



# Larson Report

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Personnel (Vice-  
Chair)

Parks, Energy and  
Environment

Transportation,  
Public Works and  
Transit

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What are your thoughts on the current budget for 2010?

Please call me or send me an email with your thoughts.

## *Dear Neighbor,*

October was a busy month for the County as we pour over the details of the 2010 County Budget. We will be ratifying the final budget this coming Monday and then meeting for veto overrides on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. There are plenty of details throughout this newsletter to update you on what has been happening and what is coming up. I have been at every one of the Finance & Audit Committee meetings on the budget over the last month and will continue to make sure your interests and the interests of our neighbors are represented in next year's plans. If you haven't weighed in yet, I have another town hall coming up this Thursday at South Shore Park (details below). Hope to see you there!

*-Chris*

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## ***Milwaukee County Parks Go Home with the Gold!***

The Milwaukee County Parks Department has been named the winner of the National Recreation and Park Association's Gold Medal Award in the Park and Recreation Management Program.

The Gold Medal Award honors communities throughout the United States that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management, and agency recognition. Each agency is judged on its ability to address the needs of those it serves through the collective energies of citizens, staff, and elected officials.

Special thanks to all the Milwaukee County employees and Parks Staff who worked so hard to make this happen. This is a truly proud moment for Milwaukee County.



*Milwaukee County Supervisor Chris Larson and Milwaukee County Parks Director Sue Black at the Mitchell Domes Gold Medal Celebration.*

## ***Did you know?***

*Milwaukee County hosts a senior citizen talent competition “Golden Idol” every year? [Here are some of the clips from last year.](#) They are a very talented bunch!*

## ***Budget Update***

Some of the amendments I have drawn up or am cosponsoring include:

- Keeping open 6 pools slated for closure. This includes Holler Park pool, the only handicap accessible County pool.
- Changing Walker's aquatic center plan to build a new outdoor center for \$11.2 million and instead adding on to our two indoor pools, Pulaski and Noyes, to create 2 indoor aquatic centers that can be kept open year-round. We will also do \$1.5 million in improvements of these pools while keeping the overall cost to roughly half of Walker's original proposal.
- Keeping the airport fire department open. This is a tax-levy neutral amendment that keeps our experienced team in tact as well as preventing millions in assets from being transferred to another entity.
- Keeping bus route 80 running to Puetz and MATC. Under the initial proposal, it would have ended at the airport. This line is paid for by funds coming from MATC's purchase of the U-PASS for student riders.
- Eliminating the transfer in our buses altogether. By restructuring the fees, we can encourage more people to use weekly or monthly passes and help prevent conflicts between passengers and drivers and eliminate transfer fraud.
- Preserving the Farm and Fish Hatchery at the House of Correction that provides fish for our County Parks and needed food for Hunger Task Force
- Restoring funds for AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention programs
- Correcting language to ensure transit rides are provided to those in our community with disabilities that live outside the 1.5 mile range of our current transit system

Other things that will be coming for our neighborhoods in the 2010 budget:

- \$2.5 million in stimulus funds will go to the runway safety area project over College Ave.
- Holler Park Pavilion will see it's downstairs bathrooms refurbished (and finally be usable once again).
- Shingles damaged by vandals at Humboldt Park Band Shell will be replaced.
- Pathways throughout Humboldt Park will be repaved.
- New roof for the South Shore Park Pavilion



*Milwaukee County Supervisors Weishan, Broderick, Dimitrijevic, Larson, and Sanfelippo at the 2010 Community Budget Hearing on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

## **November 5<sup>th</sup> Town Hall**

*Residents invited to ask questions, share concerns*

Milwaukee County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Chris Larson are co-hosting a public meeting this Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm at South Shore Park Pavilion, to discuss the 2010 Milwaukee County Budget.

