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Dear Neighbor,

It is an honor to represent you on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and I thank you for electing me to do so. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health. I invite you to take a few moments to read through my most recent newsletter.

Included on page 4 are the 2007 Summer Calendar of Events and "Free Days" for our Milwaukee County Attractions, which will surely be helpful as summer kicks in to high gear. Once again, we'll have FREE "Music in the Park" events at both South Shore and Pulaski Parks as we celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of OUR Milwaukee County Parks System.

Providing you with resources and connections to Milwaukee County Services is my way of making government work for you. This is why I have included important information for our veterans, persons with mental illness and senior citizens, which you will find on pages 6-7. In addition, adopting a fiscally and socially responsible budget is my priority and you can read about the 2007 Budget adoption on page 5.

As part of my legislative role in serving you, I work to create new policies that aim to help our community. As a result, this past February I introduced my "Green Print" proposal. On page 3, you can see how my plan aims to revolutionize the way we operate our facilities. It's a comprehensive energy efficiency and environmental plan for Milwaukee County.

In my continued effort to be accessible to you, I recently reached a personal milestone and held my 30th Town Hall meeting since taking office in 2004. More than 50 people attended this meeting to bring their ideas forward. I can't tell you how much that helps me in making decisions on your behalf, especially as we work on the 2008 County Budget. Our neighborhood is one of the best in Milwaukee because of the people who live here. I am a member of more than 20 active, civic groups throughout District 4. I believe that staying active and working together is the way we really make a difference.

Please visit my redesigned website, which is easier to use and has more information than ever before. I currently serve on the Economic & Community Development, Transportation, Public Works & Transit and Intergovernmental Relations Committees, but I welcome your input on any item that you'd like to bring to my attention. I encourage you to e-mail me or call my office at any time.

*Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, 4th District
Representing Milwaukee's near South Side and Bay View Neighborhoods*

Please visit my new web site at www.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic

What's Happening in Our Milwaukee County Parks



Come Celebrate the
100-Year Anniversary of
OUR Milwaukee County
Parks System

FREE

Music in the Park Series
District 4



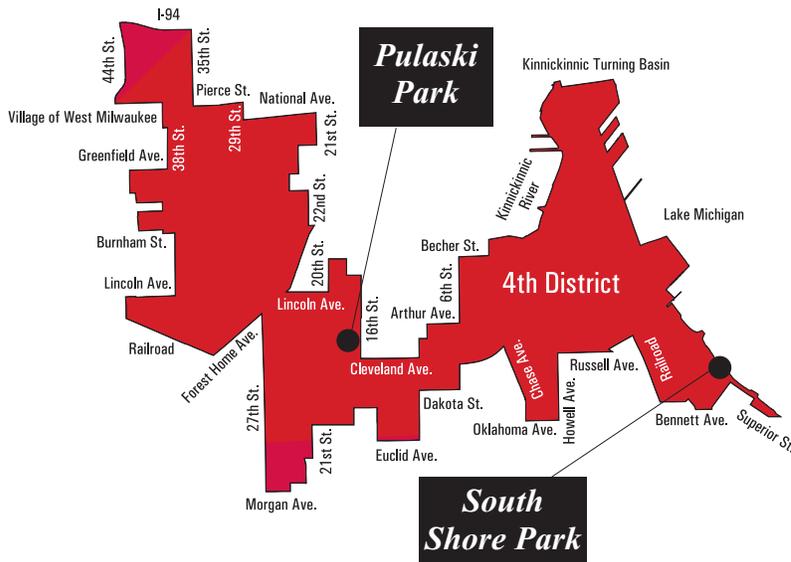
**Friday June 8th,
6:00-8:00pm
Music and Art in
South Shore Park**

2900 S. Shore Dr.
(In front of Pavilion)

Music by:

One Drum, Multi-Cultural Ensemble,
Art on Display by: Bay View Arts Guild

*Also featuring a Public Art Walk with the
South Shore Park Watch.



