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Stimulus Dollars to Fix Additional Section of College Avenue

Our Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) received excellent news that stimulus-funded projects came under budget, freeing up money for another project. DTPW has decided that the reconstruction of College Avenue from Pennsylvania to Packard/Chicago Avenues is the most feasible project to be submitted to the State within two months.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) has approved this choice with the requirement that the project be timed to match the already planned reconstruction of College from Pennsylvania to Howell Avenue. The two projects are now scheduled for 2011.

College Avenue has deteriorated and is in need of relief. I joined residents and local elected officials pleading for the repair of College Avenue. South Milwaukee Mayor Tom Zepecki described it as a “third-world road” due to its poor condition. I have received more calls about potholes on College Avenue than on any other roadway. College Avenue has been in the capital repair budget waitlist for the terms of three prior County Supervisors representing this district.

I applaud our DTPW for having this project “shovel ready” for this stimulus opportunity. I am thrilled that DTPW was able to manage other projects for fewer dollars than budgeted, thus freeing up the funds necessary for College Avenue.

I hear constituents express frustration that our government is not investing in the maintenance required to keep our roadways safe. The State needs to allocate sufficient funds so counties can adequately maintain roads. We are fortunate that College Avenue will finally be repaired, but we must demand attention to the remaining infrastructure also desperate for repair. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (known as the stimulus) has provided some relief to many of our aging roadways and bridges, but State government must adequately fund transportation.

County Demands a Voice in Decision Affecting Local Waterways

I sponsored an amendment requiring that Milwaukee County be consulted before decisions are made regarding sending water through our local streams and rivers. Both current and future applicants who request return of water through Milwaukee County’s waterways should obtain input from both Milwaukee County and our regional planning agency, SEWRPC, before proceeding with planning.

The City of Waukesha’s Water Utility has applied for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources permission to return water discharged from wastewater treatment

plants to Lake Michigan through Milwaukee County creeks and streams. Waukesha did so before discussing the matter with Milwaukee County. The City of Waukesha needs a solution to its water issues, but when Milwaukee County waterways are affected, the County must have a voice in the discussion.

Although Underwood Creek and the Root River are under discussion at present, other tributaries like Oak Creek Parkway may someday be included in a proposal to return water to Lake Michigan. June 2008 floods devastated Oak Creek Parkway, Grant Park, and a main transportation corridor in the area, highlighting the need for appropriate planning. Our communities deserve a voice in the planning process.

Finally, I pointed out to our Board that Milwaukee County does not return its own water via tributaries and we have spent millions of dollars on our deep tunnel system to protect our land and water. Waukesha County should do no less.

Water will be the primary issue of the next millennium. I want my constituents to know that I have studied the Great Lakes Water Compact and will follow these issues closely. Our County Executive has promised to veto the Board's resolution that I co-sponsored and amended. Under the guise of regionalism, developers are looking for cheap alternatives to developing Waukesha County at the expense of Milwaukee County property owners. While it is necessary to find ways to permit Waukesha to have water, it must be done in a collaborative manner that does not require Milwaukee County to bear burdens without proper compensation from the users. I will vote to override any veto from the County Executive on this issue.

Cities Request Extension of 794 Lake Parkway

In April, Oak Creek's Common Council joined the cities of South Milwaukee and Cudahy in unanimously recommending the study of 794 Lake Parkway. The cities have requested that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) study extending this important link to Ryan Road in Oak Creek or to Racine County.

The St. Francis Common Council will consider a similar resolution on **Tuesday, May 4, at 7 p.m.**

No matter where you reside, please make sure to communicate your position on this issue to your mayor and alderperson.

Growing Support for the Hoan Bridge

I commend Congresswoman Gwen Moore and Mayor Tom Barrett for voicing their support for the Hoan Bridge. They both have requested that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation prioritize maintenance and engineering studies for re-decking of the Hoan. They join the growing coalition that understands the importance of the Hoan to our region's economy and in connecting thousands of South Shore residents.

I look forward to continuing to work with many residents and community leaders to protect our bridge which is a lifeline for thousands of our constituents and businesses.

Pull Garlic Mustard at Grant and Sheridan Parks

Join "Weed Outs" in eradicating garlic mustard in the month of May before it goes to seed. This invasive plant harms ecological diversity by crowding out native plants. Please see the following calendar to join this event at Grant and Sheridan Parks.

Community Calendar

Saturdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 – Weed Out, 9am-Noon

Sunday, May 23 – Weed Out, 1pm

Pull invasive garlic mustard to protect plant diversity in Grant Park! Meet at the tennis courts parking lot (Area 1) in Grant Park. Don Lawson 764-0612

Saturday, May 1 – Sheridan Park Friends Annual Meeting & Potluck Brunch, 10am

Join the reinvigorated Sheridan Friends in planning activities at Sheridan. Enjoy free refreshments and meet other Park enthusiasts! At Sheridan Pavilion (Area 1).

