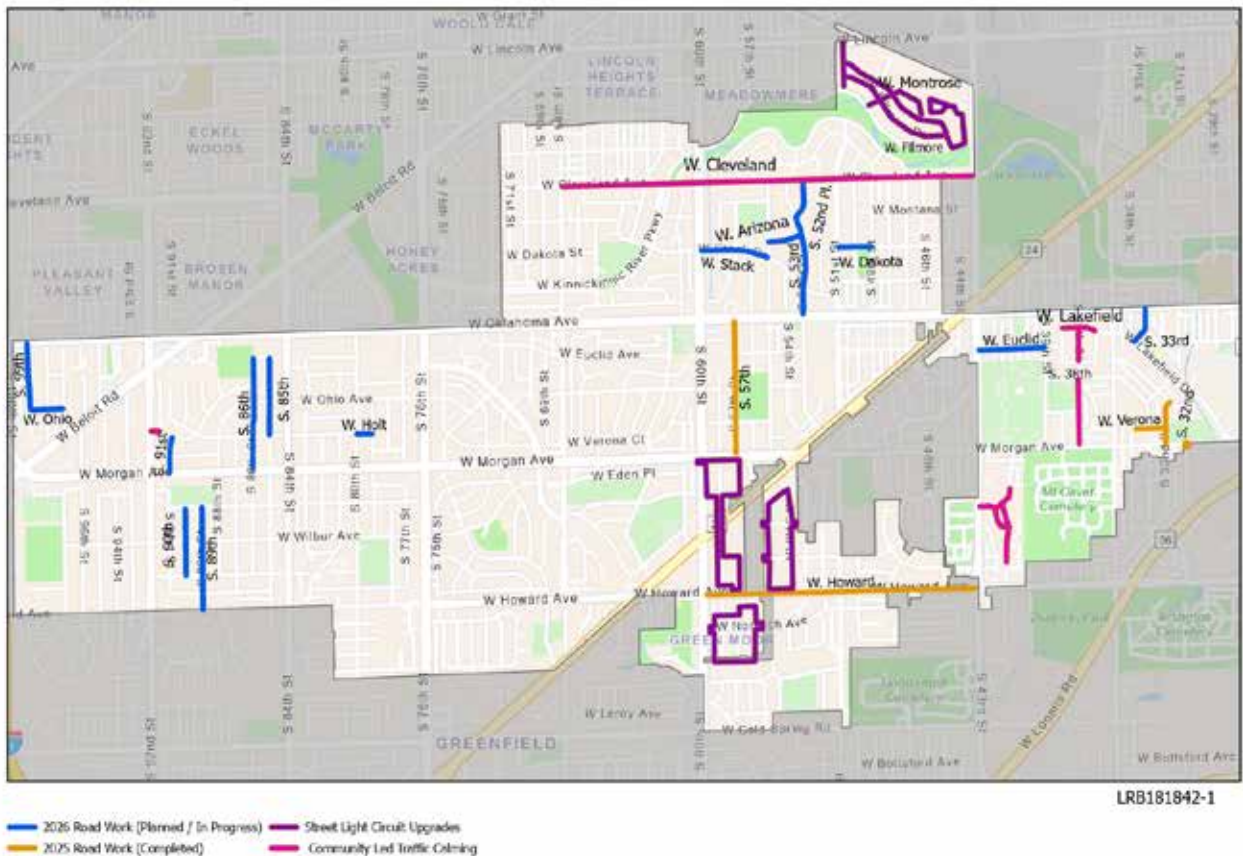


THANK YOU, SHERRY!

This September, the 11th District office said a fond farewell to Sherry Prochaska as she retires after two decades of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee. Sherry began working for the Common Council in 2006 and joined the 11th District office in 2013. She has served alongside several council members and helped thousands of residents navigate City Hall, solve neighborhood problems, and get the services they deserve. For the past several years, I've had the privilege of working alongside Sherry every day. Whether helping a resident with a service request, tracking down an answer from a City department, or making sure nothing fell through the cracks, Sherry approached her work with patience, professionalism, and genuine care for the people we serve. After 20 years of public service, Sherry has certainly earned the opportunity to turn off the City Hall phone and enjoy what comes next. Please join me in thanking Sherry for her outstanding service to Milwaukee and wishing her a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement!

