



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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## Restructuring County Government



Please Join Us!

## Public Meeting: Restructuring County Government

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, April 4, 2013

6:30-8:30 p.m.

South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center  
901 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI

- The case for Senate Bill 95/Assembly Bill 85 presented by Representative Joseph Sanfelippo
- Counterpoint by Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.
- Review of County services from a governance perspective
- Q & A session and public comments

Coordinated by Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik to inform residents and gather their input. Contact 414-278-4231 or [patricia.jursik@milwcnty.com](mailto:patricia.jursik@milwcnty.com).

Supervisor Jursik represents Milwaukee County's 8th Supervisory District:

- St. Francis ■ South Milwaukee
- Cudahy ■ two wards in Oak Creek



## **Airport Control Tower**

Congress is deciding whether air traffic control towers will close on April 7 as part of the Federal budget sequestration. General Mitchell International Airport could suffer closure of its tower for late night flights, while Timmerman Airport's tower would completely close.

Such proposal considered within the context of the population density and commerce around these airports in Milwaukee County puts our citizens at an unacceptable risk. An airplane should not land at Mitchell or Timmerman without air traffic control.

I and my colleagues on the Transportation Committee have urged our Congressional delegation to preserve funding for air traffic control. I am also exploring alternate options to preserve air traffic control. Additionally, Governor Walker is considering having the State take a role in preserving air traffic control.

## **Lake Parkway Ramp**

My office communicated with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation about the closure at Oklahoma Avenue of the southbound ramp onto the Lake Parkway (794). Many of you have asked about the status.

This closure is temporary. WisDOT aims to reopen the ramps by June 26 in time for Summerfest. The closure intends to relieve congestion related to bridge work on I-94/43. During planning, the first phase of that project (the current phase) was anticipated to cause diversion off of I-94/43. The southbound 794 location at Oklahoma was identified as a pinch point. To maintain traffic flows, WisDOT has closed the ramp through the end of the first phase.

In response to our concerns, WisDOT will try to improve signage and to provide updates when the ramp will be restored. WisDOT has now posted information [here](#).

## **Capital Improvements**

Milwaukee County Departments are presenting recommendations for capital improvements in 2014 and coming years.

Many of these projects will enhance safety. These include repair of crumbling trail segments at Grant Park, Rawson Park and Oak Creek Parkway as well as lighting repair in highly traveled segments of the Oak Creek Parkway.

Outfalls will be rebuilt and lift stations will be replaced. Erosion will be countered to protect our park real estate from further damage.

## **Comprehensive Facilities Plan**

The County Board received the Comprehensive Facilities Plan Consultant Report in March 2013. You may view the report [here](#).

This report will help Milwaukee County to objectively examine excess and inefficient real estate. I am hopeful that the County Executive will take action on the short-term recommendations through his budget recommendations this September.

## **Emerald Ash Borer**

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has now been confirmed in the City of South Milwaukee. The County Parks Department responded in March 2013.

Forestry staff reported a severe infestation by EAB near 15th Avenue, along city sidewalks and along paths in the Oak Creek Parkway. Staff removed ash trees along 15th Avenue just north of South Milwaukee High School. They also removed several infested mature ash trees that posed a threat to Grobschmidt Pool and the walkway.

The forestry manager foresees a rapid increase in the infestation and removal of ash trees in Cudahy, Oak Creek and South Milwaukee. The Parks Department has confirmed infestations at several County Parks locations including Oak Creek Parkway, Grobschmidt Pool and Pulaski Park in Cudahy.

The EAB larva eats the inner bark of ash trees, preventing a tree from distributing nutrients and water throughout the tree and its roots. This ultimately kills the tree.

If you own property with an ash tree in the South Shore, it is likely that your tree will also be attacked.

Here are some resources:

[How to identify an ash tree](#)  
[EAB photos and description](#)  
[Symptoms of infestation](#)

**At right: Adult Emerald Ash Borer**

Photo courtesy Wisconsin EAB Program (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection)



Homeowners with an ash tree can consult this [guide for homeowners](#).

Here are some options:

### **Insecticide treatment**

This is advised if:

- ash tree appears healthy
- tree displays no greater than 40% of crown dieback/discoloring/sparse foliage
- homeowner can afford the investment of yearly treatments
- tree is considered significant
- tree diameter is no greater than 10 inches

If a homeowner opts to use an insecticide, the UW-Extension provides this [guide to insecticides](#).

### **Tree removal**

This is an option for any ash tree. Please work with a certified arborist. The Wisconsin EAB Program recommends prioritizing removal of trees with a diameter of greater than 10 inches since they attract more EAB. You may replace the tree with an [alternative recommended by the UW-Extension](#).

### **No action**

The tree will likely become infested. Branches could collapse and harm people and property.

So as to avoid spreading EAB, please avoid moving firewood. The state has quarantined moving firewood from a county with confirmed infestations (like Milwaukee County) to a county that has not confirmed EAB.

*Information courtesy Wisconsin EAB Program and the UW-Extension.*

## Milwaukee County Open House

Milwaukee County welcomes you to visit the second floor of the County Courthouse for an Open House. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

County departments will host resource tables to present the services they offer. Visitors can take tours of the Courthouse. I look forward to speaking with many of you at the Open House.



