



# 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

*Dear Constituents and Friends:*

*May you and your families enjoy safe, restful holidays!*

*Pat Jursik*

At right: A snowy scene from the Sheridan Park neighborhood.



## Courthouse Tree Donated by Cudahy War Memorial

MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHRIS ABELE INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

*Christmas Tree Lighting*

Bring the whole family to kick off the Holiday Season!

**November 29, 2012**  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Milwaukee County Courthouse**  
in the Courthouse Rotunda  
901 N. 9th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Make handmade ornaments to decorate the tree, enjoy holiday treats and Christmas music by Riverside University High School Choir.

A visit from Santa Claus will delight the children!

Bring a canned good to donate to Feeding America



The Cudahy War Memorial donated a Christmas tree to Milwaukee County's holiday display in the Courthouse Rotunda. This gift from veterans is a War Memorial Christmas tree since it grew next to Cudahy's War Memorial.

In light of the capital budget initiative to improve the County's primary War Memorial, it is fitting that this year's Courthouse tree be a War Memorial tree. This tree donation is but one reminder of the immeasurable contributions of our veterans.

Since this tree has stood as a sentry for our War Memorial in Cudahy, it is appropriate that this symbol – which represents everlasting life during Christmas – stand in the rotunda of the Courthouse. Thank you, veterans, for your everlasting gift. May we all embrace the meaning of this Yule tree.

Harvesting the tree benefits the Cudahy War Memorial. Five tiny pine trees, planted

decades ago, have grown too large and now obstruct the view of the flag. The veterans plan to landscape and to move the flagpole closer to the Cudahy War Memorial, so one tree needed to be moved.

The public is welcome to participate in the Courthouse Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, November 29, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. inside the Milwaukee County Courthouse Rotunda, 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee. The Riverside University High School Choir will perform. Treats will be available. Children can make holiday ornaments and will be delighted by a visit from Santa. The public is encouraged to bring a canned good to donate to Feeding America.

## **2013 Budget**

The County Board amended the Executive's proposed budget. Here was the outcome in several budget areas:

### *Emergency Medical Services*

Emergency Medical Services will receive \$2 million rather than the proposed \$1.5 million. This will give more life to a successful, cooperative program that ensures quality care countywide.

### *Parks Patrol*

The County Board reinstated the Sheriff's Targeted Enforcement Unit for park patrol and made a one-time payment to the City of Milwaukee to complete a transition to the City directly accepting all 911 cellular calls made in the City.

### *Parks*

Inspired by the popularity of the Estabrook Park Beer Garden during the warmer months of 2012, two new beer gardens will be created in the western and southern portions of the County. The revenue generated will be placed in a Parks Amenities Matching Fund to address repairs or enhancements of qualified existing park facilities and amenities.

### *Facility Downsizing*

The Facilities Assessment Team will inspect County facilities and report on the progress of strategically downsizing County facilities. The County workforce is approximately half what it was in 1990, yet the County continues to maintain the same buildings. The Team will consider safety, costs of operation, liabilities, value, best use and geographic scope to issue its report. The Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit will aim to develop a strategic facilities plan in time for the 2014 Budget.

### *Airport Security*

The County Board restored 11 full-time deputy positions that were included in the Sheriff's request for Airport security. Our communities can be confident that our neighbor, General Mitchell International Airport, will continue to be patrolled by professional Sheriff's deputies.

### *Corrections*

The former House of Corrections (renamed County Correctional Facility South) will be transferred to a superintendent. We want to strengthen the corrections process so that offenders have the tools to reform themselves and to learn to become contributing members to society.

The new superintendent must have an understanding of correctional science and

experience with the successful implementation and continued measurement of evidence-based practices with offenders as documented extensively by the National Institute of Corrections (U.S. Department of Justice). Job training and educational programs will be restored. The Superintendent will participate in evidence-based decision making with other justice system officials and public and private organizations that work with offenders who are sentenced or who are at risk to be sentenced to County Correctional Facility South. This is proven to decrease incarceration rates and improve community safety.

