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11th DISTRICT ALDERMAN



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Dear Neighbor,

Yesterday, Mayor Cavalier Johnson presented his proposed 2026 city budget to the Common Council. This kicks off the annual budget process, where the Finance and Personnel Committee, which I vice-chair, spends several weeks reviewing, discussing, debating and amending the budget. This is arguably the biggest responsibility the Council has each year, and because of that we want to hear from you! In this e-newsletter you will learn more about our new budget survey that I would encourage you to take a few minutes to complete. We also have two engagement opportunities in the form of the Joint Public Hearing on October 6, and a new community listening session hosted by the Finance and Personnel Committee on October 18. I hope you can make it to at least one of these meetings. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact my office with thoughts on the budget, or other areas we can be of service.



Ald. Burgelis presents Fr. Jerry Herda of St. Matthias Parish with a congratulatory Common Council commendation in recognition of their 175th anniversary.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 6
Joint Public Hearing on the Mayor's proposed 2026 budget
Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.
6:30pm

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

Oct. 12
Lyons Park Community Cookout
3301 S. 55th St.
Noon - 3:30pm

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

Flood Recovery Continues Citywide

As flood recovery continues citywide, additional resources have become available. Residents are encouraged to apply today 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 Common Council unanimously approved my resolution to expand funding for the City DNS Code Compliance Loan Program. This helps flood victim homeowners repair critical utilities in their home. 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.

I've received numerous expressions of gratitude and thanks for City employees who went out of their way and stepped up to help residents in flood recovery. Keep those positive messages coming and I'll continue to pass along to departmental leadership. These are greatly appreciated!

Flood Assistance Available

APPLY TODAY!

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 800-621-FEMA (3362).

*Please note: FEMA cannot provide assistance for disaster needs that have been met by another source such as insurance or other programs. But, if your insurance or another program does not cover all your disaster-caused needs, individuals may be eligible for assistance from FEMA.



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

What issues and priorities are most important to **YOU** in the City of Milwaukee's 2026 budget?

Take the survey and let city leaders know!

Visit tinyurl.com/BudgetSurvey2026 to complete a survey about your 2026 City Budget priorities and needs.



Take the 2026 City Budget Survey!

New this year, an online survey is available for residents to share their thoughts and priorities on the 2026 City of Milwaukee budget. 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. The city budget isn't just dollars and cents on paper, it's a two billion dollar statement of our community's values and priorities for the year ahead. We want every resident's voice at the table, because a budget built with the community will always be stronger than one built without it. So take the survey today at tinyurl.com/BudgetSurvey2026.

Fall Leaf Collection

The City of Milwaukee has a Fall Leaf Collection service for leaves raked into the street, which typically runs from early October to 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.



Improving Our Streets

If you have a pothole on your street, report it to the Department of Public Works for repair. To report a pothole or other street maintenance problems:

- Call the City Unified Call Center at 414-286-CITY (2489)
- Submit an [online service request](#)
- Submit a service request via the MKE Mobile Action app

Additionally, as we continue to combat reckless driving, a number of traffic calming projects will be installed throughout the district before winter as part of the [Community-Led Traffic Calming Program](#). This program allows property owners, residents, business owners, and community members to request traffic calming measures to address traffic-related concerns. To learn more or make a request, visit the program website [here](#).

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

