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County's Largest Union: AFSCME and Contract Negotiations

The time for reaching an agreement with the County's largest union ran out on Wednesday, June 29. No contract agreement was reached with District Council 48. The union did take a vote of its members on Sunday, June 26, and called on the Board to call a special meeting following this vote. The Board did not call the special meeting because a tentative agreement was not reached. The union vote was only taken on the counteroffer being made by the union and never on any mutually agreed terms. The simple answer to all of the questions that came into my office regarding this confusing procedure is that there is no contract extension for AFSCME. Under the new law recently passed, the only subject for bargaining will now be wages.

Most employees, including all AFSCME members, nonrepresented staff and elected officials, will be required to contribute half the actuarially-required contribution to their pension, in compliance with Wisconsin Act 10. In addition, the County Board voted to immediately apply to AFSCME employees many of the reductions to benefits that our non-represented, management staff currently take. This will require all AFSCME employees to take health care deductibles on their premiums along with several other changes including how overtime is computed. The savings for these concessions equal about \$300,000 per month.

Nurses' Contract

The contract for Milwaukee County's nurses was completed and ratified before Act 10 was upheld by the State Supreme Court. I voted for the contract because the nurses accepted all of the concessions, and County nurses are currently paid less than private sector nurses. There is a nursing shortage, and our County could find itself in serious trouble at the mental health complex if a large number of nurses left.

Hoan Bridge Takes Center Stage

The new Long Range Lakefront Planning Committee is exploring ways the Hoan Bridge might offer a platform for bike and pedestrian access through a cantilevered-type bridge that would attach to the side of the great arch. This is all very preliminary but offers exciting prospects for a millennium-type attraction for our lakefront. Stay tuned!



Also, benefitting from the Daniel Hoan Memorial Bridge's stunning views and tourist draw, Summerfest has routed the Rock and Sole Half Marathon and 10K Run across the Hoan Bridge on Sunday, July 10, at 8 a.m. Information is available at www.rocknsolerun.com.

Long Range Strategic Planning

The County Board, at the last Board meeting, overwhelmingly approved a resolution to

develop a comprehensive plan for Human Resources in Milwaukee County. The resolution was developed by the Long-Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee. I serve as the Chair of this committee.

The strategic plan to review and modernize Milwaukee County's human resources is the next step in planning for long-term needs. Earlier this year, the Board passed a facility plan to strategically review facilities. This is the second bookend of strategic planning: a comprehensive review of both facilities and human resources will put the County on the path toward updating and modernizing governmental functions.

Additionally, the Board adopted a policy to use a stress-testing tool called MuniCast to review and better address the County's structural deficit while strategically planning ways to control both pension and health care benefit structures. Along with this policy, the Board also created a health care benchmark, a tool to monitor health care inflation in southeastern Wisconsin which will allow the County to better control budgetary increases in health care costs, which is one of the greatest drivers of the County's structural deficit.

The resolution was approved 18-1 and is accessible via the County's [CLIC](http://county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC) service at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC>

County Board to Review Limiting Pension Backdrop Payments

The County Board is asking legal counsel to review the capping of any further lump-sum pension payments. The Walker administration had reviewed this earlier and concluded that the action it wished to take was to sue the county's advisor, Mercer, rather than to try to undo the lump-sum payments that were awarded through prior negotiations with the unions. It should be noted that when an employee does choose to take a lump-sum pension payment, the monthly retirement payments are reduced. The County realized a \$45 million settlement with Mercer. However, the lump-sum payments continue to accrue, and the County Executive, with the agreement of the Board, is now seeking to determine whether this pension benefit could at least be capped so that it will no longer continue to accrue to larger amounts over the working term of the employee.

Child Support Cuts Will Lead to Fewer Support Payments

Last month, the Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee, on which I serve as Vice Chair, and most of my Board colleagues sent a letter to Senator Alberta Darling opposing State budget cuts that will severely affect the Child Support Enforcement program in Milwaukee County.

