

PETER BURGELIS

11th DISTRICT ALDERMAN



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Dear Neighbor,

Milwaukee and District 11 are buzzing with all sorts of festive seasonal activities. First and foremost - Go Brewers! I hope you join me in rooting for our hometown team as they push for a trip to the World Series. Halloween is also right around the corner, and our district is fortunate to have several lively neighborhood Trick-or-Treat celebrations, in addition to the citywide Trick-or-Treat that will take place this year on October 31. Following massive flooding impacts this summer, our sewers team recently completed upgrades with mid-street drains to allow for rain overflows and curb blockages to prevent street flooding- this was at 4500 W. Cleveland Ave., 2700 S. 58th St., and 3400 S. 96th St. At City Hall, the Finance and Personnel Committee, which I am Vice Chair of, continues to examine the 2026 City budget. There are still opportunities to share your thoughts on spending priorities, and I encourage you to do so. I want to have as much resident feedback as possible as I consider possible budget amendments. And as always, don't hesitate to reach out to my office if we can be of any assistance. Sherry and I are here to serve you!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Oct. 25
JPCA Movie in the Park
 Manitoba Park, 2941 S. 49th St.
 8:30 p.m.

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

Oct. 25
Lyons Park Halloween in the Park
 3301 S. 55th St.
 1 - 2:30pm

Oct. 26
Cherokee Point Trick-or-Treat
 3700 S. Cherokee Way
 1 - 4pm

Oct. 31
City of Milwaukee Trick-or-Treat
 5:30 - 7pm



Ald. Burgelis provides testimony at the State Senate Committee hearing in support of SB375, a bipartisan bill that would allow a pilot program of 75 speed and red light traffic enforcement cameras in Milwaukee, including 15 in District 11.

DISTRICT 11 QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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FEDERAL FLOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

APPLY TODAY!

Deadline: November 12th

Residents who sustained flood-related losses can begin applying for federal assistance at DisasterAssistance.gov, or by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) helpline at 800-475-FEMA (3632).



Code Compliance Loan Program (CLP)

The Code Compliance Loan Program traditionally helps homeowners address costly code violations repairs. The expansion ensures the program can meet extraordinary needs created by the August flooding, with a focus on emergency home repair and disaster recovery. Residents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure repairs are completed before winter.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications and program guidelines are available online at city.milwaukee.gov/DNSPrograms/CLP or by calling (414) 286-2567 to speak directly with program staff.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES
 Call 2-1-1 for shelter, food, cleanup kits, and referrals.



MORE RESOURCES
 Visit findhelp.org for financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced-cost help.



FOOD REPLACEMENT
 Lost food purchased with FoodShare benefits? Request for replacement via logging into ACCESS account or call 888-947-6583.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
 (EA) Emergency Assistance provides a payment and connection to resources for families due to a housing emergency including natural disasters.



CLOTHING
 The Salvation Army of Milwaukee County provides food and thrift store vouchers. Dial 211 for other needs like rent, utilities, and appliances.



WI EMERGENCY MGMT
 Visit www.wi.gov for information on disaster preparedness and recovery.



CITY OF MKE EMERGENCY MGMT
 Visit city.milwaukee.gov/EMMS or MKE ALERT for updates and alerts.



FREE STORAGE
 U-Haul is offering 30 days of free self-storage and U-Box container usage at 11 company locations across Milwaukee area.



LOCAL NATIONAL DISASTER TEAM
 If you need assistance with debris in your home due to severe water damage, visit floodhope.org

Apply for FEMA Assistance by Nov. 12

As flood recovery continues citywide, don't forget that the deadline to apply for FEMA assistance is fast approaching. Residents should apply by Nov. 12 for flood-related relief provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Residents who sustained losses and damage to their homes are now able to apply for FEMA assistance online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling the FEMA helpline at 1-800- 621-3362.

The City's DNS Code Compliance Loan Program was also expanded to assist residents. This helps flood victim homeowners repair critical utilities in their homes. Milwaukee always steps up for neighbors when they're hit the hardest, and this ensures stability for families who need it most. Applications and program guidelines are available online at city.milwaukee.gov/DNSPrograms/CLP or by calling (414) 286-2567.

Various other resources also remain available. Despite time having passed from this terrible event, we know residents are still working to get back to normal. Stay up to date on all the latest information at county.milwaukee.gov/EN/County-Executive/2025FloodResources.

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

Share Your Thoughts on the 2026 City Budget

The budget process has started but there is still time to share your thoughts. The Finance and Personnel Committee's public listening session takes place this Saturday, October 18 from 9:30 - 11 a.m., and I hope to see you there! This will be a chance for committee members to hear what the public's budget priorities are. Additionally, you can still take the new budget survey. This survey (available in both English and Spanish) is intended for those unable to attend the public meetings regarding the budget, or for those wishing to provide further feedback. So take the survey today at tinyurl.com/BudgetSurvey2026.




You're Invited
PUBLIC COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION
ON THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

Share your thoughts, ideas and priorities with the Finance and Personnel Committee.

To participate virtually, register online at tinyurl.com/2026BudgetPCLS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
9:30AM - 11AM
MLK Library **NEW ADDRESS**
2901 N. MLK Jr. Drive



Fall Leaf Collection

The City of Milwaukee Fall Leaf Collection service is now underway through November 15th. No special request for leaf collection is necessary until DPW has completed collection of the route after leaf rake out. Leaf collection operations cycle through the city systematically beginning mid-October. Once leaf rake out ends, DPW makes one final collection sweep across the City. To be collected, ensure that leaves have been raked out by the leaf rake out deadline. Leaves raked out after the deadline will not be collected. Residents should rake their leaves into the curb lanes for collection to be composted to make a rich soil amendment.

You can use the city's leaf progress [map](#) to track collection progress in your neighborhood.



D11 News and Updates

The Common Council is in the middle of budget deliberations leading up to budget amendment day on Oct. 31, and budget adoption on Nov. 7. I continue to track feedback for neighborhood priorities, and I'll continue to focus on basic city services, public safety, and local roads. We've seen that the Fire Department needs \$27 million in equipment (fire trucks) in the next two years. The Mayor's budget proposes just \$2 million this year, and I'll look for additional borrowing and re-prioritizing other capital projects. If budget amendments fail, we may ask voters to decide at the ballot in April 2026. Thank you to WISN News (screen grab to the left) for highlighting that half of our fleet will exceed its recommended age by 2027.

As the conclusion of construction season draws near, please note that there are still a number of traffic calming projects that will be installed throughout the district before the end of the year. We look forward to working with residents on additional measures in 2026.

Lastly, the city park project on S.51st St. and W. Stack Dr. was delayed due to staffing shortages. I'm told that planning, engagement, outreach, and design will restart soon. Stay tuned for updates.

