



# Larson Report

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Personnel (Vice-  
Chair)

Parks, Energy and  
Environment

Transportation,  
Public Works and  
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## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What would help  
make Milwaukee  
County Government  
more accessible to  
you?

Please call me or  
send me an email  
with your thoughts.

## **Dear Constituent,**

Spring is almost here! As we get ready for the warm weather, there are plenty of fun and inexpensive ways to get out and get active. Check out the *Park Happenings* section of this e-newsletter to find enjoyable activities throughout Milwaukee County.

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### **State Budget Community Meeting**

The State plays a huge role in funding our communities. The current 2009-2011 State Budget has a hole of \$5 billion dollars. This could mean major implications for Milwaukee County, including more cuts to our already ailing services!

If you want to learn more about this important issue and what you can do about it **come to a community meeting**

**Tuesday, March 11th**

5:30pm-7:30pm

Independence *First*

540 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Milwaukee

*Sponsored by: Wisconsin Council on Children and Families and the Institute for Wisconsin's Future*

**Senior Citizen Hall of Fame**

Milwaukee County and the Department on Aging have announced the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors older adults in Milwaukee County who have made significant volunteer contributions to the community.

This is a great way to recognize senior citizens in your community who have made a difference in your neighborhood. We currently have over a decade worth of Senior Citizen Hall of Famers. If you would like to nominate an individual for his or her special commitment to the community, this is a wonderful opportunity!

There will be up to five senior citizens chosen for the 2009 Hall of Fame. The nominees will be selected no later than April 6<sup>th</sup>, and nominations must be post-marked by March 13, 2009.

For more information check out the official Milwaukee County Senior Hall of Fame website:

<http://www.milwaukee.gov/HallofFame12748.htm>

Or call (414) 289-6873

### ***Electronics Recycling***

Just in time for spring cleaning and the switch to digital broadcasting, residents of southeast Wisconsin will be able to drop-off **television sets, computer equipment, and other consumer electronics for recycling on March 14th at Wisconsin State Fair Park**, just west of Milwaukee. The collection event will be open from 10am to 2pm. There is no charge for residents, regardless of the municipality in which they reside. (No businesses will be accepted.) CRT Processing, LLC, of Janesville will be collecting the equipment, which will be refurbished and reused or responsibly recycled. The event is sponsored by Samsung and hosted by the City of Milwaukee along with Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful.

Those interested in volunteering for a few hours may contact Joe Wilson of KGMB at [jwilson@kgmb.org](mailto:jwilson@kgmb.org) or 414-272-5462, ext. 103. We will have two volunteer shifts available.

For more information, please contact Rick Meyers:

[rick.meyers@milwaukee.gov](mailto:rick.meyers@milwaukee.gov)

### ***March Neighborhood Group Meetings:***

*Oklahoma Gardens Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Wendy Safron at (414) 643-0766

**Next Meeting:** March 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 at the Child Development Center of St. Joseph's

*Holler Park Neighborhood Association*

Contact: President, Chris Kuester at 769-1815

*Uncas Park Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Connie Wilson

759-9009 (cell) or 762-6959 (home)

**Next Meeting:** March 24<sup>th</sup> House of Hamburg, 5937 S Howell Ave.

*Holt Park Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Diane Kosarzycki at (414) 645-1967

Call Diane for meeting information

*Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Al Dunham at (414) 482-0494

Call Al for meeting information

*Humboldt Park Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Ruth Simos at (414) 483-9330

No Meeting in March

*City Meadows Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Cindi Herzog at (414) 817-8000

No Meeting in March

*Town of Lake Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Paul Gessner at (414) 482-2261

No Meeting in March

*Bay View Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Patty Thompson

(414) 403-8003 or (414) 297-9783

bayviewneighborhood@gmail.com

<http://www.bayviewneighborhood.org>

No Meeting in March

*Wilson Park Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Scott Spiker at (414) 647-1774

No Meeting in March

*Garden District Neighborhood Association*

Contact: Michael Murphy at (414) 364-8762

No Meeting in March

*Tippecanoe Park Watch*

Contact: 278-4252

No Meeting in March



*Chris Larson discussing district issues with community members after the Uncas Park Neighborhood meeting*

## ***Park Happenings***

### ***Ice Fishing Clinic for Kids:***

- \* **Free ice fishing instruction** for children 15 years and younger; small children must be accompanied by an adult
- \* Taught by members of local fishing clubs
- \* Clinics begin every hour starting at 9am, with the last session starting at 2pm and held Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- \* All fishing equipment provided.

**Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Ave.**

(hosted by Great Lakes Sport Fisherman & Milwaukee Casting Club)

**Wilson Park, 1601 W. Howard Ave.**

(hosted by Wisconsin Fishing Club)

*For more information, or for groups of 20 or more, call, (414) 263 – 8614*

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***Mitchell Park Domes*** are open from 9am to 5pm (with some exceptions until 7pm) to showcase their new LED lighting system and interior improvements. Regular admission rates apply. **“Music Under Glass,”** an after-hours new concert series takes place Thursday evenings thru March

26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30pm. This Thursday's concert will feature, "**The Championship**," a band that specializes in Folk Rock music. The Train Show, "**LEGOLAND**," is open and running in the Show Dome (see release). **Thursday, March 26 - Music Under Glass, 6:30 pm (with 5:30 light show)** Bikini Beachcombers (Tiki lounge to beach party hits of the 60s). At The Domes. For more information call (414) 649 - 9830 [www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm)

*For more information call: (414) 649 – 9830*

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**Door County Sled Dogs** plan to continue at Veterans Park, 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., in front of the open-air pavilion near the Brady Street bridge, each weekend, weather permitting, Saturdays & Sundays from 11am to 1pm. Door County Sled Dogs is made up of a team of 4 to 6 adult Siberian Huskies and is operated through a Milwaukee County Park partnership by Bonnie Ulrich and Rick Desotell. The Dog Sled hotline number for up-to-date information and trail conditions is (414) 967-9677.

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**The Currie Park Golf Dome**, 3535 N. Mayfair Rd., is now open everyday from 8am to 10pm. This heated indoor driving range offers target greens, PGA Lessons & Video analysis, free use of demo clubs, group lessons, corporate and group outings and much more. Milwaukee County Golf discount cardholders are entitled to a discount. For more information go to [curriegolfdome.com](http://curriegolfdome.com) or call them at (414) 453-1742.

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**Bartolottas Restaurant Group provides a Sunday Brunch** from 10:30am – 2:00pm at Boerner Botanical Gardens in Hales Corners year round. Their Friday evening Fish Fry is also available. For reservations call (414) 525-5635.

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**Milwaukee Historian John Gurda** speaks on "Public Enterprise: How the Socialists Saved Milwaukee." At Centennial Hall, Milwaukee's Central Library, 733 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee. Tuesday, March 24 – Frank P. Zeidler Memorial Lecture, 7 pm