Record Number of District 11 Road and Safety Improvements

Better roads and safer streets remain top priorities across District 11. Road improvements make travel smoother, can reduce speeding, and make walking and biking safer. Several district projects have been completed since 2025, with others set for completion this year. Neighbors can help shape street safety improvements. Through Milwaukee's Community-Led Traffic Calming Program, residents and local businesses can request measures to address traffic concerns. Learn more at milwaukee.gov/dpw/Infrastructure/Programs/Community-Led-Traffic-Calming. The map below shows the status of current and planned projects.



Get real-time updates on projects taking place throughout the district and city on the new DPW Infrastructure Dashboard.

Each project listing shares its type, current phase, estimated start of construction year and a brief overview. For some projects, a project webpage URL is listed for users to click-out to get more detailed information on the specific project or the larger program that it is a part of.

You can search for projects in several ways:

- Search by project type, project phase, Aldermanic District, etc.
- Search by name in the project list column.
- Search by address by using the magnifying glass on the project map.

milwaukee.gov/dpw/Infrastructure/Projects



Street Light Circuit Upgrades

Street lighting is basic city infrastructure, and when an entire block or neighborhood goes dark, it is more than an inconvenience. Reliable lighting is important for pedestrians, drivers and the overall safety and quality of our neighborhoods. The City is making a significant street lighting circuit upgrade in the 11th District this year. The SP 9-10 circuit is one of five street lighting circuits citywide budgeted for upgrades in 2026. The project covers portions of the district generally around S. 52nd to S. 60th Streets, from the Howard Avenue area north toward Morgan Avenue and Forest Home Avenue. Many of us know all too well that these investments are sorely needed because much of Milwaukee's street lighting infrastructure is 70+ years old, and recurring circuit problems often require complicated repairs.



Photo Credit: Fox 6 News Milwaukee

In August, after a rash of extended outages, I learned that DPW Electrical Services had approximately 40 active outages they were working to address. Making matters worse, crews are increasingly being diverted from routine maintenance by theft and vandalism. DPW recently reported that thieves have been pulling copper wiring from street lighting systems, with 10 wire thefts reported in recent weeks in several Milwaukee neighborhoods. Those thefts can knock out multiple lights at once and require crews to replace wiring rather than perform a more routine repair, adding to the backlog and extending normal restoration timelines.

This is frustrating for residents and for City employees trying to keep the system operating. Every hour crews spend replacing stolen wire or responding to vandalized infrastructure is an hour they cannot spend addressing ordinary outages and preventative maintenance. The longer-term answer is continued investment in our street lighting infrastructure. Upgrading circuits will improve reliability and help reduce recurring problems as we replace aging components of the system.



DPW employees working to fix an underground circuit as part of a streetlight repair

In the meantime, residents should continue reporting streetlight outages when they occur. Those reports are important: they identify problems, create a service record and help Electrical Services prioritize and dispatch crews. I will continue working with DPW to track recurring outages in the 11th District, push for timely repairs and advocate for the capital investments necessary to make our street lighting system more reliable. Our neighborhoods should not have to repeatedly go dark, and modernizing this basic infrastructure needs to remain a City priority.

Report outages by calling **414-286-CITY (2489)** or online via the City of Milwaukee Report & Request portal milkwaukee.gov/dpw/Infrastructure/Report or use the MKE Mobile Action app milkwaukee.gov/ucc/mkemobile.

Safer Scooters, Better Transportation Choices

E-scooters are part of Milwaukee's transportation system. They fill a gap for shorter trips without a car. That's a good thing. Safer, more reliable transportation choices help our entire transportation system, but more choices must also mean safer choices.

Milwaukee has seen disturbing crashes involving e-scooters, including incidents where riders on sidewalks have seriously injured pedestrians. Legal e-scooters can travel up to 20 mph. That may not sound fast but it's very different when they're traveling at that speed and collide with someone walking.

Yet Milwaukee's current ordinance provides a fine of only \$10 to \$20 for illegally operating an e-scooter on a sidewalk. A \$10 ticket doesn't reflect the associated danger. That's why I introduced legislation to increase the penalty for illegal sidewalk riding to \$100–\$1,000. Sidewalks are pedestrian spaces, and people should not have to dodge motorized scooters.

