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ALDERWOMAN

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## Dear Neighbor,

On November 13, 2018, I was sworn-in as Alderwoman of the Fifth District. My first order of business was voting on the 2019 City of Milwaukee Budget. A week earlier, I reported to work to meet with budget analysts. Over six days, I spent countless hours peeling back pages of the Mayor's \$1.5 billion proposed budget and drafted amendments proposed by my colleagues.

As I approached the Herculean task, I weighed my decisions on the overall conditions affecting the health of our children and the ever increasing demands on public safety that included, 46% of the proposed budget appropriated for Police and 2% for Health. Additional appropriations for the 2019 proposed budget included, 19% Public Works, 17% Fire, 7% Administration, 3% Neighborhood Services, and 3% Other. It is no secret Milwaukee suffers from an aging infrastructure from crumbling roads, utilities, and lead laterals, to name a few.

Throughout my deliberations on, roughly, 80 amendments I supported amendments that demonstrated innovative initiatives towards addressing gun violence, the increase of STI's amongst our youths, and lead prevention programs, as well as lending some flexibility to departments to adjust their programming. I also exercised discretion to abstain on amendments, specifically, for 'pet' projects benefiting one or two aldermanic districts. Please look on page 2 to review key items taken up in the budget.

Furthermore, as this winter has progressed we have seen bitter cold temperatures and snow cover that has – at times – melted significantly. With the melting snow I have received calls and emails about the increased litter on our city streets and neighborhoods throughout the district. And just as many of you have expressed your concerns, I too am concerned about this problematic issue.

To address your concerns I have taken several steps to remedy the issue including, in-person and unscheduled visits to businesses, requiring business owners to appear before the licensing committee, reporting nuisance properties to the Department of Neighborhood Services for investigation, and requesting the Department of Public Works to conduct an additional street sweep, as necessary.

Steps neighbors and community groups can take to address littering issues are, when possible, talk to your neighbor about your concerns, report the property by calling 286-CITY (2489), or coordinate a neighborhood cleanup on your block and surrounding area.

Let's have a safe and peaceful 2019!

Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd



## Committee Assignments

### MEMBER

- Licenses Committee
- Judiciary & Legislation Committee

## Forming a Block Watch

One of the most effective ways for citizens to combat crime is to form a block watch. By



having a highly effective and efficient block watch, neighbors can report on suspicious activity and improve the quality of life for those in the neighborhood. To form your own block watch please contact

Ald. Dodd's office at **414-286-3870** or email [citywideblockwatchcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:citywideblockwatchcouncil@gmail.com)

If you currently have a block watch, please reach out so that we can stay in contact about events, new policies, issues in the district, etc.

## Town Hall Meeting

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11 | 5:30PM-7:30PM**  
**Grace Christian Fellowship Church**  
9900 W. Capitol Drive

**VIEW MEETINGS ONLINE:**  
[milwaukee.gov/citychannel](http://milwaukee.gov/citychannel)

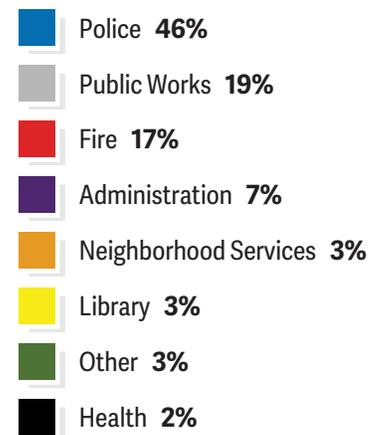
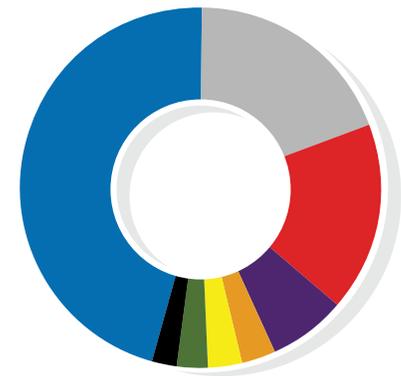
## City of Milwaukee 2019 Budget

Alderwoman Dodd's first day in office was the day the 2019 Budget was approved by the common council. She voted on a number of important pieces of the budget, which addressed issues of public safety, infrastructure and general city services.