I believe that parents should be primarily accountable for supporting their children. We are concerned that reduced State funding for Child Support will result in a devastating decline in the number of paternity cases and the amount of child support collected. This will create a greater burden on taxpayers. While I understand the intent to identify cost savings measures in the Child Support program, the consequences of this funding reduction will actually have a contradictory effect in Milwaukee County.

Greene Park Master Plan

A revised draft master plan for Greene Park can be viewed here: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Community8455.htm>
The Parks Department expects to finalize the master plan in August. We appreciate your suggestions and feedback.



Grant Park Family Fun Day

Grant Park Family Fun Day offers activities and events for all ages throughout Grant Park on Sunday, July 17.



The event starts with a pancake breakfast at the golf clubhouse and a talk about “Vegetable Gardening in a Small Space” by Judy Newman followed by a ceremony with the Wil-O-Way Color Guard.

Other activities begin as early as 11 a.m. These include open houses at Wulff Lodge and the Mill Pond warming house. Wil-O-Way will showcase accessible gardening and sponsor an obstacle course. In the afternoon, Boy Scout Troop 235 will host a campfire and provide ingredients for s’mores, South Milwaukee historian Nels Monson will deliver historical talks at the ravine area, and the Friends of Grant Park will coordinate a tree walk and monarch butterfly display. Visitors to the beach will have the chance to compete at building sandcastles.

The day closes with a concert featuring Twang Dragons, a local country rock ensemble, at Grant Park’s Pavilion Area 5A from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Visit <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Community8455.htm> for details.

South Milwaukee Lions Challenge Run in Oak Creek Parkway

The South Milwaukee Lions Club invites you to participate in a challenge 5K run and 2 mile walk on Saturday, July 23. The route includes exciting components such as obstacles that participants must climb, slide or carefully tread.

In this difficult economy, the Lions have identified a great need for eye glasses, scholarships and school programs in our community, yet raising sufficient funds has become more challenging. Help the Lions to meet their goals by registering for the walk/run at www.southmilwaukee.org or visiting Lionsfest July 22-24 in South Milwaukee and July 29-31 in Cudahy (see calendar below for details).

Beach Updates

Beach conditions are monitored by our local health departments to protect the public. Poor conditions will lead to beach closures until water conditions improve. Visit www.wibeaches.us/apex/f?p=181:11:940331339545371::NO:RP:: to view notices on beach status. You may sign up to receive notices on closings by clicking on “Beach Advisory Email Sign Up” at left on that webpage.

Bay View Neighborhood Association hosts monthly summer cleanups at Bay View Beach. The calendar listing below includes the next cleanup on July 23.

Improve the Energy Efficiency of Your Home or Business

WISPIRG and Americorps have partnered to offer FREE energy efficiency assessments. Trained volunteers are visiting houses, apartments, and businesses in Milwaukee County this summer to conduct in-home energy assessments. Volunteers are also visiting classrooms and organizations to discuss energy and conservation.

For details, please visit www.energyservicecorps.org

To participate in these programs, please visit www.energyservicecorps.org/community-education and select a tab on the right (“Schedule a Free Energy Assessment” or “Get Involved”) or visit www.energyservicecorps.org/events and select “Partner with Us” to request that a speaker visit your organization or classroom or to request assistance on a local community project.

Community Calendar

Saturday, June 2 – Garlic Mustard Pull at Rawson Woods, 9am

Meet behind South Milwaukee Middle School. Please enter the parking lot off of Oak Creek Parkway and take road that passes the football field. Contact: 764-0612



Monday, July 4 – Community Festivities:

ST. FRANCIS – **10am** Parade starts at Barland & Norwich and continues to Denton, Packard and Lunham. Ends at Milton Vretenar Park with ice cream, a ceremony and entertainment.