**Friday June 15th,
6:00-8:00pm
Enjoy the Concert and
Meet Your Neighbors
Pulaski Park**

2677 S. 16th St.
(In front of Pavilion)

Music by: Nabori, Latin and Salsa



Milwaukee County's Green Print

Supervisor Dimitrijevic Creates Major Energy Efficiency and Environmental Plan

This past February, I introduced my “Green Print” proposal, which is an environmental and conservation initiative for Milwaukee County. The goal of this comprehensive plan is to help the County operate more efficiently, leading to environmental improvements to help all of our citizens.

I believe higher energy costs have put a major strain on departmental budgets within the County, which owns more than 800 buildings. Many of them have not been updated in decades. Modernizing the way we operate will pay dividends to our community over the long-term. Operating more efficiently will help preserve resources for future generations and will reduce Milwaukee County's environmental footprint.

The Green Print addresses these concerns on many fronts, including:

- Creating a Director of Sustainability position to oversee current and future energy efficiency and eco-friendly initiatives to help County departments comply with the Green Print.
- Retrofitting County buildings with high-performance, energy efficient technology.
- Requiring all departments to perform an internal audit of ways to improve energy efficiency.
- Directing the Public Works Director to purchase hybrid and alternative fuel powered vehicles.
- Turning unused parkland back into native grassland and prairie reserve areas, which would require no maintenance or the burning of fossil fuels.
- Managing storm runoff from County facilities and placing recycling containers in all parks.
- Examining the potential use of “gray water” where treated water may not be needed.
- Requiring that all County supported construction projects meet Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) standards by 2008.
- Examining the use of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar energy to power County buildings.



Pulaski Park Indoor Pool served as the backdrop for the Green Print press conference. Dozens of supporters and media outlets attended this event.

We have an opportunity to improve the efficiency of our operations, save the taxpayers money and stimulate the local economy by partnering with businesses for supplies and services. Rising energy costs currently straining the County's budget can easily be lowered through these conservation efforts. It truly is a win-win, with fiscal and environmental benefits. I'm committed to becoming a better environmental steward. My major goal is to create a new conservation ethic, which costs nothing and brings huge results to the community.

While this is an ambitious plan, it is my belief that our government should be an example of higher standards for the citizens we serve. My Green Print legislation has the support of We Energies, The Sierra Club (of which I am a member), Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, the Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods Coalition, Green Building Alliance and the Parks People.

Community Highlights



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Summer 2007 Calendar of Events

May 25-27: St. Adalbert, 1913 W. Becher St.

June 8: **FREE Concert**
South Shore Park, 6:00-8:00PM
 *Music by One Drum, Multi-Cultural Ensemble
 *Art on display by Bay View Arts Guild
 *Public Art Walk with the South Shore Park Watch

June 8-10: Pridefest, Maier Festival Park

June 9-11: United Community Center Annual Fiesta, Walker Square Park

June 14-17: St. Roman, 1810 W. Bolivar Ave.

June 15: **FREE Concert, Pulaski Park, 6:00-8:00PM,**
 *Music by Nabori, Latin Salsa

June 15-17: Lakefront Festival of Arts

June 19: Juneteenth Day Celebration

June 21-24: St. Paul Festival, 1720 E Norwich Ave.

June 22-24: Polish Fest, Maier Festival Park.

June 28-July 8: Summerfest, Maier Festival Park

July 4: Humboldt Park 4th of July Parade

July 6-8: St. Helen's Polka Festival, 3307 S 10th St.

July 13-15: **South Shore Frolics, South Shore Park**
 Admission: FREE

Friday, July 13th

Fish Fry	4:00-9:00PM
Music	6:00-10:00PM
Movie on the Beach	Dusk
Fireworks (By Bartolotta's)	After Movie

Saturday, July 14th

Parade	11:00 AM
(Starts at S. Kinnickinnic Ave. & E. Conway St.)	
Music	2:00- 6:00PM
Discovery World	3:00-4:30PM
Free Kids Games on the Hill with Lion Rich	3:30-4:30PM
Music	6:00-10:00PM
Fireworks (By Bartolotta's)	10:00PM

