



# Alderman Joe Dudzik

## 11th District

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### Dear Constituents,

As we emerge from our winter hibernation, a number of projects and events are ready to kick off spring in Milwaukee. In this newsletter, you'll learn updates on the Oklahoma Ave. reconstruction, new crime statistics for our district and be reminded of the festivals coming our way this summer.

New stimulus funds and other projects that are helping create cost-savings and energy efficiency are also being implemented and here you'll read about the new LED streetlights installed on S. 97th St.

There is also a reminder of very basic Department of Neighborhood Services violations that may be present in your yard or home. Study the photo on the back of this newsletter to see if you can spot typical violations and learn how to amend them.

I encourage everyone to learn more about the city and the district by using my website, [www.milwaukee.gov/district11](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district11), and as always, feel free to contact me with any problems or concerns. I hope to see you out and enjoying Milwaukee's many spring and summer offerings!

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### S. 27th St. Facelift Project



Alderman Dudzik joined Greenfield Mayor Michael Neitzke and BID organizers Tara Cavazos of US Bank Greenfield and Mike Kresovic of Cameo Care Campus for a news conference to celebrate a \$1.5

million award from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to help make valuable street enhancements and create BID projects for a stretch of S. 27th St. that runs through Milwaukee and Greenfield.



### Town Hall Meeting Scheduled

Ald. Dudzik would like to invite you to a Town Hall Meeting.

**Hamilton High School - 6215 Warnimont Ave.  
Wednesday, April 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Representatives from the Department of Public Works and the Milwaukee Police Department have been invited to address issues related to our district and the city.

We will also discuss the possibility of having sidewalks that have been damaged by city trees repaired or replaced at no cost to you. The Common Council has approved an ordinance authorizing \$50,000 to be used for this purpose. **To see if you qualify, contact the Department of Public Works through the call center at (414) 286-CITY (2489).**

"I offer these meetings as a chance to allow residents to meet with me, one another and representatives of the city. I encourage everyone to attend," Ald. Dudzik said.



### Support Your Local Library!

As you may know, unfortunately libraries are continuously struggling to stay open, but there are some things you can do to support your local library.

- Get a library card
- Return books on time
- Pay fines
- Hold community meetings there
- Patronize
- Participate in programming
- Encourage others to use the library

Find out more at: [www.mpl.org](http://www.mpl.org)

## Welcoming Archbishop ListECKi



Alderman Dudzik helped welcome Archbishop Jerome ListECKi as he became the 11th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The alderman was joined by the Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble during the City Hall celebration.



Alderman Dudzik greets our first Polish Catholic archbishop, Jerome ListECKi, by sharing some gear from the famous Klement's Racing Sausages' Polish sausage and the Milwaukee Brewers.

## How to Challenge Assessments

If you received your assessment and believe it to be incorrect, here is how you can challenge it:

- Go to [www.city.milwaukee.gov/assessor](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/assessor)
- Click on "Appeals and Assistance" in the left hand column and follow the instructions given there.

Remember, objections to an assessment must be written and filed before the third Monday in May (May 17, 2010).



Simply call 211 to get help with life.

To call using a cell phone, dial 414-773-0211  
or on a pay phone, dial 1-866-211-3380.

## Please Participate in Project Clean & Green 2010

Alderman Dudzik is encouraging residents and neighborhoods to take part in Project Clean & Green, which is designed to foster neighborhood pride through community clean ups, street and alley sweeping, and graffiti removal, with activities sponsored by community organizations.

The program will focus on one zone within the city weekly. The focus zones for the program can cross over aldermanic district boundaries, but the entire 11th Aldermanic District will have as its focus period **April 19-23**.

During this period you can place unwanted furniture, mattresses and other household items at your designated collection point on the scheduled collection day.

If your neighborhood wants to schedule a group cleanup or would like more information, you can contact Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful at [www.kgmb.org](http://www.kgmb.org) or (414) 272-5462 for cleanup bags, gloves or to borrow a limited number of clean up tools (rakes, shovels, brooms).

