



# CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

NEWS YOU CAN USE **JULY 2012**

**Dear Friends,**

Summer is in full swing, and this e-newsletter is packed with details about family fun in the 4th District and beyond. I invite you to get out and enjoy the County's many parks, pools, farmers markets and festivals. As you can see in this e-newsletter, June was a busy month. I am happy to see so many of you at the events I attend. The most recent County Board meeting was held on June 28. [Click here](#) to check out the results. See you in the district!

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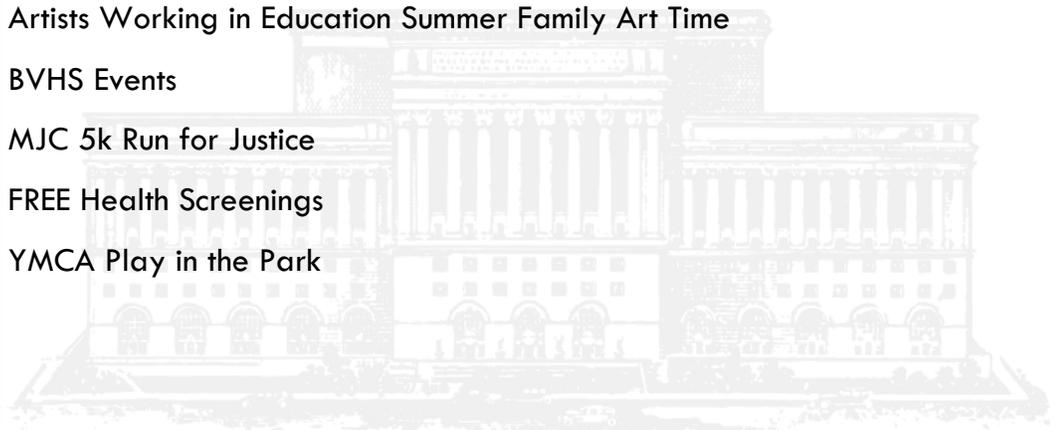
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# Chairwoman's Corner

## Chairwoman Dimitrijevic Holds First Two 'Chats with the Chair'



County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic held her first two "Chat with the Chair" listening sessions. She visited Franklin on June 6 and Fox Point on June 13. Residents had the opportunity to meet the Chairwoman, to ask questions about

County government and to explore ways for Fox Point and Milwaukee County to work together.

"We are making a sincere effort to unify Milwaukee County. A key part of this effort is holding listening sessions in all 19 cities and villages in Milwaukee County," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, who is riding the bus to each Chat with the Chair. "I thank Franklin Mayor Tom Taylor and Fox Point Village President Michael West for hosting these first two events."

The next two Chats with the Chair are scheduled for St. Francis and Brown Deer.



## Upcoming Chats

### St. Francis

Tuesday, July 10, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Francis City Hall  
City Council Chambers, 4235 South Nicholson Avenue

### Brown Deer

Monday, July 23, 6 to 7 p.m., Brown Deer Village Hall  
Village Board Chambers, 4800 West Green Brook Drive

# Chairwoman's Corner

## Juneteenth Day Parade



Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic proudly marched in Milwaukee's Juneteenth Day parade on June 19, 2012.

She and a number of her colleagues marched alongside a new clean diesel Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus and handed out children's activity books and crayons throughout the parade route.

"My colleagues and I are proud to honor African-American heritage in Milwaukee," Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. "The Juneteenth Day parade was a great opportunity to meet with residents and to recognize the progress we have made on civil rights. Milwaukee County is the most diverse county in Wisconsin, and that diversity is our strength."



From left: Supervisor David Bowen, Supervisor Nikiya Harris, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Supervisor Steve Taylor and Transit Director Lloyd Grant at the Juneteenth Day parade.

## Kasana Grand Opening



On June 1, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic helped the Layton Boulevard West Neighborhoods welcome their newest Latina-owned business, Kasana Good-to-Go, at Ascension Lutheran Church.

Kasana Good-to-Go offers fresh, organic food in vending machines as a healthy alternative in schools, businesses and other facilities.

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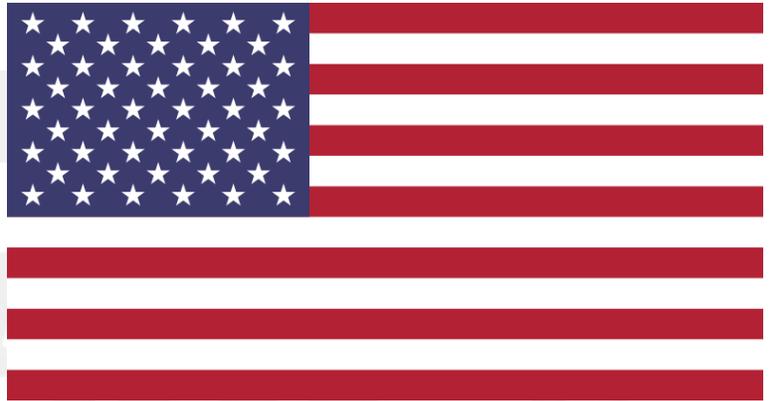
## July 4th Parade Marshall

Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic is honored to serve as the Grand Marshall of this year's Humboldt Park 4th of July Parade — the oldest 4th of July parade in Milwaukee!

