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Give the library your feedback!

The Milwaukee Public Library is hosting eight public meetings to help answer questions and provide information on the potential changes the library faces in its delivery of services.

At each open house, attendees can come and go as they please to study the options presented by library staffers on poster boards and handouts and they may speak with Library Board trustees and staff members to offer suggestions or have questions answered.

"The libraries in our city are an essential part of who we are and they provide innumerable services. In a highly technological world and tight budget times, we must investigate new, progressive ways of providing those services and the public should be involved in this process," Ald. Dudzik said. "I encourage everyone to attend."

The community meetings are listed below and Milwaukee Public Library Director Paula Keily and Ald. Dudzik welcome all residents to participate in this discussion.

**Zablocki Library hosts its meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2009 from
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

For more information on the seven other meetings at libraries across the city, go to www.mpl.org or contact Sandy Rusch Walton at 414.286.3032.

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

This newsletter comes to you during an important time in our city's history. Milwaukee, like many of its residents, is facing one of its toughest budgets yet. As the state budget is prepared and negotiations proceed through the fall on our city's finances, I reassure you that my fellow Council members and I will be working hard to keep your best interests at stake and preserve city services. There will be many hard debates this fall regarding our spending and I encourage you to provide your feedback at town hall meetings, or as always, by calling or emailing me at my office.

But a tough budget doesn't change the culture that is Milwaukee! I am happy to share another wonderful summer with you! Our city offers some of its best entertainment and family events during the summer and many of them are in our district!

In this newsletter you will find information on the local and church festivals Milwaukee is known for as well as tips on recycling and other city services. You will also learn of new crime fighting strategies our police force is deploying as well as the great news that crime rates in our district are impressively low and have not risen significantly in more than 10 years. I attribute this to the hard work of our neighbors who keep our area a safe and desirable place to live.

As always, I wish for you a safe and productive summer!

Sincerely,

Joe Dudzik
Alderman, 11th District



City Paving Projects

I'd like to remind you of some road projects taking place in our area. First and foremost, please remember that work on the I-894 bypass has begun and I ask that you be patient with any congestion that may happen near S. 27th St. as a result of this road work.

Other necessary repairs are finally getting the attention they deserve and road work on Forest Home from S. 68th St. to S. 43rd St. and on W. Oklahoma from S. 76th St. to S. 60th St. will be a big part of the Department of Public Works summer projects.

Thanks to funds appropriated from the wheel tax, more side streets are being improved and targeted for repairs.

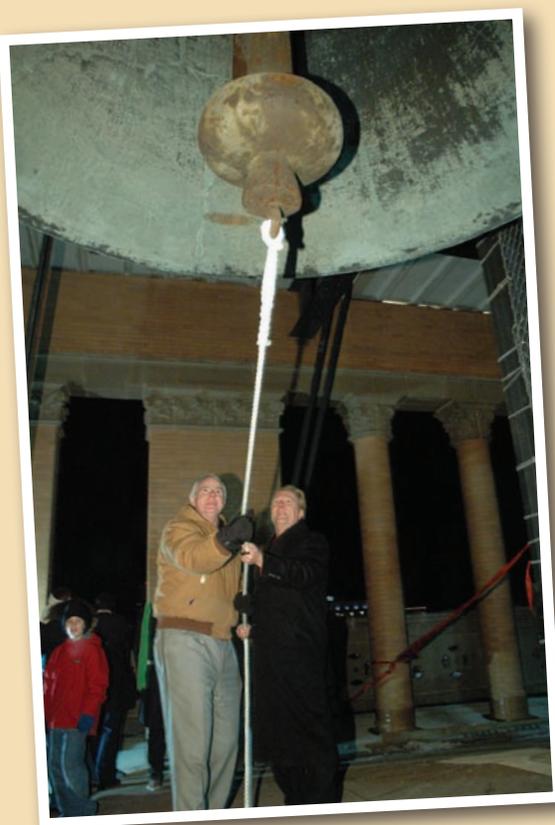
Go to gis.milwaukee.gov/website/snowice/viewer.htm to learn more about road maintenance and construction projects in our area.

