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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

Long Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee

RTA Task Force, Chair

Saving the Hoan Bridge



I award a blue ribbon for active participation in government to any citizen who has circulated or signed petitions or attended Hoan Bridge Coalition meetings. Thank you for not being apathetic toward the Hoan Bridge issue.

The Coalition to Save the Hoan held successful town hall meetings in South Milwaukee and Cudahy last month. Concerned residents offered testimony on the importance of the Hoan and others came to listen, filling the rooms to capacity. Watch for more meetings in St. Francis, Oak Creek, and Bay View (please see box below). Find the petition and updates here: www.county.milwaukee.gov/Jursik/SavetheHoanBridge.htm

We have learned that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has spent nearly \$225,000 on the HNTB study of Hoan demolition. All of this is being done behind closed doors without seeking input from the public and elected officials. Our regional planning agency, SEWRPC, is the legal channel of review for planning decisions, yet it was excluded from the process.

If WisDOT had consulted our community and planning agency, it would have found overwhelming support for the Hoan Bridge, the economic development it has brought to the South Shore, the access it provides for ships and trucks at the Port of Milwaukee, and its importance as a transportation corridor in our region's long-range transportation plan, serving as an alternative to I-94 construction through 2016.

I have submitted a resolution on the Hoan Bridge to the County Board's Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee asking WisDOT to obtain correct estimates on the re-decking of the Hoan Bridge and also referring the HNTB study that was done for WisDOT to SEWRPC for review of travel time assumptions and cost estimates.



More Coalition to Save the Hoan Bridge Town Hall Meetings

Thursday, September 24, 2009
6:30 p.m.

St. Francis Lions Community Center
3476 E. Howard Av, St. Francis, 53235

Hosted by Mayor Richards, Rep. Sinicki, & Sup. Jursik

Bay View, To be announced

Wednesday, October 14, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Oak Creek Community Center

8580 S. Howell Av, Oak Creek, 53154

Hosted by Mayor Bolender & Sup. Jursik

Extension of 794 Lake Parkway

I have submitted a resolution to study on the possible extension of 794 to the Transportation Committee in September. I have promised constituents that each time the demolition of the Hoan Bridge is proposed by a state agency, I will respond by calling for the completion of 794 to the County line. This helps to underline the importance of this transportation corridor in this district.



Sunset Beach Walk at Grant Park

Join Friends of Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse on **Saturday, September 19, 5-9 p.m. at Grant Park Beach** to partake in an illuminated Beach Walk. Enjoy chili, hot dogs, popcorn and cider for a small fee and s'mores at the last fire pit for \$1. Proceeds benefit restoration of the South Milwaukee Mill Pond and area. To arrive, follow Hawthorne Avenue in South Milwaukee all the way east to the lake.

Autumnal Equinox Lakeside Trail Hike at Sheridan Park

Explore a walking path recently designed and constructed by a local Eagle Scout with the support of friends and Parks department staff. Welcome Autumn with a ceremony. Meet at **Sheridan Pavilion** (Area 1, S. Sheridan Dr & E. Layton Av, Cudahy) **at 3:30 p.m. (or after the Packers game) on Sunday, September 20, 2009**. Sheridan Park Friends are sponsoring this event.

Neighborhood and Park Watch

The Grant Park Watch group has assisted with recent arrests due to their citizen involvement. They worked with law enforcement to establish the closing of Grant Park at 10 p.m. They also raised funds to reward the resident who can identify the individual who destroyed trees and grass in Grant Park.

Last month, Cudahy Neighborhood Watch dedicated a meeting to Park Watch in Cudahy. We heard from Sheriff's deputies and our Park Ranger coordinator.

2010 Budget

The County Executive will present his proposed budget at the September 24 County Board meeting. As a member on the Finance and Audit Committee, I will offer input so that Milwaukee County continues to provide essential services and maintain parks, transit, and paramedics. This will be a difficult budget since, each year, the State provides less support for mandated services. This time, the cuts are especially severe.

I look forward to hearing your budget concerns. Please contact me or visit a budget hearing (please refer to the following calendar for details).

Fall Festival at Cudahy Park

Help Patrick Cudahy Park Friends host their third Fall Festival on Saturday, October 10. Contact Tina at 881-8494 to volunteer or sponsor (for as little as \$10 or a raffle prize donation). Find Cudahy Park Friends on Facebook.

Community Calendar

Thursday-Sunday, September 3-6 – St. Francis Days

At Milton Vretenar Park, 4224 S. Kirkwood Av, St. Francis. Parade on Saturday at 11am from Lions Community Center, west on Howard, south on Kinnickinnic, east on Lunham to park. Details at 481-2300 ext. 400 or www.stfrancisdays.org

Friday, September 4 – Senior Celebration at the Zoo, 9am-3pm

Free admission to guests 55 and better with ID. Enjoy activities and music. Regular parking fees apply. www.milwaukeezoo.org or 256-5466. At 10001 W. Blue Mound Rd, Milwaukee.

