



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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## 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

## Budget Season Commences

On September 30, the County Executive presented his proposed 2011 budget, available [here](#). As a member of the Committee on Finance and Audit, I will offer input so that Milwaukee County continues to provide essential services and maintain parks, transit and paramedic services. Each year, the State reduces its support for mandated programs. As a result, non-mandated services suffer cuts.

These are exceptionally difficult times, and I seek creative solutions to run our County effectively. I anticipate a challenging budget process as we try to construct a responsible budget to meet the needs of our residents.

The County Board will hold a public hearing on the budget on Monday, November 1, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Washington Park Senior Center (4420 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee).

## Fiscal Matters and My Office Account

I have run my office in a fiscally responsible manner. My monthly E-Newsletter enables me to communicate directly and cost-effectively with you. Most of my summer print newsletters were delivered as part of a neighborhood mailer, saving taxpayer dollars on postage and printing. Every year that I have been in office, I have returned money from my interoffice account after requiring that my office be very prudent with costs. Since I voted to require our non-represented employees to take 12 furlough days, I decided to participate as well. I will have returned the equivalent of 12 days pay to the county treasurer by year's end.

## County Board Reduces Pension for Elected Officials

The County Board voted to reduce the pensions of County elected officials by lowering the multiplier from 2 to 1.6%, bringing the pensions in line with employees who are not represented or who belong to the three unions that took the reduction.

## Repairing the Hoan Bridge

A contractor has been hanging netting under the Hoan Bridge. Deck repair will begin in October, with preparation work including concrete masonry deck patching being performed by Lunda Construction. The southern portion of the bridge will be addressed first. Westbound Carferry ramps (which carry traffic north initially) will be closed so the ramps can be resurfaced. WisDOT has directed that two lanes of westbound traffic (traveling north on the Hoan) remain open during the project. WisDOT anticipates completion of deck repair in 2011.



I look forward to the completion of engineering studies by the end of 2010, which will make it possible to budget for the desperately needed re-decking of the bridge.

## **Milwaukee's Gateway Aerotropolis**

The County Board voted 14 to 4 in support of Milwaukee's Gateway Aerotropolis collaborative planning efforts. I co-sponsored this resolution because General Mitchell International Airport has been a great engine for regional job growth and, with the proper planning and cooperation, can contribute to even more economic development. The Milwaukee Gateway Aerotropolis is an excellent way to coordinate regional economic efforts and promote a strong economy in the South Shore.

An Aerotropolis requires coordination of airport-centered commerce, real estate development and various transportation options. The Cities of St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee and Oak Creek have participated in the Airport Area Economic Development Task Force which, for two years, has brought together municipalities along with business and tourism groups from the Airport region and other agencies. These representatives have consulted with planning staff to review and coordinate land use and area plans for the Airport region. As a result of this success, the participants founded Milwaukee's Gateway Aerotropolis, a non-profit organization that will coordinate planning among governments. All eight cities involved have voted to support this proposal. The Milwaukee Gateway Aerotropolis will be controlled by its member governments and include representatives of local business associations. The Aerotropolis will not change the ownership or legal oversight of our airport. Milwaukee County will continue to oversee Airport operations under this resolution.

## **Fixx Too Coffee Kiosk Now Open at Warnimont Park**

Fixx Coffee House of St. Francis has opened Fixx Too, a kiosk at the entrance to Warnimont Dog Exercise Area. Park users can now purchase coffee, smoothies and other drinks while enjoying the wooded trails and letting their dogs burn off some energy. For coffee kiosk hours, visit [www.fixxcoffeehouse.com](http://www.fixxcoffeehouse.com) or call 482-0919.

The dog park has been wildly successful! The parks department has sold many new dog park permits. Constituents continually contact our office indicating their pleasure in using the new dog park. All of this good news, and the dog park has yet to completely open since new grass has been protected with temporary fences.

If you have not seen the new dog exercise area, please give it a try in the near future for a pleasant surprise! 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. If you wish to take a dog, annual permits are \$25 for Milwaukee County residents, but Parks is offering a bargain \$15 permit for use through the end of the year. Seniors and people with disabilities pay \$15 for annual permits. Additional dogs are \$5. A daily permit is \$5. The permit application as well as rules and "petiquette" are available [here](#) or call 257-PARK!