## LED Street Lights Project

Milwaukee is testing 10 light-emitting diode lamps on a street in the Third Ward and another on the south side in the 3200 block of S. 97th St.

"We've finally found a product that we're willing to explore," said Bob Bryson, Milwaukee chief traffic and street-lighting engineer.

The city plans to save annually in electric bills because the LEDs use less power than traditional lights, he said. Given their expected 20-year life span, the lamps should pay for themselves and more.



Bryson said Milwaukee will wait to see how the lights perform in the Third Ward. A city engineer who lives on the south side block where the other LEDs were installed will use a light meter to test brightness at night and compare it with typical city lights, he said.

"Right now," Bryson said, "we're just interested in getting something that will work in the city."

The test lamps are on S. 97th St. from Ohio Ave. to Euclid Ave. and city engineers have been collaborating with the manufacturer to test how the lighting affects the street and sidewalk area.

When the LED lighting is no longer cost prohibitive, the city's preliminary testing puts it ahead of the curve for adopting this technology.

Crime Trends	11th Aldermanic District				City of Milwaukee	
	No. of Incidents, 2008	No. of Incidents, 2009	Rate/1,000 Residents, 2008	Rate/1,000 Residents, 2009	Rate/1,000 Residents, 2008	Rate/1,000 Residents, 2009
Aggravated Assault	175	161	4.51	4.15	15.86	14.45
Arson	3	9	0.08	0.23	0.53	0.58
Burglary	160	175	4.12	4.51	10.65	10.84
Criminal Damage	339	315	8.74	8.12	15.20	13.51
Homicide	0	0	NA	NA	0.11	0.12
Locked Vehicle	237	251	6.11	6.47	11.56	11.65
Robbery	49	36	1.26	0.93	5.45	5.20
Sex Offense	26	25	0.67	0.64	1.17	1.10
Theft	528	447	13.61	11.52	22.38	21.06
Vehicle Theft	121	117	3.12	3.02	10.93	8.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>42.21</b>	<b>39.58</b>	<b>93.84</b>	<b>86.67</b>

## 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 2008-2009. Above, the statistics show our area's impressive lack of criminal activity. I attribute this to the solid block watch programs and active engagement our residents have with their neighborhoods and 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 one of our Community Liaison Officers. For Police District 6, call Officers Felix or Wolf at **(414) 935-7268** OR for Police District 2, call Officers Gloria or Arzaga at **(414) 935-7228**.

## Reporting Potholes

As spring and summer near, the evidence of winter wear on our roads becomes clearer. 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 Infrastructure Services Division - Field Operations at **(414) 286-CITY (2489)**
- Submit an online service request through **[www.city.milwaukee.gov/mpw](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/mpw)**

While we use preventive maintenance to avoid severe pothole problems, potholes usually develop in older pavements as water in cracks in the pavement expands and contracts as it freezes and thaws. Heavy traffic also causes fatigue in pavement weakened by age and frost action.

We regularly check for surface problems on streets with older pavement to keep ahead of any problems. We welcome calls from citizens to report situations in their neighborhood or on their traffic routes. If you notice a pothole in a street or alley, please report it right away.

## Real-Time Crime

A useful application I encourage residents to try is **[www.milwaukee.gov/policecalls](http://www.milwaukee.gov/policecalls)**, the real-time dispatched calls for service system. The “calls for service” list works like a printed police scanner and includes calls received during the last 30 to 90 minutes.

Residents can also find information on crime in the area through the city's COMPASS system, available online at **[www.milwaukee.gov/compass](http://www.milwaukee.gov/compass)** where many mapping systems can help you identify statistics for your area.

## Oklahoma Ave. Updates

Traffic control for the repaving project is scheduled to begin in mid-April. All traffic on Oklahoma Ave. will be directed to the north side, the westbound lanes, as the road is reduced from two lanes to four during the construction process.