9:15pm Fireworks

www.stfrancisnow.com/userstoriessubmitted/123932174.html

OAK CREEK – **9am** Parade starts at Groveland & Shepard Av. by Edgewood School, travels west on Groveland, south on Knights Pl. and Mayhew Dr, east on E. Centennial Dr. and south down Shepard to East Middle School. Events during the day. Fireworks at **dusk**.

www.oakcreekwi.org/main_page_topics/4thCelebration.htm

CUDAHY – **Noon** Parade commences at Grange & Lake Dr. (PLEASE NOTE NEW ROUTE) and follows Lake Dr. to Sheridan Park. Beverages and food for sale.

2pm Ceremony and entertainment, including children’s activities and music

Dusk/9:20pm Fireworks

www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=161826367212494

SOUTH MILWAUKEE – at Brown Pavilion, Picnic Areas 5&6, Grant Park

10am Call to Colors

10:10am Kids bike/coaster wagon parade

11am Kids games, races, and penny scramble followed by ice cream & caramel corn for kids

9:30pm Fireworks

<http://www.ci.south-milwaukee.wi.us/CELEBRATIONEVENTS.htm>

Thursdays, July 7, 14 & 28 – Wonders Beneath the Surface at Kelly, 10-11:30am

July 7: Ice Age Mammoth Hunters 12,000 BC-8500 BC

July 14: Rock Art and Effigy Mound Builders 500 BC-1200 AD

July 28: Aztalan 1000 AD-1250 AD

Raynelle Heil facilitates. \$5 fee for 3 seminars. Reserve your spot now! At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy. 481-9611

Thursday, July 7 – Fat Babies concert, 5:30-7pm

This traditional jazz ensemble plays tunes from the late 1920s and early 1930s with influences by Louis Armstrong and Jelly Roll Morton. Sponsored by South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, South Milwaukee. www.SMDowntownMarket.org or www.southmilwaukeepac.org/summer_series.html or 766-5049

Tuesday, July 12 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191

Wednesday, July 13 – St. Francis concert: Random Maxx, 7-9:30pm

1970’s-current pop/rock. At Milton Vretenar Park, 4224 S. Kirkwood Av, St. Francis. 481-2300

Thursday, July 14 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-7262 www.fogp.org

Thursday, July 14 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-0612 www.fogp.org

Thursday, July 14 – Copper Box concert, 5:30-7pm

Inspired by Americana, roots music and beyond, this group utilizes the accordion, washboard and other sounds to charm audiences. Sponsored by South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center. Outside and behind Franciscan Villa, 3601 S. Chicago Av, South Milwaukee.

www.southmilwaukeepac.org/summer_series.html or 766-5049

Thursday, July 14 – Streetlife with Warren Wiegatz, 6:30-8:30pm

Blend of R&B and smooth jazz. At Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/ConcertsintheParks11320.htm>



Friday, July 15 – Kelly Center Picnic, 12-12:30pm

Brats, Burger, Salads, Dessert and featuring the Glencastle Irish Dancers at 1:30pm. Cost: \$12 Preregistration Required. Tickets on sale now. At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy. 481-9611

Sunday, July 17 – Grant Park Family Fun Day, 8:30am-3:30pm

Details are available in the article above and at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Community8455.htm>



Sunday, July 17 – Twang Dragons concert, 1-3:30pm

Country. At Grant Park, Area #5 (Brown Pavilion). Sponsored by:



Tuesday, July 19 – South Milwaukee Municipal Band concert & Ice Cream Social

Celebrate Heritage Days week with an ice cream social from 4 to 8pm and a free concert at 7pm. At St. Luke's UCC, 2200 18th Av, South Milwaukee. 764-6279.

Tuesday, July 19 – Run for the Parks, 6:30pm

5K at Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Av, Milwaukee. Register at www.parkpeoplemke.org/5k

Thursday, July 21 – South Milwaukee Evening on the Avenue, 4-9pm

Children's activities, entertainment, music, activities, food, beverages, merchant displays, sales, giveaways, Human Concerns Benefit Raffle and much more! At 10th & Milwaukee Av, South Milwaukee. Coordinated by South Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, 762-2222 x141

Saturday, July 23 – South Milwaukee Lions Club Roaring Challenge Walk/Run, 9:30am

This 5K run/2 mile walk starts and ends at 16th & Rawson Av. Register: www.southmilwaukee.org

Saturday, July 23 – South Milwaukee Heritage Days Parade, 11am

In South Milwaukee, along Milwaukee Av. from 7th to 16th and north to Rawson Av.

