



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Health & Human Needs

Judiciary, Safety and General Services, Vice Chair

Parks, Energy & Environment

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Attendance

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel recently reported on my 15 absences at committee and full Board meetings over a period of three years. What should constituents make of this number? It would be wonderful if no absences were recorded, but frankly, this is not possible simply because of conflicting meeting schedules from time to time. Additionally, like most employees, a daughter's wedding, flu season, personal family matters and life's other demands also impacted on my attendance.

While my record was not the worst, the news article gave no context to the number. The top three supervisors on the list were either members of the Personnel or Finance Committees. Finance meets almost daily during budget deliberations and Personnel can meet weekly or more during contract negotiations. I served on both of these high attendance committees. Therefore, the highest absence rates were recorded by supervisors having the most meetings to attend.

To give some context to this number, my office counted the number of committee meetings that require a formal public notice for the meeting. My schedule included 306 formally noticed committee or Board meetings through May 2011. In addition, I attend many hundreds of meetings not subject to public notices. If just the noticed meetings are counted (306), I attended about 95% of all formally noticed meetings. I can assure my constituents that I have taken care of business in our district. If anyone would like to discuss this issue with me personally, I would be happy to talk with you. You may contact me at 414-278-4231.

5th Annual Pedal in the Park with Pat

Bring a bicycle and helmet to join me on my bike ride, Pedal in the Park with Pat. We depart Sheridan Pavilion (Area 1) on Thursday, June 16, at 6 p.m. We will cycle along the Oak Leaf Trail to Grant Park and return in time for an outdoor concert at 6:30 p.m.



Bluegrass at Sheridan Park

Enjoy a FREE concert by the Bluegrass Allstars on Thursday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. Feel free to bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair to the lawn east of Sheridan Pavilion ([Area 1](#)). The Sheridan Park Friends will sell light refreshments.



Celtic Music at Grant Park

Enjoy a FREE concert on Friday, June 24, at Grant Park's Brown Pavilion ([Area 5A](#)). The Garlic Mustard Pickers will serenade the audience with celtic music. Thanks to the Parks Department for

sponsoring these concerts!

Project Milwaukee: Southern Connections

I will serve as a panelist in WUWM-FM's Project Milwaukee: Southern Connections forum on Wednesday, June 8. The event brings together a panel of civic and business leaders to discuss the pros and cons of cultivating an urban corridor between Milwaukee and Chicago.

There's a growing interest in strengthening our north/south corridor connection to Chicago. The South Shore stands to benefit from these efforts, and I'm pleased to participate in this forum. I have been leading the effort to extend the 794 Lake Parkway to Racine County and, potentially, all the way to Illinois. Our airport, the fastest growing in the nation last year, is fueling the surrounding Aerotropolis area. The Port of Milwaukee is the busiest on the Great Lakes. We must leverage these assets for the benefit of our entire region, and that's why I'm bullish on the future of the South Shore communities I proudly represent.

Other panelists include Lynn Broaddus, Director, Environment Program, The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread; John Dickert, Mayor, City of Racine; Ray Forgianni, Former Kenosha City Planner and Director of City Development; Rocky Marcoux, Commissioner, Department of City Development, City of Milwaukee; Pat O'Brien, President, Milwaukee Development Corporation and Executive Director, Milwaukee 7 Regional Economic Development Campaign; and Kenneth Yunker, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Details can be found at http://www.wuwm.com/explore/index.php?page=project_mke.

Hoan Bridge Plays a Starring Role in Summer Events

Cyclists and runners will enjoy the Hoan Bridge in exhilarating ways during two summer events.



The United Performing Arts Fund's Ride for the Arts on Sunday, June 5, will allow bikers to access the Hoan for the first time in decades. Three of five routes (the 25, 50 and 75-mile routes) will take the Hoan Bridge. Show your love for the arts and biking the Hoan! Visit <http://events.upaf.org/ride/> for details.

Summerfest is hosting runs across the Hoan Bridge on Sunday, July 10, the last day of the music festival. The [half marathon and 10K](#) will allow our residents and visitors to experience the Hoan Bridge in a unique way and partake of the beautiful view it offers.

Lakeside Bridge at Grant Park's Seven Bridges



I have been working with Parks Director Sue Black to restore the lakeside bridge at Seven Bridges trail in Grant Park. The Parks Department is planning for repairs. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds will finance a great portion of the project, but local matching funds are required. At the County level, this project (along with several other projects related to flood recovery and erosion) requires the transfer of capital funds to this expenditure. The Finance Committee and Full Board approved this fund transfer at their May meetings.

