

The Broderick Report

By Supervisor Gerry Broderick

For Residents of Milwaukee County's 3rd District

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CAUTION: State Government attempting override of Local Government



American essayist H.L. Mencken once wrote that the cure for democracy is more democracy.

Unfortunately, some people in the state Legislature apparently never heard that quote.

The Legislature is currently considering Assembly Bill 85 and Senate Bill 95, companion bills that would strip the Milwaukee County Board of most of its powers to effectively govern. The legislation is being considered without so much as a hearing in Milwaukee County to determine whether there is any local support.

AB 85, which is on the fast track in Madison, would concentrate power in the County Executive's office while cutting the Board staff by up to 80 percent, and making it more difficult for Board members to represent our constituents.

The Greater Milwaukee Committee, a group of business leaders, is pushing this legislation under the guise of reform. But this legislation is going through the process with public hearings in Madison only. Many Milwaukee County residents have spoken against the legislation at OUR Milwaukee County listening sessions held by County Supervisors, but their voices will not be heard. Many don't have the time or resources to testify in Madison.

We need more democracy in this process, not less. We need to hear from the people of Milwaukee County on the issue of reform before the Legislature imposes its will on local government. The democratic way to handle local government is to have local residents decide on reforms, not legislators in Madison.

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To access County legislative files, agendas, meeting minutes, back up reports, video and audio for committee and board meetings, I encourage you to visit the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

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CLIC was developed by using many of the concepts found in the City of Milwaukee's Legistar system as a model. Milwaukee, Racine and Madison all currently use Legistar.

GMC's goals may not align with that of the citizens

In discussion of reform, voters need to consider county services and the value of representative government.

By Gerry Broderick, Journal Sentinel (opinion) Jan. 23, 2013

Editor's note: What follows is a response we received this week to recent commentary in the Journal Sentinel on a vitally important subject - whether to make the Milwaukee County Board part-time.



According to some, the question of how best to provide for our common needs, whether it involves the education of our children, caring for our elderly or waging war, comes down to one simple answer: Privatization. In capitalist systems, the drive toward efficiency and cost-effectiveness takes precedence over less productive virtues such as fairness, decency and things humanitarian.

Disregard for the moment the notion that dictatorships are perhaps the most cost-effective form of governance and focus instead, as the Greater Milwaukee Committee has, on the question of providing the greatest governmental bang for the buck.

From its point of view, government generally, and the Milwaukee County Board specifically, have far too much power to gum up the wheels of "business as usual" with policies and procedures that pay heed to all those less productive virtues that we once lumped under the seemingly passé notion of The Public Interest.

The advocates of efficiency understand that by implementing the GMC's agenda they will mute the people's elected voices and all but eliminate such meddlesome public interest obstructionism.

The deeper problem, of course, is that we have two forms of local government in competition with one another.

There's the one you elect (the one I serve in) and the other one that is self-appointed and represents private interests.

Which government you as a voter choose to support seems to be the question being proposed by the GMC's intended spring referendum. But, as an example of potential consequence, there are four questions I'd ask you to consider:

- 1) Are parks an efficient use of our land or a direct infringement on the rights of developers to express their vision of our community?
- 2) Are the safeguards provided by representative government necessary to prevent private interests picking our tax pocket? Or simply too expensive?
- 3) What would our Founding Fathers think of the cost savings that result from muting the elected voices of our citizenry?
- 4). How many members of the Greater Milwaukee Committee actually live in Milwaukee County? And would they willingly provide the answer to this question?

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Poetry Meets Public Policy

Of The Empire

We will be known as a culture that feared death and adored power, that tried to vanquish insecurity for the few and cared little for the penury of the many. We will be known as a culture that taught and rewarded the amassing of things, that spoke little if at all about the quality of life for people (other people), for dogs, for rivers. All the world, in our eyes, they will say, was a commodity. And they will say that this structure was held together politically, which it was, and they will say also that our politics was no more than an apparatus to accommodate the feelings of the heart, and that the heart, in those days, was small, and hard, and full of meanness.

From "*Red Bird*" by *Mary Oliver*, an American poet who has won the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. The *New York Times* described her as "far and away, this country's [America's] best-selling poet"

Extending the Airport Runway

The good citizens of the commission
cast their votes
for more of everything.
Very early in the morning

I go out
to the pale dunes, to look over
the empty spaces
of the wilderness.

For something is there,
something is there when nothing is there but itself,
that is not there when anything else is.

Alas,
the good citizens of the commission
have never seen it,

whatever it is,
formless, yet palpable.
Very shining, very delicate

Very rare.