### Key items in budget

- Total city budget is \$1.53 billion dollars, with the largest budgetary expenditure belonging to the Milwaukee Police Department at over \$295 million dollars.
- The average homeowner will see their property tax bill rise by \$39.30 due to increased assessments. Fees for city services will also increase by \$12.58. The approved property tax reduces the rate per \$1,000 of assessed value from \$10.75 in 2018 to \$10.57 in 2019. That is two cents per \$1,000 in value higher than what the mayor proposed.
- \$2.5 million will be available for the Department of Neighborhood Services in 2019 to remove abandoned, vacant homes.
- The budget includes \$20 million for reducing lead risks and abating lead problems.
- The creation of four Community Oriented Policing (COP) Houses in city-owned homes in impoverished neighborhoods. COP houses are aimed at improving police-community relations through the integration of police into the neighborhood fabric.
- The creation of a \$239,625 special purpose fund for the Milwaukee Health Department, which will address lead poisoning, sexually transmitted infections and violence.
- The addition of three police officers to the next round of hiring to increase the number of sworn officers. ▀

### Budget Breakdown



## Recently completed and upcoming infrastructure projects in and around the 5th District

### Recently completed (2017-2018):

- W. Metcalf Pl. - N. 92nd St. to N. 97th St. (Incl. W. Nash St.)
- W. Burleigh St. - N. 92nd St. to Menomonee River (City Limits)
- N. 76th St. - W. Grantosa Dr. to W. Florist Ave.
- N. Granville Rd. - W. Bradley Rd. to N. 107th St.
- N. 91st St. - W. Mill Rd. to W. Good Hope Rd.
- N. 92nd St. - W. Capitol Dr. to W. Hampton Ave.

### Upcoming projects (2019)

- N. 84th St. - W. Center St. to W. Burleigh St.  
High Impact Paving project
- W. Center St. - N. 60th St. to N. 76th St.  
High Impact Paving project
- N. 87th St. - W. Silver Spring Dr. to W. Fond du Lac Ave.  
High Impact Paving Project
- W. Good Hope Rd. - N. 117th St. to Hwy 45.  
High Impact Paving Project (late August)

We understand that some of these upcoming projects may impact your ability to get to and from work and/or home and do apologize for any inconvenience. If you have questions or comments, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at **(414) 286-CITY (2489)**.



Alderwomen Chantia Lewis, Nikiya Dodd and Milele Coggs



Governor Evers is welcomed by the Common Council with Alderwoman Dodd (far right).

## Milwaukee's Bike Lanes – know the rules

One of the things that makes Milwaukee a great place to live and work is the many ways to get around the city. From mass transit to bicycling, residents have a number of quality options for transportation. Unfortunately, certain drivers have begun to use the lane dedicated for bicyclists as another lane to drive in.



This is a prime example of reckless driving, with the potential to injure motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Those riding their bicycle have the same rights as those driving a car under Wisconsin state statutes. To avoid injuring those using the bike lane, please keep an eye out for these lanes and avoid driving in them. Furthermore, if you see someone using the bicycle lane for the purposes of driving, please take down the make, model and plate number and give the MPD Non-emergency number a call to make a report. The number is **414-933-4444**. Together, we can address reckless driving and increase public safety in Milwaukee. ▀

## We need your TIPS and input!

One of the things we rely on at city hall is tips from you about what is going on in your neighborhood. Anything from pot holes to trash to crime is something we want to help solve. So, if you see anything related to **Trash, Infrastructure, Public Safety** or **T.I.P.S.** please let us know! Our office loves to serve and is willing to help out on any issue.

