



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Not yet determined for the 2012-2016 Term

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Lake Parkway Extension Advisory Committee, Chair

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Board

Milwaukee Art Museum, Trustee

Milwaukee County Federated Library System, Trustee

Milwaukee Gateway Aerotropolis Corporation

*Dear Constituents and Friends :*

*Welcome back to the regular distribution of my E-Update. Following the four-month limit on communications per State Statute, I am eager to resume monthly circulation to update you on County business. Many of you asked about my newsletter and helped me to understand that it is well-read.*

*Pat Jursik*

## 794 Extension

The Advisory and Technical Committees on the Lake Parkway (STH 794) Extension Study, along with Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission staff, analyzed the proposed extension of Lake Parkway to Highway 100 in Oak Creek. Our initial recommendations encompassed a potential footprint, crossings, ramp treatments and other elements for the extension which have been posted [here](#).

More than 200 residents attended the February 29, 2012, public hearing to view displays and a presentation, ask questions and submit comments. The public also submitted comments during a 30-day public comment period that ended March 15, 2012. This input has been compiled into a record which reflects that approximately 70% of respondents expressed support for a Lake Parkway extension.



The Advisory Committee amended the recommendations to reflect this public input. Subsequently, the Committee unanimously passed the final recommendations.

My office will prepare a County resolution in support of an amendment adding the 794 extension to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan developed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. This amendment is a necessary step to ask WisDOT to begin engineering for an extension.

Further thoughts about the Lake Parkway extension are posted in my [opinion editorial](#).

## Transportation

The Wisconsin Commission on Transportation Finance and Policy held a public hearing

in late March 2012 at which I was able to testify. Many of the statements can be viewed [here](#).

## Seven Bridges

Seven Bridges trail at Grant Park continues to have two footbridges out of commission, the lakeside bridge and a small bridge, due to flooding several summers ago. I have struggled for years to secure funding for this bridge restoration.

I recently received an update from the contract manager overseeing the restoration. Milwaukee County currently has a consultant, Graef USA, designing the two replacement bridges. These bridge replacements pose a challenge in accessing the sites with the proper equipment and materials.

The consultant hopes to meet with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in early April to get a better understanding of limitations for access and permit requirements. The meeting should clarify the types of equipment and materials that can be used for the project and will help to determine a timeline.

## Board Approves Concept to Enhance 128<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution that I drafted to support the 128th Air Refueling Wing located at Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport.

The resolution endorses, in concept, the land swap of two parcels currently occupied by the Wisconsin Air National Guard for one parcel to the north of the base allowing entry off Layton Avenue. The swap also adds apron space for parking additional refuelers. The resolution also calls for the Airport Director to propose a timeline and breakdown of the steps required to accomplish this planning after the 128th obtains approval of its long range plan from the National Guard Bureau.

The 128th provides a \$77.3 million economic impact for our community. County government wants to assist the Guard as they submit their long range plan to the National Guard for continued viability at Mitchell International Airport. I am glad that the County Board is demonstrating strong support for the 128th as well as supporting the enhancements necessary for more security and expanded air refueling operations. We are optimistic that these actions will help the 128th Air Refueling Wing stay in Milwaukee County.

Click [here](#) to access a map attachment and related documents.

## Student Government Day

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion host Student Government Day each year. Students have a chance to participate in the legislative process and receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the Courts and Sheriff's Department.

This year, I was proud to host George Ademi of Cudahy High School. George is an active student and scout. He enjoyed his visit to the County Board and the Courthouse.



## The 2012-2016 Term of the Milwaukee County Board

Some of you may be wondering what happens next with the County Board. April 3, 2012, was the election for non-partisan offices including Supervisors. This term will begin with one less supervisory district or 18. Because of retirements, nearly one-third of Supervisors will be new.

Chairman Lee Holloway has retired. The first order of business for the Board will be to elect a new chairperson. This meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2012, at 2 p.m.

Once a chairperson is elected, new committees will be formed and new appointments for committee chairs and vice-chairs will also be made by the new chairperson. The regular committee meetings (to once again address the business of the county) do not occur until May 2012. In May, I will give you an update of my new committee assignments and provide some insight on what is ahead, so stay tuned.

