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11th DISTRICT ALDERMAN



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Dear Neighbor,

2026 is here, and we have wasted no time in the new year advocating for residents and their priorities. In our first Council cycle after the holiday season, we have worked to advance legislation to investigate the use of sales tax dollars to fund our dangerously outdated fire apparatus to support our emergency response. We have also passed legislation directing the Office of the City Attorney to track legal work performed on behalf of Milwaukee Public Schools and pursue reimbursement for that work, ensuring City taxpayers are not subsidizing services for another taxing authority. In the face of increasing property tax payments largely due to the voter-supported MPS referendum, taxpayers deserve oversight and accountability.

To meet with residents in the district, I will be hosting a pair of in-district office hours during the first week of February. You can find those dates and locations in this e-newsletter. You can also learn more about our summer neighborhood walks, which will be returning when the weather warms! Please contact my office if you are interested in hosting a walk in your area.

I look forward to seeing you out in the district. Stay safe and warm.



Ald. Burgelis on CBS58 News discussing the possibility of using sales tax revenue to purchase fire apparatus for the Milwaukee Fire Department. Check out the story [here](#).

Good Neighbor Grant Fund

Toward the end of 2025, the City of Milwaukee launched the Good Neighbor Grant Fund, a \$400,000 community investment initiative aiming to empower block clubs, neighborhood associations and resident-led groups to design and lead projects that foster safety, unity and connection in their communities. The program allows neighborhood groups and individuals to come up with solutions or projects to address a neighborhood concern or foster a sense of community. Grant amounts can range from \$250 to \$500, and can be used for a variety of efforts including starting a new block club, building a community garden, or hosting clean and green events, as examples. Applications for the grant funding remain open. They can be made in person at Safe and Sound's office, 4422 W. Leon Terrace, or online at www.safesound.org.

Starting a Block Watch

A Block Watch is simple to begin and can improve the security of your neighborhood while increasing your sense of community. It involves neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual interests and assistance, citizens being trained to recognize and report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods, and the implementation of crime prevention techniques, such as home, garage and personal safety and security. The Milwaukee Police Department along with the Citywide Block Watch Council offer citizens a manual created to help reduce crimes in area neighborhoods through the development of Block Watch groups. Reach out to the MPD District 6 Community Liaison Officers to start the process.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 2
District 11 Office Hours w/ DPW and MPD District 6
Rescue Roasters, 4435 W. Forest Home Ave.
9 - 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 5
District 11 Office Hours w/ DPW and MPD District 6
Slow Buffalo, 3872 S. 92nd St.
2 - 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 16
MPD District 6 Crime and Safety Meeting
Anderson Water Tower, 4001 S. 6th St.
6 p.m.

Feb. 17
Spring Primary Election
There will be NO Spring Primary in Milwaukee

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



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New Community Group Hits the Ground Running

Residents packed Zablocki Library for the very first meeting of the newly formed Friends of Jackson and Manitoba Parks! Proof that when it comes to our parks, neighbors show up. Huge thanks to ATC Wisconsin, the utility partner on the 43rd Street project, for giving back with a \$5,000 donation to help launch this community-led effort. That's how you build goodwill and greener spaces.

Want to get involved? Reach out to FOJMPARKS@gmail.com or call 414-377-4840.

Pictured (left to right): Axel Owen (ATC), Alderperson JoCasta Zamarripa, County Supervisor Sky Capriolo, and Alderman Peter Burgelis, surrounded by neighbors who are ready to roll up their sleeves and help our parks thrive.



Neighborhood Walks Return This Spring & Summer

One of my favorite ways to serve District 11 is by getting out of City Hall and into our neighborhoods. This spring and summer, I am once again hosting neighborhood walks to hear directly from residents about what is working, what needs attention, and what we can improve together. Neighborhood walks are a chance to walk your block with me and, when helpful, City staff or partner officials. We talk about street conditions, traffic safety, sidewalks, lighting, trees, and any other quality-of-life issues that matter to you. Comfortable shoes are recommended. Complaints are optional but encouraged. If you or your neighborhood association would like to host a neighborhood walk, please reach out to my office. We are happy to help coordinate a date, time, and location that works for your neighbors. To request a neighborhood walk, email Peter.Burgelis@milwaukee.gov or call (414) 286-3768. I look forward to walking your neighborhood soon.



Leaf Collection Update

Significant early snowfall and sustained cold temperatures interrupted the scheduled leaf collection season before it could be fully completed in the fall of 2025. DPW resumed leaf collection with a focus on large leaf piles located in the street. Residents have been welcome to report large piles to ensure they are not missed, and DPW leaf collection work continues at this time. Residents should not rake leaves back into the street. Once snow and ice conditions have fully cleared for the winter and equipment is transitioned back for seasonal operations, DPW will schedule and communicate a limited spring leaf rake-out and collection to address remaining material. A pickup request can be placed [online](#) or by calling 414-286-CITY.



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