“Due to proposed cuts to important programs and services (including pool closures), transit fare increases, and cuts to wages and benefits, we are currently facing one of the worst budgets in Milwaukee County’s history,” Supervisor Larson added. “Given the County’s fiscal state, there are no easy solutions. I need to hear from constituents to make the best decisions as we move forward through this budget process.”

Please join us and let your voice be heard on the 2010 Milwaukee County Budget.



*Supervisor Larson talks with attendees after his October 27th Town Hall.*

## ***Hoan Bridge Update***

Residents of Milwaukee County have given their overwhelming support for the Hoan Bridge! Over 7,500 Wisconsin residents have signed the petition in support of the Hoan Bridge and signatures continue to pour in daily. The coordinating committee of the [Coalition to Save the Hoan](#) will soon send a letter along with the thousands of signatures we have gathered to Governor Doyle and Department of Transportation Secretary Frank Busalacchi. The next meeting is set for Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at South Milwaukee Common Council Chambers. More details available using [this link](#).

Those at the Department of Transportation have heard from many of us about the significance of the Hoan and are beginning to think twice about the proposals to demolish the Hoan. If you have not yet informed State decision makers of your opinion on this issue, you can make your voice heard by leaving a message for the following people:

Governor Doyle, Milwaukee office, 414-227-4344, or [governor@wisconsin.gov](mailto:governor@wisconsin.gov)

State legislators, found at [www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx)

Department of Transportation Secretary Frank Busalacchi, 608-266-1113 or [sec.exec@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:sec.exec@dot.state.wi.us)

Information about the Coalition to Save the Hoan is available here:

[www.county.milwaukee.gov/Jursik/SavetheHoanBridge.htm](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/Jursik/SavetheHoanBridge.htm)

## ***Music Under the Glass – November***

Some of Milwaukee's hottest musicians will be giving special concerts, accompanied by beautiful botany and amazing light shows at the Mitchell Park Domes. Every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, through November, from **6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** you can come and enjoy one of the best shows in town!

**Nov. 5.....Liam Ford Band.....6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Nov. 10.....Charles Buddy Love.....6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Nov. 10.....The Desert Sound Ensemble.....6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Nov. 12.....Christopher's Project.....6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Nov. 17.....Cache.....6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Nov. 19.....Ronnie Nyles.....6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Nov.24.....Streetlife with Warren Wiegratz...6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Nov. 26.....Johnny Rawls.....6:30-10:00 p.m.**

For more information, click [here](#).

## ***Milwaukee Justice Center***

The Milwaukee Justice Center (MJC) recently opened up inside the Milwaukee County Courthouse in order to better serve the citizens of Milwaukee County with their court-related needs. The Justice Center is a partnership between the Milwaukee Bar Association, Milwaukee County, and Marquette University Law School.

MJC provides a self help desk, a volunteer legal clinic, and pro-se workshops. If you are interested in participating in, developing, or leading a workshop please contact the Milwaukee Justice Center by phone (414) 278-2912, or by email [ctimail@wicourts.gov](mailto:ctimail@wicourts.gov).

If you would like more information on the Milwaukee Justice Center please click [here](#).

## ***Community Response to Foreclosures Conference***

The fourth statewide foreclosure conference, "Foreclosures in Wisconsin: Responses and Resources for Living Beyond the Bubble" sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in partnership with the Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension, the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, the City of Milwaukee, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Marquette University will be held **Thursday, November 5th** at the **Clarion Hotel Milwaukee, 5311 South Howell Avenue**. This conference is a continuation of events that have been held in Wisconsin to address the impact and response to increasing foreclosures in Wisconsin.

Highlights of this day long conference will include opening remarks by Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, a panel discussion surrounding the successes and challenges in implementing the first round of Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds in Wisconsin, the newly implemented court-referred Milwaukee Foreclosure Mediation Program, social impacts of foreclosures and the future of housing finance.

