



Dimitrijevic Report

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Vice-Chairwoman, Health & Human Needs Committee
- Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee
- Parks, Energy, & Environment Committee
- Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- Chairwoman, County Board Committee on Information Technology
- Milwaukee County Commission on Aging
- Lakefront Development Advisory Commission

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

- Bay View Neighborhood Association
- Honorary Capital Campaign Committee, Bay View Historical Society
- South Shore Park Watch
- Bay View Lions Club
- Clarke Square Weed & Seed Steering Committee
- Inter-Organizational Council of Bay View
- Bay View High School Alumni Association
- 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women
- South Side Scholarship Foundation
- City of Milwaukee Affordable Housing Task Force
- Bay View Manufacturers & Commerce Association
- Bay View Historical Society
- The Association of Marquette University Women
- Sierra Club
- Board of Directors, Emerge Wisconsin
- American Council of Young Political Leaders
- UMOS Community Service Block Grant Advisory Committee

Dear Friends,

I hope you are staying warm in this chilly Milwaukee winter. In this E-NEWS issue you will find:

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Supervisor Dimitrijevic's New County Board Committee Appointments

Starting in the February legislative cycle Supervisor Dimitrijevic is now on the Transportation and Public Works Committee and no longer on the Personnel Committee. I am happy to be back on the Transportation and Public Works Committee. As a member, I plan on continuing our work to secure a dedicated funding source for our Milwaukee County Transit System, help with the continued success Milwaukee County's Mitchell International Airport, and work to implement the Milwaukee County Green Print.

Milwaukee County's Green Print Delivers Again on Energy Efficiency

County Board unanimously approves \$6 million in energy performance contracts

Milwaukee County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic, John F. Weishan, Jr., Gerry Broderick and Chris Larson are pleased to announce the second round of energy performance contracts for Milwaukee County. The County Board voted 19-0 to approve \$6 million in Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracts for energy efficient upgrades at numerous County-owned buildings.

“The \$6 million goes directly into improving our county’s infrastructure. Many of our older, poorly maintained buildings will be retrofitted with the most energy-efficient upgrades. This saves taxpayers money, reduces the County’s energy use, and also preserves our county’s assets for future generations to come.” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “All of these energy savings are guaranteed, which is a great deal for Milwaukee County taxpayers, and some of the projects include significant water conservation as well.” Milwaukee County’s Green Print requires that 20% of all County buildings must undergo technical energy audits to analyze potential energy savings.

Supervisor Weishan said, “Despite the County Executive’s unwillingness to take a leadership role on implementing the Green Print, we have still been able to move forward with some of the initiatives of this important legislation.” Based on recent energy audits, the infrastructure upgrades will be performed at a number of Milwaukee County locations, including indoor pools, the Milwaukee Public Museum the Criminal Justice Facility, the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, senior centers, Wilson Park Indoor Ice Arena, community centers and the Milwaukee County Sports Complex.

“These contracts will help stimulate the green economy, while making Milwaukee County a better environmental citizen,” Supervisor Larson said.

The cutting edge upgrades include indoor pool covers, new lighting and solar-thermal hot water heating systems. The resolution calls for hiring Honeywell, AMERESCO and Johnson Controls, Inc., to provide Phase 2 Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting at selected County facilities.

“This is one way to improve our Milwaukee County Parks’ infrastructure and try to reserve the damage done by years of deferred maintenance,” added Supervisor Broderick, Chairman of the Parks Energy & Environment Committee.

Last year, energy efficient upgrades at the Courthouse complex included retrofitted light fixtures, the installation of light and motion sensors, and more efficient heating and cooling. Those upgrades earned a Focus on Energy grant to Milwaukee County, recognizing the reduced energy consumption achieved through a partnership with Honeywell.

County Board Approves \$375,000 to Support Quality, Affordable Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved allocating another \$375,000 from the Special Needs County Housing Trust Fund to help finance the construction of affordable housing for residents with mental illness in Milwaukee County. The latest project, at 2500 W. Fond du Lac Avenue, will make 38 housing units available to serve the needs of clients from Milwaukee County's Behavioral Health Division.

