



Patricia Jursik *Update*

8th District Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik
901 N. 9th Street, Courthouse RM 201, Milwaukee, WI 53233
Phone: 414-278-4231 Fax: 414-223-1380
E-mail: patricia.jursik@milwcnty.com
Website: <http://www.milwaukee.gov/Jursik>



July
2010
E-NEWS

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance and Audit

Judiciary, Safety and General Services

Personnel, Chair

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Long Range Transportation Planning

Economic Stimulus Task Force

Long Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Chair

RTA Task Force, Chair

Hoan Bridge Crumbling

South Shore Mayors and I are responding to the latest stall tactic from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the Hoan Bridge.

The DOT is seeking a contractor to “install netting underneath a portion of the Hoan Bridge near the Jones Island Water Reclamation Facility” as well as improve and repair existing netting near Summerfest. Reports indicate the DOT is installing the netting to catch falling chunks of concrete.

I am disappointed in the DOT’s failure to complete engineering studies to re-deck the Hoan, despite a promise from DOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi to do so. This is not the RFP we want to see from the DOT. We ask for an engineering study to include the Hoan Bridge in the next budget cycle. Any RFP should actually fix the Hoan, rather than delay it any further. The Hoan has served us well past its useful lifespan.

The Hoan Bridge is a critical conduit for commercial and residential traffic, connecting the Port of Milwaukee, General Mitchell International Airport, and the South Shore to the Marquette Interchange and the entire Interstate system.

The Coalition to Save the Hoan, a broad group of Wisconsin residents including community, business, and elected leaders, has held public hearings and advocated for the preservation of the Hoan Bridge. In November 2009, the Coalition submitted over 8,000 signatures to Governor Jim Doyle asking the State to re-deck the Hoan and abandon alternatives.



The DOT’s announcement can be found at <http://roadwaystandards.dot.wi.gov/hcci>.



Celebrate 100 Years of Grant Park!

Activities include a 5K woodland walk/run; pancake breakfast; color guard and proclamations at 11 a.m.; sandcastle competition at the beach; tree walk; history walk; open houses at the Clubhouse, Mill Pond, Wulff Lodge, and Wil-O-Way; face painting; accessible gardening, chatting with master gardeners, and bake sale/ demo at Wil-O-Way; s’mores with the scouts at Wulff Lodge; family bike ride and repair clinic; dedication and blessing of Seven Bridges by the Archbishop at 3:30 p.m.; outdoor cooking; and FREE live music by Elvis and All the Kings Men at 4 to 7 p.m. Find a complete schedule and “passport” to the day’s activities [here](#).

Print the accompanying attachment for your own poster!

Warnimont Dog Exercise Area

Warnimont Dog Exercise Area will open in mid- to late July. Humans and their furry friends will enjoy this unique wooded area and chance to socialize with other dogs and humans. The dog area will attract more neighbors to Warnimont and enhance safety.



Please do the doo-doo!

Visitors may park in the southern parking lot of Kelly Senior Center (6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy) to access this area on the southern edge of Warnimont Park, just north of College Avenue.

Annual permits are \$25 for Milwaukee County residents although seniors and people with disabilities pay \$15. Additional dogs are \$5. A daily permit is \$5. Gear up for this new dog area by filling out a permit application, available [here!](#)

Resolution on Contract Class Action Lawsuits

I have sponsored a resolution on class-action lawsuits brought by contractors against Milwaukee County. My resolution follows a federal law that bans contractors doing business with the government from using insider information gained during its representation to bring class-action lawsuits against the governmental body. It is common knowledge that class-action lawsuits bolster attorney fees exponentially.

On behalf of the taxpayers who elect County Supervisors to legislate, it is at least fair game to look at this matter. A troubling issue is created when the same contractor uses the judicial branch of government to legislate policy that the contractor seeks to create or enforce through class actions. Even when such policy is a good one, the electorate votes for County Supervisors to represent them in the policy arena, not contractors.

In representing juveniles and other vulnerable clients, the relationship assumed by the Legal Aid Society or any other legal service firm is not typical of a normal attorney/client relationship, where the client directs the attorney's actions. In these cases, the attorney often directs the client without any client oversight.

When considering that Legal Aid will be paid more than \$5.3 million by Milwaukee County over the next three years, yet could bring class-action lawsuits to direct policy, elected representatives might question whether this coziness within the system creates a conflict that should be avoided.

