



# CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

APRIL 2013

Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! April is upon us, and with it come many exciting ways to participate in our community. I invite you to come to the Courthouse on April 9th for our 3rd Annual Milwaukee County Open House. Additionally, we continue the process of holding local, townhall meetings called the OUR Milwaukee County local reform initiative. Already, hundreds of neighbors have attended and have expressed strong support for reforms to be enacted locally, not at the State. Please review the link to Assembly Bill 85 in this enews. The Public Hearing on the bill in Madison is April 10.

This month also has opportunities to work with community organizations to improve our neighborhoods. Layton Boulevard West Neighbors is hosting a Historic Layton Boulevard Street Improvement meeting, as well as a home improvement fair. I also hope you can join the South Shore Park Watch as we host the 17th annual Earth Day celebration at the park and there will also be a Bay View Beach cleanup this spring.

Lastly, I hope to see you at one of the many events happening in our neighborhood this month such as the Bay View Historical Society's Annual Dinner!

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**ANNUAL** MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
**OPEN HOUSE**



Working for You

**Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Milwaukee County Courthouse Second Floor**

(901 N. 9th Street, Room 201)

**FREE EVENT • DOOR PRIZES • LIGHT REFRESHMENTS • COURTHOUSE TOURS**

Everyone is invited • Learn how YOUR tax dollars make a difference in our community!

County Department Resource Fair • Meet your County Supervisor and other Elected Officials • For more information, contact 278-4222

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# Milwaukee County News Updates



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Director John-Gomez, and Representative Zamarripa at the LBWN Rent-to-own Homes event in March, 2013



Above: Chairwoman Dimitrijevic speaking at the LBWN Rent-to-own Homes event in March, 2013



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Alderwoman Coggs, Judge Hill and Representative Johnson at Girls Day at City Hall

Lower Images: large crowds gather at OUR Milwaukee County listening Sessions in Glendale (upper image) and Wauwatosa (lower image)



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic speaks at the South Shore Frolics meeting at South Shore Park Pavilion.



# Milwaukee County News Updates

## OUR Milwaukee County Reform Plan

County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisors announced the launch of “OUR Milwaukee County,” a local county government reform initiative, at the MLK Community Center, located at 1531 W. Vliet St., in Milwaukee.

**The word “OUR” of OUR Milwaukee County stands for “Outreach for Unified Reform.” The goals are to discuss reform of Milwaukee County government and to create dialogue and listening sessions, inviting everyone whose daily lives are touched by Milwaukee County government.**

**“We are delivering on the promise of a government reform discussion that is local and inclusive,” said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. “We are eager to listen to our constituents – people who live throughout Milwaukee County – to hear their ideas for efficiency and effectiveness. It’s time to think big.”**

The initiative, will include a series of town hall meetings in all 18 Supervisory districts.

The areas for discussion as outlined in the proposed agenda include: County Governance, Services Consolidation, Funding Sources and Mental Health.

In sharp contrast to the reform plans floated to-date by a select few, the OUR Milwaukee County initiative will involve the active participation of local community partners, such as religious groups, business leaders, members of African-American and Hispanic organizations, health care advocates and others.

**“I’m proud that District 10 is hosting the kick-off of the OUR Milwaukee County initiative to illustrate the importance of having public discussions with the diverse people of Milwaukee County in their own neighborhoods – not behind closed doors in Madison,” said Supervisor David Bowen. “This initiative also focuses on evidence-based public discussion, not arbitrary numbers.”**

Additionally, a key element of the initiative is the request and receipt of an independent audit of county governance overall. The scope of the independent review will be monitored by the office of the elected Milwaukee County Comptroller to ensure the use of independent auditing standards.

To learn more about the plan, please click [here](#) to see an outline.

To read a copy of the Assembly Bill click [here](#) to be linked to the Wisconsin State Legislature web site.

