



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Long Range Transportation Planning

Economic Stimulus Task Force

Long Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Chair

RTA Task Force, Chair

County Executive Sworn In

On April 25, 2011, Chris Abele took the oath of office as our new County Executive. He will serve the remainder of the Walker term which expires in April 2012. We have a tough budget ahead, and I am hopeful that the Board will work with the new County Executive to move our County forward.

Hoan Bridge

The voices of thousands of South Shore residents and the Coalition to Save the Hoan were finally heard. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has announced that it will re-deck and rebuild the Hoan Bridge beginning in 2013.

The project, expected to run for about three years, includes a new bridge deck; repainted steel; a new bridge at the northern and southern points; concrete overlay and surface repair of the Lake Interchange; and new bridges between the Marquette and Lake Interchanges.

The Hoan Bridge is key to economic development in our region. I am pleased that the Governor, a member of the Coalition, has recognized this and is prioritizing the reconstruction.

More information on the Hoan Bridge reconstruction can be found by visiting <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Jursik/SavetheHoanBridge.htm>. I have posted the DOT's preliminary inspection report to this webpage and hope to add the final report once the State releases it in June 2011.



Speaking at the DOT press event

Airport Chapel



The County Board unanimously approved the development of an interfaith chapel and meditation room at General Mitchell International Airport. The chapel will be located in the lobby area of the main airport parking structure, adjacent to the sailboat art display.

Following testimony, Supervisor Jursik greeted chapel supporters, including organizer Suzanne McKinney (center, in green)

Many travelers saw the steeple of St. Stephen's just south of the Airport and, according to the pastor, the travelers often stopped, particularly those traveling for funerals. Now that St. Stephen's has relocated, it is important to provide a non-denominational space at our Airport.

Kudos to Cudahy resident Suzanne McKinney who has worked tirelessly to make the chapel a reality and continues to seek funding to build this chapel. No taxpayer money is being used to fund or build the chapel.

794 Lake Parkway

The Lake Parkway Extension Advisory Committee continues to work with our regional planning agency to plan for the extension of 794 Lake Parkway to Ryan Road or to Racine County.

Residents and businesses from throughout Racine County have contacted my office, expressing interest in extending the Lake Parkway to serve their communities. I provided an update to the Village of Caledonia's 794 Extension Committee in April.

O'Donnell Park

The County Executive vetoed the expenditure for metal panels on the O'Donnell Park garage. His veto was sustained by the board on April 28.

The stucco finish that prevailed will not last in this climate and is subject to direct winds off the lake. Since stucco has only a five year life expectancy, maintenance costs will be higher, and these repair costs are not bondable but would be funded by direct revenues in the year of the repair. This is the reason that I voted to override the veto.



Schematic showing metal panels on O'Donnell

It will be my wish that we can identify better uses for O'Donnell as quickly as possible. I will work with County Executive Abele on this, but there are many variables here. Knowing that long range planning and implementation takes extensive time in government, I voted to plan for a longer-term fix. Demolishing O'Donnell will require ending two leases with Betty Brinn Children's Museum and Coast restaurant and would cost the County \$1 million per year in parking revenue. Then we must plan for an alternate use and get approvals from the County, State and City because this is on Public Trust land along the lake. Parking must be a component in future planning for this site that currently serves three museums and the Summerfest grounds.

Redistricting

I support reducing the overall number of supervisors on the Milwaukee County Board. A plan for 15 districts (a reduction of 4) was submitted to the Board and I voted for this plan. After this failed, I offered a compromise plan reducing districts to 17. This also failed to get a majority. I could not support the staff plan for 18 supervisory districts (a reduction from the current 19). Under the 18 plan, which is on track to take effect in April 2012, our 8th District will continue to include the entire cities of St. Francis, Cudahy and South Milwaukee and add approximately 600 more Oak Creek residents.

Warnimont Dog Exercise Area

Warnimont Dog Exercise Area, with its tree canopy-covered trails, is a cool place to be as the weather improves!

Visitors may park in the southern parking lot of Kelly Senior Center (6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy) to access this area on the southern edge of Warnimont Park. If you take a dog, annual



permits are \$25 for Milwaukee County residents. Seniors and people with disabilities pay \$15 for annual permits. Additional dogs are \$5. A daily permit is \$5. The permit application as well as rules and “petiquette” are available [here](#) or call 257-PARK!

At the entrance to the exercise area, the FIXX TOO coffee kiosk is open 2 p.m. to dusk Monday to Friday and 7 a.m. to dusk on weekends. The kiosk will also open on weekday mornings once school is out (around June 10). Details are available here: www.fixxcoffeehouse.com



College Avenue Reconstruction

We eagerly anticipate the restoration of East College Avenue by December 2011. Meanwhile, I wanted to make you aware of the following changes.

Bus detour

To avoid the narrow lanes and turns on College Avenue due to construction, Route 15 will detour from its normal College Avenue route between Pennsylvania and Barland/15th Avenue. Instead, northbound buses will continue up Barland to Donald Avenue and take Donald Avenue west to Pennsylvania, where they will resume the regular route. Southbound buses will exit Pennsylvania onto Donald, follow Donald east to Barland and continue south to resume the regular route on 15th Avenue. The detour will be in effect through July or August.

Speed limit

The Department of Transportation and Public Works has recommended a speed limit of 35 miles per hour along East College Avenue between Pennsylvania and Howell Avenues. This segment will be transformed from a two-lane undivided rural highway to a four-lane divided urban roadway. Traffic Engineering staff has evaluated this segment by reviewing a speed study, crash history, field investigation, roadway conditions, roadway friction, adjacent developments and overall traffic safety and service.

