



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **SPECIALLY-TRAINED VOLUNTEERS COULD SOON INCREASE SAFETY AT MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS**

*Supervisor De Bruin solicits ideas from County residents*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Lynne De Bruin is seeking input from the community as she promotes a joint effort by the Parks and Sheriff's Departments to improve the experience at Milwaukee County Parks this summer. De Bruin hopes to utilize volunteers to increase safety in the parks, including smaller neighborhood parks, while also stepping up Park Watch efforts at the lakefront and larger, regional parks.

"I envision these specially-trained volunteers will be the eyes and ears of our Parks System," Supervisor De Bruin said. "They can help families have an even more enjoyable experience in our wonderful Milwaukee County Parks."

Supervisor De Bruin, who chairs the County Board's Parks, Energy and Environment Committee, hopes to increase Park Watch efforts through the use of volunteers, who would be fully trained by both the Parks Department and the Sheriff, to deal with minor problems in the parks, such as graffiti, misbehaving kids, bothersome dogs and the feeding of geese. A pilot program coordinated by the Sheriff's Department and the Parks Department could begin as early as next month.

"I'm looking for suggestions on what Milwaukee County residents can do and how we can get this done," Supervisor De Bruin said. "I encourage them to call me at 414-278-4263 or e-mail [ldebruin@milwcnty.com](mailto:ldebruin@milwcnty.com) to let me know their thoughts."

The volunteer program is a joint effort between the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, Parks Director Sue Black, and Sheriff David Clarke, Jr.

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