The parade begins at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Lincoln and Kinnickinnic and will proceed southbound through the Bay View neighborhood and finish at the Humboldt Park Pavilion.

The Humboldt Park 4th of July Parade is organized by the Humboldt Park Fourth of July Association and is celebrating its 102nd year.

See you there!



## Open Swim at Milwaukee County Parks' Pools

The 2012 Milwaukee County Parks' Splash Pad and Wading Pool season is set to begin Saturday, June 16th. All six splash pads will open, and eleven wading pools will open on June 16th, with the remaining wading pools opening on Saturday, June 23rd. Our outdoor Deep Well Pools will be opening on Saturday, June 16th at 12:30 p.m. as well.

Did you know Milwaukee County residents can rent outdoor pools and aquatic centers for events and private gatherings? Also, residents can obtain season pool passes at all outdoor Milwaukee County pools, Community Centers, and the County Parks Administrative Office, 9480 Watertown Plank Rd. in Wauwatosa. For more information, go to [countyparks.com](http://countyparks.com), call the Aquatics Office at (414) 257-8098 or call the 24-hour Pool Hotline at (414) 257-7230.

### Opening June 16th

#### Splash Pads

Carver	11-5
Clarke Square	11-5
Dineen	11-5
Gordon	11-5
Madison	11-5
Washington	11-5

#### Waders

Cannon	12-4
Columbus	11-3
Cooper	11-3
Pulaski-Cudahy	1-5
Rainbow	10-2
Rose	12-4
Smith	12-4
Tiefenthaler	12-4
Vogel	12-3
Walker Square	1-5
West Milwaukee	10-2

### Opening June 23rd

#### Waders

Alcott	1-5
Algonquin	10-2
Greene	1-5
Humboldt	10-2
Jacobus	1-5
Kops	12-4
LaFollette	11-3
Lindsay	1-5
Lyons	12-4
Mitchell	12-4
Saveland	10-2
Sherman	1-5
Tippecanoe	11-3
Wahl	12-3
Wedgewood	10-2

# Recently in Milwaukee County

## County Parks' 105th Anniversary

The Milwaukee County Parks System and The Park People of Milwaukee celebrated the 105th anniversary of the Milwaukee County Parks at McKinley Park on Milwaukee's lakefront on Saturday, June 2. Everyone enjoyed a full day of free special events and programs, designed to get families fit, active and healthy.

The day-long event featured live music; a history lesson about our Milwaukee County Parks by local historian John Gurda; youth activities hosted by the YMCA; appearances by Klement's Racing Sausages, Door County Sled Dogs and Bango the Buck; and an improv comedy show, disc golf demonstrations, a bounce house and more! Milwaukee's own KT and the Universal Love Band wrapped-up the day with a kid-friendly concert.

"Our Parks System is such an asset to our community," said Milwaukee County Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic. "This event is a great way for families and our community to have a fun day and to enjoy our beautiful lakefront."

"Our Parks System has not changed its purpose nor its mission from when it originally started 105 years ago," noted Parks Director Sue Black. "Bringing family and friends together in a leisurely setting and beautiful backdrop of Lake Michigan is what this celebration is all about."



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Parks Director Sue Black, and County Executive Chris Abele at the kickoff of the 105th Anniversary.



## Run for the Parks

### HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARKS

TUESDAY, JULY 24TH • 6:30 PM • HUMBOLDT PARK

#### Join Our Team!

The Milwaukee County Parks Diversity Committee will be participating in the **RUN FOR THE PARKS** (& CHILL ON THE HILL CONCERT)

Proceeds of this 5k fun run and 2k walk will be used to assist The Park People in their support of our parks and to improve the Humboldt Park band shell.



COME HAVE FUN WITH US... AND SUPPORT YOUR PARKS!

Picnic with the team after the race while we enjoy the music at the Chill on the Hill concert in our own VIP area!

All runners and walkers will receive a T-shirt, a goodie bag, and refreshments!

#### REGISTER NOW

UNDER THE "PARKS DIVERSITY TEAM"

[WWW.PARKPEOPLEMKE.ORG/5K](http://WWW.PARKPEOPLEMKE.ORG/5K)



## MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS



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# Recently in Milwaukee County

## County Board Combines Committees, Forms Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee

Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic is thanking her colleagues for adopting a change to County Ordinances to combine the Finance & Audit Committee with the Personnel Committee.

The new Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee, which held its first meeting on June 21, has nine members and is led by two Co-Chairs, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., and Supervisor David Cullen.

“Changing the Committee structure at the County Board is a key step that will streamline the legislative process and save tax dollars,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. “During the last term, a number of legislative items were heard by both committees. This new approach will allow for a quicker, more efficient process.”

The new Committee model incorporates best practices already used by Legislative branches in the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin.

