



CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

DECEMBER 2012

Dear Friends,

Winter is upon us and with it are lots of opportunities to get involved in your community. At the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, December is when we celebrate the end of the year and the conclusion of the Milwaukee County Budget. Additionally, we continue to do the people's work in our standing monthly committee meetings. I invite you to [watch our meetings online here.](#)

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Milwaukee County News Updates

Budget News

I'm proud to report that the County Board has adopted a budget that improves public safety, moves toward greater intergovernmental cooperation and strikes a more balanced approach to fiscal choices. This budget also helps the average homeowner in the city of Milwaukee, where residents will see a decrease of approximately \$19 in the County portion of their tax bill. The tax levy accompanying the Board's budget is 1.43 percent, which is below the rate of inflation. Highlights of the budget include:

- Improving 911 response times by transferring City of Milwaukee 911 calls to the Milwaukee Police Department
- Maintaining 27 deputy sheriff positions and keeping Parks patrols with the Office of the Sheriff
- Strengthening support for countywide paramedic services
- Creating two new investigator positions in the Office of the District Attorney to focus on domestic violence
- Creating the Parks Amenities Matching Fund to pay for outstanding deferred maintenance without tax levy
- Creating the Small Business Opportunity Initiative, which provides microloans and training to small businesses

Senior Citizen Hall of Fame

It is once again that time of year for the Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame nominations. Established in 1997, the Hall of Fame honors up to five outstanding seniors in Milwaukee County who have served the community as volunteers and as advocates on behalf of the elderly.

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

Milwaukee County would appreciate your help in spreading the word to others who may have someone to nominate or perhaps you have someone in mind. For a list of former Senior Citizen Hall of Fame awardees and to view their biographies please visit: www.milwaukee.gov/county/aging. Nominations forms are also available on the website.

Nominations are due February 13, 2013. A ceremony and celebration will be held May 2013.

Milwaukee County News Updates

Improved “Next Bus” Information

Coming soon! MCTS will begin a test, along with other Southeast Wisconsin Transit Systems, using Quick Response (QR) codes at bus stops around the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee campus. QR codes are similar to bar codes in that they can be scanned and read by smartphones. These codes will link to a URL on the Internet and show the next bus departures for each route at that bus stop. (If you don't have an app to read QR codes, you can download one. Many are free.)

When MCTS has real-time data, the QR codes can be linked to it. You may also notice some west-bound stops on Wisconsin Avenue with these since Ozaukee County Express and Washington County Commuter Express are also part of this project. Tweet, post on our Facebook page, email mmarketing@mcts.org or send us a note in the mail to let us know if you like this new access to next bus info!

Special note for iPhone users

Google Maps and Google Transit Trip Planner are very helpful tools for many of our riders. The Google Maps service helps you get to your destination by showing you what routes to take.

Accessing Google Maps on an iPhone is different than other mobile devices. Apple, maker of the iPhone, recently released the iPhone 5 and its new mobile operating system, iOS 6. If you are using the new iPhone 5 or if you have downloaded iOS 6 on your current device, you'll notice the Google Maps app is no longer available.

To plan a route using Google Maps, iPhone users need to access Google Maps through the website. To do this, open your web browser, and visit maps.google.com to use Google maps to plan your route and find bus schedule information. You may wish to save maps.google.com as a bookmark to make it easier to access in the future.

Ring in the new year with MCTS

Ring in the New Year with Miller Lite Free Rides® 25th Anniversary!

The 13 routes shown below have service hours extended until 4 am so you can revel in the New Year fun at many popular venues. All other routes run until the end of regularly scheduled service. Plan ahead and enjoy your celebration of the New Year!

80, 19, 23, 27, 12, 15, 22, 21, 30, 10, 14, Red, Green

NOTE: Some routes are shortened and only run as indicated on map after regular service hours. Call 1-800-FREE-RIDES for more information.

Do Your Part! Clear Snowy Sidewalks

Your efforts will be appreciated!

