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# CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

## OCTOBER 2014

### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Fall has arrived with its cooler temperatures and beautiful colors. But with fall comes budget season at the County Board. We will be considering a \$1.3 billion budget proposal from the County Executive with public hearings throughout October, with the Board's annual public budget hearing at 6:30 on November 3 at the Milwaukee Art Museum. The full Board will vote on a final budget on November 10.

In addition, Supervisor Jason Haas and I will hold a joint town hall meeting from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, October 20 at the Humboldt Park Pavilion, 3000 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee.

Since elected in 2004, I have held over a hundred town hall meetings. In the upcoming month, the County Board will adopt the 2015 budget and take up the proposed sale of O'Donnell Park downtown to Northwestern Mutual. I look forward to receiving input directly from the people I represent.

In addition to the budget and O'Donnell Park, the Board will consider many other key issues in the coming weeks, including the proposed sale of the Downtown Transit Center to developer Rick Barrett for construction of a 44-story apartment building.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 278-4282 or email me at [Marina.dimitrijevic@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:Marina.dimitrijevic@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

*Marina D.*

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# Milwaukee County News Updates

## The County Executive's Recommended Budget

The following link is to the 2015 Recommended Budget

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/PSB/County-Budget/2015-Budget/2015-Recommended-Budget1.htm>

## Finance, Personnel and Audit Recommended 2015 Budget Hearing Schedule

The County Board's Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee is set to deliberate the 2015 Proposed Budget during October. Following the FPA's recommendations, the full County Board will hold its annual budget hearing on November 3 at 6:30 at the Milwaukee Art Museum. The Board will vote on the budget on November 10.

The following link is the schedule for FPA budget hearings. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/FPA>

### 2015 Milwaukee County Annual Budget Schedule

<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>JUNE 15</b>
Preliminary Preparation: Direction to County Departments on preparation of the subsequent year budget.	Departments submit new position requests.	Departments submit capital budget requests. Departments submit operating budget requests.
<b>JULY &amp; AUGUST</b>	<b>AUGUST 15</b>	<b>OCTOBER 1</b>
Department of Administration Services and County Executive review departmental budget requests.	Department of Administration Services submits summary of requested budgets to the County Board.	County Executive presents the Recommended Budget to the County Board. The Recommended Budget is referred to the Board's Committee on Finance, Personnel & Audit for review.
<b>OCTOBER 1 to 1st week in NOVEMBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER - 1st Monday of the Month</b>	
The Committee on Finance, Personnel & Audit reviews the Recommended Budget. A notice is published in local daily newspapers summarizing the Recommended Budget and announcing the annual public hearing on the County Budget.	<b>Monday, November 3 - 6:30 p.m.</b> County Board Public Hearing on budget at the Milwaukee Art Museum	
<b>1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday in NOVEMBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 19</b>	
<b>Monday, November 10 - 8:30 a.m.</b> County Board annual meeting and the adoption of the budget and tax levy.  During this meeting, the County Board acts on the amendments by the Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee to the County Executive's Recommended Budget as well as amendments submitted by individual County Board members.	The County Board meets at 1:30 p.m. on November 19, 2014, to consider any possible vetoes by the Executive.	
	<b>JANUARY 1</b>	
	Departments begin utilizing budget to provide public services.	



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## Finance, Personnel and Audit Welcomes Public Input as It Begins Budget Review at Milwaukee School of Languages on October 20

The Milwaukee County Board's Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee will hold a budget hearing at the Milwaukee School of Languages, 8400 W. Burleigh St., Milwaukee, at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 20, Committee Co-chairs David Cullen and Willie Johnson, Jr. announced today.

The Committee will begin its public review of the 2015 Recommended Budget and has announced a series of meetings, including this unique public hearing in the community.

The October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting is designed to enhance the public's access to the County budget process. Budget deliberations are normally held in Room 203R at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, but Johnson said it was important to hold a meeting outside the Courthouse.

The County's budget of more than \$1 billion is usually considered during the weeks of October by the committee

after introduction by the County Executive, and Johnson said public input is essential to ensure that the budget represents the needs of Milwaukee County residents. The County Board will also hold its annual public budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic said the public hearing will be a key part of the budget process.

"The County Board will be holding public hearings and town hall meetings night and day during the month of October to hear directly from our constituents," she said. "The needs in our neighborhoods are great. We must find a balance in this budget process that provides services, invests in our County and adds value so we can grow."

# Milwaukee County News Updates

## Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. Honored to Serve as WCA President

Milwaukee County Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., said today he was honored to be elected president of the Wisconsin Counties Association, saying that he planned to use the position as a “bully pulpit for issues affecting the state’s counties.”

Johnson, who co-chairs the Milwaukee County Board’s Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee, is the first African American elected to the position in the organization’s history. He will serve a one year term beginning on September 17.

