



CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

NOVEMBER 2013

Dear Neighbors,

I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful to the many Milwaukee County residents who participated in this year's county budget process. Whether it was an email, a call, signing a petition, or attending one of our many listening sessions, I thank you. The County Board listened and acted. The 2014 Milwaukee County Budget is both socially and fiscally responsible. This year, we were able to preserve many services while keeping county property taxes low.

The County Board unanimously voted to keep both Pulaski and Noyes Indoor Pools open. Thank you to Mr. Stanley Kaas for his generous contribution that has already inspired others to give.

This E-Newsletter has important information on the updates to the Hoan Bridge, the Wisconsin No Call List, and the Milwaukee County Courthouse Tree Lighting. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic

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County Board Adopts 2014 Budget

Without raising the tax levy, the Milwaukee County Board passed a budget for 2014 that keeps open Noyes and Pulaski pools, funds important deferred maintenance, and invests in public safety and mental health services. The vote on the \$1.3 billion budget was 14-4.

Approving most of the County Executive's recommended budget, the Board also corrected errors in the proposal while providing additional services. The Board was presented an unbalanced proposal with several significant mistakes totaling \$3 million. The legislative branch fixed that hole without raising the tax levy.

"The Board passed a responsible budget, one that restores public safety services, reduces fares for para-transit, and does not balance the budget on the backs of hard-working employees," said Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic.

Dimitrijevic cited the investment in the City of Milwaukee's ShotSpotter program as an example of intergovernmental cooperation that builds off last year's sharing of emergency 911 services. "With ShotSpotter and the restoration of sworn law enforcement positions, Milwaukee County is investing in public safety services and aims to reduce gun violence in our parks and neighborhoods.

"With this budget, we move forward with reforms to the mental health system and toward increased community placements while still listening to doctors and medical health professionals. Our actions ensure there is a safety net to keep patients and staff secure while providing greater flexibility to

the Behavioral Health Division," Dimitrijevic said.

"This budget is the product of the board listening to the people. Residents contacted our offices and came to our public hearings and town hall meetings asking us to keep open Milwaukee County's two indoor pools. Thanks to a generous contribution from Milwaukee County resident Stan Kass, we will make needed repairs and keep both Noyes and Pulaski Park pools open for residents of future generations to enjoy.

"We held the line on taxes while providing enhanced services and amenities for the residents of Milwaukee County," said Dimitrijevic.

"A budget is about setting priorities," Dimitrijevic said. "The County Board has received great input from the citizens we represent on their vision of the County. Now is the time to come together and move our County forward."

The budget goes into effect on January 1, 2014.

To hear the Chairwoman talk about the budget on WUWM-AM [click on this link](#).

To read an editorial written by Finance Committee Co-Chairmen Supervisors Willie Johnson, Jr., and David Cullen, [click on this link](#).

Improving South Shore Beach

Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic introduced a budget amendment to dedicate additional resources towards cleaning up South Shore Beach. 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 in 2014 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.

"I am dedicated to improving South Shore Beach so that it is clean and safe for everyone to use. The beach is an incredible asset to our community and we are moving in the right direction," Dimitrijevic said.



County Board deliberating 2014 Budget, which was adopted by a vote of 14-4.

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Budget Adoption Day Meeting Results