[Here is a link to the conference web page and registration](#)

## ***Milwaukee County Parks Fall 2009 Weed-Out Schedule***

Volunteers for the annual Fall 2009 Weed-Out are needed to remove invasive weeds from Milwaukee County Parks natural areas. Park People volunteers have been removing invasive weeds from park areas since 1996. This fall, the effort is focused on removing buckthorn, honeysuckle, and aggressive plants that multiply in great numbers, while shading out native wildflowers, shrubs and young trees.

Weed-Out is an excellent community service project for any organization, school group, family or individual concerned about the parks and our environment. Participants should wear gloves, long pants, a long sleeve shirt and sturdy shoes. Sandals and shorts are discouraged.

Individual pre-registration is not required. Please contact The Park People for group participation. For more information visit [www.theparkpeople-milwaukee.org](http://www.theparkpeople-milwaukee.org) or call (414) 273-PARK(7275).

**Fall 2009 Weed-Out Schedule:**

(All sessions are Saturdays, 9 am to noon unless otherwise specified)

<b>Park:</b>	<b>Address:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Honey Creek Parkway.....	Meet at 8024 Brookside, Wauwatosa....	Nov. 7
Greenfield Park.....	Meet at the parking lot of picnic areas.....	Nov. 7
	1 & 5 (off of 116 <sup>th</sup> St.)	
Estabrook Park.....	Meet in the parking lot across from area 5.....	Nov. 8
	(next to service building by the lagoon)	
Grant Park.....	Meet in the parking lot of picnic area #1.....	Nov. 14
	(near the tennis courts)	

***Supervisor Larson in the District***



*Supervisor Larson helping remove the invasive cattails at the Humboldt Park Clean-Up and Weed Out. Thanks to Patty Pritchard Thomson for the pic!*

## ***Touchdown in Milwaukee!***

*Southwest Airlines* officially kicked off the carrier's service from Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport at a news conference Monday Morning, capping-off a weekend of events that underscore Southwest's long-term investment in Southeast Wisconsin. This major move will help provide competition with our other airlines, providing many low-cost options to those flying out of Milwaukee.

Southwest Airlines new service from Milwaukee features 12 daily flights to six nonstop destinations (Baltimore/Washington, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Orlando, Phoenix, and Tampa Bay) with additional and connecting service to 54 cities.



*Tom Rave from the Gateway to Milwaukee, Milwaukee County Supervisor Chris Larson, Southwest CEO Gary Kelly, and Milwaukee Alderman Terry Witkowski. At the General Mitchell International Airport Southwest Airlines kickoff.*

### ***Register for E-Notify***

If you would like to continue receiving e-newsletters from my office, you will need to sign-up for e-notify at <http://www.milwaukee.gov/enotify>. Once you have registered, you can choose what type of information you would like emailed directly to you. This includes news releases, meeting notices, agendas and job notices to name a few. This e-newsletter will be sent out through our email list until the end of summer when it will be going directly through the e-notify program. Feel free to pass this

information along to anyone you think might be interested in it. Democracy works best when as much information as possible gets to the people.

If you would like to hear live audio of the board and committee meetings check out the links below:

**Live audio of County Board meetings**

<http://media.county.milwaukee.gov/room200>

**Live audio of Committee meetings in 201-B**

<http://media.county.milwaukee.gov/room201b>

**Live audio of Committee meetings in 203-R**

<http://media.county.milwaukee.gov/room203r>

If you would like to get the Milwaukee County Board Meeting Schedule click [here](#). For the Milwaukee County Committee Meeting Schedule click [here](#).

## ***November Park Happenings***

The public is invited to attend “**Starry Night**” a **festive gala fundraising event** to benefit the Friends of Mill Pond and the Oak Creek Watercourse at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St. on Sat. Nov. 7 from 6-11pm. Highlights include an Elvis impersonator, live 50’s & 60’s music, telescope viewings of heavenly bodies on the patio, silent and live auction items and a delectable Italian menu.