### Public Safety in our district

One of the top issues I heard about while earning the right to represent you was the issue of public safety. Crime can take place at any time, in any neighborhood. That is why Ald. Dodd recommends the following –

- ▶ Lock your car at all times, remove valuables, and do not warm your car in the colder months.
- ▶ Let trustworthy neighbors know if you are taking vacation.
- ▶ Leave lights on when away from your home, and replace any porch or garage lights that may be out.

If you see something, say something. Whether it is a drug deal involving vehicles or someone checking to see

if cars are unlocked, please contact the Milwaukee Police Department with the time, date, location and description of the incident so that we can work to mitigate crime in our neighborhoods. The **MPD non-emergency number** is **414-933-4444** or if it's an emergency dial **911**. ▀

## Report those potholes!

With spring and warmer temperatures just around the corner, potholes will be forming in larger numbers on our city streets as the freeze/thaw cycle ramps up.

What to do? Ald. Dodd shares several ways that residents and motorists can report a pothole that needs repair:

- ▶ Report it online: Select Street Maintenance, then Pothole Patch Requests
- ▶ Call the Unified Call Center at **(414) 286-CITY (2489)**
- ▶ Download and use the **MKE Mobile app**

## Project Clean & Green coming in June

**Project Clean & Green** will be held again later this spring, allowing residents of the 5th District to leave extra materials and items out for pickup by Sanitation crews. However, it should be noted that no construction materials, appliances, hazardous waste, paint, electronics, more than 5 automobile tires, or brush piles larger than 2 cubic yards (equivalent to a 6-foot sofa) will be accepted.

**In the 5th District:** For all residents south of W. Hampton Ave., **Clean & Green** will occur June 4-10, and for nearly all residents north of W. Hampton Ave., it will occur June 18-24 (please see the attached map for specific area information).

For more information please visit [milwaukee.gov/district5](http://milwaukee.gov/district5)



## Stop littering and get \$\$ for helping catch illegal dumpers

Illegal dumping is a burden to residents and a blight on our beautiful city. Don't let illegal dumping ruin your neighborhood. Report it and you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

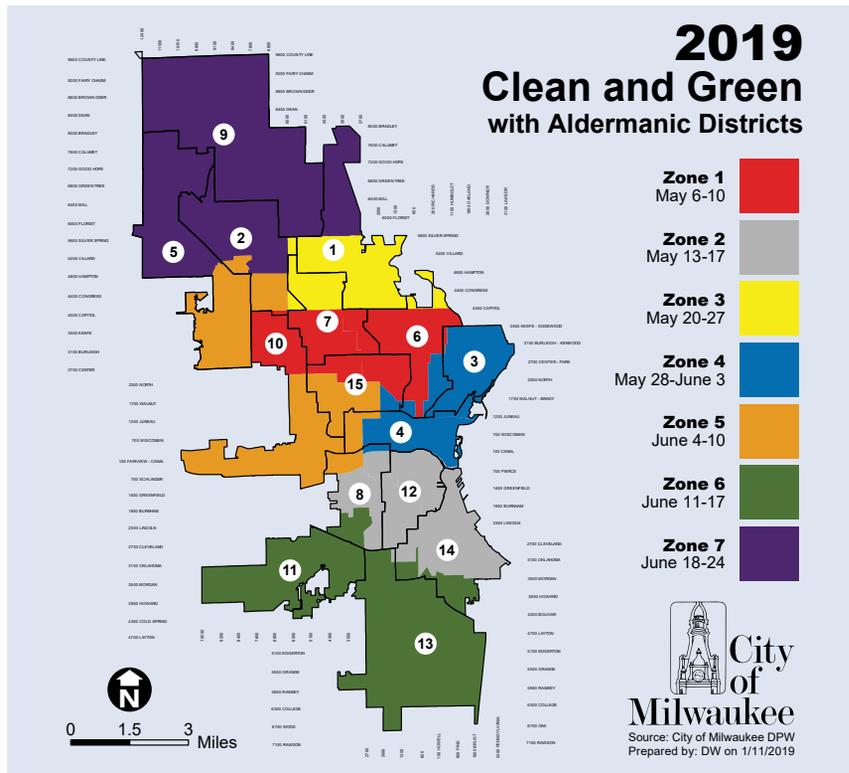
If you see illegal dumping in progress, please do not confront the individual(s). Write down the details and the description of the suspect(s), vehicle make and model, license plate, the items dumped, address/location, and the date and time of the incident.

