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**Milwaukee County**

- ▶ Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
- ▶ Member, Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

**Dear Neighbor,**

This month marks ten years that I have had the honor and privilege to serve our neighborhood. I am happy to report that many of the budget initiatives I authored are moving forward this year. We are cleaning up and improving South Shore Beach, upgrading our indoor pools, and opening the Bay View City-County Dog Park!

As Chairwoman, I am working hard every day to move our county forward. We are working to decrease income inequality in Milwaukee County by approving a living wage, and my legislation to construct a solar farm at our Airport is moving forward.

Lastly, our community is embarking upon an important discussion about how we finance our regional and cultural assets. Transit is critical to the region's economic growth, and I will ensure that our public transportation system is part of this discussion. I am hosting Coffee & Culture listening sessions at many of our county-supported facilities. Please join me at my next chat or send me your feedback.

I can't wait to see you this summer at Chill on the Hill or our South Shore Farmer's Market!

Sincerely,

*Marina D.*

Representing Milwaukee's near South Side and Bay View Neighborhoods



*Marina speaks about the importance of a strong transit system and regional, cultural assets at one of her Coffee & Culture Chats at the Milwaukee Art Museum.*

**Bay View Dog Park**

A new off-leash dog exercise area is coming to Bay View at East Lincoln Avenue and South Bay Street thanks to a partnership between the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County. Crews are currently working to get it ready for a spring opening.

Patrons of the Bay View dog park will use the same permit system in use at other dog exercise areas. Bay View's dog owners will now have a place for their dogs to frolic and play.

For more information on how to get an annual permit and updates on the grand opening, go to <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Parks>



*Please visit my website [www.milwaukee.gov/Dimitrijevic](http://www.milwaukee.gov/Dimitrijevic)*

# Investing in Our Future

## Milwaukee County Adopts Living Wage

Income inequality in the State of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County is a real problem. The state and federal governments have failed to raise the minimum wage for our lowest paid workers. Therefore, Milwaukee County took action this March to adopt a living wage of \$11.32. Living wages, like the one adopted by Milwaukee County, are designed to raise people out of poverty and help the economy.

These new changes will affect employees of contractors who do business with the County, boosting the incomes of our lowest wage earners. In the absence of state and federal action, the minimum wage remains unchanged, so many working people with full-time jobs continue to live in poverty. As a result, some workers are forced to seek public assistance to make ends meet for their families. This inequality affects us all and hurts the economy.

Our workers and their families no longer could wait for federal and state intervention. Other Wisconsin municipalities, such as Dane County and the City of Milwaukee, already had adopted living wages, as well as about 140 municipalities across the nation. It's the right time for Milwaukee County to adopt a living wage, and I proudly supported this action to raise the wages of our lowest paid workers.

## It's Time to Move Forward on Transit



Marina joined the protest ride to Southridge Mall to show the unsafe conditions for elderly and disabled bus riders. She took the very long walk to show how difficult it is now to access the mall entrance. "I have ridden the bus to every municipality in Milwaukee County. I support an open, transparent process to selecting the management of our transit system. Our public transit system is critical to growing our economy and we need more service, and lower fares," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic.

## Dimitrijevic Airport Solar Farm Plan Moves Forward



My resolution to study the feasibility of a new solar project at Mitchell International Airport has been signed into law by the County Executive.

With the cost of solar panels becoming more economically feasible, now is the time to think big for the environment in Milwaukee County. Other airports around the country have installed similar solar farms and have seen great energy savings.

Solar energy helps protect Wisconsin's natural resources and advances the energy efficiency and renewable energy provisions of Milwaukee County's "Greenprint" initiative while supporting Wisconsin's goal of using 10 percent renewable energy by 2015.

I am excited about the prospect of using solar energy, not only to save energy, but to save valuable resources.

## Our Regional Cultural Assets Need Regional Support



I am a member of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce's 48-member Task Force on Cultural and Entertainment Capital Needs, which is holding a series of public meetings to determine how to best serve the needs of the region's arts, entertainment and cultural institutions.

I have held "Coffee & Culture" chat sessions at county-supported amenities so that I can get input from everyone on these important issues. I have an open mind, and we have many options. I invite everyone to contact me with their thoughts. This is a community conversation, and I want to hear from you!

# Delivering Resources to Our Neighborhood

## Continuing to Improve South Shore

The County Board passed my budget amendment that dedicates County resources toward cleaning up South Shore Beach. South Shore Beach is an important gathering place in our community, and we need to continue our efforts to clean up the beach for everyone to enjoy.

Under the amendment, 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 soon 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.

We are moving in the right direction on South Shore Beach clean-up, and I will continue my efforts to ensure that the beach is a pleasant and enjoyable place for family gatherings or just for quiet contemplation.

When the winter thaw takes place, our efforts to move forward on South Shore Beach clean-up will continue.



## Improvements Coming to Pulaski, Noyes Indoor Pools

As you may already know, my amendment to the 2014 County Budget kept open the Pulaski and Noyes indoor swimming pools and provided funding for improvements. Some of the funding for repairs also came from a generous donation from Mr. Stanley Kass of Brown Deer. The pools are now open for everyone to enjoy, especially during the harsh winter.



*Marina successfully fought the proposed closures of public amenities like our indoor pools. She helped organize meetings, petitions, and authored the budget amendment that kept our pools open for everyone to enjoy and stay healthy.*

Here is a brief summary of what's happening with the two pools.

### Noyes

- New roof Request for Proposals are going out and a replacement roof is expected to be in place this year.
- A revitalized Friends group is expanding and growing, looking to add value to participation and recognition of the pool and what it offers to the community.

### Pulaski

- The hiring of a consulting firm is under way for design concepts for repairs and renovations. Once the consulting firm is on board, the design concept will come out for public input.
- I'm excited that these improvements are taking place, and I hope you are able to make it to one of the pools this year.

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## Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee Residents ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:

### Milwaukee Art Museum

Free the first Thursday of each month ❖ Free for all visitors  
For more information visit [mam.org](http://mam.org)

### Milwaukee Public Museum

Thank You Thursdays! ❖ Free the first Thursday of each month  
For more information visit [mpm.edu](http://mpm.edu)

### Mitchell Park Domes

Free on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon (excludes major holidays)  
For more information visit [milwaukeedomes.org](http://milwaukeedomes.org)

### Milwaukee County Zoo

2014 Free Days: Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6  
Special Holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day  
and New Year's Day ❖ Visit [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org)

## Marina in the Community



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic read to students at ALBA School in her district to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Marina was happy to read to the students in Spanish and highlight the benefits of bilingual education.



Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic attended the Executive Breakfast in support of the Layton Boulevard West Neighbors. Marina is pictured with Charlotte John-Gomez, Executive Director of LBWN.



Supervisor Peggy Romo West and Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic volunteered at the Hunger Task Force Food for Families phone bank to help families in need during the holidays.



Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic helped lead the way to a historic agreement between the War Memorial and Art Museum. She helped deliver a unanimous vote at the County Board to approve this great compromise for veterans and our community.