Community Calendar



Saturdays, April 30, May 7, 14, 21 – Weed Out, 9am

Sunday, May 22 – Weed Out, 1pm

Pull invasive garlic mustard to protect plant diversity in Grant Park! Meet at the tennis courts parking lot ([Area 1](#)) in Grant Park. Contact Don Lawson 764-0612



Sunday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010 – Spring Bird Migration Walks at Grant Park, 8am

Witness the annual return of the neo-tropical warbler and other feathered friends who visit Grant. Participants are welcome to bring binoculars. Meet at parking lot for [Areas 7 & 8](#), accessed via the Wil-O-Way entry off of Lake Drive. Weather contingent. Contact: 764-9244

Sunday, May 1 – Cudahy Citywide Open House

11 a.m.: door prizes, registration, information and lenders available at Cudahy Family Library
Noon-4 p.m.: home showings

Details are available here: <http://www.cudahy-wi.gov/resources/cudahycitywideopenhouse.pdf>

Sponsored by the City of Cudahy, Cudahy Chamber of Commerce and M&I Bank.

Sunday, May 1 – Anniversary of the Bay View Tragedy, 4 p.m.

Commemorate the State Militia's firing on several thousands of workers marching for the 8-hour day which resulted in the killing of 7 workers. At S. Superior St. and E. Russell Av.

<http://wisconsinlaborhistory.org>

Saturday, May 7 – Native Plant Sale, 9am-Noon

Support South Milwaukee Middle School's Environmental Club by purchasing native, hardy perennials and garden vegetable plants. Plants make lovely Mother's Day gifts! Prices start as low as \$1 for 2.5" pots. In front of South Milwaukee Middle School, 1001 15th Av, South Milwaukee. Details are available at <http://www.sdsm.k12.wi.us/>. To place a pre-sale order or for details, contact Chris Bosetti at 766-5890

Saturday, May 7 – Warnimont Dog Exercise Area Cleanup Day, 10am-1pm

Weather permitting. Hosted by Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks.

Saturday, May 7 – Peanut Day in St. Francis

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Cudahy-St. Francis will dress in orange Peanut Day vests and stand at busy intersections and businesses. Key Club members from St. Thomas More and Cudahy High School will join them in distributing specially packaged shelled peanuts and accepting donations for the packages. 100% of the funds collected will be used for various projects, including Easter and Thanksgiving baskets for families in need, college scholarships for Cudahy and St. Francis High School students and several youth projects.

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day at the Zoo, 9am-4:30pm

All moms receive free admission to the Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466



Tuesday, May 10 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

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

Thursday, May 12 – Grant Park "Park Watch" meeting, 6:30pm

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

Thursday, May 12 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm or following Park Watch

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Saturday, May 14 –City of Cudahy Bike Auction & Rummage Sale, 9am-1pm

The Cudahy Historical Society and Cudahy Police Department host this major fundraising event for the Society. Partake in the auction of bicycles and rummage. Paddle sales begin at 9 am with Auction to begin at 11 am. A City rummage sale will occur in the Annex and the Society will sell lunch for a nominal price.

Saturday, May 14 – Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Leave nonperishable food items in a bag next to your mailbox for your letter carrier to collect. Help our community at a time when food pantries are critically low.

Saturday, May 14 – Alpin Hong: Unplugged, 8pm

As an added bonus, the *Unplugged* concert will begin with a free concert by the 484th Army Band at 7 pm. Alpin will join the band for their closing number, Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." Alpin's performance will begin at 8 pm and will feature the "Star Wars Main Theme" along with a storytelling narrative of his experience with music. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Av., door 9. For tickets, please visit www.southmilwaukeepac.org or contact 766-5049

Sunday, May 15 – Alpin Hong: Classical Alpin, 7:30pm

Classical Alpin will feature Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." The second half will be a set with the South Milwaukee High School music students. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Av., door 9. For tickets, please visit www.southmilwaukeekeepac.org or contact 766-5049

Thursday, May 19 – 128th Air Refueling Wing Annual Civic Dinner Dance

At 128th Air Refueling Wing, 1835 E. Grange Av, Milwaukee. Tickets must be purchased by the extended deadline, May 6, from the 128th Air Refueling Wing at 944-8539.
<http://www.128arw.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-110325-045.pdf>

Saturday, May 21 – 5K Walk/Run for Project Concern, 7am registration/9am walk/run

Cudahy High School's Environmental Sciences class is hosting this event to benefit Project Concern of Cudahy/St. Francis. Registration costs \$15 or only \$10 before May 7. The registration form is here: <http://www.cudahy.k12.wi.us/chs/Binder1.pdf> . Details at 339-5457

Saturday, May 21 – Friends of Mill Pond Garden Cleanup & Garlic Mustard Weeding, 9am-Noon

Cleanup and weeding efforts will target the hill along Mill Road and area west toward the Oak Creek Parkway, South Milwaukee. 571-1191

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Saturday, May 21 – Storytime at Humboldt Park, 10am

Partake in an adaptation of an African fairy tale showcasing young Milwaukee actors. Sponsored by The Park People and Pink Banana Theatre Company. Admission is \$5 for children although children of Park People members enter free. Please visit <http://parkpeoplemke.org/storytime> to reserve your spot.

Wednesday, May 25 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

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

Thursday, May 26 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day