



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Economic & Community Development, Chair

Finance, Personnel & Audit

Transportation, Public Works & Transit

## 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 County Research Park Corporation Board

Milwaukee Gateway Aerotropolis Corporation

## Courthouse Fire

A nearly 50 year old electrical system at the courthouse finally "blew". And blow it did. On the weekend of July 6, the electrical system malfunctioned and started a fire. The exact cause is still unknown. Because the fire started on the weekend, it apparently was unnoticed for several hours. While the electrical room is totally enclosed, the smoke from the fire permeated the entire courthouse. Remediation of all seven floors and over one million square feet of space had to be undertaken. All ceiling tiles were replaced, walls were washed, carpeting was or is to be replaced and all surfaces cleaned. In our 8th district office, the many files regarding our district were unavailable and much of the work I had been doing was inaccessible during this time. I apologize to any constituent that I was not able to serve during this time. Our board offices were moved to the Coggs Building on Vliet Street, and I also worked from home using my personal computer. Our county computers were only "down" for a short period so hopefully there was not significant loss of service.

The county executive's staff is estimating the damages at about \$2 Million and most of this will be covered by our county insurance. The full board meeting on July 25 went smoothly and all of us were back in place. Our committee meetings during this two week period were held at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Our board and county government is indebted to this public institution and all of Milwaukee County should take pride in the cooperation that was displayed by two important county institutions as we found ways to cooperate and keep the important functions of government timely.

## War Memorial Center and Milwaukee Art Museum Agreements

After working on a compromise for nearly two years, the county board finally approved new funding agreements for the War Memorial Center and the Milwaukee Art Museum. The Board has committed to approximately \$1.6 million per year over a ten year period. This amount will not be adjusted for inflation or rising costs. The county will also provide 10 million in bonding to repair the HVAC system and other deferred maintenance at the War Memorial Center. In addition, the Milwaukee Art Museum Board has agreed to raise 15 million to build a new entry off the lake side of the War Memorial and enclose the plaza which has led to much of the leaking at the Center. Both institutions will now have separate leases with the county. Previously the Art Museum had a sub-lease under the War Memorial Center's lease with county. This arrangement proved to be problematic for primarily the Art Museum but also the county and the War Memorial Center.

Our county is indebted to Justice Janine Geske for mediating this agreement and also the hard work of the veterans and the two boards and their members. Everyone worked hard to get an agreement done that will serve Milwaukee County for the next 85 years.

While the agreement is not perfect and required Milwaukee County to invest another \$300,000 of yearly operating support, it became a compromise that every supervisor could live with. The final vote of the board was 18-0. While Chris Abele has promised to veto the compromised agreement, this veto will prove meaningless.

## **Innovation Park**

The UWM Innovation Park will move forward with their plans to build an extended stay hotel on their Wauwatosa site. This matter was previously vetoed by the County executive because the board had amended a provision requiring the payment of wages at the hotel at 125% of the poverty level. This provision caused the developer to quit the project. The county executive's veto caused the board to revisit the development, this time successfully passing the development without the wage requirement.

## **July County Board Meeting Results**

For a complete listing of all the county board resolutions acted upon on July 25, 2013 and voting record of supervisors please follow this [LINK](#).

## **Summer Event Calendar**

Downtown Trolley

May 23-August 31, Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. \$1 roundtrip

### **Concerts in Milwaukee County Parks:**

- Chill on the Hill, Tuesdays 6 p.m.  
Humboldt Park, June 4-August 27
- River Rhythms, Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
Pere Marquette Park, June 12-August 30
- Jazz in the Park, Thursdays 6 p.m.  
Cathedral Square Park, June 6-September 5

### **South Milwaukee Farmers Market**

May 23- October 10, Thursdays 3-7 p.m. 11th & Milwaukee Avenues

## **Community Calendar**

### **Kelly Senior Center Events**

At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please call 481-9611 to register.

Painting and Drawing Resumes

Wednesdays, 9:30a.m.

No special skills needed, just show up and learn.

#### *Tai Chi*

Wednesdays, starting September 4, 9:30 a.m.

Fee: \$20/4 Weeks

Tai Chi is a slow-motion, meditative exercise for relaxation and health. All fitness levels are welcome.

#### *Gentle Yoga*

Thursdays, starting September 5, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Fee: \$20/4 Weeks

Yoga improves balance and concentration and reduces stress. Gentle Yoga is safe for all ages, body types, and challenges and can be adapted to improve anyone's fitness, starting right where you are now.

#### *Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program*

Thursdays, starting September 5, 1:00-2:00p.m.

Fee: \$8/4 Weeks

Move joints through their range of motion and build muscles to support weak joints by using therabands, weights and safe strength building exercises.

*Memory Chargers*

Thursdays, September 5 & 19, 10:00a.m.

The Memory Chargers group invites you to join them for an informative, interactive hour including some activities to keep your brain healthy and vigorous.

*Advisory Committee*

Monday, September 9, 9:30a.m.

Discuss important center business, including new programs, fundraising, and marketing strategies. Newcomers are welcome.

*Kids, Are You Listening To Me?*

Presented by Home Instead and Howard Village

Mondays, September 9 & 16, 12:30p.m.

Preregistration Required

Remember when your kids were teenagers and didn't listen? Have things changed in 30 years? Are you comfortable talking about your future, but your kids aren't? Learn tips on how to talk with your Boomer children. A door prize will be awarded.

**Thursday, August 8 – Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park meeting, 6:30pm**

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. Park Watch: 764-7262.

Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612 [www.fogp.org](http://www.fogp.org)

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

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee

**Wednesday, August 28 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm**

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

**Ongoing Summer Activities:**

**South Milwaukee Downtown Market, Thursdays, 3-7pm**

Including local farmers, restaurants, artisans, music and picnic tables. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. [www.smmarket.org](http://www.smmarket.org)

Outdoor Pools *Regular outdoor pools opening June 15!*

**Sheridan Pool** 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy, 747-9491

**Grobschmidt Pool** 2600 16<sup>th</sup> Av, South Milwaukee, 762-4919

**Open Daily, 12:30-4:30 pm**, weather permitting

**Daily outdoor pool rate:** \$1 (Age 3-11), \$2 (Age 12+)

**Evening swim:**

Sheridan: Mondays & Wednesday, 5:30-7:30pm

Grobschmidt: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm

**Evening swim general admission:** \$1

**Summer outdoor pool passes:** available at outdoor pools for \$10 (Age 11 and under) or \$20 (Age12+) for use at most outdoor pools

FREE Wading Pools *Open daily, weather and attendance permitting*

**Pulaski-Cudahy Wader** 5400 S. Swift Av, Cudahy

Open June 22-August 25, 1-5 pm

**Greene Park Wader** 4235 S. Lipton Av, St. Francis

Open June 15-August 18, 1-5 pm

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/Parks>

Pool hotline: (414) 257-7230