### Community Calendar

#### **Tuesday, April 10 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm**

At Marquette Manor (2409 10<sup>th</sup> Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191

#### **Thursday, April 12 – Grant Park Watch meeting, 6:30pm**

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-7262 [www.fogp.org](http://www.fogp.org)

#### **Thursday, April 12 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm (following Park Watch)**

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-0612 [www.fogp.org](http://www.fogp.org)

#### **Friday, April 13 – Rupa & the April Fishes, 7:30pm**

These musicians embody the pluralistic and paradoxical sounds of the San Francisco Bay Area. Tickets are \$15 to \$20. At the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Milwaukee, 766-5049. [www.southmilwaukeepac.org](http://www.southmilwaukeepac.org)

#### **Saturday, April 14 – Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9am-4:30pm**

All visitors receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org) 256-5466

#### **Saturday, April 14 – FREE Fishing Clinics for Kids, 9a-3p (Hourly, with last clinic at 2pm)**

Learn about technique, equipment, knots, safety, and fish ID at this event for youth 15 and younger. An adult must accompany children 6 years of age or less. Equipment will be available, but participants should bring their own rod and reel if possible. Groups of 20+ must pre-register with the DNR at 263-8614.

Sponsors provide all needed equipment or you can bring your own. Join the fun at the following locations:

**Oak Creek Parkway** (at the Mill Pond, Oak Creek Parkway & Mill Road, South Milwaukee)

**Sheridan Park** (4800 Lake Dr., Cudahy)

**Humboldt Park** (3000 S. Howell Av, Milwaukee)

Find **additional** locations [here](#).

#### **Monday, April 16 – County Board Swearing In (1pm) and Organizational Meeting (2pm)**

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

#### **Saturday, April 21 – South Milwaukee Indoor Market, 10a-3p**

More than 45 vendors of arts, crafts, organics, baked goods and other prepared food. At Caterpillar's Heritage Building and Museum, 1970 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Milwaukee.

[www.smdowntownmarket.org](http://www.smdowntownmarket.org)

**Wednesday, April 25 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm**

At temporary new location, Aurora South Shore's lower level auditorium, 5900 S Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please enter at the main entrance (large round outdoor overhang in the northwest corner of the hospital). 414-324-5531

**Saturday, April 28 – Cudahy Earth Day/Arbor Day – 9am-Noon**

A city wide cleanup will take place in the morning. An Arbor Day tree planting ceremony will follow at Noon at Cudahy City Hall to honor former Cudahy Mayor Raymond Glowacki for his service to the community. The Wisconsin DNR will present the City of Cudahy with its 23rd consecutive "Tree City USA Award" from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Refreshments will be served and tree seedlings will be distributed to volunteers and attendees. To volunteer, please contact Joel Puczykowski at 627-8117 or puczykowski@yahoo.com

**Saturday, April 28 – Targeting Sheridan Park – 9am-Noon**

In conjunction with the City of Cudahy's Earth Day/Arbor Day cleanup (above), the Sheridan Park Friends will work with Cudahy High School to pick up trash throughout Sheridan Park as well as weed and tidy around Sheridan Shelter. You are welcome to meet at Sheridan Pavilion Area 1 (<http://county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntyParks/maps/Sheridan1.pdf>). Trash bags will be provided. You may wish to bring gloves.

**Saturday, April 28 – South Milwaukee Earth Day – 9am-Noon**

Please contact Alderman David Bartoshevich at 764-2836 for details.

**Saturday, April 28 –Watercourse Cleanup, 8am-Noon**

Bring tall boots if you have them. Friends of Mill Pond and Oak Creek Watercourse Inc. will provide safety vests, bags, water, and vinyl gloves. Meet at Grant Park Beach parking lot (at the far east end of Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). The cleanup will target the area from the beach to N. Chicago Av.

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**Ongoing:**

**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM**

**Cleopatra, the Search for the Last Queen of Egypt, through April 22, 2012**

[www.mpm.edu/cleopatra](http://www.mpm.edu/cleopatra)

Check out a special discount for Milwaukee County residents on Mondays at [www.mpm.edu/cleopatra/visit/](http://www.mpm.edu/cleopatra/visit/) and scroll down to "Milwaukee County Residents."