## **Improving Mental Health**

The Public Policy Forum along with its consultants will present a report concerning mental health in Milwaukee County before the Long Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee on Wednesday, October 6, at 9:30 a.m. The report will document ways to improve mental health care and treatment by redesigning public and private delivery of services.

## **Lakeside Bridge at Grant Park's Seven Bridges Trail**

The Parks Department has fixed the lakeside bridge. However, quotes to reinstall the repaired bridge came in at over \$100,000. The proposals involved installation with a helicopter lift or a barge and truck.

The Parks Department continues to explore alternatives because Milwaukee County does not have \$100,000 in the budget for this installation. I hope we restore the bridge soon, but with the deficits that the County faces, it will be difficult to find the funds.

## **South Milwaukee Goes Pink**

South Milwaukee is going pink on October 19 for breast cancer awareness month. Mayor Tom Zepecki has declared Tuesday, October 19, as a citywide day to support the fight against breast cancer. The school system, fire department, common council, mayor, my office, as well as people at Franciscan Villa, Bucyrus International and PyraMax Bank will be wearing pink that day. Parkway Floral (1001 Milwaukee Av, South Milwaukee, 762-0246) will give a pink carnation and pin to anyone making a \$5 donation to "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" if they order by Friday, October 15.

Please email City Clerk Jim Shelenske at [Shelenske@ci.south-milwaukee.wi.us](mailto:Shelenske@ci.south-milwaukee.wi.us) if you wish to add your workplace to the list of places going pink.

## **O'Donnell Park**

The Journal Sentinel printed an op-ed I wrote regarding O'Donnell Park. The article is available here: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/103570864.html>

## **Community Calendar**

**Friday, October 1 – Frogs: A Chorus of Colors Opens at the Milwaukee Public Museum**  
Special exhibit, timed-entry tickets apply. [www.mpm.edu/frogs](http://www.mpm.edu/frogs) or 223-4676.

**Saturday, October 2 – Buckthorn and Invasive Honeysuckles Weed-out, 9am-Noon**  
Help clear buckthorn (for those age 18+). Bring eye protection (safety glasses or goggles) and a pair of loppers (anvil style) or pruning shears if you have either. Meet at the parking lot near tennis courts and Picnic Area 1 in Grant Park. Please RSVP to Don Lawson at 764-0612 so that he can prepare sufficient herbicide bottles.

**Saturday, October 2 – Kelly Senior Center Rummage Sale, 8am-1pm**  
Baked goods and refreshments available for purchase. All proceeds benefit programming at the Kelly Center. At 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. 481-9611

**Sunday, October 3 – Cider Sunday at Wehr Nature Center, 11am-5pm**  
Observe cider and apple butter production; take a nature hike; and enjoy live music. Guided hikes depart on the hour with the last hike at 4 pm. Pay a small fee to make crafts or eat apple crepes, caramel apple slices, and taste 10 apple varieties. Admission \$1. Parking \$3. At 9701 W. College Av., Franklin. 425-8550 or <http://friendsofwehr.org>

**Friday, October 8 – Rainforest Night at the Domes, 6-9:30pm**  
Explore a "tropical rainforest" guided by the light of your flashlight. See birds of the rainforest. Learn about the rainforest and our dependence on it. Sample tasty products of the tropics, such as chocolate, nuts, plantain, coffee, and exotic fruits and juices. Meet tropical birds, up-close and in person. The Arid and Floral Show domes will also be open for your exploration. Make your own tropical sundae (free with admission). Admission: Adults \$6.50, Age 6-17 \$5, Age 5 & under FREE and Friends of The Domes enter FREE. At the Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee. 649-9830. [www.milwaukee.gov/RainforestNight13118.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/RainforestNight13118.htm)

**Saturday, October 9 – Fall Watercourse Cleanup, 8am-Noon**

Bring tall boots if you have them. Friends of Mill Pond and Oak Creek Watercourse Inc. will provide safety vests, bags, water, and vinyl gloves. Meet at \*\*\*\*. The cleanup will target the area from N. Chicago to Rawson Avenues, South Milwaukee.