By *Mary Oliver*
From "*A Thousand Mornings*"



**A Chair to
Remember
Returns to the
Villa Terrace
June 19, 2013**

The Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Art Museums invite you to their second annual **A Chair to Remember premier fundraising event on Wednesday, June 19, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.**

At the event, one of a kind art chairs designed and produced by local artists, businesses and non-profits will be auctioned to the highest bidder. A HOT SEAT silent auction will also take place, featuring seats to local theaters, hotels, restaurants and more. Enjoy live music, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar throughout the evening.

The mission of the museums is to utilize both historic homes for community education and enrichment, and proceeds from the evening will further the museums' programming with veterans and MPS school children. Last year, in coordination with the VA Hospital, we worked with 34 veterans holding three different art workshops at the Charles Allis Art Museum, and with four MPS classes through our *Art in the Garden* program at the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum. Through your generous bidding

at *A Chair to Remember*, we look to continue and expand both programs in the coming year.

Visit our gallery of chairs and HOT SEAT auction items by clicking on the chair logo at either museum's home page. Admission to **A Chair to Remember is \$25. RSVP at RSVP@cavtmuseums.org or with Ann at 414/278-8295 x5.** Thanks to everyone who has supported us throughout the year and at our events.

charlesallis.org
villaterracemuseum.org



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Election Commission

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Emergency Call.....	278-4621
Reserve Juror Message	985-6000

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Performing Arts

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Milwaukee Art Museum

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266-1234

Hunger Task Force Had a Farm



Photo courtesy by Hunger Task Force

For many decades, Milwaukee County operated a work farm as part of its restitution program at the House of Correction in Franklin. Non-violent inmates nearing release had the opportunity to volunteer in the gardens surrounding the jail, earning a day-for-day sentence commutation while growing food to be served in the institution. Excess produce was regularly donated to Hunger Task Force.

Today, what was once a series of garden plots are now farm fields. I had the opportunity to see this first-hand on a recent visit to "the Farm" and was very impressed with what I saw! Hunger Task Force has taken full advantage of a lease agreement with Milwaukee County and has begun full-scale improvements at the Farm.

Sherrie Tussler, Executive Director of Hunger Task Force, explained that the food bank no longer relies on inmates, but instead uses volunteers and paid staff to operate the Farm. Last year Hunger Task Force, Milwaukee's free and local food bank, grew and delivered more than 350,000 pounds of fresh produce to Milwaukee County food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters, free of charge.

Several years ago, the land east of 68th Street was designated park land by the Milwaukee County Board. This includes and protects a 43-acre Oak Savanna, the western boundary of the Root River, a small lake and all of the historic buildings that comprise the farm. Tussler explained that Hunger Task Force and the Milwaukee County Parks have begun work to develop trails on the grounds, restore the lake's access and add fruit orchards. Hunger Task Force plans to build a pavilion and Visitor's Center in order to support volunteers and events. On site there is already a large children's garden with raised beds and a home economics kitchen to teach children how to grow and prepare healthy, fresh foods they have never tried before.

The Farm is still home to Milwaukee County's Fish Hatchery. Hunger Task Force supports operation of a large flow-through hatchery inside the barn. More than 40,000 sunfish, perch, trout and bass are grown to maturity at the site and later deposited in the Milwaukee County Parks lagoons and ponds to support an urban fishing experience.

As Chair of the Milwaukee County Parks Committee I am proud that we have created a lasting, positive and productive relationship with Hunger Task Force. I invite you to see the farm firsthand as a volunteer or potential donor to Hunger Task Force. To arrange a time to visit, contact Matt King or Sherrie Tussler at Matt.king@hungertaskforce.org or sherrie@hungertaskforce.org.

What the Heck is an Arboretum Anyway – and Why is it So Darn Cool?

By Ken Leinbach, Executive Director, Urban Ecology Center



Photo rendering courtesy by Amanda Kingsbury

I have sometimes heard an Arboretum defined as a “living museum of trees”. Upon further investigation we have learned that while accurate, these “living museums” are as varied as the species that they embark to preserve. Some “living museums of trees,” like that in the nation’s capital, attempt to grow individual trees from all over the world. Others, like the Arboretum at Flagstaff, focus on the native plants that thrive in the arid environment of the Colorado plateau.

This then brings us to the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum. What is it exactly? Over the past six years, with the engagement of thousands of volunteers, experts across the state, a dedicated team on staff and numerous partner organizations an exciting vision has emerged.

The Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum, which will open in September, will be a 40 acre tract of urban nature uniquely managed as an outdoor classroom, research site and public sanctuary free for everyone to enjoy. The National Forest Service has already dedicated this land as a Children’s Forest, meaning that the unique needs of children are considered in every step of design. For example, in our Arboretum there will be “Imaginature areas” scattered throughout the acreage — special places intended for children to “discover and play” be it a well placed hollow log, or a tree enhanced for safe climbing.