Long Range Strategic Plan

The Committee continues to study employee policies. We wish to assess whether departments feel they have appropriate staffing levels to complete their functions. We also want to ensure that succession plans are in place to deal with unprecedented retirements, filling positions and training new staff. Modernization in the Human Resources department could assist departments. Finally, we are exploring ways to control rising health care costs by setting a benchmark so Milwaukee County's health care rates do not grow faster than rates in Southeastern Wisconsin.



Hank Aaron State Trail Extension

The Hank Aaron State Trail currently connects the western part of Milwaukee County with Miller Park, the Menomonee Valley, Downtown and the Lakefront, including Lakeshore State Park and the Summerfest grounds. It consists mostly of off-street paved trails, with some on-street connections. A bridge will soon link the Trail to Mitchell Park, thanks to construction efforts by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and cooperation from the Parks Department.

Explore the existing route and planned extensions at www.hankaaronstatetrail.org

Super South Shore Volunteer Recognized



County Clerk Joseph Czarnezki, County Executive Chris Abele and I congratulated Bernice (second from right) on her achievement.

Outstanding volunteer Bernice Czarnezki of South Milwaukee was honored with induction into the Milwaukee County Senior Hall of Fame in May. Bernice is an exceptional volunteer who fulfills a busy set of community commitments and does not hesitate to help others in need.

During the Patrick Cudahy fire in July 2009, Bernice was one of the first volunteers I called for help. She aided in the evacuation of Cudahy residents to South Milwaukee by preparing refreshments, providing accommodation for people with special needs and recruiting more volunteers to assist at the shelter site.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, June 1 – Share the Road: Motorcycle Awareness, 1-2pm

This seminar will explain the rules of the road and focus on strategies to increase awareness when driving near motorcycles. Please register at 481-9611. At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy

Thursday, June 2 – South Milwaukee Downtown Market opening day, 3-7pm

Including local farmers, restaurants, and artisans. Enjoy music and picnic tables. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. www.SMDowntownMarket.org

Thursday, June 2 – Choir Fight concert at South Milwaukee Downtown Market, 5:30-7pm

Choir Fight improvises based on instrumental interpretations of rock and pop standards seasoned with an undercurrent of late '60s/early '70s Miles Davis. Sponsored by the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, South Milwaukee. www.SMDowntownMarket.org

Saturday, June 4 – Cabaret Night presented by Cudahy High School Music Department, 7-10pm

Celebrate the arts with live music, food, art, forensics and a silent auction. The jazz ensemble plays classic 1940's Big Band tunes while choir, band and orchestra groups perform throughout the evening. Admission: \$2 or donation of 2 canned goods to Project Concern. FREE for children 6 and under. At Cudahy High School (4950 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy), accessible through the main entrance. Contact: Scott Plank, 414-531-1327 or planks@cudahy.k12.wi.us

Sunday, June 5 – United Performing Arts Fund's Ride for the Arts

Registration begins at 6 a.m., with various rides throughout the morning. Includes a ride over the Hoan at 8am. Information at <http://events.upaf.org/ride/> or 414- 276-RIDE

June 6-10 – Bike to Work Week

View events: www.bfw.org/coordination/index.php?category_id=3946&subcategory_id=6368

Monday, June 6 – “Walk with Ease” held by the Arthritis Foundation, 11:30-12:30pm

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting June 6, for six weeks for a \$5 fee. Please register at 481-9611 before the first class. “Walk with Ease” helps participants to make exercise a habit. At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy

Wednesday, June 8 – Project Milwaukee: Southern Connections forum, 5:30-7pm

Hosted by WUWM Milwaukee Public Radio at Wingspread in Racine. Please reserve a seat by visiting <http://www.wuwm.com/projectmilwaukee> or calling Michelle M. at 270-1224

Thursday, June 9 – Badger for the Blind, 10-10:30am

Find what new products are available for failing eyesight. At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy, 481-9611

Thursday, June 9 – “Play in the Park” series begins at Sheridan Park, 6-7:30pm

The YMCA partners with the Parks Department to teach outdoor games to children and families at Sheridan Park, on Thursday evenings through July 21 (except for July 7). Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to participate. For details, please visit <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Community8455.htm> and click on “Play in the Park.”

