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11th DISTRICT ALDERMAN



## E-NEWSLETTER | February 2026

Dear Neighbor,

Spring is right around the corner, and with it comes the opportunity to enjoy so many of the amenities our district has to offer that make the 11th District the best in the city to live, work, and visit. Also with the warmer weather will be the return of my neighborhood walks.

Please reach out if you'd like me to walk in your neighborhood! The change of season also includes the return of the popular Clean Up Box dumpster program, the imminent return of construction season (and with it, traffic calming projects), and much more.

Our work at City Hall continues to have you in mind. Recently, I authored legislation to help protect tenants who reside in apartment complexes exempt from fire suppression requirements, and have joined several of my colleagues to support most of the Council's ICE Out legislative package as residents continue to show concern over unconstitutional federal law enforcement practices.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office. Sherry and I are here to assist you! I look forward to seeing you out and about the district.



Ald. Burgelis with Ald. Dimitrijevic and Mayor Johnson celebrating Paçzki Day at National Bakery.

### Clean Up Box Reservations

The Department of Public Works will begin taking box reservations for organized neighborhood cleanups on Monday, March 2 by calling 414-286-3345 or online at [milwaukee.gov/neighborhoodbox](http://milwaukee.gov/neighborhoodbox). Weekend boxes are available every Saturday, April 18th - June 20th. Boxes will be placed between 2AM and 10AM and picked up after 4PM the same day to deter illegal dumping and to maximize the use of the boxes by organizers. The containers used in this program are 20 cubic yard open-top dumpsters. Please note that requester must have a cleanup organized prior to reserving a box, reservations are limited to two boxes per weekend, boxes are only placed on accessible street corners and will not be move once placed, and boxes are not placed for businesses, schools or churches.

### Sprinkler Legislation Advances

I recently authored an ordinance relating to the fees charged for city permits for sprinkler installation in certain apartment buildings, that was passed by the Council's Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee. The ordinance would temporarily waive fees associated with plan review, permitting, and initial inspections for apartment buildings that voluntarily retrofit sprinkler systems, targeting precarious structures that have been exempt from state fire suppression requirements for the past 51 years. This is about making it easier and more cost-effective for property owners to improve fire safety in their buildings, and help save lives. By reducing financial barriers to sprinkler installation, we're encouraging proactive upgrades that protect residents and our community.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 14**  
**58th Shamrock Club of Wisconsin St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
Downtown Milwaukee  
Noon

**March 16**  
**MPD District 6 Crime and Safety Meeting**  
Christian Academy, 2840 S. 10th St.  
6 p.m.

**March 26**  
**51st & Stack Park Redevelopment Meeting**  
Oklahoma Ave Lutheran Church 5335 W Oklahoma Ave (enter from rear parking lot)  
6:30 p.m.

**April 7**  
**Spring Election**  
Check your registration status, polling place, and more at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) Election hours: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### 51st & Stack Design Meeting

I invite neighbors to join Milwaukee City Parks for a community design review meeting focused on the future of the park space at 51st & Stack on March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Oklahoma Ave. Lutheran Church. Milwaukee City Parks will share early conceptual design ideas and gather feedback on what improvements residents would like to see. This is an opportunity for our community to help shape how the park moves forward and ensure it reflects the needs and character of the neighborhood.

## New Parking Ordinance In Effect

Effective January 1st, 2026, the City of Milwaukee began enforcing the new habitual parking violator ordinance. Constituents who have five (5) or more unpaid citations which are more than 60-days past due are eligible to be towed. If towed, in order to retrieve the vehicle from the tow lot, the vehicle owner must pay all citations or schedule a court date. We encourage constituents to address their unpaid citations to avoid being towed. This can be done by paying online at [Milwaukee.gov/Parking](https://Milwaukee.gov/Parking), by phone (414) 344-0840, Mail P.O. box 346, Milwaukee WI 53201, or in person at one of the violations bureau locations at: 6223 North Teutonia Avenue, 951 N. James Lovell Drive, 2nd Floor, or 2980 S Chase Avenue. Hours of operation can be found [here](#).

## Special Spring Leaf Rake Out Coming Soon

The City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works (DPW) is offering a one-time spring leaf cleanup opportunity. Residents should rake leaves into the street by Sunday, March 15, leaving a one-foot gap from the curb. The final collection cycle will begin Monday, March 16. No request is needed for leaves raked into the street. For the first time outside of Project Clean & Green, residents who prefer to bag their leaves in compostable paper lawn bags may do so, and DPW will collect them curbside. To request curbside collection of paper-bagged yard waste, submit a Leaf PickUp request at [milwaukee.gov/click4action](https://milwaukee.gov/click4action), use the MKEMobileAction app, or call 414-286-CITY. Plastic bags will not be collected. To learn more about spring leaf cleanup and track collection progress starting March 16, visit [milwaukee.gov/leaves](https://milwaukee.gov/leaves).

## South Side Meeting a Smashing Success

I want to thank all of the area residents who came out to be a part of our collaborative meeting, "Safety in Numbers: Protecting Our Historically Immigrant South Side." This event focused on providing information regarding immigration rights, public safety, and preparedness amid growing concerns about potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity in Milwaukee. I also want to thank our venue host, Alverno College, as well as Alderperson JoCasta Zamarripa, County Supervisor Sky Capriolo, Common Council President José Pérez, and Supervisors Caroline Gomez-Tom, Juan-Miguel Martinez, and Chief Norman and Sheriff Ball for all being a part of the conversation. You can watch the replay [here](#).



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Reasonable accommodations can be made with at least 72-hour notice before the event by calling **414-286-2233**