



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Health & Human Needs

Judiciary, Safety and General Services, Vice Chair

Parks, Energy & Environment

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Lake Parkway Extension Advisory Committee, Chair

Long Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Chair

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Board

Milwaukee Art Museum, Trustee

Milwaukee County Federated Library System, Trustee

Milwaukee Gateway Aerotropolis Corporation

Final E-Newsletter Distributed Until Early April

The election season begins on December 1. According to State Statute 11.33(a)1, "No person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for national, state or local office may use public funds for the cost of materials or distribution for 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material" until the election is held on April 3.

In order to comply with this Statute, the December e-news is being issued in late November. **The January-March editions of the e-news will not be e-mailed, but will still be available for you to view on my website at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Jursik/Enews.htm>**

Feel free to check back each month to see what's happening in the 8th Supervisory District.

New College Avenue Will Fuel Economic Growth



College Avenue reopened on November 18. It has been reconstructed to a boulevard with two lanes in each direction. Some of the local leaders supportive of the repair helped to cut the ribbon in the photograph above. The Runway Safety Area overpass

appears in the background.

The rebuild of College Avenue from Howell to Pennsylvania Avenues, originally planned to cost \$9 million, came in under budget. 80% was funded through federal money allocated to the State of Wisconsin, while 20% was financed by Milwaukee County bonds. Local funding was also provided by the cities of Milwaukee, Cudahy and South Milwaukee.

The Pennsylvania to Packard/Chicago Avenue portion was repaired through \$2 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the “Stimulus”). Milwaukee County funded the design work.

As you travel along East College Avenue, passing General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA), you will travel under an overpass. GMIA’s Runway Safety Area (RSA) project will bring the RSAs for both of the main runways into compliance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations. Each RSA is an area at the end of the runway which is 1,000 feet long, 500 feet wide and free of all obstructions, for the safety of airplanes and their passengers, should the aircraft overshoot the end of the runway.

The Airport is installing an access road over College Avenue which will run parallel to the RSA overpass. The eastbound median lane will be closed to create room for crane access during construction.

This new roadway is a huge improvement for the area. It will help attract employers to the new MKE Regional Business Park under development at the former 440th Airlift Wing site which is now owned by Milwaukee County.

2012 Budget Vetoes

Public Safety

I voted to override the Executive’s veto of over \$1.5 million for Sheriff’s deputies. My concern for public safety and the cooperation that we got from the union in agreeing to the same health care and pension cuts that other County workers have taken convinced me that this was the correct vote on behalf of our district. Overall, we preserved over 60 positions and may realize more depending on how many deputies retire before the end of the year.

I also voted to override the Executive’s partial veto of \$1.5 million for the paramedic program. The cities of Cudahy and St. Francis would have been left without Emergency Medical Services without this subsidy from the County, while South Milwaukee and Oak Creek, two cities that provide services beyond their own boundaries, would have been unable or greatly challenged to continue this consolidated service within our district.

Facility Planning

I supported transferring early debt payments to the funding of a facilities assessment that was part of the Strategic Planning directives. This necessary assessment should allow the County to ultimately reduce its ownership of vacant or partially vacant buildings and determine what the County should sell. The County Executive decided this was a good plan and did not veto the budget amendment that I had sponsored.

Transit

The good news regarding buses was the grant money from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program which allowed us to retain all of the Route 15's service area ([although it will be restructured](#)), all of the school routes and countywide paratransit service.

Senior Centers

All of the senior centers will continue to be funded.

Mental Health Redesign

The County continues the mental health redesign which seeks to serve more citizens in the community and reduce the need to house patients in the mental health hospital.

Parks

The bad news is the Parks Department took additional cuts of about \$3 million and lost some seasonal employee hours. Cultural institutions such as the museums, the Zoo and others received 15% across the board cuts.

Wellness

I did not support the County Board's wellness initiative. While we do need to consider a wellness program to keep our workforce healthy and cut health care costs, I would like to see a strong review by our entire benefits team and then design an appropriate program, not just design one from the County Board's review. I supported the County Executive's veto of this plan, which was sustained by the Board.

Employees

Our County employees took the greatest burden of the cuts. A full \$22 million was realized by reducing health care benefits and requiring employees to pay more for their pensions. The Sheriff's union agreed to also take cuts (this remains as one of the few bargaining units that can negotiate work rules and other non-salary items). This concession by the Sheriff's union will additionally allow the County to retain an unspecified number of deputies that would have been laid off. A specific number will be finalized by the end of the year.