Saturday, July 23 – South Milwaukee Lionsfest

Friday, 4:30 fish; **Saturday, 4pm** ribs; **Sunday, Noon** chicken. Music and rides. Children's activities on Sunday afternoon. At 16th St. & Rawson Av., South Milwaukee

www.wilions.org/southmilwaukee/lionsfes.htm

Saturday, June 23 – Great Duck Race, 2pm

Sponsored by Friends of Mill Pond. Below the Mill Pond dam, South Milwaukee.

Saturday, July 23 – Bay View Beach Cleanup, 8:30-10am

Meet at the brown stairway just south of Oklahoma Av. to join the monthly summer cleanups. BVNA's Environmental Committee supplies garbage bags and gloves. Coordinator: Rob Miller, clutchaieou@yahoo.com

Tuesday, July 26 – South Milwaukee Municipal Band concert, 7-8:30pm

Enjoy refreshments and free music under the stars. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Sponsored by the Cudahy Historical Society. At Immigrant Family Park, Cudahy, south of the Cudahy Depot, 4647 S. Kinnickinnic Av, Cudahy.

Wednesday, July 27 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm
At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 324-5531

Wednesday, July 27 – St. Francis concert: Bad Medicine, 7-9:30pm
1980's rock & Bon Jovi. At Milton Vretenar Park, 4224 S. Kirkwood Av, St. Francis. 481-2300

Thursday, July 28 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am
At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

Thursday, July 28 – Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound, 6:30-8:30pm
Funk & polyglot rhythms. At Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/ConcertsintheParks11320.htm>



Friday-Sunday, July 29-31 – Cudahy Lions Sweet Apple-Wood Festival
Friday, 4pm fish; **Saturday, 4pm** Southwoods ribs; **Sunday, 11am** polka mass. Rides and music. At Cudahy Park, 3000 Ramsey Av. www.wilions.org/cudahy/festival.htm

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Ongoing Summer Activities:

Outdoor Pools Now open!
Sheridan Pool 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy, 481-4731
Grobschmidt Pool 2600 16th Av, South Milwaukee, 762-4919

Open Daily, 12:30-4:30 p.m., weather permitting

Evening Swim at Sheridan, Monday & Wednesday, 5:30-7:30pm
and at Grobschmidt, Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30-7:30pm

Daily outdoor pool rate: \$1 (Age 3-11), \$2 (Age 12+)
Summer outdoor pool passes: available at outdoor pools for \$10 (Age 11 and under) or \$20 (Age 12+) for use at most outdoor pools

FREE Wading Pools Open daily, weather and attendance permitting
Pulaski-Cudahy Wader Now open!
open 1-5 p.m. 5400 S. Swift Av, Cudahy
Greene Park Wader Now open!
open 1-5 p.m. 4235 S. Lipton Av, St. Francis

Visit **Grant Golf Course** at 100 E. Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee, 762-4646
Visit **Warnimont Golf Course** at 5400 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy, 481-1400

Check out Golf Specials including senior golf, foursome specials and other deals at www.milwaukeecountygolfcourses.com

Fish Fry at the Course – Fridays thru Labor Day, 4-8pm
Adults eat for \$9.25 while kids 12 and under eat for \$4.25, enjoying baked or fried cod, cole slaw, rye bread, french fries or parsley buttered potatoes, and a cookie. At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 E. Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee.

South Milwaukee Downtown Market, Thursdays, 3-7pm
Including local farmers, restaurants, and artisans. Enjoy music and picnic tables. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. Visit www.SMDowntownMarket.org for details and a concert schedule.

Milwaukee Public Museum – Family Summer Exploration Pass
With this \$25 pass, your entire family can enjoy free general admission on visits to MPM throughout the entire summer. Visit www.mpm.edu/summer-pass for details!