



# CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

## MARCH 2014

**Dear Friends and Neighbors,**

It's been a tough winter, but thankfully, spring is just about here.

Whatever the weather is outside you can always enjoy our indoor pools and see Music Under the Glass at our Domes. Warmer weather also means our Bay View Dog Park will open very soon!

I hope you will join me at a series of **"Coffee & Culture"** chat sessions I am hosting to get people's views on the needs of cultural amenities. I'll hold a chat session at **10 a.m. March 14 at the "Café at the Milwaukee Public Museum,"** and another at **10 a.m. on March 28 at the Charles Allis Museum,** 1801 N. Prospect.

Lastly, please take a look at updates on how we move forward with transit in Milwaukee County and our plans to clean up South Shore Beach.

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## Our Regional Cultural Assets Need Regional Support

I am a member of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce's 48-member Committee on Cultural and Entertainment Capital Needs, which is holding a series of public meetings to determine how to best serve the needs of the region's arts, entertainment and cultural institutions.

This discussion will greatly affect the future of our community for decades, and it is important I get the chance to listen to the residents of our county about their vision for our cultural, recreational and entertainment amenities.

While much of the attention in this discussion has been focused on the need for a new downtown arena, the issue is much bigger than just one building.

Milwaukee County has a long, proud tradition of being a

major supporter of parks, recreation and the arts. However, we cannot do it alone. These regional assets need regional support from our partners in other counties. Milwaukee County residents voted in support of dedicated public funding for parks, culture and transit via an advisory referendum in 2008. I am excited to be at the table of this important discussion and plan to have an open mind with a vision for moving our region forward.

I have held a series of "Coffee & Culture" chat sessions at county-supported amenities so that I can get input from everyone on these important cultural and entertainment issues.

I invite everyone to contact me with their thoughts. This is an important discussion, and I want to hear from you!

## Coffee & Culture Chat with the Chairwoman

Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic will hold an open "Coffee & Culture" chat at 10 a.m. **Friday, March 14 at the "Café at the Milwaukee Public Museum," 800 W. Wells St.**

"I invite everyone to participate in these chat sessions as the community continues this important conversation."

Dimitrijevic, who held an informative chat session at the Milwaukee Art Museum earlier this year, will also hold a session at the **Charles Allis Museum, 1801 N. Prospect, at 10 a.m. on March 28.** In addition, she plans to have future chat sessions at other county-supported amenities such as the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts and the Mitchell Park Domes.

**Join Me for**



*Coffee & Culture*

**Friday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Café at the  
Milwaukee Public Museum  
800 W. Wells St.**

**Friday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Charles Allis Art Museum  
1801 N. Prospect Ave.**

# Milwaukee County News Updates

## Board Approves Green Proposal for Mitchell Airport Solar Farm

The Milwaukee County Board recently passed my resolution to study the feasibility of a new solar project at Mitchell International Airport. The vote to approve was 16 to 2.

The positive endorsement of my green power-green jobs legislation is an important step toward increasing the use of renewable energy in Milwaukee County.

With the cost of solar panels becoming more economically feasible, now is the time to think big in Milwaukee County. Other airports around the country have installed similar solar farms and have seen great energy savings.

Solar energy helps protect Wisconsin's natural resources and advances the energy efficiency and renewable energy provisions of Milwaukee County's "Greenprint"

initiative while supporting Wisconsin's goal of using 10 percent renewable energy by 2015.

I introduced the "Greenprint" initiative and it was passed in 2007. It was expanded in 2009 to include a Sustainability Director to oversee the initiative. Milwaukee County has saved taxpayers money by reducing energy consumption and improving our county-wide infrastructure.

I am excited about the prospect of using solar energy, not only to save energy, but to save valuable resources.



## It's Time to Move Forward on Transit

Recently I joined three other County Supervisors in asking the County Executive to issue a new bid for transit in Milwaukee County. It is critical that a new bid be issued as soon as possible.

The residents and employers of Milwaukee County expect a dependable transportation system, and we have a duty to ensure a responsible process is used to protect the public and provide the community with the best value.

An appeal ruled the original bid process was flawed, and the County Executive's administration can correct the mistakes with a new bid.

The time is now for the County Executive and the County Board to come together and find the best way to move forward. Public transit is vital to growing our local economy, and we are looking for the most efficient, modern, and reliable way for our residents to get around our county.

## Improving South Shore Beach

The County Board passed my budget amendment that dedicates County resources toward cleaning up South Shore Beach. South Shore Beach is an important gathering place in our community, and we need to continue our efforts to clean up the beach for everyone to enjoy.

Under the amendment, funds will be used by the Parks Department to purchase a beach groomer to clean the sand along the South Shore. In addition, planning and phase 1 designs will begin soon to reconstruct the South Shore Yacht Club parking lot, which needs repair and is contributing to runoff polluting the water. By replacing the current pavement with permeable pavement, runoff will be reduced and the water quality will improve.

We are moving in the right direction on South Shore Beach clean-up, and I will continue my efforts to ensure that the beach is a pleasant and enjoyable place for family gatherings or just for quiet contemplation.