- 15-3 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Weishan) to approve the 2014 Milwaukee County Board budget
- 18-0 to approve \$100,000 in funding for the County Executive to use on personal security through the **Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office**
- 17-1 (No: Alexander) to have Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc. operate Milwaukee County Transit Services in 2014 and create a workgroup to allow the possible insourcing of the transit system if a **vendor contract isn't approved by April 2014**
- 17-1 (No: Alexander) to have the County Executive appoint a County Director of Business Development, who will be confirmed by the County Board
- 17-1 (No: Alexander) to have the Community Business Development Partners find a financial institution to hold/manage the Microloan Fund and maintain the Revolving Loan Fund to support small and disadvantaged businesses working in County contracts
- 17-1 (No: Alexander) to expand the 4H Pre-college Program to three yet-to-be determined middle **schools on Milwaukee's north side in 2014 and create a position to help the County with public records requests**
- 15-3 (No: Borkowski, Schmitt, Taylor) to provide adequate funding for 2014 mandatory elections and increase service fees to advertise about elections in community newspapers
- 15-3 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Taylor) to reduce the one-way Paratransit fare by \$0.50
- 11-7 (No: Johnson, Lipscomb, Mayo, Rainey, Stamper, Taylor, Weishan) to fund a plan related to the potential relocation of staff within county-owned facilities and determine proper use of space within those facilities
- 16-2 (Borkowski, Taylor) to continue with the downsizing of the Behavioral Health Division Acute Treatment services but creating a safety net for patients in 2014 if the DHHS plan does not occur as quickly as expected
- 17-1 (No: Alexander) to have BHD provide semi-annual patient relocation reports to the County Board and perform quarterly audits of community placement facilities
- 17-1 (No: Alexander) to create a position in the Department of Aging to work on enhancement of county-owned senior centers
- 15-3 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Taylor) to deny the outsourcing of the Community Support Program and the related abolishment of 45 full-time positions
- 11-7 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Bowen, Lipscomb, Schmitt, Staskunas, Taylor) to provide \$100,000 to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
- 15-3 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Taylor) to make changes to the Milwaukee County Employee medical benefits, which includes a reduction in healthcare costs
- 15-3 (No: Borkowski, Staskunas, Taylor) to fund an ongoing capital project providing support and technical modifications to the County Fiscal Intranet system
- 17-1 (No: Alexander) to fund the replacement of the worst park walkways in the Milwaukee County Parks system
- 13-5 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Schmitt, Taylor, Weishan) to replace the oldest segments and portions of the Oak Leaf Trail
- 15-3 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Schmitt) to fund a plan to replace the South Shore Beach parking lot and **purchase a "beach groomer" to clean beaches along the south shore**
- 18-0 to repair and keep open the indoor pools at Noyes and Pulaski Park
- 15-3 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Schmitt) to renovate and refurbish four basketball courts at McGovern Park
- 14-4 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Jursik, Taylor) to adjust the pay grades of multiple Department Administrators
- 16-2 (Alexander, Schmitt) to make improvements to the storm water pond on College Avenue
- 14-4 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Schmitt, Taylor) to remove and replace the playground surfacing at Tiefenthaler Park
- 11-7 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Mayo, Schmitt, Stamper, Staskunas, Taylor) to have BHD conduct a community capacity demand study before April 1, 2014 and to purchase a new security x-ray inspection system for use at the Milwaukee County Courthouse

Note: All other agenda items not mentioned here were approved with no objection. The complete agenda can be found on the [County Legislative Information Center](#).

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Saving Pulaski and Noyes Park Indoor Pools

Part of the 2014 budget was an amendment to save **Milwaukee County's two indoor pools. The pools at Pulaski and Noyes parks were scheduled to be demolished in the County Executive's proposed budget. Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic helped lead a campaign to keep the pools open. Dimitrijevic announced a major private donation toward capital improvements for the Pulaski and Noyes indoor public pools to help keep them open "next year and into the future."**

Dimitrijevic was joined at a news conference by Stanley Kass, of Brown Deer, who pledged a substantial undisclosed amount for capital maintenance to keep both pools open. Kass is making the donation in memory of his late wife, Lee, who was a frequent swimmer at the Noyes pool. Kass will also consider future donations if the community continues to show financial support. In fact since the initial donation Mr. Kass has matched a contribution from another private citizen.

"There has been an outpouring of community support for keeping these pools open, and hundreds of people turned out at town hall meetings in opposition to the proposed closings," Dimitrijevic said. "Mr. Kass' generous contribution to the County is reflective of the passion that residents of Milwaukee County feel about these pools. We are grateful to Stanley Kass and his family for contributing to the maintenance of these two important resources. This is a wonderful way for Mr. Kass to memorialize his wife, and it is a tremendous contribution to the community."

Supervisors received hundreds of calls and emails in support of keeping the pools open, and there was a petition with hundreds of signatures in support of keeping the pools open. The Chairwoman also held a town hall meeting at Pulaski Park pool, where more than 150 people showed up to voice their support of the pools. Parks Director John Dargle joined the Chairwoman at the meeting.