Impact on Taxes

On November 7, I did not support the County Board's version of the 2012 Budget due to the proposed increase of 2.3%. I voted against many amendments that added unnecessary spending. The County Executive vetoed some of these amendments. On November 16, the Board voted to override 18 of his 23 vetoes. Details are available [here](#). The final tax levy in a total budget of about \$1.3 billion is \$275,805,499.

Public Hearing on Proposed Extension of 794 Lake Parkway

As Chair of the Advisory Committee on the Lake Arterial Extension Study, I have participated in several meetings reviewing a possible extension of 794. We have considered estimated cost, benefit and impact, along with the potential footprint, design and crossings of an extension of 794 Lake Parkway.

Our committee would like input from all members of the community. Please join us at this important event:

Public Hearing on the Proposed Extension of 794 Lake Parkway

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center (901 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee)

6 p.m.: View displays in the lobby (maps, charts, etc.)

6:30 p.m.: Formal presentation, followed by written or verbal comments/questions from the public

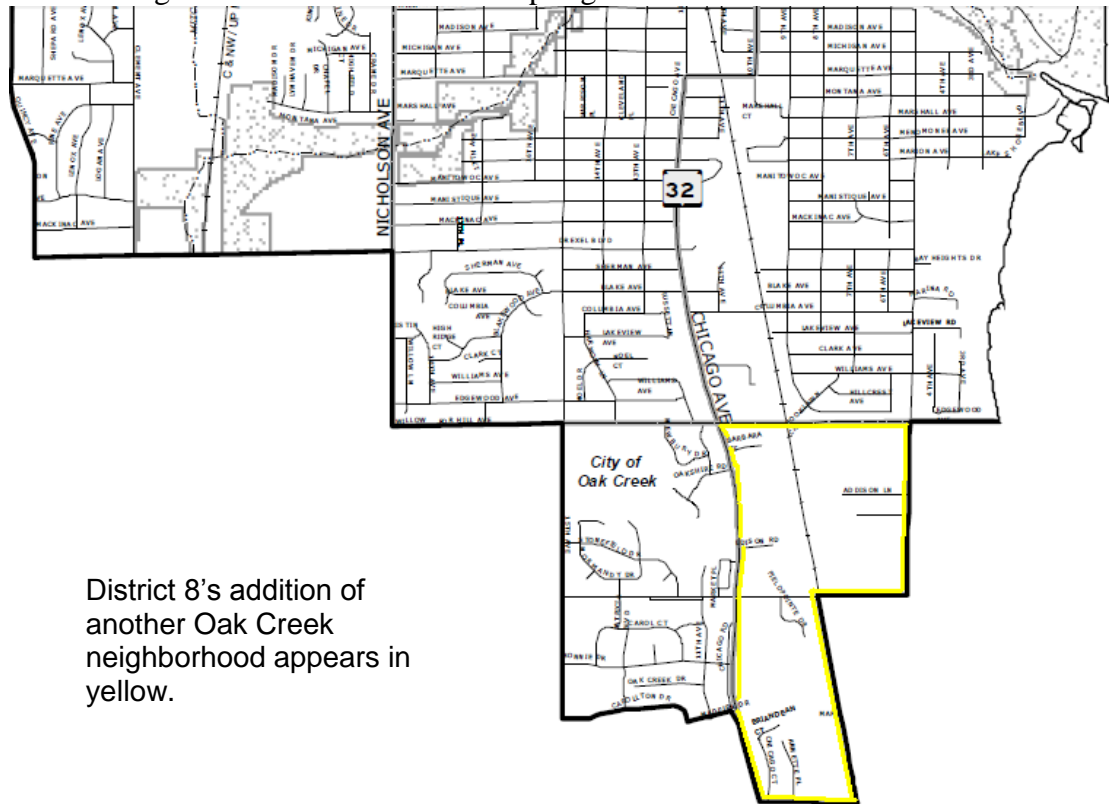
8th District Welcomes Addition of an Oak Creek Neighborhood

Having received the recent Census data for our communities, Milwaukee County needed to ensure that each district contained a nearly equal number of residents. The Board also moved to reduce the number of supervisory districts from 19 to 18. This means that each supervisor will be responsive to approximately 52,651 constituents.

District 8 gained a portion of Oak Creek. The new area is bounded by Chicago Road, American Avenue, the railroad tracks, Puetz Road, 5th Avenue and Forest Hill Avenue. I welcome these residents into my district.

