

DIMITRIJEVIC REPORT

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Dear Friends,

I hope this E-Newsletter finds you and your families in good health and spirits. We are going through many changes in Milwaukee County Government, so I hope you will take the time to read these important updates.

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Milwaukee County Board Committees

Vice-Chair, Health & Human Needs
Parks, Energy, & Environment
Intergovernmental Relations
Transportation, Public Works & Transit
Chair, Cnty. Board Information Technology
Milwaukee County Commission on Aging
Lakefront Development Advisory Commission
Milwaukee County Research Park Board

Community Memberships

Bay View Neighborhood Association
UMOS Community Service Block Grant Advisory Committee
Bay View Historical Society
South Shore Park Watch
Bay View Lions Club
Inter-Organizational Council of Bay View
Bay View High School Alumni Association
9 to 5 Nat'l Association of Working Women
South Side Scholarship Foundation
Assn. of Marquette University Women
Sierra Club
Board of Directors, Emerge Wisconsin
American Council of Young Political Leaders



State of the County Address

Acting County Executive Lee Holloway delivered the annual State of the County Address on Wednesday, January 26th

In the speech, he highlighted several goals:

- Creating jobs
- Tackling our structural deficit
- Reducing duplication in government
- Reshaping the way transit and parks are funded
- and Developing a new mental health care model

A transcript of his speech is available [here](#)



New Fare Boxes for MCTS Buses

The Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee is looking into new fare collection systems for the Milwaukee County Transit System. The IBI Group, an international consulting firm, was selected to assist MCTS in reviewing existing and proposed fare collection alternatives. Given a variety of passenger focused criteria and budgetary constraints, the recommended new fare collection system would support contactless smart cards for passes and tickets.

Milwaukee County has \$7 million in federal stimulus funding to pay for a new fare system. This would cover the costs of implementing the new system.

Almost 55% of passengers currently pay with weekly passes and tickets. The community is expected to quickly adopt smart cards, since these cards can be purchased as passes for periods of time (e.g. weekly or monthly) or loaded with values that are deducted ride-by-ride similar to how our current passengers redeem tickets from a 10-ride ticket booklet one at a time. When smart cards are used, transfers are automatically encoded on them.

The contract for a new fare collection system will be awarded in April, 2011. Once awarded, a timeline for implementation can be made.

Acting Co. Executive Holloway Names Pratt as Interim Co. Executive



Acting County Executive Lee Holloway (right) has announced former Milwaukee Common Council President Marvin Pratt (left) to serve as the Interim County Executive. If confirmed, Pratt will serve as Interim County Executive until the April Election.

Holloway returns to his job as County Board Chairman if Pratt is confirmed by the County Board at its next meeting on February 3.

Call for Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Nominees

The Milwaukee County Department on Aging has put out a call for nominations for seniors to participate in the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Established in 1997, the Hall of Fame honors five outstanding seniors in Milwaukee County who serve the community as volunteers and as advocates on behalf the elderly.

Nominations must be post-marked by February 14, 2011.

Nominees must show distinguished volunteer service in any one or combination of the following categories:

- voluntary service of an educational, community or humanitarian nature
- exceptional contributions as a volunteer in efforts to improve the lives of people regardless of race, creed or national origin
- voluntary service in advocacy on behalf of Wisconsin senior citizens

A ceremony and celebration will be held in May 2011. For more information on the Hall of Fame, including past winners and a link to the official nomination form, please [click here](#).

Sustainability Director Update

Supervisor Dimitrijevic continued her fight for full implementation of her Greenprint legislation this County Board cycle by re-introducing legislation to create and Office of Sustainability. It passed 3-2 at the Parks Committee Meeting and was laid over at the Finance Meeting. Some Supervisors were concerned about the cost associated with creating a new position, but Supervisor Dimitrijevic asserted, "that we can no longer afford not to implement this and realize more energy savings." She will present an amendment at this month's County Board Meeting.



Bay View Winter Blast '11

This is Bay View's only chili cook-off with multiple Bay View restaurants and individuals competing for Bay View's best chili. A community festival, Bay View Winter Blast features musical entertainment and family activities along with area community groups setting up shop.

It will be held at the South Shore Park Pavilion, Sunday, February 20th from 12:00-4:00pm.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic is excited to participate in her 8th Winter Blast!

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MARCH 22, 2011

Potawatomi Bingo and Casino

The Layton Boulevard West Neighbors Association will hold its 5th annual Executive Breakfast on March 22nd at the Potawatomi Bingo & Casino at 7:30am.

The Guest Speaker will be Julia Taylor, President of the Greater Milwaukee Committee.

For more Information, please contact Dan Adams at 414-383-9038 ex.2305 or daniel@lbwn.org

Audit Calls for a Comprehensive Repair Plan on Our Buildings

On June 25, 2010, the Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors called for an audit of Milwaukee County facilities to determine whether any safety concerns needed to be addressed.

The directive followed the June 24, 2010 death of a young man and injury of two other individuals resulting from a façade piece falling from the County's O'Donnell Park parking structure.

The Chairman's directive also referenced a critical State report on the condition of the County's behavioral health facility and an incident in March of this year when a six-inch square section of concrete fell from near the top of the Milwaukee County Courthouse onto the pavement below.

The Courthouse material fell during the night and there were no injuries. A month after the County Board's audit directive, on August 28th, a fiberboard panel fell from a wall inside a terminal at General Mitchell International Airport, injuring a passenger.

In addition to this audit, on June 30, 2010, the County Executive and the County Board Chairman also ordered an inspection of County-owned buildings that had not received a façade inspection within the past five years.

The firm of Graef, USA Inc. was retained to conduct inspections of 106 buildings. The results of those inspections, issued by the Department of Transportation and Public Works under separate cover, identify an estimated \$8.5 million in needed repairs to just the facades of those buildings. Almost \$3.4 million of those items were considered priority repairs needed in the next year. Section 1 of this report summarizes the buildings reviewed and the associated cost estimates.

Our audit was designed to identify steps that Milwaukee County has taken to proactively identify repair and maintenance items that may affect the safety of people visiting or working in County buildings. Further, we examined steps that have been taken to address any safety issues that have been identified. It is important to note that in addition to buildings and structures, the County owns and maintains several other types of infrastructure, such as roadways, parking lots, dams, and marinas, to name a few. In some (but not all) cases, the findings and recommendations related to buildings and structures can be extended to those County assets as well.

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