



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Intergovernmental Relations

Parks, Energy, and Environment

Transportation, Public Works, and Transit

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## I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- How can we increase bus ridership?
- Why do you ride the bus or what would encourage you to make the trip via bus?

Call or email with your ideas!

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## Great Lakes Water Compact

I join concerned residents of our district in advocating for the passage of the Great Lakes Water Compact in its current form by the Wisconsin Legislature. The Compact would grant rights to water-seeking communities by providing those that fall outside of the basin with an application process to use Lake Michigan water. They must ensure that water is returned and States in the Compact must also approve. We need such a procedure with standards and transparency to approve water diversions, or we will lose the water resource that keeps our economy strong and sustains our families.

To view my press release on the Compact: [www.county.milwaukee.gov/PressReleases8452.htm](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/PressReleases8452.htm)

## Boosting Bus Ridership, Curbing Gasoline Dependence & Environmental Impact

The Board voted to authorize an application for a federal Transportation Enhancement Grant to reimburse 80% of purchase and installation costs for bike racks on Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) buses. The Bike Federation of Wisconsin, in partnership with MCTS, is making progress in enlisting individuals and corporate donors to fund the additional 20%, or \$130,000, required for bike racks. Eleven cities in Wisconsin already have bike racks on buses. Milwaukee and Detroit are the only cities that do not have such racks among 14 cities of comparable population in the U.S. Bike racks increase bus ridership and revenue, while providing a healthy way to reduce our gasoline dependence and environmental imprint.

## Affordable Senior Housing

The County Board unanimously passed a resolution supporting a Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) tax credit to Ramsey Woods Residence for the construction of affordable, one-bedroom apartments in Cudahy. The Board moved to grant the project \$100,000 from the Inclusive Housing Fund, under certain conditions. The Ramsey Woods project will help to create affordable housing for seniors in our community.

## Corporate Tax Accountability

The Board, on a vote of 14-4, encouraged the Wisconsin State Legislature to pass SB 367, the Corporate Tax Accountability Act, requiring greater transparency and reporting by corporations of their tax liability and reduction methods. My constituents, as well as small businesses in our district, suffer when large corporations shift their profits to other states in order to avoid taxes, forcing us to pick up their tax burden. It is only fair that those who greatly benefit from government services also share the tax load to maintain our quality of life.

## **Community Events**

**Thursday, April 10 – Earth-friendly Lawns & Water-Mitigating Gardens, 6:30pm**  
A presentation following the Friends of Grant Park Meeting at 6:30pm. At Grant Park Clubhouse. Optional registration: Betsy 764-9244

**Saturday, April 12 – South Shore Half-Marathon, registration 7-8:10am**  
Meet at South Shore Park Pavilion in Bay View, run 13.1 miles along the Oak Leaf Trail through Sheridan, Warnimont, and Grant Parks and back. Prices and details at: [www.badgerlandstriders.org](http://www.badgerlandstriders.org)

**Kids Fishing Clinic, 9am-3pm (last workshop starts at 2pm)**  
South Milwaukee Mill Pond, 762-0152 [www.southmilwaukee.org](http://www.southmilwaukee.org)

**Sunday, April 13 – Cudahy/St. Francis Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, 8am-1pm**  
Support Kiwanis activities including scholarships and support to community organizations. Adults \$6.00, children \$3.00. Nativity of the Lord (lower hall), 3658 Plankinton Avenue, Cudahy.

**Wednesday, April 16 – Fair Tax System, 6-7:30pm**  
A presentation by Joe Fahey with Institute for Wisconsin's Future. At Cudahy Family Library. [http://blogs.mycommunitynow.com/park\\_newsand\\_more/archive/2008/03/25/better-government-services-without-raising-property-taxes.aspx](http://blogs.mycommunitynow.com/park_newsand_more/archive/2008/03/25/better-government-services-without-raising-property-taxes.aspx)

**Thursday, April 17 – South Milwaukee All City Orchestra Festival, 7pm**  
5-12<sup>th</sup> grades perform with cellist Matt Turner at South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center [www.smrec-fitness.org/pacwelcome.shtml](http://www.smrec-fitness.org/pacwelcome.shtml)

**Saturday, April 19 – Sheridan & Warnimont Earth Day Clean Up, 9am-2pm**  
Celebrate and beautify our parks with Friends of Sheridan Park and Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful. Donate aluminum cans to support Sheridan Friends activities and enter for a chance to win exciting Parks prizes!

**Saturday, April 26 – Cudahy Arbor/Earth Day, am cleanup, 11:30am event**  
Call 769-2234. <http://www.cudahynow.com/story/index.aspx?id=734482>

**Monday, April 28 – Blood Drive, 2:30-7:30pm**  
Hosted by the Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church, 8675 S. 13th Street, Oak Creek. Walk-ins welcome. For appointment: [office@occumc.org](mailto:office@occumc.org) or 762-4600

**Monday, May 5 - First Monday concert, 7:20 or 7:30 pm**  
The Garlic Mustard Pickers play at Fixx Coffee House, 3558 E. Siyyer Av., St. Francis (Just north of the Carleton Grange Pub and south of the Foamation Cheesehead factory on Packard Av.). 482-0919