In early June, the traffic control will switch to the south side, utilizing the eastbound lanes for traffic.

It is anticipated that the project will be finished and Oklahoma Ave. will be back to four lanes by late September.



## Honoring LaVerne Hermann

Alderman Dudzik was joined by Alderman Murphy, Common Council President Hines and Mayor Barrett in June to honor Mrs. LaVerne Hermann, a 50-year member of the Milwaukee Safety Commission. Hermann helped lead the commission through many regulatory changes as Milwaukee has grown and her dedication to safety includes a special focus on eliminating drunk driving and other vehicular accidents.



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**Milwaukee's Future:**  
IT'S IN OUR HANDS  
**April 1, 2010 is Census Day!**  
STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

Find out more at: [www.milwaukee.gov/2010census](http://www.milwaukee.gov/2010census)

## How Many Violations Do You See?



### Learning to Spot Department of Neighborhood Services Code Violations

*Note: This photo was not taken in the 11th District. By working together, we can prevent nuisance properties like this.*

1. The floating exit on the second level where it's clear a porch once stood is a safety hazard.
2. The exit should be secured and the porch should be repaired.
3. The cars parked in the lot are problems as well. The Jeep should be moved because it is a nuisance offense to park on unpaved surfaces.
4. The car in the drive appears to be unlicensed and home-owners should note that unlicensed vehicles parked for more than 30 days could be towed or assessed a reinspection fee.
5. The mattress and stuffed chair in the background are the perfect habitat for mice and other animals or entities capable of transmitting disease or infestation. Such items are not allowed outside.
6. The scattered litter on the property, such as the yellow anti-freeze bottle, is also a nuisance violation.
7. Notice the cracked and spalled concrete — this could be an inspection item and would be noted as defective on an inspection report if the property were being sold.
8. This photo, taken from the alley, shows no garage or markings that indicate the house number. Those numbers must be present for fire and police services to respond in an emergency.
9. A final violation is the length of the grass in the yard; call the Dept. of Public Works Sanitation Division for action on overgrown yards.

#### Important DNS numbers

**Sanitation – 286-2489 • Nuisance Section – 286-2268**

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## 2010 Festivals & Events

- Jun. 2 - Oct. 27, Wed.** • Westtown Farmer's Market • Zeidler Union Square
- Jun. 3 - Sept. 30, Thur.** • Jazz in the Park • Cathedral Square Park
- Jun. 5 - Oct. 30** • East Town Farm Market • Cathedral Square Park
- Jun. 6** • Milwaukee Highland Games • Hart Park, Wauwatosa
- Jun. 7 - 13** • Milwaukee Navy Week • Milwaukee Lakefront
- Jun. 9 - Aug. 25, Wed.** • River Rhythms • Pere Marquette Park
- Jun. 11 - 13** • PrideFest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jun. 18 - 20** • Lakefront Festival of Arts • Milwaukee Art Museum Grounds
- Jun. 18 - 20** • Polish Fest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jun. 19** • Juneteenth Day Celebration • N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.
- Jun. 24 - Jul. 4** • Summerfest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jul. 8 - 11** • Bastille Days • East Town (Jefferson St./Cathedral Square)
- Jul. 15 - 18** • Festa Italiana • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jul. 23 - 25** • German Fest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Jul. 24** • Milwaukee Artist Marketplace • Milwaukee Art Museum Grounds
- Aug. 5 - 15** • Wisconsin State Fair • Wisconsin State Fair Park
- Aug. 6 - 27, Fri.** • River Flicks • Pere Marquette Park
- Aug. 19 - 22** • Irish Fest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Aug. 27 - 29** • Mexican Fiesta • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Sept. 6** • Labor Fest • Henry W. Maier Festival Park
- Sept. 10 - 12** • Indian Summer Festival • Henry W. Maier Festival Park