Sunday, July 15th

12th Annual Arts Festival	10:00AM-5:00PM
(Sponsored by The Bay View Arts Guild)	
9th Annual Classic Car Show	11:00AM-3:00PM
Music	1:30-5:30PM
Free Kids Games on the Hill with Lion Rich	3:30-4:30PM
Music	6:00-10:00PM
Fireworks (By Bartolotta's)	10:00PM

July 19-22: Festa Italiana, Maier Festival Park

July 19-22: St. Veronica Music Festival, 353 E Norwich St

July 27-29: German Fest, Maier Festival Park

Aug. 4-6: African World Festival, Maier Festival Park

Aug. 2-12: Wisconsin State Fair,
 8100 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis

Aug. 10-12: Arab World Fest, Maier Festival Park

Aug. 17-19: St. Augustine Feast Day Festival,
 2530 S. Howell Ave.

Aug. 17-20: Irish Fest, Maier Festival Park

Aug. 24-26: Serbian Days, St. Sava Cultural Center,
 3201 S. 51st St.

Aug. 25-27: Mexican Fiesta Internacional, Maier Festival Park
 11:00AM-11:30PM

Sept. 3: Labor Fest, Maier Festival Park
 Noon-5:00PM

Sept. 7-9: Indian Summer Festival, Maier Festival Park

Sept. 15: Bay View Bash, A Festival Of Music, Food, & Art
 Kinnickinnic between Russell & Potter Ave.
 11:00AM-10:00PM



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Milwaukee County FREE DAYS for 2007

Free Admission to Milwaukee Attractions! Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County Residents with a valid ID on the following days:



Milwaukee County Zoo

November 10, December 1,
 Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day
 & New Years Day

Milwaukee Public Museum

Every Monday

Milwaukee Art Museum

Every Wednesday

Mitchell Park Domes

Every Monday from
 9:00AM-11:30AM
 (excluding major holidays)

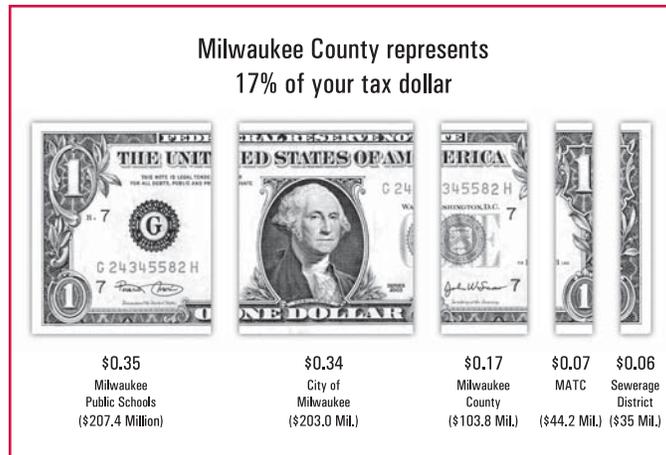
A Responsible County Budget:

Retains Vital County Services While Keeping County Tax Levy Below State Limits

I'd like to personally thank the many Milwaukee County residents who have taken an active role in Milwaukee County Government. Hearing your opinions makes representing you easier. We, as policymakers, appreciate the time you took to contact our offices with your input on the 2007 Milwaukee County Budget. In addition, over 500 people attended the County Board Public Hearing regarding the 2007 Budget last October. A strong message was conveyed by the speakers—that we value our key services while recognizing the importance of the social investment we must make to maintain our quality of life in Milwaukee County. We've listened. We've heard your concerns. We understand that you don't want to lose the quality of life resources Milwaukee County offers—such as our Parks System, Pools, Public Safety, Services for the Mentally Ill and Disabled, and the Transit System. Considering Milwaukee County's current fiscal situation, creating a prudent balance in adopting a fiscally and socially responsible budget is my priority.

