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Dear Friends:

It is no secret that we are in very trying economic times. The past 16 months have proven to be one of the harshest economic recessions our country has seen in decades. As a result, individuals, families and businesses have all been forced to make cutbacks to ride out this financial storm. Some of these sacrifices have been voluntary, such as postponing a vacation, eating out less or putting off major purchases while others such as losing a job or laying off employees have not been by choice. It is now time for government to step up to the plate and make cutbacks of its own so as not to burden the taxpayers even more.

In preparing the 2010 budget, Milwaukee County faces a \$90 million deficit even before putting pencil to paper. Making matters worse is the fact that this structural deficit is predicted to explode to a \$153 million annual shortfall by 2014. A decrease in shared revenue from the state, shrinking sales tax revenue resulting from the slow economy, and increases in operating, labor and fringe benefit costs will put severe pressure on the County's finances for the foreseeable future. Over the next five years, County expenditures are forecast to grow by 5.5% per year while revenue will grow by only 3.5% annually.

Consider your own personal situation. If your expenses each month were more than your income you most likely would take steps to lower your expenses. Unfortunately, when placed in a similar situation the tendency for government is to increase income rather than cut expenses. Consequently, the pressure to raise taxes during this budget cycle is going to be greater than ever.

Those promoting tax hikes will use the bad economy as justification for the need to increase spending. After all, more people will need more help. But it is for this very same reason why we in fact should not increase taxes. Rather, we must rise to the challenge of these economic times and take the opportunity to drastically, and maybe even radically, change County government as we know it. Now is the time to turn our lemons into lemonade.

Over the next several weeks, as we navigate our way through the budget process, I will work toward solutions that go well beyond 2010. It is imperative that we confront the long term structural deficits predicted for Milwaukee County by first reevaluating exactly what role Milwaukee County Government needs to play in the future, and then by enacting true reforms that will increase our efficiency and accountability to the taxpayers and citizens of Milwaukee County.

Supervisor Joe Sanfelippo, 17th District



Supervisor Sanfelippo addresses the full County Board regarding the Estabrook Dam.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- ★ No property tax levy increase.
- ★ Fully funds emergency medical services.
- ★ Strong support for public safety.
- ★ Modernizes bus transportation service with Bus Rapid Transit.
- ★ Invests \$38.8 million in capital improvements for our Parks Department.
- ★ Fully funds all senior citizen and social services programs.
- ★ Introduces bold wage and benefit reforms required to address long term County finances.

**FOLLOW THE BUDGET PROCESS CLOSELY.
IT'S YOUR MONEY!**

Milwaukee County Sheriff Awards

On September 16, 2009 two Milwaukee County Sheriff Deputies from District 17 were honored for demonstrating exceptional and superior service to the citizens of Milwaukee County. Deputy Donna Scalise of Greendale received a Letter of Commendation for her work in the American Lung Association of Wisconsin "Climb Wisconsin" event at the U.S. Bank Building. Deputy Scalise, Captain Barkow and Sergeant Trimboli raised \$2,328.00 and were named the fourth largest corporate contributors.

Deputy Stephen Mills of Greendale was awarded with a Letter of Commendation for his bravery in the face of armed subjects. His calm, clear and tactically sound decision-making resulted in a joint arrest operation. Deputy Mills, a 7-year veteran, was faced with the dangerous task of clearing yards in search of armed adversaries that were shooting civilians on Milwaukee's south side.

Thank you Deputy Scalise and Deputy Mills for your admirable service to the citizens of Milwaukee County!

Weed-Out at Greenfield Park

Join The Park People of Milwaukee in the November 7, 2009 Weed-Out at Greenfield Park, West Allis from 9:00am-12:00pm. Enjoy your Milwaukee County Parks and stop invasive weeds from spreading. Meet at the parking lot of picnic areas 1 & 5. (Off of 116th Street) For more information visit www.parkpeoplemke.org

City/County Tree Lighting

Bring your friends and family to celebrate the season at the City/County Tree Lighting on November 19, 2009 at Red Arrow Park. After the lighting, enjoy festive music, dancing, a fireworks display and a visit from Santa at Pere Marquette Park. Enjoy free hot cocoa, coffee, cookies and Jingle Bus rides. For more information on the Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival, please visit www.milwaukeeholidaylights.com

Red Arrow Ice Rink Opening

Bring your skates or rent them at Red Arrow Park on November 25, 2009 when the Ice Rink opens for its winter season. (Weather permitting) \$5.50 for unlimited skating. Call (414) 289-9791 for more information.

