



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance and Audit

Judiciary, Safety and General Services

Transportation, Public Works, and Transit

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Long Range Transportation Planning

Economic Stimulus Task Force

RTA Task Force, Chair

## Fiscal Independence and Long-term Strategic Planning

Earlier this year, I authored a resolution to prioritize long-range strategic planning. When we address the 2011 budget, we will not face difficult financial times without a game plan. I also proposed language to insulate Milwaukee County's Controller from political whims of the County Executive. Instead, the Controller will be free to make financially responsible budget decisions and certify budget numbers at the request of either the County Executive or the Board of Supervisors to better predict revenue shortfalls.

The County Board approved this resolution at its July meeting on a vote of 17-2. I look forward to receiving reports and an action plan from the Long-Range Steering Committee after it is appointed.

## County Executive Reverses Some Budget Changes

The County Executive withdrew his decision on some budget changes. The Executive had planned to close two indoor pools, charge a fee on splash pads (aquatic areas for toddlers), increase fees on many pools and the Mitchell Park Domes, and further reduce services like grass-cutting and access to public services by imposing layoffs and a 35-hour workweek. An arbitrator ruled that the Executive cannot indefinitely impose a 35-hour workweek and so the Executive may push ahead with limited furloughs or other action. The deficit, once estimated at nearly \$15 million, may be less than \$1 million, which is not untenable in a \$1.3 billion budget.

## Evening on the Avenue Corrected Date: Thursday, July 23

Check out music, entertainment, children's activities, food, community vendors and resources. A raffle will benefit South Milwaukee Human Concerns. Enjoy Celtic music by the Garlic Mustard Pickers. Visit the Friends of Mill Pond to purchase Duck Race tickets and other items. Come to Milwaukee Avenue at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in South Milwaukee from 4 to 9 p.m. for an evening of fun on July 23!

## South Milwaukee Downtown Market Launches July 23

The new South Milwaukee Downtown Market will open on the same night as South Milwaukee's Evening on the Avenue on July 23. Stop by 11<sup>th</sup> and Milwaukee Avenues each Thursday, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., for fresh produce, bakery, flowers, and other offerings from area vendors and entertainers. Visit [www.SMDowntownMarket.org](http://www.SMDowntownMarket.org).

## Sheridan Pool Opening Soon After Major Leak

Sheridan Pool should be ready to open by July 4. It has been closed for repairs after leaking about 100,000 gallons daily. Staff drained the pool and investigated the pipes

with cameras to locate the problem. They determined that a drainpipe had a major leak. Parks Department staff will cap the pipe and fill the pool.

We consider this repair to be of highest priority and I understand the disappointment of residents at temporarily losing access to the pool on which they depend. I will continue to advocate to fully fund the maintenance needs in our Parks.

### **Grant Park Electricity**

Electricity has been restored in Grant Park to Picnic Area 5 A (Brown Pavilion) as well as Wulff Lodge. We expect Area 7 to have electricity shortly.

### **Park Safety**

I encourage you to get involved in the Parks Friends and Park Watch groups to make sure that our parks are well maintained and safe. This summer, we have two additional programs dedicated to Park safety that need your support. If you see any destructive activities in our Parks, please notify the following groups. In case of emergency, please call 911 immediately.

The **Parks Rangers** assist the public, promote safety and utilization of the parks, and help Friends and neighborhood groups in coordinating Park Watch Programs. You may contact them at **257-4892**.

The **Sheriff's Targeted Enforcement Unit** also works with residents and park users to enhance safety. Deputy Suszek at **426-4368** and his colleagues can address local parks concerns. To report concerns about Parks throughout Milwaukee County, please call the **Sheriff's Parks hotline** at **453-7275**.

### **Grant Park Beach Concessions Are Open**

Operated by the Branger family of South Milwaukee, serving hot dogs, ice cream, candy and beverages, the stand is open weekdays, 3 to 8 p.m., and weekends, Noon to 8 p.m. Rediscover South Milwaukee's lakefront! Visit [www.grantparkbeach.com](http://www.grantparkbeach.com) for updates and details on special events.