Upcoming OUR Milwaukee Reform Plan Hearings:

April 11th Supervisor Borkowski,  
6:30-p.m. - 9:00p.m.  
Greenfield High School  
4800 S 60th St, Greenfield, WI 53220

Thursday April 18th Supervisors Bowen and Stamper,  
6:30p.m.- 8:30p.m.  
Washington Park Senior Center  
4420 W. Vliet Street,

Tuesday, April 16th Supervisor Johnson,  
6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.  
Department of Natural Resources Building  
2300 N Dr Martin Luther King Dr.

Public Hearing April 10 in Madison on Assembly Bill 85

Public Hearing on County Board Reform Bill AB 85

April 10th  
10 am

Room 412 East  
Wisconsin State Capitol  
Madison, WI

To read a copy of the Assembly Bill click [here](#) to be linked to the Wisconsin State Legislature web site.

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## WisDOT Hoan Bridge Meeting

Please join the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at our upcoming public information meeting to discuss construction staging plans on the Hoan Bridge/I-794 project:

April 10 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Second level of the Milwaukee Public Market, located at 400 N Water Street, Milwaukee, WI.

The meeting will be conducted in an open house style format. The project team will be on hand for the entire three hour time period to provide information, answer questions and collect public input.

This meeting is an opportunity to view exhibits regarding planned construction activities and staging, as well as review and provide input on proposed project aesthetics.

Utility work is slated to begin this summer prior to construction occurring in fall 2013.

If you would like more information regarding this project, contact project manager,Carolynn Gellings at (262) 548-8716. Written comments regarding the project can be mailed to Carolynn Gellings, P.E., WisDOT, P.O. Box 798, Waukesha, WI 53187-0798.

## Pirates at Milwaukee Public Museum

Ahoy, Mateys! The Jolly Roger is flying over MPM through May 27, 2013, as the Museum's special exhibit halls have been taken over by Real Pirates. Experience the Golden Age of Piracy aboard the Whydah, one of the most successful pirate ships of her day, and learn about her roots as a slave ship and subsequent takeover and conversion into a pirate ship in the early 1700s.

Organized by National Geographic and Arts and Exhibitions International, Real Pirates examines the history of rich Caribbean trade routes during the 18th century and the link between the slave trade and piracy. You'll encounter compelling true stories of those who lived aboard the Whydah and learn about the forces that shaped their world.

## Joint Finance Testimony

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic testified before the State Joint Finance Committee Public Hearing at Greendale High School where she discuss the need for the restoration of cuts to our Milwaukee County Transit System.

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic was happy to argue that we need a dedicated, sustainable funding source so that the economic engine of our state, Milwaukee County, can continue to run and grow.

A copy of her testimony is available [here](#).

You can view footage of the hearing [here](#).

## On the Issues: Future of the Board

Some call it meaningful reform. Others call it a power grab.

Co-sponsored by the Law School and the Milwaukee Press Club, this event will focus on a controversial proposal now before the state legislature.

Should Milwaukee County Supervisors be part-time, their salaries cut and their oversight limited? Or would such changes go too far, leaving too much power in the hands of the County Executive, and ignoring the argument of local control?

Joining us will be the author of the legislation, State Rep. Joe Sanfelippo (R-West Allis), who recently served on the County Board, and Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, who opposes the bill.

Watch the video [Here](#)

## Mining For Silver 2013

Please save the date for the 6th Annual Mining for Silver Dinner & Auction. This is the annual fundraising event to support the economic development efforts of LBWN. Stay tuned for more details. If you have questions, please contact Natanael Martinez at [natanael@lbwn.org](mailto:natanael@lbwn.org).

Thursday, May 9th  
6:00pm-9:00pm

The Lakefront Palm Garden  
1872 N Commerce St  
Milwaukee, WI 53212

# Save the Date

## 17th Annual Earth Day at South Shore

Save the date for Earth Day! The South Shore Park Watch will be holding its 17th annual earth day program on April 25th.