"Since the fund was first created in 2007, more than 260 units of quality affordable housing for individuals with mental illness have been constructed," said Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic. "This continues Milwaukee County's long-term commitment to providing solutions for individuals with nowhere else to turn. We have established a great track record."

"Our partnerships with organizations like Heartland Housing and others allow us to leverage dollars from other units of government, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide better housing options in Milwaukee County," said Supervisor Toni M. Clark. "The County Board has provided financial assistance and made great strides in addressing our homelessness problem."

"Our goal is to eliminate cases where individuals with mental illness are forced to live in substandard conditions," added Supervisor Peggy A. West. "I am pleased that the County Board continues to take these positive steps forward, and I commend my colleagues on the Health & Human Needs Committee and the Economic & Community Development Committee for making these projects a priority."

In order to meet County Housing Trust Fund criteria, eligible projects must provide permanent housing where at least 40% of the units developed are primarily set aside for use by Behavioral Health Division patients with serious and persistent mental illness and have an income at least 30% below the median income in Milwaukee County.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic's Letter to the Editor of the Journal Sentinel

Editorial Board missed the mark

Your Opinions Posted: Jan. 28, 2010

The Jan. 27 editorial "[Dissolve the county](#)" missed the mark, in my view, on local government reform. How could the Journal Sentinel Editorial Board support the most extreme option after reading just the executive summary?

Our strategic planning process is the proper way to engage the public and work

with other local leaders. The state should listen to the voters, who expressed their support for a dedicated sales tax to support county services and address long-term funding challenges.

The Public Policy Forum did not recommend any specific action. The individuals who commissioned this study are ignoring large parts of the forum report, which detailed the difficulties with restructuring county government. Any move to eliminate county government would not erase the costs of running critical services such as mental health, courts and the Sheriff's Department. Someone has to provide these services.

The state's underfunded mandates are part of the reason Milwaukee County has a structural deficit, so it's unrealistic to think the state could absorb additional costs. The state is already fumbling the FoodShare program it took over from Milwaukee County last year.

Transferring functions to the state and creating special districts with taxing power would only increase excess layers of government and call into question accountability. Taxpayers deserve better representation, and that is why our democracy created counties in the first place.

Marina Dimitrijevic

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Neighborhood Events and Meetings

The annual meeting of the Bay View Neighborhood Association will be on Thursday February 18th, 2009 at the Eschweiler House, 2445 S. KK from 7pm - 9pm

Winter Blast in Bay View

The Bay View Winter Blast is back, and you know what that means...Bay View CHILI COOKOFF! There will be 2 categories, Business and Individual, and the title for best chili in 2010 is at stake! The price will be \$1 per bowl and the winner will be announced at 3:45p.m.

This great event includes entertainment by Danny Crivello and the Garlic Mustard Pickers, a silent auction, games, face painting, and good old fashioned family friendly fun.

Please bring non-perishable foods for the Bay View food pantries.

When: Sunday, Feb 21st, from 1-4pm

Where: South Shore Park 2900 South Shore Drive

We will have a booth come visit us!!!

New Friends of Indoor Pools Group formed

Newly formed group, the Friends of Indoor Pools, led by JoAnne Halada, has formed in light of the County Executive's repeated attempts to close Milwaukee County's two indoor pools. As you may know, Supervisor Dimitrijevic co-sponsored the budget amendment which provided funding to keep these facilities open. It also made better use of the of the \$5 million the County Executive planned on using to construct an outdoor water park and redirected the funds to enhancing our current indoor pools to include indoor water parks, a year-round attraction. This new group will be important as we proceed. The next meeting of the Friends of the Indoor Pools will be on:

Tuesday, February 16th at 6pm at Pulaski Pool:

Pulaski Park, 2701 S. 16th St.

For more information,

Contact JoAnne Halada at 414.358.1772

E-mail her at Jah210@wi.rr.com

Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Larson, Chairman Holloway, and Frank and Kathy Mulvey at County Board Meeting where Community Leader Kathy Mulvey was presented with a County Board Citation recognizing her work in our neighborhood.