Winter is here and in Wisconsin that means snow will be covering our local streets and walkways. Keep in mind that some people have a difficult time walking in snow or may have a mobility device that make snow and ice challenging to navigate. Remember to shovel your sidewalk. If your neighbor has trouble, lend a hand, and please look out for bus stops in your neighborhood that need to be cleared. Your efforts will be appreciated, especially by senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

County Parks Webstore Open

You can now purchase official Milwaukee County Parks gear online. T-shirts, golf passes and other items make perfect holiday gifts! Check out the Parks Webstore [here](#).

Chairwoman's Corner

Upcoming Chats with the Chair

County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic is pleased to announce several "Chat with the Chair" events for the month of December. Residents are invited to meet the Chairwoman, to ask questions about County government and to explore ways for Milwaukee County and all its municipalities to work together.

You can find information on all the chats with the chair online [here](#).

"We are making a sincere effort to unify Milwaukee County, and a key part of this effort is holding listening sessions in all 19 cities and villages," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic.

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic is taking the bus to all the Chat with the Chair events. Since launching the initiative in June, the Chairwoman has traveled 150 miles in bus trips, totaling more than 300 stops.

River Hills - Sup. Lipscomb
Thursday, November 29th, 6 to 7pm
River Hills Village Hall

Whitefish Bay - Sup. Broderick and Sup. Johnson
Tuesday, December 4th, 6 to 7pm
Whitefish Bay Library

South Milwaukee - Sup. Jursik
Tuesday, December 11th, 10:30 to 11:30am
South Milwaukee Grobschmidt Senior Center

West Milwaukee
Wednesday, December 12th, 6 to 7pm
West Milwaukee Community Centre

Greenfield - Sup. Borkowski and Sup. Sanfelippo
Thursday, December 13th, 6 to 7pm
Greenfield Library

Greendale - Sup. Sanfelippo
Friday, December 14th, 11am to Noon
St. Lukes Lutheran Church

Hales Corners - Sup Taylor
Monday, December 17th, 6 to 7pm
Hales Corners Library

Bayside - Sup. Lipscomb
Tuesday, December 18th, 4:30 to 5:30pm
Bayside Village Hall



Above: Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Cudahy Mayor Day and Supervisor Jursik at the Cudahy Chat with the Chair

Below: Supervisor Broderick and Chairwoman Dimitrijevic at the Shorewood Chat with the Chair



Chairwoman's Corner



Above: Chairwoman Dimitrijevic helping with phone bank on WISN 12 to raise money for Food for Families with the Hunger Task Force



Above: Supervisor Johnson, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Supervisor Harris and Reverend Briscoe at an event for the Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH)

Below: Chairwoman Dimitrijevic eating dinner at the Sikh Temple with NAACP President James Hall, celebrating Heritage Day



Below: Chairwoman Dimitrijevic meeting with Milwaukee City Alderman Jose Perez



In the District

Survey Results are in

The results are in! Recently, I reached out to constituents through the Internet and mail to ask for your thoughts and opinions about a variety of Milwaukee County matters, including the 2013 Budget. Thank you to everyone who responded! We've crunched the numbers and are excited to share some of the valuable insights we've gleaned. The Board listened to you and prioritized the services you asked for in the 2013 Adopted Budget.

77%

Supported
a minor increase in
revenue for 2013

63%

Supported
funding for increased
public safety

Save the Date

Winter County Parks Events

12/1 Milwaukee Santa's 5k at McKinley Park

Thursday Evenings 6:30pm Music Under Glass at Mitchell Park Domes

12/6 Slice of Ice at Red Arrow Park (the outdoor ice skating rink) starts, weather permitting

Bay View Christmas Tree Lighting

The Inter-Organizational Council of Bay View invites you to attend the Bay View Christmas Tree lighting:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

BAY VIEW POST 180

2860 S. KINNICKINNIC AVE.

Highlights of the event include:

6pm Christmas Caroling by:

Bay View High School Choir

7pm Special Visit by Santa Claus

This is a free event for everyone!

Urban Ecology Center Events

12/2 1 pm Honey Soap making \$25

12/1 2 pm From Beak to Tail: All About the Life of Birds
\$10

12/5 10 am Menomonee Valley Walking Tour - Free

12/15 8am Christmas Bird Count