## Make it Work Milwaukee Coalition



Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic attended the Make it Work Milwaukee Coalition special reception on June 11 to honor her and to recognize the work of the County Board in strengthening health and human services in Milwaukee County.

The event also served as a welcome for the new County Board of Supervisors and included remarks from Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, who recently completed eight years on the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging.

“I am proud to advance policies and services that support the independence and quality of life for people with disabilities and older adults. For many people, Milwaukee County provides the safety net they need to live with fulfillment and dignity,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. “Year after year, budget after budget, it has been the County Board that has stood up for those in need by restoring critical funding after misguided cuts were made.”

## Saving County tax dollars

On June 28, the County Board overwhelmingly approved an amendment to pay down future County debt, saving taxpayers more than \$400,000 in next year’s Budget. The amendment was sponsored by Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisors Willie Johnson, Jr. and David Cullen, the Co-Chairs of the Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee.

In light of a projected \$11.3 million surplus from 2011, the County Comptroller requested County Board authorization to transfer \$5 million of the available 2011 surplus into the Debt Service Reserve. Chairwoman Dimitrijevic’s amendment increases that transfer by more than \$2.3 million — totaling \$7,311,168 — to fully pay off two outstanding State Trust Fund loans with interest rates of 4.5% and 5.25%, which are high rates in the current economic environment. The loans were made to help finance housing projects for individuals with mental illness.

This action means the County will avoid \$365,659 in future interest costs while relieving the 2013 Budget of \$423,979 in projected principal and interest payments. Future budgets will also be positively impacted by this debt reduction.

“We still have fiscal challenges ahead, and the County Board is showing leadership by turning this unique surplus into a great return for County taxpayers,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. “The County Board once again is showing fiscal responsibility and focusing on the future so we can all continue to enjoy the great services provided by Milwaukee County.”

# Save the Date

## South Shore Farmer's Market

The South Shore Farmers' Market is located in beautiful Bay View, directly across from Lake Michigan in South Shore Park (2900 South Shore Drive). The market operates every Saturday, June 16 through October 13, 2012, from 8 a.m. to noon.

## Artists Working in Education

Join "Artists Working in Education" for a special project the whole family can enjoy together. Families will work as a group on a large-scale, imaginative art project relevant to a book and theme for the day. This is a great opportunity to be creative, try new techniques and have fun together as a family. The program is completely free, and every family will get to take home their collaborative creation! This program is a partnership between the Milwaukee Public Library and Artists Working in Education, Inc. with support from MPS Partnership for the Arts.

**Atkinson** 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Mondays: July 16 & August 6

**Villard Square** 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturdays: July 25 & August 25

**Zablocki** 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 19

## Bay View Historical Society Events

Sat., July 21: Brinton House open to public 1 to 4 p.m.

Sat., August 4: Historical Walking Tour 9 a.m.

Sat., August 18: Brinton House open to public 1 to 4 p.m.

## Milwaukee Domes Art Festival

Enjoy visual art, great food and live entertainment!

Friday, August 17, noon to 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, August 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd.



2nd Annual 5K Fun Run & 1 Mile Walk

When: July 25th at 7 PM

Where: Veterans Park 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Registration: \$25 (Students: \$20)

To Register, [CLICK HERE](#)

## Free Health Screenings

Take advantage of free clinical breast exams, blood pressure checks, body mass tests, HIV testing, and blood typing thanks to the American Cancer Society's "Healthy Latinas, Healthy Families" event.

Saturday, June 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

South Division High School, 1515 W. Lapham Blvd.

# Save the Date

## YMCA Play in the Park

Parents, bring your children and join us at a park near you for some free, healthy fun for the whole family. Play in the Parks — and have fun this summer!

This FREE program at convenient park locations within the Milwaukee area gives families the chance to get out and play this summer!

The YMCA of Greater Milwaukee, in cooperation with the Milwaukee County Parks Department, provides activities designed to get families active, aware of healthy lifestyles and involved within the parks in their community.

For more information, contact:

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### Session 1, now through July 19

#### **Hoyt Park | 1800 Swan Blvd., Wauwatosa**

Mondays, July 9 & 16

6 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **Jackson Park | 3500 W. Forest Home Ave., Milwaukee**

Tuesdays, July 10 & 17

6 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **Lincoln Park | 1301 W. Hampton Ave., Milwaukee**

Wednesdays, July 11 & 18

6 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **Humboldt Park | 3000 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee**

Thursdays, July 12 & 19

6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Session 2, July 23 through August 20

#### **Hoyt Park | 1800 Swan Blvd., Wauwatosa**

Mondays, July 23 & 30 and August 6, 13 & 20

6 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **Sheridan Park | 4800 S Lake Dr., Cudahy**

Tuesdays, July 24 & 31 and August 7 & 14

6 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **McGovern Park | 5400 N. 51st Blvd., Milwaukee**

Wednesdays, July 25 and August 1, 8 & 15

6 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **Humboldt Park | 3000 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee**

Thursdays, July 26 and August 2, 9 & 16

6 to 7:30 p.m.