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Brewers Block Party

Ald. Dudzik and the neighbors of District 11 celebrated summer with a Brewers Block Party on June 21, 2008 at Alcott Park. Guests began lining up for players' autographs as early as 7:00 a.m. and more than 600 residents enjoyed the food, fun and games. Brewers players Ben Sheets and Dave Bush were on hand to speak to fans and sign autographs. Party goers also enjoyed musical entertainment, games, face painting, a giant slide, a giant inflatable bounce house, a speed pitch, a batting cage and a raffle giveaway at the conclusion of the day's events.

Bernie Brewer and the world famous Klement's Racing Sausages joined in the fun as well and 620 AM WTMJ was live on location with a remote broadcast.

"Nothing welcomes summer in Milwaukee like Brewers baseball or an old fashioned block party. I'm thrilled that our district can be a part this tradition and I was overwhelmed at how many neighbors came out to join us," Ald. Dudzik said.

Town Hall Meeting

Ald. Dudzik would like to invite you to a Town Hall Meeting to be hosted at Hamilton High School, 6215 Warnimont Ave. from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 7. Police Chief Ed Flynn has been invited to attend and meet neighbors and to address pressing policing issues related to our district and the city.

"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.

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Thank You. I am honored and grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve you as the 11th district alderman for another four years. I appreciate all of you who participated in the April election and took the time to be invested in our neighborhoods, our residents and me.

The next four years in Milwaukee are full of promise, beginning with events this summer. This year, we'll witness the revelers come to share in Harley-Davidson's history as the new museum opens its doors. As we move into fall, we'll watch as City Hall's scaffolding is removed and the careful preservation of her exterior is completed. Also, we'll have the opportunity to finally drive on the newly constructed Marquette Interchange project!

In District 11, we celebrated summer with traditions like a Brewers Block Party and 4th of July celebrations in Alcott, Jackson or Wilson Park and continue to foster community support through our active neighborhood associations.

In this newsletter, you can learn how to become more proactive in the prevention of crime, what I'm doing to help curb noise pollution and what's in store for us as many local water mains are repaired as part of a three-year project.

You can also find the area festival schedule in this newsletter and I encourage you to enjoy Milwaukee's summer offerings.

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

Sincerely,

**Joe Dudzik
Alderman, 11th District**



Inauguration

Ald. Dudzik addressed the audience and fellow Common Council members during the Inauguration of City of Milwaukee Elected Officials, held at the Pabst Theater.



Be A Responsible Pet Owner

Pets are wonderful companions, but sometimes owners can be irresponsible and their pets can become a neighborhood nuisance. Citations and fines can be issued when owners are in violation of ordinances regarding animals. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for a barking nuisance or other problem to no longer be evident when police and/or the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) arrive on scene to investigate. In some instances a warning or citation can be issued if the complainant puts the complaint in writing, provides his or her name and address and is willing to testify in court.

- **Litter.** No matter what you call animal litter – feces, droppings, poop, etc. – it must be cleaned up by the owner and/or person walking the animal and removed immediately. For disposal, droppings should be wrapped and put into the owner's garbage cart. Citizens reporting litter incidents can report them to DNS at 286-2268. If known, be sure to provide the address of the animal owner.

- **Leashing.** Animals, when not confined on the owner's property or in a vehicle, must be on a leash not more than 6 feet in length. Animals are not allowed to run loose. Citizens can report at-large animals by calling DNS at 286-2268. The complainant must supply their name and address and give the address of the owner and the time and date of the violation. Stray animals should be reported to the Milwaukee Domestic Animal Control at 649-8640.

- **Barking.** It is illegal to keep animals that habitually disturb the peace. Barking complaints must be submitted in writing to the Department of Neighborhood Services, 4001 S. 6th St., Milwaukee, WI 53221. The complainant must provide their name and address and be willing to testify in court if the owner of the animal ignores an order to stop the noise.

2008 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

2008 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

2008 Other Events

- thru Oct. 29 **Westown Farmer's Market** • Zeidler Union Square
- thru Oct. 25 **East Town Farm Market** • Cathedral Square
- Aug. 14-17 **A La Carte at the Zoo** • Milwaukee County Zoo

Council Meeting

Ald. Dudzik welcomed Pastor Dan Czech of Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church to City Hall where he delivered the invocation at the April 9, 2008 meeting of the Milwaukee Common Council.



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Pothole Progress

In early May, Ald. Dudzik and Mayor Barrett helped the Department of Public Works begin the annual task of filling post-winter weather potholes.

“DPW works hard every year to repair the streets after our hard Wisconsin winters,” Ald. Dudzik said.

“This year, the customer service lines have received double the number of pothole reports than we’ve had in the past.” The Common Council has appropriated an extra \$120,000 from this year’s contingent fund to pay for 10 additional street paving crews to be out working on potholes and extend the street maintenance season by four weeks.