City Hall Milwaukee

City Hall's Facelift: History In The (Re)Making

The four-year project to protect and preserve the exterior of Milwaukee's 114-year old City Hall has finally been completed and the National Historic Landmark is now free of its scaffolding. The external renovations on the building included upgrades to 1,900 windows, repairing sandstone, replacing hundreds of thousands of deteriorating bricks and replacing the copper roofing on the building's two spires. The biggest challenge was repairing the bricks, as the original bricks were shaped and constructed differently than those used today. And, the masonry construction method used in the late 19th century is much different than what's acceptable today. Also, nearly 13,000 replications of terra cotta sculptures and forms on the building were created to replace those that had chips, cracks and general deterioration.

Other changes to the building included restoring the four-faced bell tower clock to its original look—a backlit white face with black hour markers. The tower itself was rebuilt from the inside out, ensuring its structural integrity for at least another 100 years.



The reconstruction and preservation project was headed by local architectural firm Engberg Anderson and the Janesville firm JP Cullen Construction completed the exterior restoration work.

“City Hall is one of only a few government buildings on the National Historic Registry that is still used for government or municipal work. The preservation of this iconic space was the largest project Milwaukee's Department of Public Works has ever undertaken and the result was outstanding. I encourage residents to come down and view their City Hall,” Ald. Dudzik said.

Ald. Dudzik (pictured here with Mayor Barrett) was selected to celebrate the restoration of City Hall by ringing the Solomon Juneau bell in the refinished tower for the first time since the reconstruction began.



Police District Reorganization

Nineteen Milwaukee police captains began new assignments in late March, part of a shift that marks a major step in Police Chief Edward Flynn's efforts to restructure the department.

All seven police districts have a new captain. And a number of the captains who were reassigned were transferred between the department's patrol and detective bureaus, historically a sharp division in the department.

Chief Flynn has made the changes in order to facilitate communication across the police department. He said, “I think it's important for commanders in the districts to understand the investigative process, and I think it's important for detective commanders to have a sense of the pressures under which district commanders operate.”

Police District 6, the district primarily responsible for District 11 events, is now headed by Captain Michael D. Young. Residents can reach the district offices using the numbers below.

Captain's Office
(414) 935-7260

Lieutenant's Office
(414) 935-7261

Sergeant's Office
(414) 935-7267

Community Liaison Officer
(414) 935-7268

Non-emergency
(414) 933-4444

Water Pressure Repairs

The Milwaukee Water Works is continuing its work to improve water pressure in an area of the 11th Aldermanic District. The affected area includes S. 51st St. to S. 60th St., from W. Cold Spring Rd. to W. Eden Pl., according to Ald. Dudzik.

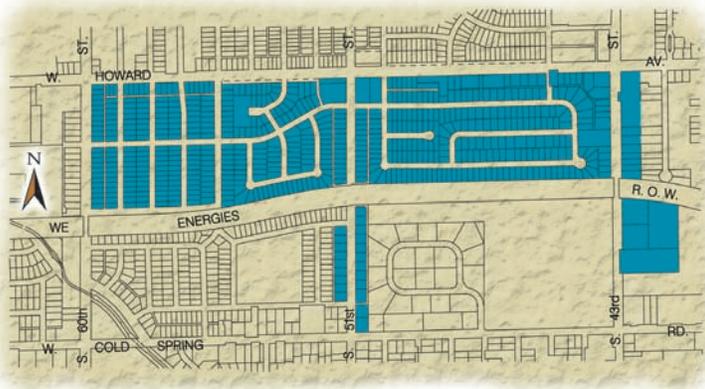
“The safety of the drinking water will not be compromised at any time during this project, so residents can be assured that they can safely consume, cook with and bathe in the water at all times,” said Ald. Dudzik.