The Milwaukee County Board continues to take a stand against further deterioration of County Services and Infrastructure. County Executive Scott Walker handed us a budget full of holes and misguided policy, similar to a blighted house with crumbling walls and a leaky roof. His proposed budget increased bus fares nearly 20% for the system's highest users: school children and disabled persons. I sponsored an amendment during the budget process against allowing this outrageous increase which would negatively effect our Milwaukee County Transit System. In addition, the amendment I sponsored to reduce the increase on Milwaukee County Paratransit Services for the disabled was adopted.

A major initiative I co-sponsored that was approved by the County Board during our budget deliberations was restored funding and a reorganization aimed at keeping our County pools open, a service sure to be valued this summer. I supported a revised aquatics plan that will allow neighborhood pools such as Pulaski to remain open. Wading pool hours will be staggered to maximize customer service. We have also extended hours for the deep well pools from 1:00pm-5:00pm to 11:00am-7:00pm, an initiative that provides more services and is sure to produce more revenue. In addition, nearly \$1 million in funding has been approved to provide the long-overdue maintenance in



many of our pools so that we may reverse the trend of deterioration and preserve these resources for future generations.

Maintaining our parks and cultural facilities adds so much to our quality of life. That's why the County Board reversed cuts to our cultural assets, including the War Memorial Center, Performing Arts Center, CAMPAC, Villa

Terrace/Charles Allis Museum, and the Historical Society. We said no to a plot that aimed to transfer Bender Park to the City of Oak Creek, selling off public parkland for private development.

I also strongly supported the inclusion of the County Paramedic program in the 2007 Budget. This program provides advanced lifesaving services to our community and is recognized as one of the best in the nation. I also supported a package of initiatives focused on enhancing permanent housing for persons with mental illness. Although often overshadowed by other issues, almost 50% of the County Budget is devoted to safety net services, especially for children, seniors and people with mental illness.

Access to safe and efficient justice is a right of all citizens, and therefore, the County Board restored funds that were cut for public safety services. County Executive Scott Walker proposed cutting bailiffs for courtroom security from 71 to 63, compromising the safety of our jurors and Judges. He also eliminated 16 deputy sheriffs who assist with warrant and arrest orders and proposed a \$2 million cut to the District Attorney's office, which would dramatically reduce staffing and ultimately result in the slower prosecution of criminals. Once again, we've heard you. Our goal is to preserve, protect and promote these vital quality of life services.

Unfortunately, County Executive Walker, in an unprecedented and irresponsible move, chose to veto the entire budget that we amended. My colleagues and I were forced to override that veto, to ensure property tax bills were mailed in time for property owners to deduct their property taxes on their 2006 income tax return.

Since I was elected to represent you, the Milwaukee County tax levy has increased an average of 3.18% per year (over the three years), well below state-imposed tax levy limits and inflation.

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Senior Service Guide

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The Resource Center for Older Adults

414-289-6874

TDD 414-289-8591

Fax 414-289-8590

Toll Free 1-866-229-9695

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Milwaukee County Department on Aging

****Please note the Milwaukee County Department on Aging has moved.**

The new address is

310 W. Wisconsin Ave., East Tower, 7th Floor
FREE parking is available for clients

Your link to services, programs,
and opportunities 24 hours a day!

- Legal and Benefits Counseling
- Transportation • Home Delivered Meals
- Adult Day Care • Late Life Counseling
- Senior Centers • Telephone Reassurance
- Neighborhood Services
- Information and Assistance • Respite Care
- Elder Abuse Reporting System
- Support Services

South Side Senior Dining Sites

Ascension Church
1236 S. Layton Blvd.

Beulah Brinton Community Center
2555 S. Bay St.

OASIS (Fifty-Five Plus Center)
2412 W. Mitchell St.
*Fifty-Five Plus Center is now the OASIS,
Organization for Active Seniors in Society*

Senior Center U.C.C.
1028 S. 9th St.
(7 days/week, entrance on
S. 8th St.)

Milwaukee Christian Center
2137 W. Greenfield Ave.