To report illegal dumping either call **414-286-CITY(2489)** or go to [www.milwaukee.gov/dumping](http://www.milwaukee.gov/dumping) and report in online.

Littering is a learned behavior and the best way to stop it is to refrain from doing it and to always discourage others from littering. When kids see adults and others littering, they think it's OK and they begin copying that behavior.

The best way to curb littering is to NOT LITTER and to teach children and young people that it is wrong!

Alderman Dodd encourages neighbors to conduct block cleanups regularly and to involve young people in those efforts. "It's important to teach kids and young people the value of neighborhood pride and to avoid littering, and block cleanups are a great way to get those messages across," she said.



## Email Notification Sign-up

Use E-Notify to receive notices from the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County and Milwaukee Public Schools. Choose from news releases, meeting notices and agendas, job announcements, new property sale listings, bid notices, online auction items, and many others.

Receive email notification of crime activity in your neighborhood.

Receive text alerts for parking restrictions during snow events, street sweeping, garbage and recycling pickup, amber alerts and Aldermanic news. Sign up at [milwaukee.gov/enotify](http://milwaukee.gov/enotify)

## Addressing neighborhood traffic, including speeding and reckless driving

If speeding is a problem in your residential neighborhood, please consider reaching out to Ald. Dodd’s office or contacting the City of Milwaukee Traffic Engineering at 414-286-3667. The Common Council votes to build traffic calming options such as speed humps, which can reduce traffic safety problems. The first step is to reach out to the city and get the ball rolling, so please reach out today!

Let’s face it, speeding and reckless driving put motorists and pedestrians – especially children – at risk of great bodily injury or even death. They also greatly diminish the quality of life in the 5th District and the city as a whole, and Ald. Dodd is asking residents to report problems or patterns involving speeding and reckless driving.

“We need drivers to reduce their speeds and make sure kids can be safe playing outside without being hit by reckless drivers,” she said. “Young children have not developed the



skills needed to make appropriate judgments about vehicle traffic and driver intention, so it is up to motorists to exercise good judgment and help keep kids safe.”

Please call the **MPD non-emergency number** at **414-933-4444** to report problems with speeding and/or reckless driving. ▀

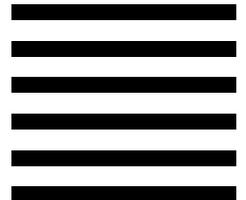
## Dear Neighbor,

I am very interested to know what issues and priorities are most important to you. Please take a moment to rank the importance of the following issues, 1 being the most important, 8 being least important. Then please detach and mail back this POSTAGE FREE survey card. If you prefer to provide your answers/priorities via email, please send them to me at [Nikiya.Dodd@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Nikiya.Dodd@milwaukee.gov).

Thank you, Ald. Dodd



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## Don't Forget to Vote!

Offices on the ballot are Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge (Districts 2, 3 and 4) and Circuit Court Judge in several counties.

### Spring Election • April 2, 2019

**March 13** Deadline to register to vote online or by mail

**March 28** Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail

**March 29** Last day to register to vote in person at City Hall



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Please rank the following issues in order of importance 1–8.

Speeding and traffic safety

More police officers

Holding the line on taxes

Repairing potholes and city infrastructure (including lead water service pipes)

Ensuring timely trash and litter pickup

Effective and efficient response to constituent concerns

Increase crime prevention initiatives

Jobs and commercial revitalization

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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