The resolution in question would not hamper the legal service firm from vigorously representing the client. Instead, it seeks to keep the forum neutral so it is ultimately fair. It is true that a chief judge appointed Legal Aid Society to represent prisoners in the Christenson Jail lawsuit. Yet if this resolution had been law at that time, any other law firm not contracting with the county could have been appointed. This would at least avoid the appearance of conflict.

Airport Noise Update

General Mitchell International Airport is conducting another sound insulation program. The Airport will select homes based on proximity to the Airport; home type; home construction materials; schedule; and available funding. The Noise Abatement program will contact you if your household is included in this latest initiative against airplane sound.

Arizona Measure

I have received many contacts from constituents regarding a proposed boycott against Arizona. I did not support this provision and will continue to vote against any further efforts to make this the policy of Milwaukee County. I find this issue to be outside the jurisdiction of Milwaukee County. I am concerned that workers and businesses would suffer repercussions of such a measure.

Nutritious Meals for Seniors

Have you heard of the Senior Stockbox program, a great resource for senior citizens? This program provides boxes of canned food, juice, fresh meat, cheese, and much more to seniors in Milwaukee County at least 60 years of age that meet federal income requirements. Combined household income cannot exceed \$1,579 monthly to receive this benefit. Please visit www.hungertaskforce.org/food-bank/how-to-get-food/stockbox for a description of the Stockbox program.

Milwaukee County currently serves 5,000 seniors. The federal government may increase the program enrollment for Milwaukee County. However, more seniors need to enroll before July 31 or we may lose this additional funding. Please help me in connecting seniors in your communities to this great resource.

Bike Races in the South Shore

The International Cycling Classic's SUPERWEEK will be coming to our area soon! Don't miss these awe-inspiring bike races and the chance to show our communities to visitors from around the world.

Cudahy will host races on Thursday, July 15, as part of the South Shore Cyclery Classic. Cyclists will travel down Packard, Squire, Kirkwood, and Holmes Avenues.

South Milwaukee will host races on Tuesday, July 20, as part of the Bucyrus International Cycling Classic. The race will be routed down Milwaukee and 10th Avenues, as well as Oak Creek Parkway and the eastern portion of Hawthorne Avenue.

For details including volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.cudahy-wi.gov and www.smbikerace.com

Community Calendar

Saturday, July 3 – US Bank Fireworks, 9:30pm

At Veterans Park, 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee.

Sunday, July 4 – Community Festivities:

ST. FRANCIS – 10am Parade starts at Barland & Norwich, continues to Denton, Packard, and Lunham. Ends at Milton Vretenar Park with ice cream, a ceremony, and entertainment.

9:15 pm Fireworks

OAK CREEK – 9am Parade starts at Groveland & Shepard Av. by Edgewood School, travels west on Groveland, south on Knights Pl. and Mayhew Dr, east on E. Centennial Dr, and south down Shepard to East Middle School. Events during the day. Fireworks at **dusk**.

www.oakcreekwi.org/main_page_topics/4thCelebration.htm

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

2pm Ceremony and entertainment www.cudahy-wi.gov/resources/4thofjulyprogram.pdf

9:20pm Fireworks

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

10am Call to Colors www.southmilwaukee.org/july4th.htm

10:10am Kids bike/coaster wagon parade

11am Kids games, races, and penny scramble followed by ice cream, & caramel corn for kids

Afternoon Live music

9:30pm Fireworks

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

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

Thursday, July 8 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 6pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). 764-7262

Thursday, July 8 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). 764-0612

Friday-Sunday, July 9-11 – South Shore Water Frolics At South Shore Park, Milwaukee

Saturday July 10 – Grant Park Beach Clean-up, 9am to Noon

Meet at parking lot for Grant Park Beach, near the beach house. Help clean the swimming beach and further north. Sponsored by Friends of Grant Park. Call 764-5919 for updates.

Tuesday, July 13 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

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

Wednesday, July 14 and July 21 – Knotweed Weed Out, 7pm

Treat knotweed patches to protect plant diversity in Grant Park! Meet at the parking lot of the Main Entrance to Seven Bridges (just off of Park Av.) in Grant Park. Work may be rescheduled during or following rain, so please monitor www.fogp.org or call 764-0612 for updates.