The map below illustrates this addition. A complete map is available at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntySupervisors/2012FinalSupervisoryDistricts.pdf>

These changes will take effect with the spring elections in 2012.



Community Calendar

Saturday, December 3 – Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9:30am-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 256-5466

Thursday, December 8 – Friends of Grant Park & Park Watch holiday social, 6pm

Enjoy the company of the Friends of Grant Park and Park Watch. If you wish to participate in the cookie exchange, please bring 2 dozen cookies. At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-0612 www.fogp.org

Thursday, December 8 – Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Presents: Holiday Pops, Too concert in South Milwaukee, 7:30pm

This year, make the holidays even more special with the sparkling sounds of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center! Join Assistant Conductor Francesco Lecce-Chong and the MSO as they perform all your holiday favorites. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Av, South Milwaukee. To purchase tickets, please contact 766-5049. www.southmilwaukeepac.org

Saturday, December 3 – Indoor Christmas Market, 10am-3pm

More than 40 vendors of arts, crafts, organics, baked goods and other prepared food along with live music from local artists. At Caterpillar's Heritage Building and Museum, 1970 10th Avenue, South Milwaukee. www.smdowntownmarket.org

Saturday, December 10 – Christmas at the Depot, 9am-2pm

Pictures with Santa. Bakery, hot lunch, poinsettias and candy for purchase. Sponsored by Cudahy Historical Society. At the Depot, 4647 S Kinnickinnic Av., Cudahy.

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Saturday, December 10 – Holiday Bake & Cookie Sale, 2pm

Sponsored by Friends of Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse and South Milwaukee Historical Society. At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 571-1191

Monday, December 12 – Cudahy Historical Society and Cudahy Family Library Annual Holiday Dinner: 5:30pm cocktails, 6pm dinner, 7:30pm entertainment

Dinner with live entertainment at Joe's K Ranch, 4840 S. Whitnall Avenue, Cudahy. \$20 tickets for purchase at Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy.

Tuesday, December 13 – Interpretations & Images of Cleopatra over 2,000 Years, 11:30am luncheon & 12:30pm lecture

Curator of Ancient History Carter Lupton will discuss physical and intellectual portrayals of this ancient queen of Egypt, helping us to find what she was really like. Enjoy lunch and the lecture for \$20 (nonmembers) or \$17 (members). Visitors can opt to listen to just the lecture for \$5 (nonmembers) or free (members). Please register in advance.

Tuesday, December 13 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

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

Thursday, December 15 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

Sunday, December 25 –FREE Day at the Zoo, 9:30am-2:30pm

Milwaukee County residents with ID receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Wednesday, December 28 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Sunday, January 1, 2010 – Cool Kite Festival, 11am-5pm

The "Kite Whisperer" will provide kite-flying lessons. All are welcome to participate in this "fun flight" with a kite brought from home or one purchased at the event. Witness the giant kites of Yves Laforest. Watch ice artists in action and take a horse-drawn carriage ride for a small fee. Complementary hot chocolate and coffee while it lasts thanks to Caribou Coffee. Dress warm. At Veterans Park, 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee. www.giftofwings.com 277-9121

Ongoing:

THE DOMES

**Music Under Glass, Thursdays until March 31,
6:30-8:30pm**



Enjoy the new lighting of the domes with light shows at the break and following the concert. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. [Regular admission applies](#). Check out the schedule of music at: www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm

Holly, Jolly Holidays at The Domes until January 1, 2012

Santas from around the world come together at the *Holly, Jolly Holidays*, surrounded by decorated spruce trees and hundreds of poinsettias that fill the Show Dome with vibrant color. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. Hours and admission are posted [here](#).



ICE SKATING

At Sheridan Park Lagoon, 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy
Bring your own skates. Open weather permitting.
Call 257-PARK (7275) for current conditions.

Sheridan Lagoon opens when ice is sufficiently thick.

At Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water St, Milwaukee
(accessible via Route 15, www.ridemcts.com)
FREE rink. Skate rental: \$7 (ages 17 and under) or 8 (18+) (includes tax) or bring your own.
Enjoy the adjacent warming house with restrooms and hot beverages! Closed for blizzard, wind chill or cold weather advisories from the National Weather Service. Details: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/RedArrow11930.htm>

Red Arrow Rink opening will be announced at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/RedArrow11930.htm>

Tentatively through Dec. 20:
M-Th 11am-9pm, F & Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-8pm

Dec. 21-24: 11am-11pm

Dec. 25: 2-11pm

Dec. 26-30: 10am-Midnight

Dec. 31: 10am-1am