Thursday, June 9 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 6:30pm

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

Thursday, June 9 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm (following “Park Watch”)

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

Saturday, June 11 – Gathering Waters Festival, 11am-6pm

At Lakeshore State Park (off the coast of Summerfest and Discovery World). Boat and bike rides, fishing, rock wall climbing, canoe and kayak demos, music, and loads of activities for kids and adults. www.gatheringwatersfest.org

Sunday, June 12 – Barks at St. Mark's, 9am

FREE outdoor dog blessing and service by Father John Allen. After the blessing, enjoy complimentary picnic food from the grill and mingle with the congregation of St. Mark's and representatives of pet-friendly businesses. Please bring your furry friends on a leash and under your control at all times. At St. Mark's Episcopal, 1314 E. Rawson Av, South Milwaukee. <http://www.stmarkssouthmilwaukee.org/index/Barks.htm>

Tuesday, June 14 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

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

Thursday, June 16 - Pedal in the Park with Pat FREE Bike Ride, 6pm

Meet at Sheridan Park Pavilion Area #1 with helmets and bikes. Cycle the Oak Leaf Trail through Sheridan Park. Family friendly ride good for children and adults. Return to listen to the concert below.

Thursday, June 16 – Sheridan Park concert: Bluegrass Allstars, 6:30-8:30pm

Join Cudahy's own Dan Nimphius and friends for virtuoso picking! At Sheridan Park Area 1. Sponsored by Milwaukee County Parks.



Saturday, June 18 – Sheridan Park Friends Annual Meeting & Potluck Brunch, 10am
At Sheridan Park Pavilion Area 1. Learn about Sheridan Park history, exciting activities in the Park and how you can get involved! Contact antvnuk@yahoo.com

Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day at the Zoo, 9am-5pm
All dads receive free admission to the Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. www.milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Tuesday, June 21 – Humboldt Park concert: The Squeezettes, 6:30-9pm
At Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Av. Sponsored by Milwaukee County Parks and Bay View Neighborhood Association.



Thursday, June 23 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am
At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

Thursday, June 23 – Brian Packham concert, 5:30-7pm
Pianist and composer Brian Packham will perform a program of original compositions, classical and improvised music. Sponsored by South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center. Outside and behind Franciscan Villa, 3601 S. Chicago Av, South Milwaukee.
http://www.southmilwaukeekeepac.org/summer_series.html or 766-5049

Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25 – Relay for Life of South Shore
The American Cancer Society invites the community to raise funds and cancer awareness while having fun. At Cudahy High School Football Stadium. Visit www.relayforlife.org/southshorewi or contact 414-507-4626 or 262-312-4021.

Friday, June 24 – Grant Park concert: Garlic Mustard Pickers, 6:30-8:30pm
South Milwaukee's own Garlic Mustard Pickers play at Grant Park, Area #5 (Brown Pavilion). Sponsored by Milwaukee County Parks.



Saturday, June 25 – Open House at the Depot, 10am-Noon
Visit Cudahy's old railroad depot and learn about the immigrant families that built this area. 4647 S. Kinnickinnic Av, Cudahy

Wednesday, June 29 – Bingo, 1-2:30pm
FREE event sponsored by Williamstown Bay. The first winner of each game will receive a \$5 gift card from Pick 'N Save. At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy, 481-9611

Wednesday, June 29 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm
At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

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Ongoing Summer Activities:

Outdoor Pools Regular outdoor pools opening June 18!
Sheridan Pool 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy, 747-9491
Grobschmidt Pool 2600 16th Av, South Milwaukee, 762-4919
Open Daily, 12:30-4:30 p.m., weather permitting

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 \$15 (Age 12+) for use at most outdoor pools

FREE Wading Pools Open daily, weather and attendance permitting
Pulaski-Cudahy Wader Opening June 18!
open 1-5 p.m. 5400 S. Swift Av, Cudahy
Greene Park Wader Opening June 25!
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, Father's Day bargains 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.

Cudahy Farmers Market, Fridays, Noon-6pm

Featuring fresh produce, bakery, flowers, and other items. 4700 S Packard Av. (parking lot next to Cudahy Family Library), Cudahy. Contact 755-6919

Butterflies! In Living Color - through September 25

Frolic with 500 native North American butterflies inside a tropical greenhouse. Please do not wear insect repellent which is harmful to butterflies. Brightly colored clothes attract the butterflies. Entry fee of \$2 per person to this special exhibit (separate from regular Zoo rates). At the Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. www.milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Chase Family Movie Nights

Thursdays, June 9-30

At Cudahy Park, 3000 E. Ramsey Av., Cudahy

7pm: Residents may bring blankets, lawn chairs and refreshments.

Dusk: Movies begin

FREE concerts in Milwaukee County Parks

Find the complete schedule at

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/ConcertsintheParks11320.htm>