Thursday, July 15 – South Shore Cyclery Classic, throughout day www.cudahy-wi.gov

Sunday, July 18 – Grant Park Centennial

Celebrate 100 years of Grant Park! Please see my note about the Grant Centennial for details and visit www.southmilwaukee.org

Sunday, July 18 – 5K Woodland Walk Run, 7-10am

Please visit www.wilions.org/southmilwaukee/images/Run_Walk.pdf to register or arrive as soon as 6am for same-day registration.

Sunday, July 18 – Elvis and All the Kings Men concert

4-7 pm in Grant Park, Pavilion #5. Sponsored by Milwaukee County Parks.

Tuesday, July 20 – Bucyrus International Cycling Classic, throughout day

www.smbikerace.com

Tuesday, July 20 – St. Luke’s Ice Cream Social & Municipal Band Concert

4-7pm: Food, bakery, and ice cream for purchase. 7pm: Concert.

At St. Luke’s, 2200 18th Av., South Milwaukee

Wednesday, July 21 – Spaghetti Dinner at the Firehouse, 4:30-8pm

At Fire Station, 929 Marshall Court (near 10th Marquette Av.), South Milwaukee. Tickets are available at the same location.

Wednesday, July 21 – St. Francis concert: Hat Trick, 7-9:30pm

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

Thursday, July 22 – Evening on the Avenue, 4-9pm

At 10th & Milwaukee Av., South Milwaukee. www.smaconline.com/EveningAvenue.htm

Saturday, July 24 – Heritage Days Parade, 11am In South Milwaukee, along Milwaukee Av. from 7th to 16th and north to Rawson Av.

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

July 23-25 – South Milwaukee Lions Fest

Friday, 4:30 fish; **Saturday, 4pm** ribs; **Sunday, Noon** chicken.

At 16th St. & Rawson Av., South Milwaukee www.wilions.org/southmilwaukee/lionsfes.htm

Wednesday, July 28 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Thursday, July 29 – Milwaukee County Board Meeting, 9:30am

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200.

Friday-Sunday, July 30-August 1 – Cudahy Lions Sweet Apple-Wood Festival

At Cudahy Park, 3000 Ramsey Av. www.wilions.org/cudahy/festival.htm

Enroll in Camp Yellow Ribbon

Camp Yellow Ribbon provides a free, weeklong summer camp to children dealing with the challenges of the deployment of a parent. The camp runs August 16-20 at Indian Mound Camp Site in Oconomowoc. Register today by visiting www.eastersealswise.com or calling 482-0133.

.....
Ongoing Summer Activities:

Outdoor Pools *Now open!*

Sheridan Pool 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy, 747-9491

Open Daily, 1-5 p.m. weather permitting

Grobschmidt Pool is temporarily closed after June flooding. For updates, please call Aquatics at 257-8098 or visit

www.county.milwaukee.gov/router.asp?docid=9147

Daily outdoor pool rate: \$1 (Age 3-11), \$2 (Age 12+)

Summer outdoor pool passes available at outdoor pools for \$10 (Age 11 and under) or \$15 (Age 12+) for use at most outdoor pools.

FREE Wading Pools *Open daily, weather and attendance permitting*

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

Fish Fry at the Course – Fridays thru Labor Day, 4-8pm

Adults eat for \$9.25 while kids 12 and under eat for \$4.25, enjoying baked or fried cod, cole slaw, rye bread, french fries or parsley buttered potatoes, and a cookie. At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 E. Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee.

Check out Golf Specials including sunset golf, senior golf, foursome specials, and other deals at www.county.milwaukee.gov/Golf10291.htm

Visit **Grant Golf Course** at 100 E. Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee, 762-4646

Visit **Warnimont Golf Course** at 5400 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. 481-1400

Thursdays – South Milwaukee Downtown Market, 3-7:30pm

Including local farmers, restaurants, and artisans. Enjoy music and picnic tables this year. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee.

www.SMDowntownMarket.org

Fridays – Cudahy Farmers Market, Noon-6pm

Featuring fresh produce, bakery, flowers, and other items. At parking lot next to Cudahy Family Library, Packard Av & Munkwitz Av, Cudahy. Contact 755-6919

or moseyr@ci.cudahy.wi.us