Working for You

**Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse 2nd Floor  
(901 N. 9th Street, Room 201)  
FREE EVENT • COURTHOUSE TOURS •  
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## Community Calendar

### **Saturday, April 6 – Indoor Spring Market at South Milwaukee High School, 10am-3pm**

More than 45 vendors of arts, crafts, organics, baked goods and other prepared food. At South Milwaukee High School, 1001 15th Ave, South Milwaukee. [www.smdowntownmarket.org](http://www.smdowntownmarket.org)

### **Saturday, April 6 – Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9am-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](http://milwaukeezoo.org) 256-5466

### **Tuesday, April 9 – The Power of Music, 1pm**

FREE. Learn how music can have a positive effect on your mental and emotional health! At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please call 481-9611 to register.

### **Tuesday, April 9 – Milwaukee County Open House, 9am-2pm**

At the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee.



### **Tuesday, April 9 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm**

At Marquette Manor (2409 10<sup>th</sup> Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191 [www.smfomp.org](http://www.smfomp.org)

### **Thursday, April 11 – 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)

### **Thursday-Sunday, April 11-14 – Art in Bloom: A Tribute to Art and Flowers**

Immerse yourself in fragrant beauty, with numerous opportunities to enhance your floral and gardening know-how. Attend lectures and master classes with renowned floral designers Ron Morgan and Neil Whittaker. Join Jill Bedford, Melinda Myers, and Jim Walczak in presentations designed to provide you with a variety of ideas for use at home this season. At Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N. Art Museum Drive, Milwaukee. Fees and schedule: <http://mam.org/bloom>

### **Saturday, April 13 – FREE Fishing Clinics for Kids, 9a-3p (Hourly, with last clinic at 2pm)**

Learn about technique, equipment, knots, safety, and fish ID at this event for youth 15 and younger. An adult must accompany children 6 years of age or less. Equipment will be available, but participants should bring their own rod and reel if possible. Groups of 20+ must pre-register with the DNR at 263-8614.

Join the fun at the following locations:

**Oak Creek Parkway** (at the Mill Pond, Oak Creek Parkway & Mill Road, South Milwaukee)

**Sheridan Park** (4800 Lake Dr., Cudahy)

**Humboldt Park** (3000 S. Howell Av, Milwaukee)

Find **additional** locations [here](#).

### **Wednesday, April 17 – Grow Your Own Herbs, 12:30pm**

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

**Saturday, April 20 – Buckthorn Cutting, 9am**

Meet at the Mill Pond Warming House, off of Mill Road in the Oak Creek Parkway. The Friends of Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse are hosting this event and will provide instructions.

**Saturday, April 20 – City of Oak Creek Cleanup, 9am-11am**

Please contact Zach at zolsen@oakcreekwi.org

**Monday, April 22 – Financial Awareness, Wisconsin Saves, 12:30pm**

FREE. Learn how to develop positive spending habits through the Wisconsin Savers Program. At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please call 481-9611 to register.

**Wednesday, April 24 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm**

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

**Thursday, April 25 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am**

At the Milwaukee County Courthouse Room 200, 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee.

**Saturday, April 27 – Watercourse Cleanup, 8am-Noon**

Bring tall boots if you have them. Friends of Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse will provide bags, water and gloves. Meet at Grant Park Beach parking lot (at the far east end of Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). The cleanup will target the area from the beach to N. Chicago Av.

**Saturday, April 27 – Kelly Center Rummage, Bake Sale and Recycling Fundraiser, 8am-2pm**

Admission: 50 cents. Help Kelly Senior Center by contributing used household metals for recycling at Kelly's south parking lot. Stay for a huge rummage sale and purchase refreshments or baked goods. Proceeds benefit programming at Kelly. For details or to rent a table (\$14) at the rummage, call 481-9611 or visit Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy.

**Saturday, April 27 – Weed-out at Grant Park, 9am**

Pull invasive garlic mustard to protect plant diversity in Grant Park! Meet at the tennis courts parking lot ([Area 1](#)) in Grant Park. Put in an hour of pulling or stay until the traditional finish time of noon. 764-0612 [www.fogp.org](http://www.fogp.org)

**Saturday, April 27 – Cudahy Earth Day/Arbor Day, 9am cleanup & Noon ceremony**

A city wide cleanup will take place in the morning. An Arbor Day tree planting ceremony will follow at Noon at Cudahy City Hall, with one tree to honor former 1st district Alderman Glenn Proeber and another tree donated by former Mayor Ray Glowacki to honor Cudahy municipal employees. Refreshments will be served and tree seedlings will be distributed to volunteers and attendees. To volunteer, please contact Joel Puczykowski at 627-8117 or [puczykowski@yahoo.com](mailto:puczykowski@yahoo.com)

**Saturday, April 27 – Targeting Sheridan Park – 9am-Noon**

In conjunction with the City of Cudahy's Earth Day/Arbor Day cleanup (above), the Sheridan Park Friends will pick up trash throughout Sheridan Park as well as weed and tidy around Sheridan Shelter. You are welcome to meet at Sheridan Pavilion [Area 1](#). Trash bags will be provided. You may wish to bring gloves.

**Saturday, April 27 – South Milwaukee Earth Day – 9am-Noon**

Please contact Alderman David Bartoshevich at 764-2836 for details.

**Saturday, April 27 – Green Living Festival, 10am-4pm**

At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. [Regular admission applies.](#)

**Sunday, April 28 – Spring Migration Birding, 8am**

Witness the annual return of spectacular & secretive neotropical birds who use Grant Park as a rest or nest stop on their migration north to breed. Binoculars suggested. Meet at [Area 8](#) in the north part of Grant Park, accessed via the Wil-O-Way entry off of Lake Drive. Weather contingent. We will meet all Sundays until Memorial Day. 531-9249 [www.fogp.org](http://www.fogp.org)