2010 Milwaukee County Senior Hall of Fame

The Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame honors older adults in Milwaukee County who have made significant contributions to the community.

Established in 1997, the Senior Hall of Fame honors five outstanding seniors in Milwaukee County who have served the community as volunteers and as advocates on behalf of the elderly. The Commission on Aging appoints a committee to review nominations for the Hall of Fame Award recommends five seniors to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Nominees must be at least 60 years of age and residents of Milwaukee County.

Click [HERE](#) for official rules and nomination form.
Nominations are due February 15, 2010

Dead Sea Scrolls at the Milwaukee Public Museum

Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures brings together archaeological objects and manuscripts to tell a story 2,000 years in the making. Witness actual Dead Sea Scrolls and other early biblical artifacts to learn how transmission of these early writings has shaped the beliefs of Judaism and Christianity and influenced aspects of Islam.

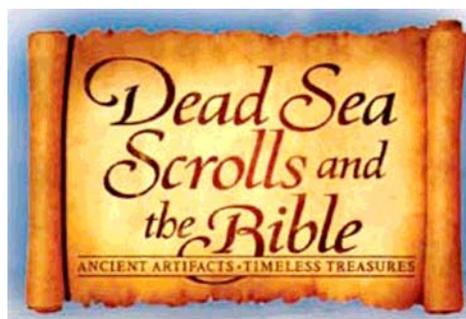
The largest temporary exhibit ever produced by the Milwaukee Public Museum, Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible explores the archaeological history of the Holy Land during the period the Scrolls were written, from the third century BCE through the first century CE. The exhibit also tracks the discovery of the first Scrolls and subsequent realization of their extraordinary significance.

A series of eleven lectures will be given by international experts on different facets of the exhibit:

<http://www.mpm.edu/dead-sea-scrolls/events/>

For ticketing information, call 414-223-4676 or visit:

<http://www.mpm.edu/dead-sea-scrolls/>



Street Seen: The Psychological Gesture in American Photography, 1940–1959

See more than 100 photographs in the first major exhibition of street photography from this era in nearly 20 years. Refuting the common claim that photojournalism was the only significant photographic activity at the time, *Street Seen: The Psychological Gesture in American Photography, 1940–1959* uncovers a crucial time in American art, when global media was in its adolescence and photography was just beginning to gain recognition in the art world.

This in-depth and generously illustrated look at six photographers prominent during and immediately following World War II refutes the common claim that photojournalism was the only significant photographic activity at the time. *Street Seen* uncovers what was a unique and pivotal moment in American photographic history, broadening our understanding of photography in the middle of the twentieth century, when global media was in adolescence and photography was just beginning to gain purchase in the contemporary art world.

Open Tuesday–Sunday 10 AM–5 PM

Thursday until 8 PM

\$12 Adults

\$10 Students, Seniors, Active Military

Free to Members & Children 12 & under

[Tickets may be purchased online.](#)

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About OUR UW-Extension and the great programs it offers?- Get Connected.



Mission: Connecting people to university knowledge they can use

By connecting county residents to up-to-date, objective, practical, research-based knowledge, we help them grow, change and prosper. They become more self-sufficient, lead healthier and safer lives, form strong and nurturing families, and thrive economically. Our primary customers are the people who live and work in Milwaukee County, both adults and youth. We make a special effort to reach those who are traditionally underserved including minorities, low-income families, and people with disabilities. Our customers value high-quality, low-cost educational opportunities that emphasize practical skills that they can put to use immediately.

Milwaukee County UW-Extension has been most successful in connecting people to university knowledge where we have multiplied our impact by building

community partnerships, seeking funding from new sources, and training people who then train others. Examples of successful, innovative programs include homeownership counseling training, Get Checking, the Milwaukee Family Project, Master Gardeners, accessible gardening, the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network, the Fatherhood Initiative, and the Menomonee River Valley Learning Lab workforce development project.

For more information about our programs, please visit our independent web site: <http://milwaukee.uwex.edu>

Supervisors Dimitrijevic, West, and Chairman Holloway Recognize Journey House's Boys Football Team