When finished the effort should bring stronger shower spray to bathrooms, and stronger flow at faucets.

The Water Works will replace some of the older water mains prior to increasing the pressure. This should greatly reduce the number of main breaks as the water pressure increases. Also, because of the large size of the area, the Water Works will construct the new water mains in three phases (see maps). Prior to each planned pressure increase, Water Works personnel will go door-to-door to talk with customers and leave informational door hangers.

In each phase, engineering design will take place the year before water main construction.

Once the new mains are in service, the Water Works will test them prior to increasing water pressure, and also notify residents.

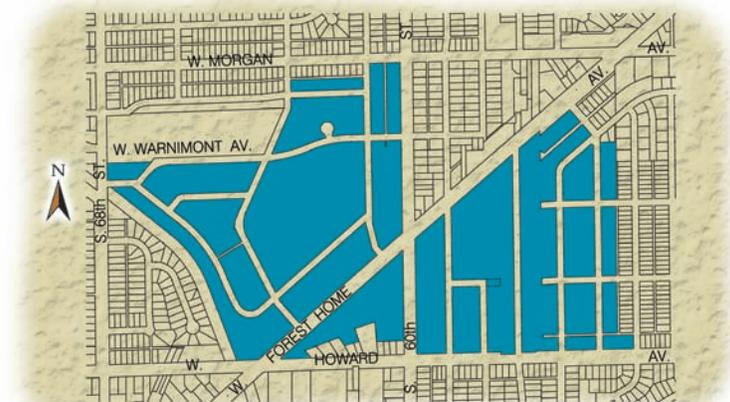


Phase II: S. 43rd St. to S. 60th St., and the We Energies right-of-way to W. Howard Ave.: Construct water mains in 2010 with water pressure increase in 2011.



Ald. Dudzik talks with Dan Kyle about the size of the pipes involved in the Water Works project and the volume each can carry.

Homes, apartments, and businesses with older plumbing or existing leaks in their internal plumbing may see additional water dripping due to this raise in pressure.



Phase III: S. 54th St. to S. 63rd St., and W. Howard Ave. to W. Eden Pl.: Construct water mains in 2012 with water pressure increase in 2013.

Sign Up to Participate in a Community Cleanup!

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful (KGMB), Inc., is a forerunner in our city's efforts to create more sustainable living. They also support the basics – like neighborhood clean ups.

If you're interested in sponsoring a neighborhood clean up, you can register your cleanup group by calling Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, and they will provide cleaning materials and garbage bags. Call

them at 272-5462. Large roll-off dumpsters can be reserved from the Sanitation Division for weekend cleanups. Call 286-2489 if a dumpster is needed for your cleanup date (**these dumpsters are NOT for private, individual use**).

Each spring, KGMB sponsors the Great American Clean Up. This year, they have extended the program with their Keep it Clean! campaign. The Keep It Clean™

program starts June 1st and ends October 31st. Keep It Clean is an effort to continuously maintain the clean, healthier neighborhoods resulting from the Great American Cleanup. KGMB will continue to provide garbage bags and other supplies for this effort as long as they are available.

For more information on Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, visit their website at www.kgmb.org.

Crime Trends in the 11th District

A study of crime statistics for the 11th district shows an overall decrease in the number of reported criminal incidents from 2007-2008. Categories showing significant decreases include theft, robbery, murder and criminal damage. What's more impressive about our district is that the amount of criminal activity in our area hasn't changed significantly in nearly 10 years. Though our population has grown, our crime rates haven't.

I attribute this to solid police work by the Milwaukee Police Department, but moreover, these numbers are the result of strong community involvement, block watch programs and active engagement with the district. Businesses in our area, residents, neighborhood groups and our community liaison officers work together to create a safe place for our families. I applaud your efforts and encourage you to stay involved in your neighborhood – our district is reaping the benefits of your efforts.