Sunday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 – Spring Bird Migration Walks, 8am

Witness the annual return of the neo-tropical warbler and other feathered friends who visit Grant. Participants are welcome to bring binoculars. Meet at parking lot for Areas 7& 8, accessed via the Wil-O-Way entry off of Lake Drive. Weather contingent. Contact: 764-9244 or 531-9249

Sunday, May 2 – Anniversary of Bay View Tragedy, 3pm

Commemorate the State Militia's firing on several thousands of workers marching for the 8-hour day which resulted in the killing of 7 workers. At S. Superior St. and E. Russell Av.

<http://wisconsinlaborhistory.org>

Fridays, May 7 through Oct – Cudahy Farmers Market, Noon to 6pm

Fresh produce, bakery, flowers, and other items. In parking lot of Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. Contact: 755-6919

Saturday, May 8 – Go Green With Kelly Center Rummage & Recycling Fundraiser, 8am-1pm

Help the Kelly Senior Center on Saturday by contributing to its **recycling fundraiser**. Bring various metals, computers, appliances, bicycles, lawn mowers, and snow blowers. Stay for a **huge rummage sale** and purchase refreshments or baked goods. Proceeds benefit programming at the Kelly Center. For details or to rent a \$14 table at the rummage, contact 481-9611 or visit Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy.

Saturday, May 8 – Native Plant Sale, 9am-Noon

Support South Milwaukee Middle School's Environmental Club by purchasing native, hardy perennials including Nodding Onion, Coreopsis, Pale Purple Coneflower, Ox-eyed Sunflower, Rough Blazingstar, Cardinal Flower, Yellow Coneflower, Sweet Black-eyed Susan, Bergamot, Foxglove Beard-tongue, Big Bluestem/Turkey Foot Grass, Prairie Dropseed, and a huge assortment of tomatoes, peppers and herbs. Plants make lovely Mother's Day gifts! Prices start as low as \$1 for 2.5"pots. At Door #49 behind the South Milwaukee Middle School. To place a pre-sale order or for details, contact Chris Bosetti at 766-5890 or visit www.southmilwaukee.org for details.

Saturday, May 8 – 2010 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Leave nonperishable food items in a bag next to your mailbox for your letter carrier to collect. Help our community at a time when food pantries are critically low.

Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day at the Zoo

All moms receive free admission to the Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day at the Golf Course

Moms golf for FREE after 1pm at Grant, Brown Deer, Currie, Dretzka, Greenfield, Lincoln, Oakwood, and Whitnall. **Purchase one round of golf and a single rider cart and Mom golfs and rides FREE.** Visit countyparks.com or call the Milwaukee County Parks Golf office at (414) 257-8024 for details.

Tuesday, May 11 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

At Marquette Manor (2409 10th Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191

Thursday, May 13 – Grant Park "Park Watch" meeting, 6pm

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

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Thursday, May 13 – 128th Civic Dinner Dance, 5:30pm

Tickets must be purchased before May 10 from the 128th Air Refueling Wing at 944-8539

Saturday, May 22 –Master Gardeners’ Perennial Plant Sale, 8am-1:30pm

UW-Extension Master Gardeners will sell thousands of plants to benefit horticultural education programs and answer your gardening questions. Purchases with check or cash only. In DNR area of State Fair Park. Parking at 84th St, just off of Greenfield. 256-4661

Saturday, May 22 – Sheridan Park Weed-out & Planting at Pavilion, 9am-Noon

Pull invasive garlic mustard to protect plant diversity in Grant Park! Meet at Sheridan Pavilion (Area 1) near the pond. You may also assist in weeding and planting at the Pavilion itself.

Wednesday, May 26 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

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

Thursday, May 27 – Milwaukee County Board Meeting, 9:30am

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200.

Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day

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Ongoing:

Rent a garden from Milwaukee County UW Extension!

<http://milwaukee.uwex.edu/urbanag/gardenrental.cfm>

Contact Dennis Lukaszewski at 256-4650

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

“The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible” at the Museum – Closing June 6!

Call 223-4676 or visit www.mpm.edu/dead-sea-scrolls/visit/ to purchase assigned time-entry tickets. County residents can purchase discounted \$10 tickets on Mondays for use the same day. Photo ID with a Milwaukee County residence must be shown by each adult in order to receive discounted rates. At Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 W. Wells St, Milwaukee.

General Museum Information

Open M-W 9am-5pm, Th, F, Sun 9am-5:30pm & Sat 8am-5:30pm (with 3pm closure Feb. 20)
Adults \$12, Seniors / College Students with ID / Teens (13-17) \$10, Ages 3-12 \$8
FREE to children under 3 and Museum members with card
FREE to County residents on MONDAYS with photo ID proving Milwaukee County residence.