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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Ald. Dudzik to Address Leaf Fires

*News Conference at Noon Today*

Ald. Joe Dudzik will hold a news conference today to address 18 to 24 suspicious leaf pile fires that have occurred in the 11<sup>th</sup> District. The news conference will be held **today at noon at S. 79<sup>th</sup> St. and W. Ohio Ave.** The suspected arson fires have occurred in an area between S. 68<sup>th</sup> and S. 84<sup>th</sup> St. from Oklahoma to Morgan Ave over the past 48 hours.

To counter the problem, Ald. Dudzik has requested extra crews from DPW to collect leaves faster in this area and has asked Milwaukee firefighters to hose down leaf piles to prevent flammability. He has also requested increased police patrols in the area.

“These acts of vandalism are destroying property and wasting city resources by taking valuable time away from firefighters,” said Ald. Dudzik.

Fire Chief Douglas Holton and officials from DPW are also expected be at the news conference.

**WHAT:** News Conference  
**WHEN:** Today, 12:00 Noon (November 16)  
**WHERE:** S. 79<sup>th</sup> and W. Ohio

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