



E-NEWSLETTER | Aug. 2025

Dear Neighbor,

Historic flooding from earlier this month has shown me a lot from our extraordinary community. Most neighbors had minimal impact, but some were hit hard and lost a lot. I saw strangers and neighbors step up and helping those in need. City service workers (public safety and public works) all hit the gas and put in extra hours to aid in recovery. Thank you all for showing what community means. We are still waiting for FEMA assistance, but we can't sit back and wait. I've partnered with colleagues on the Council to start discussing an expanded city home repair loan program to help residents get their lives and homes put back together. Stay tuned for updates. After Labor Day, the Council will resume its regular meeting cycles, and will be nearing 2026 budget deliberations. As Vice Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee, I look forward to hearing from residents and taking your priorities into consideration. There will be many ways you can participate and be heard.



Alderman Burgelis assisting residents in the aftermath of the August floods.

Flood Recovery Continues Citywide

The storms and flooding that occurred earlier this month were a historic event, but through this adversity neighbors have demonstrated their resiliency, something that makes our district and city special. Residents that were impacted by the flooding are encouraged to take a few minutes to fill out the 2-1-1 Wisconsin Damage Report [online](#). Please note, if you indicate in your 2-1-1 report that you need assistance, your information may be provided to partner organizations assisting within the area.

Additionally, Drop-Off Centers remain free to City residents through Sunday, August 31, operating on a regular schedule. Free special bulky item pickup continues this week for households with City garbage collection service. Residents have until Sunday, August 31 to request special pickup via phone at (414) 286-CITY or online at milwaukee.gov/clickforaction. If our office can assist your recovery efforts, please contact us today.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 9
MPD D6 Crime & Safety Meeting
Zablocki Library, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave. 6pm

Sept. 13
Milwaukee Fire Department 150th Anniversary Celebration
Henry Maier Festival Park
Noon - 4pm

Oct. 7
Annual District 11 Town Hall
Hamilton High School, 6215 W. Warnimont Ave.
6 - 8pm

Oct. 14
MPD D6 Crime & Safety Meeting
Zablocki Library, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave. 6pm

Oct. 18
Finance & Personnel Committee Public Listening Session on Proposed 2026 Budget
MLK Library, 2901 N. MLK Drive.
9:30 - 11am

Oct. 25
Coffee with a Cop
McDonald's, 3137 S. 76th St.
8 - 10:30am

City Hall, Room 205
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Reasonable accommodations can be made with at least 72-hour notice before the event by calling 414-286-2233





In-District Office Hours a Resounding Success

For the second year in a row, I hosted a pair of in-district August office hours to connect with residents. The first session was held at Milwaukee Fire Department Station 29 on 84th St. with Milwaukee County 9th District Supervisor Patti Logsdon, and the second session was held with Milwaukee County District 15 Supervisor Sky Capriolo at Milwaukee Fire Department Station 10. I want to thank MFD and leaders at the County for partnering with me on these efforts. Thanks also to each and every resident who came out to talk about topics they were concerned about. Great discussions were had, and I look forward to hosting more events like these in the future.



Ukraine Celebration

I was honored to help recognize Ukraine's independence day at City Hall. Thank you to Wisconsin Ukrainians President Halyna Salapata, Mayor Cavalier Johnson, and Serigiy Koledov, Consul General of Ukraine who organized this event. Milwaukee's Ukrainian community is a powerful example of perseverance. In the face of war and displacement, they have built new lives here, keeping language, culture, and traditions alive while contributing to the vibrancy of our city (Just like my own family that fled Soviet Latvia in the 1940's). They have also raised significant funding for medical and humanitarian aid in Ukraine. This was a demonstration to honor not only the courage of Ukrainians, but the enduring spirit of all who have faced oppression and stood tall against it. Milwaukeeans know right from wrong and show up to stand against evil.



Combating Reckless Driving

Reckless driving continues to impact all parts of our city, and recently I witnessed a reckless driving incident soon after installing a DPW traffic-calming traffic circle test along Cleveland Ave. A white sedan was chasing another car east of 60th St. at an incredibly high rate of speed while weaving through traffic, into oncoming lanes, and narrowly avoiding crash after crash. Thankfully, MPD found and cited the driver for reckless driving. Traffic calming infrastructure can only go so far and do so much, enforcement and holding bad actors accountable are also needed. Smart design and calling 9-1-1 both save lives. I'm grateful for the quick response from MPD in this instance. Drivers like that endanger everyone's safety and shouldn't be behind the wheel. A number of approved traffic calming projects will be installed in the District before winter. If your block needs something, please check out our [Community Led Traffic Calming website](#) and contact my office to get the process started.



Additionally, for 43rd Street utility construction updates, please visit the project website [here](#).