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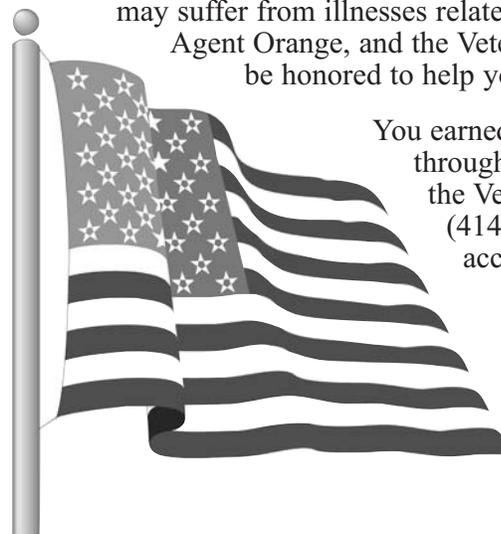
Services for Seniors and Veterans

Our 4th District Veterans Qualify for a Wide Range of Services

The Milwaukee County Veterans Services Office is located at 5000 West National Ave. (Building 4). It is part of what people commonly call the Zablocki VA Grounds. Built in the 1890's, it has served for many years as the recreation center for veterans living on the grounds. In fact, the bowling alley in the lower level is still in use!

The Office's main function is to inform veterans and their families of the many benefits available and assist them in the application process. Potential benefits available for veterans include personal loans to tuition reimbursement, compensation, aid and attendance pension, soldiers' homes and burial sites, home improvement and loan programs, and inpatient or outpatient health care at the VA Hospital.

The Office is also reaching out to Vietnam Veterans, especially those that served in-country and have never, or not recently, utilized the services of the VA. Many of you may suffer from illnesses related to exposure to Agent Orange, and the Veteran's Office would be honored to help you with that.



You earned your benefits through service; contact the Veteran's Office at (414) 382-1753 to access them!

Milwaukee County Senior Statesman Program

The Senior Statesman Program is put on each year by our Milwaukee County Department on Aging and Marquette University. Supervisor Dimitrijevic is the County Board Supervisory Delegate to the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging and enjoys facilitating this program every year. This program is a three-day event which has as its mission to further inform Milwaukee County senior citizens about Milwaukee County Government so that they may become better advocates for older adults in our community.

*If you are interested or know anyone who would enjoy this program, please call my office with a nomination for next year's program at 278-4232.

Working in Our Community

County Board Secures Affordable, Quality Housing For Persons With Mental Illness

Last year, it was brought to the County Board's attention that Milwaukee County wasn't meeting our responsibility to properly assist individuals with mental illness living in our community. As a result, we took an extremely positive step forward by adding one million dollars to the 2007 budget to help those who need it the most.

We identified more than 80 low-income individuals with mental illness living in substandard conditions. We allocated \$500,000 of those funds to provide affordable quality housing for 48 of these individuals. We're now 60% closer to a solution in securing affordable, quality housing for persons with mental illness. We also accepted funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help provide housing for homeless people living in Milwaukee County. Milwaukee County Government will continue to make providing quality mental health services a priority as we develop the 2008 County Budget.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic worked with State Representative Jon Richards, Alderman Tony Zielinski and neighbors to preserve Bridgeport Park as green space. The land is now under the control of the State Department of Natural Resources and will remain undeveloped for public use as green space.



Bay View residents Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Veronica Nelson, along with Supervisor Dimitrijevic, in front of Milwaukee County's Holiday Tree in the County Courthouse Rotunda. They donated their tree, making it the first "Bay View" Milwaukee County Holiday Tree.



Mekato's Bakery and Caf e located on 3500 W. National Ave. in the Silver City Main Street is officially open for business. This new addition to the neighborhood has added over 8 new jobs and two units of affordable housing to the area. Supervisor Dimitrijevic worked with the Layton Boulevard West Neighbors to secure \$100,000 in Milwaukee County Economic Development funds to make this project a success.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2007 Golf Course Discount Card Application/Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Leaf Trail Map |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marquette Interchange Project Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Urban Water Trail, A Canoe & Kayak Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Parks Room & Building Rentals Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee by Bike, On-Street Bike Routes & Off-Street Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Crime Prevention & Block Watch Information |