To showcase the hard work of the DPW and support its efforts, Mayor Barrett and Ald. Dudzik brought the media to see how potholes are filled and the effort it takes to keep our streets safe and in good repair.

“I have done this work before, I know it’s hard, but DPW workers should know it’s appreciated and residents should know that we take it very seriously,” Ald. Dudzik said.

To report potholes that aren’t being serviced, please call the Department of Public Works hotline at 286-8282.

Ald. Dudzik talks with the mayor about how important proper road maintenance is.



Noises Off! New Ordinance Enables Citizen Complaints

A new ordinance allows Milwaukee citizens to lodge complaints against owners of vehicles blasting excessively loud music or sounds generated by car stereos by simply providing a license plate number, the date and time of the violation and their name and contact information.

Under the nuisance vehicle loud noise ordinance, the owner of a vehicle that is the subject of a loud stereo complaint would receive a warning for the first complaint but would be charged for the cost of enforcement of any subsequent complaints, meaning fines of at least \$100 could be levied for each subsequent occurrence.

“During the summer, especially because we live in Milwaukee and this is motorcycle season, we do have excessive vehicle and stereo noise. We can be understanding of some of that, but the repeated bass noises or stereo sounds that disrupt our neighborhoods can now be reported by citizens and steps can be taken to alleviate the problem,” said Ald. Dudzik, a co-sponsor of the ordinance.

Ald. Dudzik also noted that Operation Bass Busters is back in action again this year. Operation Bass Busters, which allows officers to target vehicles with excessively loud car stereos using special decibel-measuring detectors, is being re-started as another tool to help curb noise violators.

“This ordinance is designed to give citizens the power to work with law enforcement and be proactive in keeping the noise level neighborly,” Ald. Dudzik said, referring to the nuisance vehicle loud noise ordinance.

Improved Water Pressure Planned For District

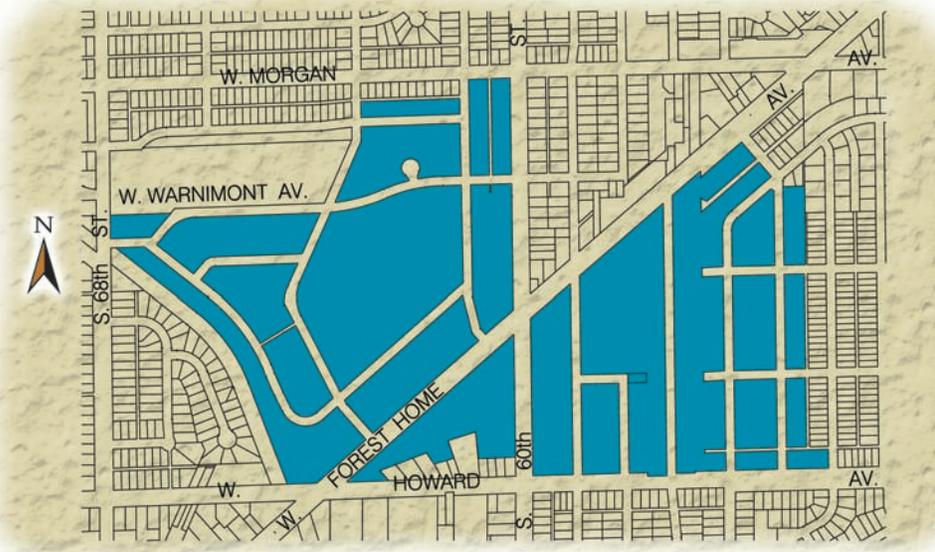
As you learned in my newsletter last fall, the Milwaukee Water Works will be improving water pressure in an area of the 11th Aldermanic District during the next six years. The affected area in the district includes S. 51st St. to S. 60th St., from W. Cold Spring Rd. to W. Eden Pl., according to Ald. 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 project is still underway and now we approach the second and third phase of the improvements (see maps below). Once the new mains are in service, the Water Works will test them prior to increasing water pressure, and also notify residents. Homes, apartments, and businesses with older plumbing or existing leaks in their internal plumbing may see additional water dripping due to this rise in pressure.



Phase II (blue areas): 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.



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



Rain Barrels

Summer means lush lawns, gorgeous flowers and fruitful gardens, which all require heavy watering and create water runoff. You can reduce water pollution, lower your water costs and help preserve Lake Michigan... all by owning a rain barrel. Rain barrels are fun and easy to install.

What Is A Rain Barrel?

A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from your rooftop that you later can use to water your lawn or garden, or to wash your car. Rain barrels should be used in conjunction with other water management practices, such as rain gardens, green roofs, storm water trees and porous pavement. Using a rain barrel is a great first step to healthier rivers and lakes.

Rain barrels help slow down rain runoff so it can drain naturally into the ground. That helps us keep excess water out of sewer systems and keeps rain runoff from collecting pollutants on its trip to nearby waterways.

Collected rainwater is better for plants because it's not chlorinated – although it is mildly acidic, which helps plants take up important minerals from the soil.