Collectively this land will harbor representative samples of every tree indigenous to Southeastern Wisconsin (there are 28 species in Riverside Park, soon we will have 72!), as well as a vast number of native plants and an impressive array of Wisconsin ecosystems.

Perhaps the most interesting and exciting portion of the project is completely being built from scratch. This section of newly sculpted hills, where a factory and brickyard stood just six months ago, will be the gateway to the

Arboretum. Visitors will park and enter through the 20 foot high stone archway being built between two long earthen berms hiding the magic within. A paved pathway designed to accommodate all people, including those in a wheel chair, will wind through these hills to the river. While the rest of the Arboretum will be closed canopy woodland (think Wisconsin woods with tall mature trees close together), this “new land” will be a re-creation of one of the most endangered ecosystems in the United States - the oak savanna.

Our savanna, while small, will take time to develop into maturity (50 to 100 years in truth) but will be beautiful to watch evolve. From day one it will offer a multitude of wild flowers with sweeping vistas of the Milwaukee River Valley unlike anywhere else in the seven mile urban river corridor.

In total the Arboretum will boast over 2,200 new trees within its 40 acre boundary. Most of these will be planted outside of the six acre savanna in the areas managed for closed canopy woods. In the savanna, however, we will be planting 35 of our largest trees to give the ecosystem a good head start. Large means trees that are 15 to 20 feet tall with trunk diameters of four to five inches. At first they will seem small to the landscape, but in full sun they will soon grow into enormous, spreading, magnificent representatives of their species. It will truly be a gem in Milwaukee for generations to come.

So, are you excited? We certainly are! Want to get involved? There are so many ways! Come volunteer! We have weekly stewardship drop in times. Donate a tree. Watch progress from our tower and check out our website for more details!

To view entire article please go to county.milwaukee.gov/Broderick and go to **In the Community**.



Trailblazing

One of the great assets of Milwaukee County is the Oak Leaf Trail (OLT). This 114-mile trail runs the entire county and abuts or crosses all but three municipalities of the Milwaukee County (Bayside, Fox Point, and West Milwaukee). It connects with surrounding municipals and county trails (Racine, Ozaukee, Waukesha, New Berlin, and Brookfield) but its value and use is realized by a majority of citizens of Southeast WI.

In 2011, parks operations begin a bi-annual maintenance plan by redefining the trail corridor along the entire Oak Leaf Trail. The vision is to have a 5-ft. mowed edge, with an additional 5-to-10 ft. suppressed edge, and with mature trees intermixed within the corridor to create a canopy cover in various spots to a minimum overhead clearance of 10 to 13 ft.

In 2012, parks operations staff begin to work on the northeast quadrant of Milwaukee County. Being a well-used section of the OLT, any work along this section, whether storm damage to trees or scheduled maintenance is a difficult task to undertake. To minimize user conflict we are attempting this work during the winter months. We update the Milwaukee County Parks website (<http://county.milwaukee.gov/OakLeafTrail8289.htm>) to notify users of the work being done. Trees that we are targeting for

removal are of lower value, meaning that they have a high probability for failure (rot or significant lean) or are non-desirable species such as invasives (buckthorn, honeysuckle, and tree of heaven) and ash. Desirable species are pruned and nurtured for the future.

An issue that has been getting worse is the significant ponding of water, resulting in ice during the winter months and deteriorating asphalt. We are working with MMSD and the City of Milwaukee to identify the source of the water and at that point will work to determine the proper course of action to get the trail back to its intended condition. Other major trail corrections that are a needed due to the 2009 / 2010 flooding (Juneau Park, Estabrook, and Hubbard Park section) are designed and still in the FEMA process before they can get fixed.

Moving forward is the extension of the OLT from Estabrook to the segment along Brown Deer Park, finally connecting with the Ozaukee Interurban. The segment south from Brown Deer Park to Sydney Place is scheduled for completion the fall of this year. The last portion from Estabrook, north to Sydney Place is still moving through the acquisition process and we looking to kick off construction in 2014. We appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and look forward to many great trail experiences.

District 3 Park News

ESTABROOK

Parks just signed a long-term contract with ABC Estabrook to operate the beer garden. The vendor will be putting a significant amount of effort and financial resources into improving the garden site and building to meet ADA requirements while maintaining the historical nature of the facility. The garden will be open from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. and will stop serving alcohol at 9 p.m.

JUNEAU

County submitted plans to the State of Wisconsin for repair and mitigation of the

bluff erosion caused by the 2010 rain event. We are waiting to get approval to move ahead.

LMD

Milwaukee was chosen to host the 2013 and 2014 USA Triathlon Championships! This event will draw over 3,500 participants and 6,000 spectators each year and is projected to bring a significant positive economic impact to Milwaukee County. The 2013 event is scheduled for August 10 and 11 and will result in a closure of Lincoln Memorial Drive from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on

Saturday and 7:30 a.m. – noon on Sunday.

