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11th DISTRICT ALDERMAN



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Dear Neighbor,

As the year comes to a close, I wanted to extend my warmest holiday wishes to you and your loved ones. I am truly grateful for the honor of serving as your representative on the Milwaukee Common Council, and I remain thankful every day for the trust District 11 residents place in me. It is a privilege to advocate on your behalf and to work alongside neighbors who care deeply about the future of our community.

In 2025, we made meaningful strides on the priorities that matter most to District 11. Together, we advanced investments in local roads and infrastructure, pushed forward traffic-calming efforts to improve safety on neighborhood streets, and continued to prioritize public safety and quality city services. We expanded MPD patrols and unanimously passed a record \$10 million investment in fire equipment. We also worked to strengthen transparency and responsiveness at City Hall, ensuring that constituent concerns were heard and addressed, especially in the budget we adopted. None of this progress happens by accident. It happens because residents speak up, stay engaged, and hold their elected officials accountable. Yes, even when it means a few extra calls and emails. Keep 'em coming!

Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, Sherry and I remain fully dedicated to advocating for our community's needs and building on the progress we made this past year. There is more work to do, and we are ready to keep pushing for a safer, stronger, and more livable Milwaukee for everyone who calls District 11 home. I hope your holiday season is filled with joy, rest, and time with those who matter most. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve.



Ald. Zamarripa, Ald. Burgelis, and County Supervisor Sky Capriolo during a community meeting with neighbors about traffic calming on 43rd Street.

Snow Plowing: What You Need to Know

Winter is here and with the seasonal snowfall means plowing operations throughout the city. DPW crews aim to have plowing operations completed 18-24 hours after the completion of a long-duration snow event. When snow falls, residents are encouraged to follow winter parking regulations to assist plowing operations. You can sign up for parking alerts in the event of a snow emergency at [Milwaukee.gov/enotify](https://milwaukee.gov/enotify).

Additionally, City ordinances require sidewalks are clear of snow and ice within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. At the conclusion of a snow event, if you feel your streets have not been properly plowed you can call (414) 286-CITY or use the MKE Mobile Action app to log your request.

Focus on Energy Marketplace

Wisconsin homeowners can claim a free energy-saving pack through the Focus on Energy Marketplace! Choose from three options: Focus on Showers, Focus on Baths, or Focus on Comfort packs. Each are filled with practical, energy-efficient products such as LED bulbs, efficient showerheads, dusk-to-dawn nightlights, and pipe wrap insulation that help cut utility bills and boost home comfort. These packs (normally valued at \$30-\$40+) are shipped at no cost and limited to one per household per year. It's a simple, no-cost step toward a more efficient home. Learn more and order at focusonenergymarketplace.com/free. Make sure to take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays through March 28, 2026*
Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market
The Table, 5305 W. Capitol Dr.
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
*Note: No Market Dec. 27

Dec. 29 & 30
Wild About Hope Milwaukee County Zoo Blood Drive
Milwaukee County Zoo, Peck Welcome Center
7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday & 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday

Jan. 19
MPD District 6 Crime and Safety Meeting
Our Lady Of Lourdes, 3722 S. 58th St.
6 p.m.

Feb. 17
Spring Primary Election
Check your registration status, polling place, and more at myvote.wi.gov
Election hours: 7am - 8pm



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Aldersperson for a Day

Recently, we hosted one of my favorite Common Council meetings of the year - Aldersperson for a Day! After reading thoughtful letters from third graders about their community, one really stood out. Oliver Lopez Foshey wrote about DPW leaf pickups, a timely Aldermanic issue especially this year, and earned the role of Aldersperson for a Day. Oliver joined me for the full Common Council meeting on December 16, asked great questions, and took the role seriously, after first besting me in a chess game on the Council floor.

A special thank you to Ald. Milele A. Coggs for creating and leading this fantastic program. It's one of the best ways we inspire young people to get involved in local government.

Your Property Taxes Support Five Local Governments

43c	31c	14c	6c	3c
Milwaukee Public Schools (\$127.1 Million)	City of Milwaukee (\$336.8 Million)	Milwaukee County (\$139.2 Million)	Sewerage District (\$54.6 Million)	MATC (\$33.8 Million)

Your Property Tax Makeup

Property tax bills are posted online and bills have been sent to homes. Your 2025 City of Milwaukee combined property tax bill is based on property tax levies adopted by five local governments, and also includes property tax credits from the State of Wisconsin. The combined property tax rate for 2025 is \$20.80, a decrease of \$2.13 compared to last year. Your property taxes are determined by dividing the tax rate by 1,000 and then multiplying by your property assessment. For additional information on property tax payment options, as well as how to set up a payment plan, please visit: city.milwaukee.gov/treasurer or call (414) 286-2240. Payment options include pay by mail, auto-pay, various drop box locations, and online payment.



Leaf Collection Update

DPW's goal is to get the large leaf piles picked up before Christmas. It will take weeks of good weather to catch up and we'll likely have a spring leaf pick up service too. Nature has certainly thrown a wrench into DPW operations this year. The late leave drop combined with a very large very early snowstorm have tested their operational capacity, but they are doing a tremendous job given the circumstances. Residents may place requests to ensure a pile location is accounted for, if not on the collection list, then DPW will assess for possible collection. A pickup request can be placed [online](#) or by calling 414-286-CITY.



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