These are sophisticated companies. If their technology can track a ride and charge a customer by the minute, Milwaukee should expect it to enforce our safety requirements. If the City creates a slow-speed zone, scooters should slow down. If we establish a no-ride zone, the technology should respect it.

The safety concerns are real. An August 2026 League of Wisconsin Municipalities report notes growing challenges with electric mobility across Wisconsin. SSM Health reported that patients discharged from Madison's St. Mary's Hospital with e-bike and scooter injuries increased by more than 700% from 2024 to 2025.

Technology is changing quickly, and our laws need to keep pace. But we also cannot police our way to safe streets. Scooter companies have technology that can help prevent dangerous behavior before someone gets hurt, and we should require them to use it. I don't want Milwaukee to turn back the clock on scooters or other emerging transportation options; rather, I want residents to have more ways to safely get around our city. Innovation and safety can, and must, happen together.



MPD District 6 Captain Timothy Leitzke and Alderman Burgelis stand in front of one of MPD's new 100% electric squads funded by Ald. Burgelis' 2025 \$250,000 budget amendment

Helpful Safety Links



Start a Block Watch

A block watch is a program that allows neighborhoods to come together to help prevent and report crime. One of the best tools used to fight crime is a good neighbor. The Police Department can't be on every corner, so a watchful and alert neighbor is an excellent tool to help direct police officers to suspicious activity and possible crime. To start a Block Watch in your area, contact **Officer Fabian Garcia** or **Officer Michael Ward** at **(414) 935-7198** or e-mail Michael Ward at **msward@milwaukee.gov** and/or Fabian Garcia at **fgarci@milwaukee.gov**.

Compliance Loan Program

The Compliance Loan Program (CLP) assists homeowners in making repairs necessary to fix code violations on their property. CLP does this by providing 0% interest, deferred payment loans. This means homeowners pay no interest and only pay back the loan when selling or transferring the property.

For more information and an application, please contact CLP staff at (414) 286-2567. Even if individuals do not qualify for CLP, the Department of Neighborhood Services encourages homeowners to contact us to develop strategies to fix code violations and promote safe and healthy structures throughout Milwaukee.

The More Like Home™ Repair and Renew Loan Program

If your home was built before 1984, there's a good chance it may need repairs. With the More Like Home™ Repair and Renew Loan from WHEDA, get the repairs you need to renew your living space for years to come. The More Like Home™ Repair and Renew Loan program provides low-interest loans between \$5,000 and \$50,000 to owners of houses more than 40 years old.

Homeowners can use these loans to finance crucial structural repairs and energy-efficiency updates such as roofing, insulation, plumbing, electrical, heating, and air conditioning. View more at morelikehomeloan.wheda.com.



Alderman Burgelis at the Wedgewood neighborhood concert in the park.

Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program provides qualified Milwaukee County residents with a one-time, annual payment toward heating and electric bills. The funding pays a portion of energy costs determined by household size, income, and energy costs. The benefit is usually paid directly to the energy supplier. To learn more, call 414-270-4653 or visit keepwarmmke.org.

STRONG Homes Loan Program

The STRONG Homes Loan Program offers loans of up to \$25,000 to qualified owner-occupants of 1-4 family properties throughout the City of Milwaukee on a first-come, first-served basis. Technical assistance will be provided to homeowners under the program to assist with rehabilitation projects. Loans can be used for a variety of emergency and essential repairs. Visit milwaukee.gov/STRONGLoan to get started.

Home Energy Plus

Home Energy Plus offers diverse programs for low-income households to cover heating, electric, and energy costs, repair or replacement of heating/cooling and water conservation appliances, and weatherization services like insulation and energy-saving appliances. Households can qualify for some or all programs. Contact them at 866-432-8947 or energyandhousing.wi.gov.

Fresh Coast Resource Center

Are you a homeowner or renter in southeastern Wisconsin concerned about the environment and hoping to manage storm water that falls where you live? You can help improve water and air quality, reduce the risk of sewer problems, beautify your neighborhood, and "green" your corner of the world by adopting a simple practice or two!

The Fresh Coast Resource Center can help you get started. Call 414-225-2222 or visit freshcoastguardians.com/take-action/Residential to learn more.