### **Music in the Park**



Neighbors thoroughly enjoyed bluegrass at Sheridan Park as well as the chance to meet our Parks Rangers and the Sheriff's Targeted Enforcement Unit.

Please join us at Grant Park Area 5A on July 16 and August 20 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. for more great music!

### **Pedal in the Park with Pat**

Over 20 neighbors participated in my annual bike ride, "Pedal in the Park with Pat" last month. We enjoyed a peaceful jaunt along the South Shore section of the Oak Leaf Trail. Some topics of discussion included the newly launched bike racks on Milwaukee County buses and the need for further improvements like the repaving of our trails.

### **Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith Older Adult Program is Facing Some Big Challenges – Can You Help?**

The program, which serves over 200 Cudahy and St. Francis residents 60 and older and

provides over 1,000 free rides each year, is facing an increased number of calls following the ending of St. Luke's van service. Volunteer drivers are badly needed. You set your own hours – drive only when and as often as you prefer. To find out how to become a volunteer driver, or a home visitor, or perhaps just to help a senior occasionally with a minor home repair or yard work, call 483-4474.

The program has been financially affected by the recession as well, and recently suffered an unexpected loss of government block grant funding. Further cuts are expected next year. Therefore, private donations have become more crucial than ever. If you can help, make your check payable to Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith and send it to the Interfaith office at 3767 E. Underwood Ave., Cudahy. Thanks for helping Interfaith help your elderly neighbors!

### **Community Calendar**

#### **Wednesday, July 1 – Spectacle of Music, 7:30pm**

Purchase tickets at <http://spectacleofmusic.com> or at Parkway Floral. At South Milwaukee High School Stadium, 901 15<sup>th</sup> Av., South Milwaukee

#### **Thursday, June 25 – Boerner Botanical concert: Warren Wiegatz, 6:30-8:30pm**

Free admission to the Gardens after 6pm on concert nights. At Whitnall Park, 9400 Boerner Dr. Hales Corners. Sponsored by Milwaukee County Parks.

#### **Saturday, July 4 – Community Festivities:**

**CUDAHY – Noon** Parade commences at Grange & Packard, continuing to Layton Av. Ends at Sheridan Park & Lake Dr. Beverages and food for sale.

**1:45pm** Ceremony and entertainment [www.ci.cudahy.wi.us/pdfs/July4-2009-ScheduleOfEvents.pdf](http://www.ci.cudahy.wi.us/pdfs/July4-2009-ScheduleOfEvents.pdf)

**9:20pm** Fireworks

**OAK CREEK – 9am** Parade starts at Groveland & Shepherd Av. by Edgewood School. Ends at East Middle School. Events during the day. Fireworks at dusk.

[www.oakcreekwi.org/main\\_page\\_topics/current\\_events.htm#July4](http://www.oakcreekwi.org/main_page_topics/current_events.htm#July4)

**SOUTH MILWAUKEE** – at Brown Pavilion, Picnic Areas 5&6, Grant Park

**10am** Call to Colors

**10:10am** Kids Bike/Coaster Decoration

**11am** Kids Races, Games & Penny Scramble followed by Free Ice Cream & Caramel Corn for Kids

**9:30pm** Fireworks

Food and beverages served by the Association of Commerce and Johnny Mo's Bar & Grill

**ST. FRANCIS -10:00am** Parade starts at Barland & Norwich, continues to Denton, Packard, and Lunham. Ends at Milton Vretenar Park with free ice cream. Free events and activities.

**9:15 pm** Fireworks

Please leave grills and coolers at home and support the activity by buying beverages and food available throughout the park.