### Here's a list of the presentations that will be made

1. Squirming Soil Science - composting
2. Mussel Beach - the crushing weight of invasive species, aquatic invasive species
3. Helping Wildlife - rehab of injured wild animals
4. Waste Water Treatment - Pesky Water Challenge
5. A Walk in the Park - Identifying trees at South Shore Park and tree plantings
6. Snakes and how they adapt to a changing environment
7. What is a watershed? - how to manage a water shed
8. Reptiles and Amphibians - turtles and other critters
9. Night Wings - the amazing world of bats
10. Want to fish? Learn to cast a line and catch a "fish"
11. Creatures of the water - Look through a microscope, magnifying glass to see what is in river water
12. Stream and River Monitoring
13. What is the buzz about bees - organic bee keeping

Join us on April 25th at South Shore Park

## Bay View Historical Society Events

Please save the date for some upcoming events held by the Bay View Historical Society (BVHS) in our neighborhood.

BVHS Annual Dinner  
Saturday, April 27  
South Shore Yacht Club  
5:30 pm

Bay View Tragedy Commemoration  
Sunday, May 5  
Corner of Superior St. & Russell Ave.  
3:00 pm

April 2013

## Dog Exercise Area Update

In January our Alderman Tony Zielinski presented a proposal to create a new dog park in our district.

In March we received an update: the City of Milwaukee Public Works Committee approved funding for the co-op dog exercise area on Bay Street.

Here is some information about the proposed park:

- The space is approximately 3/4 of an acre, located near Bay Street and Lincoln Avenue
- There is no current projected timeline for the project; shall be confirmed when a dedicated funding source is secured/identified
- The space would always remain the property of the City of Milwaukee
- The space will be fenced in. An unknown funding source will provide the fencing
- The City of Milwaukee will be responsible for all maintenance (turf, seeding, plowing, clean-up etc.)
- Milwaukee County would handle permitting for the park, and collect all permitting revenues
- Milwaukee County Park Rangers will patrol the park
- The park will bear Milwaukee County Parks signage, but will also display a marker indicating that it belongs to the City of Milwaukee
- This project is advocated by ROMP (Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks) and Tony Zielinski

BVHS Annual Yard Sale  
Saturday, May 18  
Beulah Brinton House  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

# Save the Date

## Layton Blvd. Street Improvement Mtg

Join LBWN and the City of Milwaukee DPW for a Community Meeting on planned improvements to Historic Layton Boulevard. Possible improvements include:

- colored concrete crosswalks
- harp lights
- decorative trash containers
- planters

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 @ 6:30 pm

Sacred Heart Center, Room 203

1545 S. Layton Blvd.

(enter from 28th & Lapham)

For more information contact Dan Adams at 414-383-9038 ex.2305 or [daniel@lbwn.org](mailto:daniel@lbwn.org).

## Bay View Beach Cleanup

Join the Bay View Neighborhood Association as we clean our adopted beach.

We will supply the garbage bags, gloves, and grabbers. All you have to do is show up and be ready to pick up some trash. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and enjoy the beauty of Lake Michigan!

The stairway to the beach is located on Lake Drive just south of Oklahoma Avenue. Look for the brown Bay View Park sign and one of the Bay View Neighborhood Association volunteers will be posted nearby to set you up.

We hope to see you there!

Thursday May 9th

6:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Bay View Park

3120 S. Lake Drive

## LBWN Home Improvement Fair

Wednesday, April 17

6:00pm-8:00pm

Ascension Lutheran Church

1236 S. Layton Blvd.

Come to this FREE event to learn about the many resources available to you to make improvements to your home including roofing, siding, windows, appliances and much more!!!

Resources Available Include:

- LBWN Most Improved Home Contest with cash prizes up to \$1,000 (sponsored by Tri City National Bank and The Home Depot)
- \$30,000 grants to purchase and renovate a foreclosed home
- \$15,000 forgivable loans for exterior home improvements
- \$2,000 rebates and low-interest loans for energy efficiency improvements (insulation, appliances, windows)
- Low-interest home improvement loans

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME -- REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!

Please contact Brianna at Layton Boulevard West Neighbors to RSVP.

For more information. 414.385.5300 or [brianna@lbwn.org](mailto:brianna@lbwn.org)