If you are interested in starting a block watch or would like to learn more about one near you, please contact our police district 6 Community Liaison Officer, Jesus Gloria at (414) 935-7268.

Type of Offense	11th Aldermanic District				City of Milwaukee	
	No. of Incidents, 2007	No. of Incidents, 2008	Rate/1,000 Residents, 2007	Rate/1,000 Residents, 2008	Rate/1,000 Residents, 2007	Rate/1,000 Residents, 2008
Aggravated Assault	165	183	4.25	2.89	16.47	16.03
Arson	2	3	0.05	0.08	0.58	0.51
Burglary	152	157	3.92	4.05	10.04	10.54
Criminal Damage	388	336	10.00	8.66	17.03	14.95
Homicide	2	0	0.05	0.00	0.18	0.12
Locked Vehicle	287	246	7.40	6.34	12.91	11.51
Robbery	50	48	1.29	1.24	5.90	5.33
Sex Offense	10	19	0.26	0.49	1.39	1.18
Theft	536	518	13.81	13.35	22.76	22.24
Vehicle Theft	105	125	2.71	3.22	12.89	10.94
TOTAL	1,697	1,635	43.73	42.13	100.14	93.35

Foreclosure Filings

The economic situation has adversely affected communities in many ways and the loss of jobs, benefits and other income can lead to an increase in home foreclosures. Though overall, Wisconsin and Milwaukee have fared better in bearing the foreclosure crisis, so too, has District 11. City-wide foreclosures for December of 2008 numbered 453 and only 20 of those were in the 11th District. There are 33 bank-owned properties in our District and more than 1,800 city-wide.

A number of foreclosed homes are for sale through the Milwaukee Department of City Development (find more information at www.mkedcd.org/foreclosures). There are also a number of resources for foreclosure prevention available through the city website at www.milwaukeehousinghelp.org.

Housing Counseling Agencies

Acorn Housing
www.acornhousing.org/index.php
 (866) 444-6893

HBC Services, Inc.
www.hbcservices.org
 (414) 727-5700

Housing Resources, Inc.
www.hri-wi.org/resources.html
 (414) 461-6330

Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing
www.fairhousingwisconsin.com
 STOPP Hotline (Strategies to Overcome Predatory Practices) (414) 278-9190

National HOPE NOW Hotline
www.995hope.org
 (888) 995-4673

Additional Local HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agencies
www.hud.gov/foreclosure
 (800) 569-4287

Fire Statistics Favorable for the District

According to Fire Chief Douglas Holton, the 11th District has among the fewest fire calls in the city. Fewer fire events means as a district, we are abating potential crimes and vandalism and actively protecting our neighbors and ourselves against such tragedies.



“One of the reasons we have such great response times and few fire calls is our neighbors’ watchfulness,” Ald. Dudzik said. “Not only are our residents savvy about their own homes and safety, they are also working preventively on behalf of the entire area. Fire safety and crime abatement comes down due to the high level of individual responsibility in our neighborhoods.”

Recycling Task Force Seeks to Reduce Costs

This year, the Common Council formed the Recycling Task Force to investigate our city’s recycling options.

Currently, recycling is separated at the curb, but it may not be the most cost effective method for Milwaukee.

“When we are facing tighter and tighter budgets, examining more efficient and cost-saving ways to perform public works is essential,” Ald. Dudzik, a member of the task force, said.

The group is exploring the research on single-stream recycling options. In this option, recycling would be collected as one group of products and sorted later at a facility.

“Sometimes, recycling trucks may come back with room for 20% more products on one side and completely full on the other. There is a fuel cost every time the truck goes to collect and we are trying to make the most of each collection run,” Ald. Dudzik said.

For more on recycling and other programs that have been implemented to create a more sustainable city, go to www.milwaukee.gov/greenteam.