**Tuesday, October 12 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm**

At Marquette Manor, 2409 10<sup>th</sup> Av, South Milwaukee. 571-1191

**Wednesday, October 13 – Shoo the Flu at Kelly Senior Center, 10am-2pm**

Medicare Part B and Medicaid cover the cost of flu and pneumonia vaccinations. For people not on Medicare or Medicaid, the charge is \$30 for a flu shot and \$55 for a pneumonia shot in cash or a check to Aurora Visiting Nurse Association. Kelly Center will also be hosting a Health Fair from 9:30am to 2pm to coincide with the flu shot clinic. At 6100 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy.

[www.aurorahealthcare.org/services/vna/shooflu/index.asp?B1=Search&SearchCounty=Milwaukee](http://www.aurorahealthcare.org/services/vna/shooflu/index.asp?B1=Search&SearchCounty=Milwaukee)

**Thursday, October 14 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 6pm**

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

**Thursday, October 14 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm**

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

**Friday, October 15 – Nature Walk at Warnimont Dog Exercise Area, 10am**

Join the Kelly Center and County Supervisor Patricia Jursik on a hike along the beautiful wooded trails of this new exercise area. You are welcome to hike with or without a dog. For details on permits for dogs, please visit [www.milwaukee.gov/Dogs9203/DogExerciseAreas.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/Dogs9203/DogExerciseAreas.htm) or call 257-PARK. Please park in the southern lot of Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy.

**Friday, October 15 – Cudahy Fall Festival, 5-6pm**

Kids can participate in a Halloween Costume competition and pumpkin carving. Food for purchase includes brats, hot dogs, and apple cider. Project Concern will collect donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries. The Farmer's Market (from Noon to 6pm) will relocate to this area as well. At Packard and Squire Avenues, Cudahy. 769-2200

**Friday, October 15 – Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, 7-9:30pm**

Support South Milwaukee Public Library while sampling wine, enjoying music by the Danny Nimphius Bluegrass Band, and enjoying a presentation on the various wines by Anthony Chowder from Otto's of Bayside. Purchase \$20 tickets at the Library, Parkway Floral, M&I Bank or at the door on the night of the tasting. At South Milwaukee Public Library, 1907 10<sup>th</sup> Av, South Milwaukee. [www.southmilwaukee.org/library](http://www.southmilwaukee.org/library)

**Saturday, October 16 – South Shore Noon Lions Chili Dinner, 4-6:30pm**

Adults eat for \$7 to benefit Project/Human Concerns, Interfaiths and Lions Foundation. Purchase tickets at the door or from a Noon Lion. At Grobschmidt Senior Center, 2424 15<sup>th</sup> Av, South Milwaukee.

**Thursday, October 21 – Fall Festival & Final South Milwaukee Downtown Market Market, 3-6pm; Kids activities start at 4pm**

Pumpkin carving, apple bobbing, and more! At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. Details at [www.SMDowntownMarket.org](http://www.SMDowntownMarket.org) or 768-8195

**Friday, October 22 – Harvest Tasting, 7-10:30pm**

Help raise funds for Cudahy Family Library and partake in a novel evening of distinguished wines, delicious hors d'oeuvres and the delightful antics of actor, writer and comedian John McGivern. At the Cudahy Family after hours, 3500 Library Dr, Cudahy. Tickets are now on sale at the Library. [www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org](http://www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org) or 769-2244

**Saturday, October 30 – Cudahy Depot Open House, 10am-Noon**

Visit Cudahy's old railroad depot with a docent and learn about the immigrant families that built this area. 4647 S. Kinnickinnic Av, Cudahy

**Wednesday, October 27 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm**

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

**Friday, October 29 – Stargazing Program at Kelly Senior Center, 7pm**  
Hosted by Wehr Astronomical Society. \$2 fee. At 6100 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy.

**Trick or Treat:**

**Sunday, October 31** City of South Milwaukee, 2-4pm  
City of Oak Creek, 2-4pm  
City of Cudahy, 2-5pm  
City of St. Francis, 2-5pm

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**Ongoing:**

**Thursdays – South Milwaukee Downtown Market, 3-7pm, through October 21**

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

[www.SMDowntownMarket.org](http://www.SMDowntownMarket.org)

**Fridays – Cudahy Farmers Market, Noon-6pm, through end of October, weather permitting**

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](mailto:moseyr@ci.cudahy.wi.us)

**Golf Bargains:**

Silver Specials (for Silver-level courses including Grant), Sunset Golf (including at Grant) and other great deals are listed here: [www.milwaukee.gov/Promotions10295.htm](http://www.milwaukee.gov/Promotions10295.htm)