**All Milwaukee County Golf Courses are open at this time.**

*To make a reservation call (414) 475 - 6222.*

Milwaukee County Parks is offering **UNLIMITED GOLF** for \$1499 with Brown Deer golf course and \$999 excluding Brown Deer golf course for the entire 2010 season. Those who buy now will receive ten 2009 bonus rounds.

**Fall specials at Brown Deer Golf Course** include discount cardholders weekday specials – 18-holes for \$32 and 9-holes for \$16 and discount cardholders weekend specials - 18 holes for \$37 and 9 holes for 18.50.

Milwaukee County Parks has introduced “**Fast Paced Fridays**” at **Oakwood Golf** course located at 3600 W. Oakwood Rd. in Franklin. Oakwood is a gold level course and at 7,074 yards is the longest of all 15 county golf courses. Each week participants will also have a chance to win a pair of Brewers tickets.

**Gold Golf Course specials** (Dretzka, Oakwood & Whitall) for all golfers everyday afternoon 9 - holes and a motor cart for \$20. Weekdays anytime and weekend afternoons 18 holes and a motorcart for \$30.

At **Lincoln Golf Course** all golfers can play 9 or 18 holes for the 9-hole rate anytime on weekdays & afternoon on weekends.

Bartolotta's Restaurant Group provides a **Sunday Brunch** from 10:00am – 1:30pm at Boerner Botanical Gardens in Hales Corners year round. For reservations call (414) 525-5635.

## ***November Neighborhood Group Meetings:***

*Bay View Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** Patty Thompson at (414) 403-8003 or (414) 297-9783

[bayviewneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:bayviewneighborhood@gmail.com)

<http://www.bayviewneighborhood.org>

**November Meeting - District 6 Citizens Crime Analysis Sensitive Crimes (abuse)**

**When:** 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** St Luke's Hospital Auditorium 2900 W. Oklahoma Ave

*Town of Lake Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** Paul Gessner at (414) 482 – 2261

**When:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Water Tower (6<sup>th</sup> & Howard)

*Oklahoma Gardens Neighborhood Association*

**No November Meeting**

*Holt Park Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** Diane Kosarzycki

(414) 645 – 1967 (home) [dianekosarzycki@att.net](mailto:dianekosarzycki@att.net)

**November Meeting:**

**When:** Thursday, November 18, 6:30 – 8:30p.m.

**Where:** Wheaton Franciscan Hospital

*Tippecanoe Park Watch*

**Contact:** (414) 278 – 4252

**No Meeting in November**

*City Meadows Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** Cindi Herzog at (414) 817 – 8000

<http://www.Citymeadows.org>

**No November Meeting**

*Garden District Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** Michael Murphy at (414) 364 – 8762

**November Meeting:**

**When:** Tuesday, November 17, 6:30p.m.

**Where:** 1122 W Boden Ct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

*Uncas Park Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** Connie Wilson

(414) 759-9009 (cell) or (414) 762 – 6959 (home)

**November Meeting:**

**When:** Tuesday, November 17, 6:30p.m.

**Where:** House of Hamburg, 5937 S Howell Ave.

*Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** Perry Buck (414) 747 – 2470 (home) or (414) 759 – 1189 (cell)

<http://www.airportgardens.org/index.html>

*South Shore Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** Chair, Kathy Mulvey at (414) 744 – 0408 or

[housamulvey@yahoo.com](mailto:housamulvey@yahoo.com)

**November Meeting:**

**When:** Thursday, November 10, 7:00p.m.

**Where:** South Shore Park Pavilion, 2900 S. Shore Dr.

*Holler Park Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** President, Chris Kuester at (414) 769 – 1815

**November Meeting:**

**When:** Monday, November 30, 7:00p.m.

**Where:** Holler Park Easter Seals Pavilion

*Humboldt Park Neighborhood Association*

**Contact:** Ruth Simos at (414) 483 – 9330 [r.simos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.simos@sbcglobal.net)

**For November Meeting information contact Ruth Simos**