They can provide water during dry weather, or you can set them to slowly release the water over a 1-2 day period when the rains have subsided. The slower release of rain will allow the water to seep into the soil and be used by plants.

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District sells rain barrels to residents within its district boundaries for \$30 each. Rain barrels can be ordered online at www.mmsd.com. Or, learn more by calling MMSD at (414) 272-5100.

Helpful Summer & Fall tips

As Warmth Settles In, Please Slow Down & Keep An Eye Out For Crime

After a winter that seemed without end (and with enough white stuff to make it the second all-time snowiest winter in city history!) it's nice to think about the long, warm days of summer that bring outdoor activity.

As we near the start of the school year, there will be large numbers of school children playing outside and crossing busy streets. **Please slow down** when you see children out playing and/or riding bikes and scooters.

As the saying goes "speed kills," in part because it gives drivers less time to react to avoid pedestrians or other vehicles at the last second. Be courteous and don't be in a hurry – you'll get to your destination in plenty of time (and in one piece) if you slow down and drive defensively.

The warmer weather also brings with it more opportunities for crime. That's why I'm offering a few helpful tips to help keep you and your neighbors from becoming targets for those with criminal intentions.

The bottom line is a good lock, simple precautions, neighborhood awareness, and common sense can help prevent most property crimes.

Locks, Doors, and Windows

- Install and use good deadbolt locks in your doors (about half of all burglars enter through unlocked doors and windows).

- Secure sliding glass doors with locks or a rigid wooden dowel wedged in the track.
- Use window pins on double hung windows for safety and convenience
- Inside, never leave a key in the deadbolt lock (burglars will shatter a door window, reach in and unlock the door).

Outside

- Never leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle. Secure packages in a locked trunk and hide or take electronics with you when you leave your car.
- Make sure all porches, entrances, and yards are well lit.
- Maintain the neighborhood. Dark alleys, litter, and rundown areas attract criminals.

Answering the Door

- Install a peephole or viewer in all entry doors so you can see who is outside without opening the door.
- Do not trust door chains. They can be easily broken.
- Don't open the door to anyone you don't know, but make sure that you appear at the door so that the individual knows you are at home. Insist service personnel verify their identity before allowing them in.

Most importantly, get to know your neighbors! Say hello, exchange phone numbers and plan block parties and other gatherings. Knowing your neighbors is the easiest way to cut crime in your neighborhood.

Organize A Cleanup

Do you want to help make your neighborhood a better place to live? Participate in a block cleanup.

Get a group of concerned residents together and form a group to help clean up. A block cleanup can be a great way to get to know the people in your community while helping to spruce it 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 286-8282 if a dumpster is needed for your cleanup date (these dumpsters are NOT for private, individual use).

Bicycle Registration

Milwaukee residents can now register bicycles without pedaling from home. That's right, the city has made registration of bicycle licenses available on the Internet. To register your bicycle, just visit the nearest Milwaukee Police Department District station or any Milwaukee Public Library, and ask for a bicycle license sticker.

A bicycle license sticker may also be obtained by mail from the city License Division. Once the sticker is obtained log on to www.milwaukee.gov/bike.jsp and click on the "Activate Bicycle License" link and then enter the registration number from the sticker. The new page allows residents to activate their licenses as well as change bicycle ownership.

Registration is free and is valid for as long as the bicycle is owned by the person activating the license. In addition, the new license procedure is simpler for Internet users and more efficient for the city. For those who don't have Internet access, activation may be completed by using computers at any Milwaukee Public Library. Internet registration requires Internet Explorer or Netscape versions 5.0 or later.

NOTE: *This is now the only way to activate bicycle registration in the city.*

Also, visit the Milwaukee by Bike webpage where you will find everything you need to know to help you get around town by bike: www.milwaukee.gov/BiketoWork1989.htm



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Council Chamber Reception

Ald. Dudzik and fellow members of the Common Council helped welcome new Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn at City Hall.



Meet Police District 6 Captain Gaglione

Captain Don Gaglione has been with the Milwaukee Police Department for over 26 years. He began his career with MPD as a police aide in 1981 and became an officer in 1983. He has worked various assignments including Vice Control Division and the Canine Unit. He was promoted to sergeant in 1991 and lieutenant in 1997. He has served districts 1, 4, 5 and 7 as a lieutenant.

Captain Gaglione has been a District Commander for over 4 years and has been at District 6 since October 2007. In his work at District 6, Captain Gaglione has coordinated with a large number of citizens who are actively involved in helping MPD reach its goal of reducing crime, fear and disorder within District 6. He encourages everyone to become part of their local block watch or neighborhood association. If there is not a neighborhood association or block watch in your area, Captain Gaglione encourages you to start one by contacting your Community Liaison Officer Jesus Gloria at 935-7262. Captian Gaglione and Officer Gloria look forward to working with the residents of Police District 6.