Monday, September 7 – Last day to swim at Aquatic Parks, 10am-6pm

At Cool Waters, 2028 S. 124 St., West Allis (hotline 321-7530), and Lincoln Park Aquatic Center, 1301 W. Hampton, Milwaukee (hotline 257-7230). www.countyparks.com

Monday, September 7 – Doggie Dip at Cool Waters, 6:30-8pm

Your dog swims for \$5 before Parks drains the pools for the season! Avoid long lines by purchasing a day early (Sunday September 6), 10-6pm at Cool Waters, 2028 S. 124 St., West Allis. For details: 257-PARK (7275) or 769-8806 or milwaukeedogparks.org

Tuesday, September 8 - Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

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

Wednesday, September 9 – Finance & Audit Public Hearing on 2010 Budget, 6-7:30pm

At Brown Deer Public Library, 5600 W. Bradley Rd, Brown Deer.

Thursday, September 10 – Finance & Audit Public Hearing on 2010 Budget, 6-7:30pm

At Franklin Law Enforcement Center, 9455 W. Loomis Rd, Franklin.

Thursday, September 10 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm

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

Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13 – Frank Mots International Kite Festival, 10am-5pm At Veterans Park, 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee

Tuesday, September 15 – Finance & Audit Public Hearing on 2010 Budget, 6-7:30pm

At Wilson Park Senior Center, 2601 W. Howard Av, Milwaukee.

Tuesday, September 15 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 7pm

In art room at Wil O Way in Grant Park, 207 Lake Dr, South Milwaukee. 764-7262

Wednesday, September 16 – Finance & Audit Public Hearing on 2010 Budget, 6-7:30pm

At Gordon Park Pavilion, 2828 N. Humboldt Blvd, Milwaukee.

Thursday, September 17 – Cudahy Park Friends meeting, 6:30pm

Call Tina at 881-8494 for location.

Saturday, September 19 – Garlic Mustard Pickers play at South Shore Farmers Market, 10:15-11:15am 2900 S. Shore Dr, Bay View, Milwaukee

Saturday, September 19 – 11am-10pm Bay View Bash Milwaukee’s largest neighborhood street fest on Kinnickinnic Av. from Potter to Clement. The Garlic Mustard Pickers play 3-4 and 4:30-5:30pm at the south stage. www.bayviewbash.org

Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20 – Global Union, Noon-5pm

Presented by Alverno. Free international music at Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Av, Milwaukee. <http://alvernopresents.alverno.edu>

Saturday, September 19 – Sunset Beach Walk, 5pm-9pm

Partake in an illuminated Beach Walk. Enjoy hot chili, dogs, popcorn, cider, and s’mores for purchase. Proceeds benefit restoration of the South Milwaukee Mill Pond and area. Follow Hawthorne Avenue in South Milwaukee east to the lake.

www.southmilwaukee.org/millpond/index.html

Saturday, September 19 – Rock & Rollin’ Skate Fest, 6-10pm

Free DJ performances, break dance, art exhibits, appearances by the Brewcity Bruisers Roller Derby and Milwaukee Iron Arena Football Teams. Bring your own roller/inline skates or rent them for \$2 on site. Refreshments available. Brought to you by Milwaukee County Parks and several sponsors. At Red Arrow Park, 1000 N. Water St.

Sunday, September 20 – Autumn Equinox Lakeside Trail Hike, 3:30pm (or after the Packers game)

Meet at Sheridan Pavilion (Area 1), S. Sheridan Dr & E. Layton Av, Cudahy.

Tuesday, September 22 – Bluegrass Jam, 7:15-10pm

At Fixx Coffee House, 3558 E. Sivyer Av., St. Francis (Just off of Packard Av., between the Carleton Grange Pub & Foamation Cheesehead Factory). 482-0919 <http://fixxcoffeehouse.com>

Thursday, September 24 - Milwaukee County Board Meeting, 9:30am

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200.

Saturday, September 26 – Grant Park Beach Cleanup, 9am-Noon

Meet at the Beach house at 9am. Bring “Wellington” boots if you have them since some volunteers will need to wade in the water. Sponsored by Friends of Grant Park. For more info, visit www.fogp.org or e-mail fog@copper.net

Open through September 7 and then weekends through September 27 – “Wings down under” at the Zoo

Interact with over 1,000 birds from Australia! \$2 admission grants you a food stick. For regular Zoo rates and hours: www.milwaukeezoo.org or 256-5466. At 10001 W. Blue Mound Rd, Milwaukee.

Ongoing:

Grant Park Concessions, Weekdays 3-8pm, Weekends Noon-8pm through Labor Day After Labor Day, Weekdays through October 1, weather dependent

Serving treats at Grant Park Beach, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee.

<http://grantparkbeach.com/default.aspx>

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

At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. www.SMDowntownMarket.org

Fridays – Cudahy Farmers Market, 10am-2pm

At 4700 Packard Av, Cudahy, 483-8907

Saturdays – South Shore Farmers Market, 8am - Noon

At South Shore Park, Milwaukee, 727-8744

Wellness Works Senior Fitness Program at Grobschmidt Senior Center, South Milwaukee
Autumn 2009 schedule (through December 23):

Mondays 9-11:45am

Wednesdays 9am-12:30pm

Fridays 9am-1pm

Try 7 muscle strengthening machines, 2 nu-steps, 3 bikes, 2 treadmills, and numerous free weights! 3 days each week, UWM students will help assess fitness levels and provide orientation and advice for setting up an exercise routine to maintain or improve strength, flexibility, and fitness. Sponsored by Milwaukee County Department on Aging, UW-Milwaukee, and Kaiser Equipment. Participants need to pay a small membership fee to Grobschmidt Senior Center and fill out a brief questionnaire.