2009 Church Festivals

- Aug. 15-17 **Our Lady of Lourdes**
• 3725 S. 56th St., 545-4316
- Aug. 22-24 **St. Sava Serbian Days**
• 3201 S. 51st St., 545-4080
- Sep. 4-7 **St. Gregory the Great**
• 6300 W. Oklahoma Ave., 543-8292

2009 Summer Festivals

- July 17-20 **Festa Italiana** • Henry Maier Festival Park
- July 25-27 **German Fest** • Henry Maier Festival Park
- July 31-Aug. 10 **Wisconsin State Fair** • Wisconsin State Fair Park
- Aug. 1-3 **African World Festival** • Henry Maier Festival Park
- Aug. 1-2 **Jazz Festival** • Historic Third Ward
- Aug. 8-10 **Arab World Fest** • Henry Maier Festival Park
- Aug. 14-17 **Irish Fest** • Henry Maier Festival Park
- Aug. 22-24 **Mexican Fiesta** • Henry Maier Festival Park
- Sept. 5-7 **Indian Summer Festival** • Henry Maier Festival Park

2009 Other Events

- Thru Oct. 29 **Westown Farmer's Market** • Zeidler Union Square
- Thru Oct. 25 **East Town Farm Market** • Cathedral Square
- Aug. 20-23 **A La Carte at the Zoo** • Milwaukee County Zoo



Ald. Dudzik (pictured above with Mayor Michael Nietzke of Greenfield and Ald. Terry Witkowski) helped unveil plans for the S. 27th St. road improvements recently funded by the state Department of Transportation. The enhancements to the 4.5 miles stretch of S. 27th St. include plantings, gateway monuments, street markers and light pole banners.

Wedgewood Park International School Receives International Baccalaureate Honor

Wedgewood Park International school received the International Baccalaureate (IB) distinction after three years of strong efforts to attain the honor. No other middle school in Wisconsin hosts the IB program.

Principal Suzanne Kirby said she is not only passionate about students being prepared for college but for the need to be globally connected. Principal Kirby and her staff worked vigorously to have the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program implemented. The authorization process involved completing extensive applications and extensive training, including IB visitors who observed the school for two days.

The IB program is a rigorous, world-renowned and college-bound program for students three to 19 years old. The program consists of three components—Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Program. Within these components, high quality programs of international education is offered to more than 699,000 IB students at 2,575 schools in 134 countries.

New Crime Fighting Tools For MPD

Early this year, the Milwaukee Police Department deployed its newest crime fighter—the automated license reader. The device, mounted atop police cruisers, digitally scans license plates as it drives by, reading, interpreting and then cross checking the plates with databases. This “digital patrol” assists officers in spotting cars that may have been reported stolen or used in robberies. Though officers have always had the ability to punch up plate numbers manually and check them with database resources, the new digital patrol can scan up to 3,000 plates per 8-hour shift. This significant increase in the volume of car plates and registrations that can be checked frees up officers to conduct visual scans of other activities in neighborhoods as they perform their normal shift and routine.

Already this year a number of arrests have been made thanks to the quick eye of the automated reader. “Using technology to our advantage is one of the strengths of the Milwaukee Police Department. Car-mounted cameras like the digital patrol is smart, effective policing and the results thus far have been outstanding,” Ald. Dudzik said.



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Calls For Police Service

Everyone, be aware that you can obtain information regarding dispatched calls for service through the Milwaukee Police Department website. So, when you see police squads in your neighborhood, you can log in and find out what's going on!

This page displays a summary of calls for service made to a 911 operator and dispatched to the Milwaukee Police Department. Calls displayed represent calls dispatched 30 - 90 minutes prior to the updated date. The system is updated every 5 minutes.

You can access police calls for service information in your police district through the Milwaukee Police Department website.