\$250,000 in Donations to Help Transform 51st & Stack City Park

A major investment is helping bring a new future to 51st & Stack City Park in the neighborhood, with \$250,000 in private donations secured by 11th District Alderman Peter Burgelis to build upon the City's planned renovation of the park.

Global Power Components is contributing \$150,000, and El Rey Market is contributing \$100,000. Most importantly, the quarter-million dollars in private support is in addition to what the City of Milwaukee has already budgeted for the park renovation. The donations will allow the City to build on its existing commitment and create a more ambitious neighborhood park than the standard renovation budget alone would allow.

Mayor Cavalier Johnson joined Alderman Burgelis, neighborhood residents, Mike Watkinson of Global Power Components and Nelson Lang of El Rey Market on August 20 to announce and celebrate the investments.



Alderman Burgelis thanked Mayor Johnson for helping recognize the two companies and celebrate what their generosity will mean for White Manor families. "This is what it looks like when Milwaukee businesses invest directly in the neighborhoods that help make them successful," Burgelis said at the announcement. "A quarter-million-dollar investment will help us take an aging neighborhood park and create something that families can be proud of for another generation."

Both donors emphasized their connections to Milwaukee. Nelson Lang said El Rey Market's contribution is a way to give back to the Milwaukee families who have supported the company for generations, while Mike Watkinson said Global Power Components believes that strong businesses and strong neighborhoods go hand in hand.

The investment comes at an important point in the redevelopment. The park is one of the older properties in the Milwaukee City Parks system, and its playground has served neighborhood families for more than 20 years.

The project has also been shaped by the people who use the park. Two neighborhood meetings were held in February and March 2026 to collect ideas and feedback from residents. That input has helped guide the redevelopment, and the final design is now nearly ready.

The result is a great example of what can happen when residents, City government and local businesses work together: neighbors helped shape the vision, the City committed funding for the renovation, and Alderman Burgelis secured an additional \$250,000 in private investment to help take the project even further.

With the design nearing completion, the next chapter for 51st & Stack Park is getting closer. Neighbors can follow the project and sign up for updates here: engage.milwaukee.gov/51st-stack-park.



Leaf Collection Update

While leaves may be raked into the street as in previous years, beginning in fall 2026, residents have another option during the Fall Leaf Rake-Out (October 1 to November 15). Residents may place leaves in paper bags curbside and place a service request for collection by calling (414)286-CITY (2489). This new option helps reduce clogged sewer catch basins, improves collection in parking-congested areas, and provides another convenient leaf disposal option. Plastic bags of any kind are prohibited. For more information, **visit [Milwaukee.gov/leaves](https://milwaukee.gov/leaves)**.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION OPTIONS

#1 Bagged Leaf Collection

- Use compostable paper lawn bags
- Plastic bags are NOT accepted
- Place bags at curb/lawn edge for pickup
- Help keep leaves contained during changing weather and protect storm drains and waterways

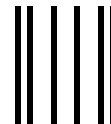



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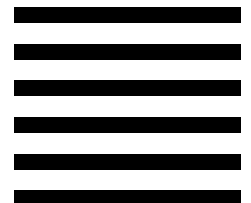
#2 Rake-Out Collection

- Traditional rake-out collection remains
- Rake leaves into a pile near curb lane
- Keep a one foot gap from the curb
- Keep leaf piles away from storm drains





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Have Questions?

Call:
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(Option 01)

Email:
electionworker@milwaukee.gov

Have a Plan to Vote!

General Election:
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Election Hours: 7am - 8pm

Are you interested in contributing to your community and making a difference while collecting a paycheck? Become a poll worker! Help protect democracy and support your local community! Visit the Election Commission webpage to learn more and apply at milwaukee.gov/pollworkers.

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Dear Neighbor,

What improvements, issues, and priorities are most important to you? Please take a moment to answer the following questions. Then detach and mail back this POSTAGE FREE survey card. If you prefer, you can also email me your answers by sending them to Peter.Burgelis@milwaukee.gov.

Thank you, Ald. Burgelis

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

1. What city services do you use most often/find most valuable?

2. What amenities would you like added to the 11th District to enhance quality of life?

3. Would you support an annual increase in the wheel tax to generate funds for local road repairs?