MCKINLEY MARINA

Started initial planning and stakeholder meetings for a new parking lot in the north marina that will incorporate Best Management Practices for storm water management.

VETERANS

A new comfort building located at the end of Lagoon Drive will be constructed in 2013. This structure will have restroom facilities and a covered picnic shelter that will be available for rentals.

DOWNTOWN/ LAKEFRONT EVENTS

(not all inclusive)

- UPAF Ride for the Arts.....June 2
- Summerfest Run/Half Marathon.....June 15
- Malibu Open June 21-22
- Lakefront Festival of the ArtsJune 21-23
- Big Bang.....June 26
- US Bank Fireworks July 3
- Bastille DaysJuly 11-14
- Air & Water Show..... August 3-4
- USA TriathlonAugust 10-11
- Harley 110th Market Place..... August 29-September 1
- Rock the Green.....September 14
- Komen Race for the CureSeptember 22

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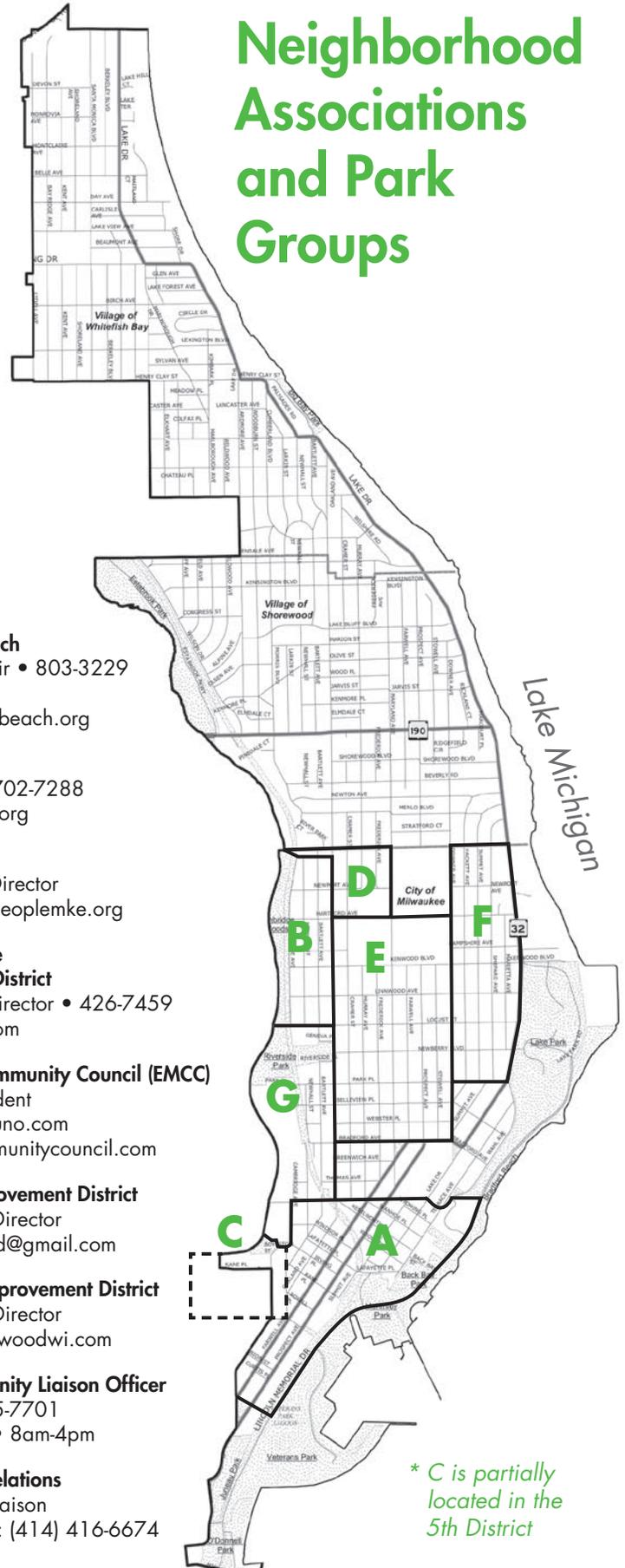
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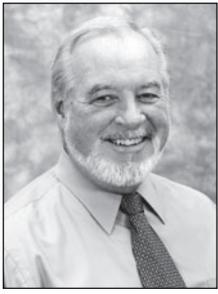
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FREE on the first Thursday of each month

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FREE on Mondays

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Mitchell Park Domes

FREE on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Excludes major holidays.

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FREE Days for 2013

January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, November 2 & December 7

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