#### **Wednesday, July 9 – St. Francis concert: The Tom Anthony Group, 7-9:30pm**

Rain date July 15. At Milton Vretenar Park, 4224 S. Kirkwood Av, St. Francis. 481-2300 x402

#### **July 12 – Great Circus Parade, 1:30pm**

Downtown Milwaukee. Route: <http://circusworld.wisconsinhistory.org/pdfs/ParadeRoute2009.pdf>

#### **Thursday, July 9 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm**

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 E. Hawthorne Av., South Milwaukee

**July 10-12 – South Shore Water Frolics** At South Shore Park, Milwaukee

**Tuesday, June 14 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm**

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av., South Milwaukee). 571-1191

**Thursday, July 16 – Grant Park concert: Steve Cohen, 6:30-8:30pm**

At Grant Park Areas 5&6. Sponsored by Milwaukee County Parks. Refreshments available for purchase to benefit Friends of Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse.

**Tuesday, July 21 – St. Luke’s Ice Cream Social & Municipal Band Concert**

4-7pm: Hot dogs, brats, desert, and ice cream for purchase. 7pm: Concert.

At St. Luke’s, 2200 18<sup>th</sup> Av., South Milwaukee

**Tuesday, July 21 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 7pm**

Call 764-7262 for location.

**Wednesday, July 22 – Spaghetti Dinner at the Firehouse, 4:30-8pm**

Tickets sold at Fire Station, 929 Marshall Court (near 10<sup>th</sup> Marquette Av.), South Milwaukee

**Wednesday, July 22 – St. Francis concert: Crossfire, 7-9:30pm**

Rain date July 29. At Milton Vretenar Park, 4224 S. Kirkwood Av, St. Francis. 481-2300 x402

**Thursday, July 23 – Evening on the Avenue, 4-9pm**

At 10<sup>th</sup> St. & Milwaukee Av., South Milwaukee. [www.smaonline.com/EveningAvenue.htm](http://www.smaonline.com/EveningAvenue.htm)

**Saturday, July 25 – Heritage Days Parade, 11am** In South Milwaukee

**Saturday, July 25 – Great Duck Race, 2pm** Below the Mill Pond dam, South Milwaukee

**July 24-26 – South Milwaukee Lions Fest**

**Friday, 4:30-11:30pm** fish; **Saturday, 11am-11:30pm** ribs; **Sunday, Noon-8pm** chicken

16<sup>th</sup> St. & Rawson Av., South Milwaukee [www.wilions.org/southmilwaukee/lionsfes.htm](http://www.wilions.org/southmilwaukee/lionsfes.htm)

**Sunday, July 26 – South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum Open House, 1-3pm**

At 717 Milwaukee Av., South Milwaukee

**Wednesday, July 29 – Friends of Grant Park Picnic, 5-8pm**

Anyone with an interest in Grant Park may attend. Please order your ticket (adults \$5, children free) in advance by writing to [FoGP@copper.net](mailto:FoGP@copper.net). At Picnic Area 7 in northern area of Grant.

**July 31-August 2 – Cudahy Lions Sweet Apple-Wood Festival**

At Cudahy Park, 3000 Ramsey Av. [www.wilions.org/cudahy](http://www.wilions.org/cudahy)

**Fridays through Nov – Cudahy Farmers Market, 10am-2pm**

At 4700 Packard Av, Cudahy, 483-8907

**District 8 Pools**

**Mon.-Th.:** 1-4 p.m., 5-7 p.m. **Fri., Sat., Sun./Holidays:** 1-5 p.m.

**Grobschmidt Pool** 2600 16th Ave., 762-9523

**Sheridan Pool** 4800 S. Lake Drive, 747-9491 – opening soon after repairs

**Summer-Season Outdoor Pool Passes** available at outdoor pools for \$15 (Age 12+) or \$10 (Age 11 and under) for use at most pools. Please see [www.milwaukee.gov/OutdoorPools9147.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/OutdoorPools9147.htm) for details & all rates.

**FREE Wading Pools**

**Pulaski-Cudahy Wader** open 1-5 p.m. 5400 S. Swift Av., Cudahy

**Greene Park Wader** open 1-5 p.m. 4235 S. Lipton Av., St. Francis

**Humboldt Wader** open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 3000 S. Howell Av., Milwaukee