“Wisconsin’s counties are part of the bedrock of our government,” Johnson said. “Local government, especially counties, is the part of government closest to the people. The services counties provide affect the lives of every virtually person in Wisconsin, and it is truly an honor to be elected to lead an organization that speaks for counties.”

“Milwaukee County is unique in Wisconsin as the most economically and ethnically diverse in the state. But I will use my position as president to forward those issues that will enhance all county governments statewide.”

Johnson was honored at the Milwaukee County Board’s regular meeting on September 25.



*Pictured: Lupe Martinez, President and CEO of UAMOS, Inc. and his wife, Pat along with Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Peggy Romo West celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.*

## Hispanic Heritage Celebration

According to the Library of Congress, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

# Milwaukee County News Updates

## Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic Announces New MCTS MCard Purchase Locations



Milwaukee County Transit System riders can pick up new MCards for payment on Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) buses. MCTS began selling one-day, seven-day and 31-day passes on MCTS M•CARDs (electronic smart cards) at select locations throughout the County beginning today, Monday, September 29, 2014.

According to MCTS, the new MCTS M•CARD provides a more convenient and secure way to pay fares. The plastic smart card can be electronically loaded with transit passes at 24 sales outlets. A list of sales outlets (as of September 29, 2014) is listed below.

All paper passes and tickets will still be accepted as fare until further notice, but the new MCard is designed to eventually replace paper money and transfers for the convenience of riders.

MCards can be purchased at the following outlets:

### Outlet/Store Name and Locations

#### **MCTS—Admin Bldg Cashiers**

942 N. 17th Street

#### **MCTS - KK Station**

1718 S. Kinnickinnic Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53204

#### **MCTS - FDL Station**

3201 W. Fond du Lac Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53210

#### **Community Financial**

1407 E. Brady St, Milwaukee, WI 53202

801 S. 16th St., Milwaukee, WI 53204

801 W. Historic Mitchell St, Milwaukee, WI 53204

2636 W. Fond du Lac Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53206

4535 W. North Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53208

3432 W. Vliet St, Milwaukee, WI 53208

3500 W. Villard Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53209

821 E. Capitol Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53212

3256 S. 27th St, Milwaukee, WI 53215

5500 W. Fond du Lac Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53216

7410 W. Capitol Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53216

6404 N. 76th St, Milwaukee, WI 53223

10400 W. Silver Spring Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53225

#### **Pick'n Save**

1735 W. Silver Spring Dr, Glendale, WI 53209

9200 N. Green Bay Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53209

4145 N. Oakland Ave, Shorewood, WI 53211

6969 N. Port Washington Rd, Glendale, WI 53217

4279 S. 76th St, Greenfield, WI 53220





# Save the Date

## Pumpkin Pavilion Camp Out Humboldt Park Keltner Field, October 17

Spend your night under the stars after enjoying opening night of Pumpkin Pavilion and have an amazing chance to CAMP OUT in the Milwaukee County Parks' Humboldt Park! This is a special opportunity and is for BVNA Members ONLY (spots are limited). Check-in time is between 5:00-7:00 p.m. For information and register online visit <http://bvna.memberlodge.com/event-1769677>

## Joint Town Hall Meeting set for October 20

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"Since elected in 2004, I have held over a hundred town hall meetings," Dimitrijevic said. "In the upcoming month, the County Board will adopt the 2015 budget and take up the proposed sale of O'Donnell Park. I look forward to receiving input directly from the people I represent on these important issues."

Information will be available at the meeting on voter ID and the referenda on the ballot for November 4th.

## Annual Neighborhood Gathering, November 6

**Thursday, November 6th** (St. Joseph Center (1501 S Layton Blvd), 5:30pm-6:15pm Taste of Neighborhood, 6:30-8:00p.m. Event Program. Join us at the Annual Gathering as we celebrate another great year in Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park.

Here are the event details: Taste of the Neighborhood featuring free food from our neighborhood's international restaurants. Storytelling from you and other neighbors. Most Improved Home Contest winners announced. Good Neighbor Award winners announced. Please nominate someone you know for a Good Neighbor Award today! Sponsored by State Farm.

Love Where You Live Photo Contest voting and winners announced. You still have a chance to win \$50 by emailing a photo of something you love in the neighborhood to [info@lbwn.org](mailto:info@lbwn.org).

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Faith / Santa Fe Church's Food Pantry. Questions? Contact Brianna at [brianna@lbwn.org](mailto:brianna@lbwn.org) or 414.385.5300.

## Milwaukee County Winter Farmers' Market!

The sixth season of Milwaukee County Winter Farmers' Market will operate at Mitchell Park Domes November 1 through April 11 on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. No markets will operate on November 29 and December 27. FREE parking available and INDOOR shopping! Visit <http://www.mcwfm.org/> for more information.

## Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame 2015

The Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame 2015 application is now available! Nominations are due February 9, 2015. For additional nomination information, contact Jill Knight or by calling (414) 289-6794 or visit [www.milwaukee.gov/county/aging](http://www.milwaukee.gov/county/aging)