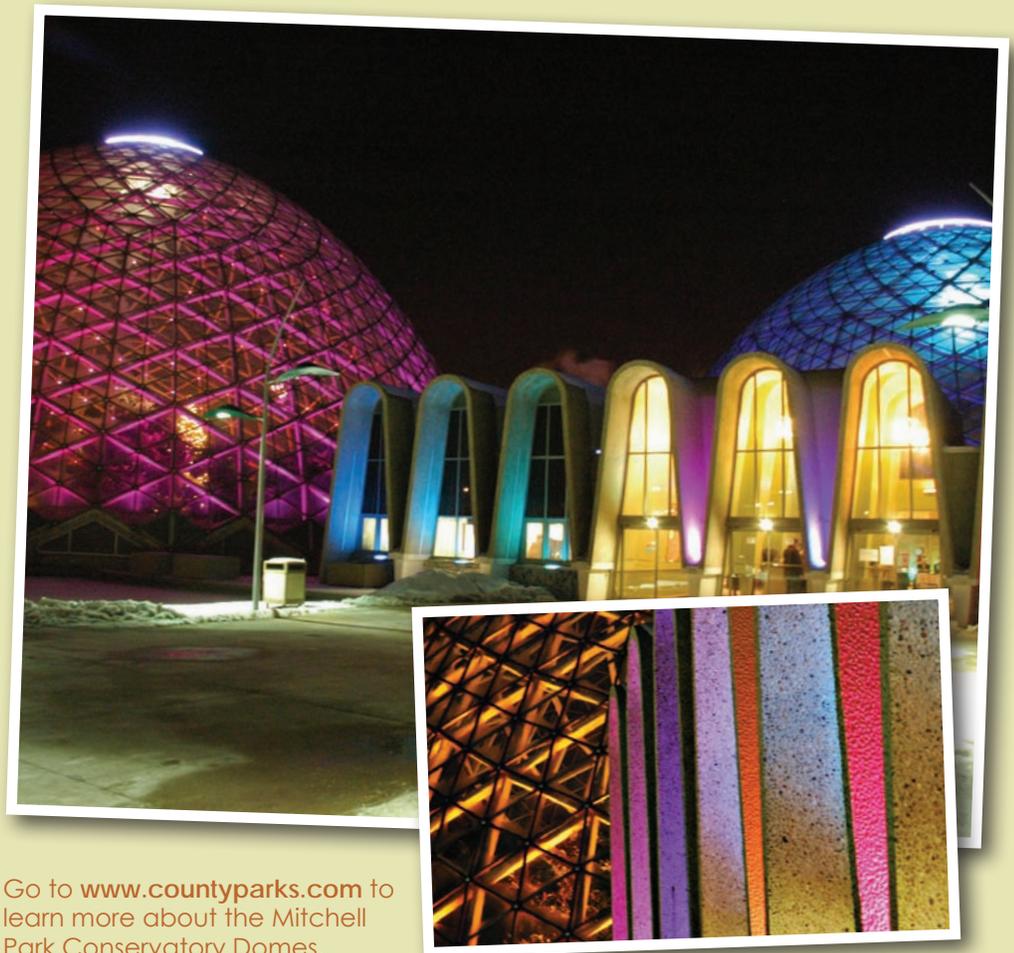
1. Point your web browser to:
www.milwaukee police.org/MilwaukeePoliceDeepar317.htm
2. Go the link of Dispatch Calls for Service.
3. In the Dispatch Calls for Service link you can access district calls and look at recent calls.

Visit the New Domes!

The Mitchell Park Conservatory, more commonly known as "The Domes" has seen an infusion of light this year. A redesign of the exterior lighting of the Domes was completed over the holiday season and now the conservatory, part of the County Park system, is re-opened for business.

Built in 1967, the Domes include samples of various climates and plant life, including the Arid Dome, the Tropical Dome and the Floral Show Dome. To promote the Domes, new activities like "Music Under Glass" which included free concerts on Thursday nights in the Domes during the winter months, make the Domes a great family outing.

"Sometimes people forget about the long standing treasures in our city. I encourage my residents to see the newly lighted Domes and enjoy the changes in place at this exhibit," Ald. Dudzik said.



Go to www.countyparks.com to learn more about the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes.