



Larson Report



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E-NEWS

STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Personnel

Parks, Energy and
Environment

Judiciary, Safety,
and General
Services

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Pension Study
Commission

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you value
the most in your
community?

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

Dear Neighbor,

Just this week, we finished with the distribution of the paper newsletter this week. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out over the last month to help in getting them out with me. We were able to hit all 8400 homes and, in the end, we saved \$3000 by not sending them through the mail. While this decision was popular with most constituents, I do apologize to the postal workers in the district who rely on folks to use the mail regularly (so this is a plug to please send a letter to a friend you haven't talked to in a while). If you haven't received a paper newsletter and would like one, just let me know and I'll drop it off. In the meantime, you can use [this link to view the Newsletter](#) as a pdf.

Also last month, I authored legislation to move forward on getting community gardens on 6th Street. We will be starting at the area just south of Howard on the east side of the street. These plots will be available to neighborhood groups through the UW-Extension. We are still determining the size and scope of how they will work but things look good for getting a first planting in this spring. I will send out more info as it comes in future email newsletters. If you think you might be interested in renting a plot there in the future, please let me know and I'll get you more details as they come.

See you in the neighborhood,

-Chris

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Inside the County Board to Air on WISN-AM

Monthly public service program to provide in-depth look at actions of the County Board of Supervisors

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Clear Channel Radio are pleased to announce the development of a monthly radio program, featuring the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, to be broadcast on News/Talk 1130 WISN. [*Inside the County Board*](#) is intended to give listeners a more in-depth analysis of actions taken by County Supervisors. This 60-minute program, which will be the first of its kind for Milwaukee County, will air at 9:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.

“[*Inside the County Board*](#) is a great opportunity for County Supervisors to provide more perspective on the votes they cast as elected representatives. There is no doubt that this program will increase our efforts to connect with the Milwaukee County community,” Chairman Holloway said. “My colleagues and I will provide all sides of issues facing the County Board, and we hope that listeners will find this new program both compelling and informative.”

[*Inside the County Board*](#) aims to explain critical issues facing Milwaukee County, enhance public understanding of the County’s legislative and budget process, and promote community activities. All interested County Supervisors will have an opportunity to participate, and the program will be produced and hosted by the County Board’s Public Information Manager, Harold Mester. *Inside the County Board* will debut on March 7, 2010 at 9:00 p.m. on News/Talk 1130 WISN.

“WISN’s audience is politically astute and will appreciate this closer look into what really happens inside County government,” said Jerry Bott, Director of Programming for WISN. “This public service programming is part of our Clearly Community efforts and will serve our listeners and taxpayers well.”

Listen to Supervisor Larson on upcoming editions of [Inside the County Board!](#)

Humboldt Park Watch

Remember last summer when we stepped it up to prevent graffiti on Humboldt Park Band Shell by walking through the park? Well, we need to do it again. Twice in the last couple weeks, graffiti has been found on the band shell. As it warms up and with the additional cuts in parks personnel, we may end up having the same problem we did last summer.

What can you do to prevent this? Well, a busy park is a safe park. If we each make an effort to walk past the band shell on our daily walk, we can prevent a lot of vandalism. The more neighbors we have walking through Humboldt Park, the less likely vandals will be able to sneak up and spray paint or marker our band shell. What do you think? Are you up for it?

If you walk past and see graffiti, please report it by calling the sheriff's non-emergency number: **278-4700**. Please put the number in your cell phone so you can call right away.

In the rare instance that you happen to catch someone in the act, please call **911** immediately. Do not attempt to hold them there yourself. Consider your own safety first.

Thanks for helping spreading the word!



2010 Medicine Collection

All Milwaukee County residents can safely dispose unused medicine on May 8th at Miller Park.

Kenosha, Ozaukee and Waukesha Counties will also hold collections on the same day and time.

Here's a link to the info:

[http://v3.mmsd.com/AssetsClient/Documents/MedicineCollection/10-035
Medicine Collection
web.pdf](http://v3.mmsd.com/AssetsClient/Documents/MedicineCollection/10-035%20Medicine%20Collection%20web.pdf)[http://v3.mmsd.com/AssetsClient/Documents/MedicineCollection/
10-035%20Medicine%20Collection%20web.pdf](http://v3.mmsd.com/AssetsClient/Documents/MedicineCollection/10-035%20Medicine%20Collection%20web.pdf)

Also, 10 police departments are now taking part in medicine collections all year long.

Unfortunately, ONLY residents of those communities can take part.

We're trying to get all municipalities in Milwaukee County to join the program.

Here's more info:

<http://v3.mmsd.com/policestations.aspx>[http://v3.mmsd.com/policestations.
aspx](http://v3.mmsd.com/policestations.aspx)

Plan 94



I-94 and the Mitchell Interchange are being rebuilt from now until 2016. Be sure to check out www.plan94.org to plan ahead with up-to-date information, before you take your next trip. The Get Around Guide will help you to properly navigate the highway construction until it is finished in 2012.

2010 Census

Census Day is approaching quickly, and it is extremely important that every person in Milwaukee County is counted. April 1, 2010 is Census Day, and if we want to get our fair share, we need to make sure that we are counted.

The census is the foundation for the allocation of **billions** of dollars in federal, state, and county funds. It will also determine the districts of our state legislature and the number of seats that Wisconsin will have in the United States Congress.

When your census form arrives this month please fill it out, send it in immediately, and help get the word out with your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Our future is in our hands and if we want to get treated fairly, it's up to us to make sure we count!

The Sustainable Case for Business

Practical sustainability tools for small to mid-sized businesses

When: March 10, 2010, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Milwaukee Public Museum

Garden Gallery - 800 W Wells Street - Milwaukee, WI 53233

To register for this free workshop, contact Lee at lpatzer@wctc.edu or 262-695-7903.