The County Board voted unanimously to support the amendment to keep the pools open.

"These pools are part of the quality of life in Milwaukee County," Dimitrijevic said. "These are amenities like libraries and parks that make our community special. I thank Mr. Kass, and I look forward to continue working with him to save these valuable community assets. The community spoke, and we listened."



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic with Supervisor David Cullen, Supervisor Khalif Rainey, Karen Bradley and Stanley Kass



More than 150 people attended a town hall meeting to voice their support for Pulaski Park Indoor Pool



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic with two supporters of the Pulaski Park Pool at the town hall meeting

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Work Is Underway on Hoan Bridge Project

You may have noticed construction is underway around the Hoan Bridge. This is all part of the project that will lead to replacing the Hoan Bridge deck. The Coalition to Save the Hoan worked hard to save the bridge. Remember, nothing good comes without effort. As the project continues there will be lane and bridge closures (one side at a time) closures. There has been some work on Lake Parkway and just this week the ramp from Lincoln Memorial Drive to

Interstate 794 was shut down while workers build a temporary roadway that will connect to that ramp. As construction continues please be patient and follow new detour and speed limit signs. When this project is complete there will be a new road and a Hoan Bridge for 50 years to come. For more information on the Hoan build-out, follow this [link](#).

I-794 Lake Freeway / Hoan Bridge Project Update



**I-794 LAKE FREEWAY /
HOAN BRIDGE
WORK TO BEGIN**

In mid-October, work will begin in preparation for the I-794 Lake Freeway / Hoan Bridge Project. This work includes improving local intersections and building ramps and crossovers to prepare for construction. As part of this work, the I-794 East exit to Lincoln Memorial Drive will close from early November 2013 until Fall 2015. Motorists are advised to take the Jackson / Van Buren Street exit to Michigan Street and travel east to Lincoln Memorial Drive. (see map below) The Lincoln Memorial Drive southbound entrance ramp to I-794 East (Southbound) will also close during this time. Motorists should utilize the Broadway Street entrance ramp to access I-794 East (Southbound) (see map below).

In late 2013 / early 2014 additional traffic changes will take place. This will include lane restrictions and additional ramp closures. Periodic updates will be sent throughout the project to remind motorists of upcoming closures, detour routes and other project related impacts.



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ACCESS TO THE HISTORIC THIRD WARD AND DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE MAINTAINED

While WisDOT anticipates keeping as much access within the construction area open as possible, there will be ramp closures during construction. When specific ramps are closed, signs will be posted to help guide people along alternate routes to and from the Third Ward and Downtown.



"IN THIS TOGETHER" BUSINESS STRATEGIES AND ASSISTANCE

"In This Together" is a WisDOT program that targets statewide businesses facing road construction in their community. The program's goal is to help businesses maintain business while construction is underway.

WisDOT recognizes that businesses located in work zones have special needs. It is critical that customers have access and continue to patronize the businesses, in spite of roadwork inconvenience.

Strategies that the project team can assist businesses with include:



- Personalized Direction Sheets
- Business Signage during Full Closures
- Website links
- Customized Messages to Customers



Keep in mind, the City of Milwaukee is currently undertaking the rehabilitation of the St. Paul Bridge. This project has been coordinated with the I-794 Lake Freeway / Hoan Bridge Project.

For more information on the St. Paul Bridge Rehabilitation project, please visit <http://city.milwaukee.gov/mgpw/supportforbusiness/projectsummaries/StPaulBridgeRehabilitation.htm>

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PARKING IMPACTS

There will be parking lot impacts for up to two years, between Water Street and Jackson Street, and on-street parking impacts along Michigan, Broadway and Milwaukee Streets.

Please contact the lot operators for details on available parking.

The Historic Third Ward's two public parking structures will be available throughout construction and located at:

- ① 212 N. Milwaukee Street (Corner of Milwaukee Street and Chicago Street - entrance on Milwaukee Street)
- ② 225 E. Chicago Street (Corner of Water Street and Chicago Street - entrance on Chicago Street)

Visit ParkMilwaukee.com for detailed parking availability during construction.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Some construction activities are likely to create noise and/or dust. Be assured that we always work hard to minimize the impact of these events, but, if you have a concern, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can address the issue immediately. Work that may be especially noisy or dusty will include:

- pile driving - pavement breaking and crushing
- retaining wall construction - excavation
- trucking - night construction



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Marina in our Community



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic with Darryl Morin, National Vice President, Midwest of LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) at the 3rd Annual Latino Family Expo.