Expense Reports Posted Online

Supervisor Sanfelippo believes in open government and posts his Individual Office Account summary online for the public to see. Each year, \$8,000 is given to every Supervisor for constituent communications and other District-related purposes. For 2008, Supervisor Sanfelippo returned 33% of his office account funds unspent and has a goal to return 50% for 2009. "When it comes to spending, my pledge is simple: if I wouldn't spend my own money on it, I won't spend the taxpayer's," Sanfelippo said. To view the Expense Report, please visit www.county.milwaukee.gov/Sanfelippo/ExpenseReport

Student Government Day 2009



Emily Peterson and Supervisor Sanfelippo on March 19, 2009.

District 17 was honored to have Emily Peterson from Nathan Hale High School take part in the County Board Student Government Day on March 19, 2009. Emily was chosen because she has demonstrated many leadership roles including her service on the Debate team, Key Club, National Honor Society, and Students for Saving the Earth. Along with many school activities, Emily also mentors, tutors and completes community service work at the VA Hospital.

Student Government Day is hosted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the American Legion Post to increase student interest in government and citizenship. Each student is paired with one of the nineteen County Supervisors, accompany them during a Milwaukee County Board meeting, enjoy lunch and take a behind the scenes tour of County Government.



Supervisor Sanfelippo volunteering at Operation Freedom on Sunday July 5th, 2009 at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Inductee

On May 22, 2009, Agnes Reinhard of West Allis was inducted into the Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame presented by the Milwaukee County Department on Aging. Agnes has been an active participant and volunteer for the Wisconsin Senior Olympics (WSO) for over 27 years. Agnes is an advocate for seniors and wellness as well as a consistent role model actively participating in the WSO games including: track and field, swimming, cycling, and badminton competitions. Agnes has been promoting healthy lifestyles for Milwaukee County senior citizens through education, fitness, and sports, which earned her the honor of being inducted into the 2009 Hall of Fame. Agnes, thank you for your dedication to the senior citizens of Milwaukee County!



Supervisor Sanfelippo and District 17 Senior Citizen Hall of Fame inductee, Agnes Reinhard, at the May 2009 induction ceremony.

Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Meals Program serves Milwaukee County senior citizens with a healthy lunch in a great atmosphere. Meals are served at 11:30am, Monday through Friday at 26 different sites throughout Milwaukee County. District 17 sites include: St Aloysius Parish Center, 1441 S. 92nd Street, West Allis (414) 804-1704 and the West Allis Senior Center, 7001 W. National Ave, West Allis (414) 302-8703. Call for reservations or information between 9:30am-12:30pm. Contact the Milwaukee County Department on Aging for more information. (414) 289-6874 or www.milwaukee.gov/county/aging



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SAVE THE DATE!
Public Hearing on the
2010
County Budget
Monday, November 2, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Washington Park Senior Center
4420 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee, WI

FREE DAYS FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH VALID PHOTO ID

<p>MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM ★★★★★★ FREE every Wednesday Excludes special exhibits</p>	<p>MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM ★★★★★★ FREE every Monday</p>	<p>MITCHELL PARK DOMES ★★★★★★ FREE every Monday excluding major holidays</p>	<p>MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO ★★★★★★ FREE Days for 2010 1/2, 2/6, 3/6, 4/10, 11/6, 11/26, 12/4, 12/25 & 1/1/11</p>
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

In an effort to help save money we have drastically reduced the number of newsletters mailed out this year. Please share this newsletter with your neighbors if they have not received one. You can stay informed by visiting my website at www.county.milwaukee.gov/sanfelippo where you can sign up to receive my monthly E-News letter. As always, your comments and concerns are encouraged and appreciated. Please feel free to call, write or email any time.

CONSTITUENT INFORMATION

Please contact Supervisor Sanfelippo to receive any of these Milwaukee County informational items:

- ★ Milwaukee County at a Glance
- ★ Milwaukee County Map (one per household)
- ★ Milwaukee County Transit Guide
- ★ Milwaukee by Bike
- ★ Department on Aging Info
- ★ Prescription Discount Card
- ★ Milwaukee Art Museum
- ★ Milwaukee Public Museum
- ★ Golf Course Map
- ★ Dogs in the Parks