Wal-Mart launched the Sustainability Index last summer requiring all 62,000 suppliers to show how they're running a sustainable company and producing sustainable products. Your customers may demand the same thing one day soon. Companies that implement sustainable business practices will thrive in the face of rising resource costs, risky supply chains, increased regulations and heightened customer and community demands.

Smaller companies often don't have the resources or know where to start adapting sustainable operations and business strategies. That's where this workshop can help. Looking for easy, cost-saving steps to get started? You'll want to attend this practical workshop.

Outcome

Learn and experience a simple, practical process for integrating sustainable operations and business strategies while learning to create a green team.

Who Should Attend?

Company executives and managers of facilities, process-improvement, purchasing, human resources, environmental health & safety, product/services development

Key topics

1. What is the Sustainable Enterprise Assessment Tool™ and How to Use It
2. Forming a Highly Effective Green Team for Continuous Improvement
3. Getting Started on Energy Efficiency

Sponsored by:

WE, Focus on Energy, and MSOE RADER School of Business

Music Under Glass 2010 Season at the Domes



This month, the Milwaukee County Parks continues its after-hours “Music Under Glass” at the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Boulevard. This month’s opening concert will feature *Radio Radio* on Tuesday, March 2, from 6:30-8:30pm.

The Mitchell Park Domes Concert Series runs through March 18 every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Light shows will occur during the evening concert breaks and after performances.

For the price of admission, attendees will be entertained by live music, an awe-inspiring, computer-generated light show and the option to tour all three Domes with their rare and exotic plant life from every continent on Earth. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

For more information, go to countyparks.com or call the Parks Office at (414) 257-PARK.

Series Schedule:

March 4 Harvey Scales & The Seven Sounds 6:30 – 8:30
March 9 Boo the Band..... 6:30 – 8:30
March 11 Reilly 6:30 – 8:30
March 16 Leroy Airmaster featuring Steve Cohen ... 6:30 – 8:30
March 18 King Solomon..... 6:30 – 8:30

**Note – Performance schedules may be subject to change.*

March Park Happenings



Here is a brief list of Milwaukee County Park events going on in March:

[BrewCity Bruisers](#), *March 13th 7pm.* Come see Milwaukee’s premier Roller Derby team tear it up at the Sports Complex in Franklin, 6000 W. Ryan Rd. Milwaukee WI 53132 (414) 423 – 9267 For more information check out their recent [AV Club article](#).

[Growing Gardeners](#) at [Boerner Botanical Gardens](#), *March 13th 10:30am-11:30am.* Enjoy an hour of interactive, hands-on gardening education for the little gardener in your family. For more information or to register please call 414-525-5659 or e-mail scheduling@fbbg.org.

[Irish Family Day at the Domes](#) *March 14th noon – 5pm.* Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at this family-focused event. Enjoy live Irish music, Irish set dancing, and learn about the culture and crafts of Ireland. Regular admission. Sponsored by Irish Fest

[Dare to be Aware](#) *March 20th 9am – 5pm.* An Inner Healing Fair & Alternative Health Fair at the Domes. There will be over 50 exhibitors demonstrating alternative healing practices and holistic traditions.

[WIM Figure Skating Competition at Wilson Ice Arena](#) *March 25th –28th.* The Wilson Park Recreation Center will host the 38th Annual 2010 W.I.M. Skating Competition. For more information email wim@greatermilwaukeeefsc.org.

Be sure to check out Milwaukee County Parks on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook!](#)

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.

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 Milwaukee County Board Meeting Schedules click [here](#). For the Milwaukee County Committee Meeting Schedule click [here](#).

February Neighborhood Group Meetings:

Bay View Neighborhood Association

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

bayviewneighborhood@gmail.com <http://www.bayviewneighborhood.org>

March Meeting

When: Thursday, March 18, 6:30p.m.

Where: Anodyn Coffee 2920 South Kinnickinnic

Town of Lake Neighborhood Association

Contact: Julia O'Connor (Interim President) at (414) 430 – 4711

March Meeting

When: 2nd Thursday of the Month, 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Water Tower (6th & Howard)

Oklahoma Gardens Neighborhood Association

Contact: (414) 672 – 6758

March Meeting

When: 2nd Monday of the Month, 6:30pm

Where: The Child Development Center of St. Joseph's, 1600 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Holt Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Diane Kosarzycki

(414) 645 – 1967 (home) dianekosarzycki@att.net

For March meeting information contact Diane Kosarzycki

Tippecanoe Park Watch

Contact: (414) 278 – 4252

No Meeting in March

City Meadows Neighborhood Association

Contact: Cindi Herzog at (414) 817 – 8000

<http://www.Citymeadows.org>

March Steering Committee Meeting

When: Thursday, March 4, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: Benny's Café, 5354 S. 27th St

Garden District Neighborhood Association

Contact: Michael Murphy at (414) 364 – 8762

March Meeting

When: 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 6:30p.m.

Where: 1122 W Boden Ct. 2nd Floor Conference Room

Uncas Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Connie Wilson

(414) 759 - 9009

March Meeting

When: Contact Connie Wilson regarding meeting dates and times

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 Park Watch

Contact: Barbara Chudnow at southshoreparkwatch@yahoo.com

March Meeting

When: 2nd Thursday of the Month, 7:00p.m.

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

Holler Park Neighborhood Association

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

For March meeting information contact Chris Kuester

Humboldt Park Watch

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

For March meeting information contact Ruth Simos

Wilson Park NA

March Meeting

Contact: Tammy Kukla (414) 383 - 2007

When: First Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Either Wilson Commons or the Wilson Park Pavilion

TammyKukla@aol.com or (414) 383 - 2007