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic along with Federal, State and local elected officials at the Latino Family Expo discussing immigration reform.



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic with Father Tom at the St. Augustine Church 125th Anniversary Celebration..

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the Shepherd Express “Best of Milwaukee 2013” awards. I was honored to be named “Best Milwaukee County Supervisor.” The Shepherd wrote “Shepherd readers see view her as a public servant who keeps her poise even when the chips are down.” Congratulations to all of this years’ winners. For more information, and to see a complete list of awards, please click on [this link](#).

No Call List

You have until December 1st to get on the state of Wisconsin’s latest “No Call List”. This puts you on a list of people who do not want to get telemarketing calls. Getting on the list is free. You can do it over the phone by calling 1-866-9NOCALL (1-866-966-2255). You can also sign up and get more information by clicking on [this link](#).

Save the Date

You're Invited

MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHRIS ABELE
INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE **TREE LIGHTING**

December 4, 2013

4:00 p.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse

in the Courthouse Rotunda

901 N. 9th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53233

Make handmade ornaments
to decorate the tree, enjoy
holiday treats and Christmas
music by Milwaukee High School
of the Arts Choir.

A visit from Santa Claus
will delight the children!



*Please bring
a toiletry item
to donate to
Milwaukee Homeless
Veterans Initiative*



Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program

What Is It? How Does It Work?

Energy Assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1—May 15). The funding pays a portion of energy costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire energy costs of a residence. The amount of the energy assistance payment varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income and energy costs. In most cases the energy assistance benefit is paid directly to the household's energy supplier.

Don't Be Left
Out in the
COLD

2013-2014 Gross Income Guidelines

Household totals cannot
exceed amounts shown below

Family Size	1 Month	3 Months	Annual
1	\$2,058	\$6,173	\$24,692
2	\$2,691	\$8,073	\$32,290
3	\$3,324	\$9,972	\$39,887
4	\$3,957	\$11,871	\$47,485
5	\$4,590	\$13,771	\$55,083
6	\$5,223	\$15,670	\$62,680
7	\$5,342	\$16,026	\$64,105
8	\$5,461	\$16,382	\$65,529



Items Needed to Apply for Energy Assistance

1. Photo ID
2. Proof of all income sources for the entire household's gross income for the 3 months prior to application (child support, wages, pension, unemployment, etc.) Seasonal employees will require the prior year's entire tax package
3. Social Security Numbers for everyone in the household
4. Current gas, electric or oil energy bill (or a letter from your landlord if your heat is included in your rent)



Help is also available with other programs & services including:

- Energy Conservation
- Financial Literacy
- Crisis Assistance
- Weatherization
- Payment Plans
- Furnace Repair



Details on how & where to apply on other side

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For More Info or
Help After Hours
Dial 2-1-1



To schedule an appointment at any of the SDC locations:

Call **414-906-2800**

or visit **www.cr-sdc.org**

**All energy sites are handicapped accessible and have a capacity limit.
All sites closed on major holidays.**

Northwest Side SDC
6848 N. Teutonia
Mon. – Fri. 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Evenings: Appointment Only*
Saturday: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

East Side SDC
4041 N. Richards
Mon. – Fri. 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Evenings: Appointment Only*
Saturday: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

South Side SDC
2701 S. Chase Suite D
Mon. – Fri. 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Evenings: Appointment Only*
Saturday: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Central/Downtown Community Advocates
728 N. James Lovell
Mon. – Thur. 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Limited Evening & Weekend Hours*



COMMUNITY ADVOCATES
Where Planning Sets People's Progress

To schedule an appointment at Community Advocates:

Call **414-270-6954** or **414-875-2009** (Homebound Line)

or visit **www.communityadvocates.net**

*Evening & Weekend
Appointments Available
During Peak Times

Energy Assistance Program Info on other side