When the winter thaw takes place, our efforts to move forward on South Shore Beach clean-up will continue.

# Milwaukee County News Updates

## Board Approves Living Wage

The County Board in February passed a County living wage of \$11.32 by a veto-proof majority of 12-6. The living wage would affect employees of contractors who do business with the County.

The living wage is meant to raise people out of poverty by paying them a wage equal to federal poverty level for a family of four. Right now, with a minimum wage of \$7.50, many people with full-time jobs are forced to live in poverty, and often they must seek public assistance to get by.

President Obama called on local governments to act on a minimum wage if Congress did not. We acted. Now it's time to move forward.

Growing poverty, foreclosed homes and hungry families are the very things that are tearing down this community. A living wage can help to address these problems of income inequality in Milwaukee County.



We could not wait for state action. We could not wait for federal action. We needed County action.

People working in full-time jobs should not be forced to live in poverty. That's why I will continue to support a living wage as we move forward.

## Improvements Coming to Pulaski, Noyes Indoor Pools



As you may already know, my amendment to the 2014 County Budget kept open the Pulaski and Noyes indoor swimming pools and provided funding for improvements. Some of the funding for repairs also came from a generous donation from Mr. Stanley Kass of Brown Deer. The pools are now open for everyone to enjoy, especially during this harsh winter.

**Here is a brief summary of what's happening with the two pools.**

### - Noyes

- New roof Request for Proposals are going out and a

replacement roof is expected to be in place this year.

- A revitalized Friends group is expanding and growing, looking to add value to participation and recognition of the pool and what it offers to the community.

### -Pulaski

- The hiring of a consulting firm is under way for design concepts for repairs and renovations. Once the consulting firm is on board design concept will come out for public input.

I'm excited that these improvements are taking place, and I hope you are able to make it to one of the pools this year.



# Marina in our Community



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic read to students at ALBA School in her district to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Marina was happy to read to the students in Spanish and highlight the benefits of bilingual education.



Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic attended the Executive Breakfast in support of the Layton Boulevard West Neighbors. Marina is pictured with Charlotte John-Gomez, Executive Director of LBWN.

# Save the Date



## March 06

### Marcell's Matrix with The Rhythm Kings

A fun combination of blues and funk that everyone will love. With keyboardist extraordinaire, Marcell Guyton, this band plays with an infectious intensity that will have you up and dancing all night!

## March 13 **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**

### Tallymoore

Come celebrate everything that is Irish with this modern folk and Celtic music group. Their melding of different techniques has given a rebirth to a fresh sound to some of the Irish folk standards.

## March 20

### Jake Paul Band

This original rock band with funky reggae and hip-hop influences is full of impressive talents. The masterful guitar creations melt into free-flowing jams that exude a blissed-out, organic vibe!

## March 27

### The Noyz Boyz & Gyrlyz

An intoxicating blend of Motown and rockin' rhythm and blues will get you moving! This talented 10-piece horn band backs up three vocalists performing all your favorites!

## Avalon Theater Pre-opening Party

These are the latest details about the Avalon Theater's pre-opening party which is raising funds for the Bay View Historical Society's effort to make their facility handicapped accessible and to restore the porch.

The Avalon is having three "soft" openings, and those proceeds will go to the Historical Society. The dates for the three consecutive soft openings will be announced at the Avalon Theater Pre-Opening Party on Tuesday, May 20th from 5-8 p.m. at the Horny Goat Brew Pub, 2011 S First St.

The Horny Goat is donating the food, soda, ambiance and music for this important cause. In addition, the Horny Goat is taking all online payments for these tickets. More specifically, in a few days or so, people will be able to go to [www.hghideaway.com](http://www.hghideaway.com) and purchase the tickets for this cause.

The price for the first soft opening will be \$100, the price for the second soft opening will be \$75 and the price for the third soft opening will be \$50. Your online purchase will get you into the party with food etc. on May 20th at the Horny Goat and an admission ticket to the theater on the date you signed up for.

These tickets also provide you with a guided tour before the movie on each of the soft opening dates.

Any additional inquiries can be directed to me here or at [tzieli@milwaukee.gov](mailto:tzieli@milwaukee.gov).



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## Coming Soon! City/County Dog Park in Bay View

Ground broke on the new Milwaukee County/City of Milwaukee Bay View Dog Park last year, and as soon as the weather warms we will hold a grand opening. Stay tuned!



## Bay View High School Alums to Celebrate School's 100th Anniversary

As a proud alumna of Bay View High School, I am pleased to announce that the school will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner at the Italian Conference Center from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2014.

The celebration, organized by Bay View alumnus John Giove, will mark Bay View High School's first hundred years with fellowship, stories and memories.

Early registration is recommended as there is limited space. Dinner and dancing, along with a keepsake package, cost \$60 per person or \$95 per couple. For more information or to register, please contact Sonia Haas at 414-379-3541 or [basketbabe53207@yahoo.com](mailto:basketbabe53207@yahoo.com)