The superintendent will be responsible for implementing the electronic monitoring program. Judges determine which offenders shall be placed on electronic monitoring. Under electronic monitoring, appropriate individuals can be productive members of society while under the observation of a superintendent. This program is also cost-effective. Incarceration is extremely expensive and can be counter-productive to the rehabilitation of certain offenders.

### *Capital Projects*

A new Capital Improvements Committee will evaluate capital projects. There is great need throughout the County, including in the Eighth District and in our parks, which suffer deferred maintenance. We want to ensure transparency and fairness in determining which projects shall be included in the Five-Year Capital Plan.

Capital improvements scheduled for 2013 include Oak Creek Parkway lighting; rehab work at Grobschmidt Pool; and HVAC rehab, lighting and a second ADA exit at Wil-O-Way Grant. Projects planned for 2014 include: repairs at the Kelly Senior Center and improvement of the multi-use trail along the lakefront from Lunham to Pulaski Avenues.

## **College Avenue**

The College Avenue project is ongoing because street lighting was added to the original road reconstruction project. While the additional stimulus funding has been good news, the westbound lane closures have caused traffic congestion and irritation at rush hour times.

My constituents and I have been frustrated at the stalled progress and the lane closure. I requested a compromise: that orange construction barrels be moved to the side of the road when no work is being done. Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MC DOT) has been responsive to our concerns and has worked with the contractor to minimize the presence of traffic control devices.

I received an update from the MC DOT and from WisDOT's contractor on the College Avenue project. The delivery of remaining street lighting equipment delayed some of the project, mostly in the City of Milwaukee portion from the tunnel to the west. We hope to complete all the street lighting work before year end, weather permitting.

The contractor is completing underground electrical systems although the weather has impacted progress. Above-ground materials have been installed for the east section of the tunnel. The traffic barriers have been removed. Once all materials arrive, the contractor hopes to install in the west section of the tunnel. That work should take about one week and will require the closure of one westbound lane.

## **Lake Parkway (794) Extension**

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) completed technical work for the potential extension of the Lake Parkway. Federal and State agencies have reviewed the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. In early November, SEWRPC's Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation Planning and SEWRPC's Planning and Research Committee recommended that the Lake Parkway extension be added to the regional transportation plan. SEWRPC itself will consider the extension on December 5 when the Commission meets at General Mitchell International Airport.



## **Small Business Development Expo**

Milwaukee County is helping small businesses to grow. The County Board's office of Community Development Business Partners is hosting an [expo](#) at the County Zoo on Thursday, November 29. Participants will connect with resources; learn about doing business with the County; and network with entrepreneurs, procurement officers, consultants and contractors.

The CDBP office serves to increase the economic vitality of small and disadvantaged businesses while empowering them to grow.

For details or to register, please contact Nelson Soler at [nelson.soler@milwcnty.com](mailto:nelson.soler@milwcnty.com) or at 414-278-4608.

## **Community Calendar**

### **Saturday, December 1 – Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9:30am-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

### **Wednesday, December 5 – Kelly Senior Center Quarterly Birthday Party, 12:30-2pm**

FREE. If you are more than 50 years of age and have a birthday in October, November or December, please visit for cake, coffee and prizes. Bring a friend! At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy, 481-9611.

### **Thursday, December 6 – Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Presents: Holiday Pops, Too concert in South Milwaukee, 7:30pm**

This year, make the holidays even more special with the sparkling sounds of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center! Join Assistant Conductor Francesco Lecce-Chong and the MSO as they perform all your holiday favorites. At the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15<sup>th</sup> Av, South Milwaukee. To purchase tickets, please contact 766-5049. [www.southmilwaukeepac.org](http://www.southmilwaukeepac.org)

### **Saturday, December 8 – Indoor Christmas Market, 10am-3pm**

More than 40 vendors of arts, crafts, organics, baked goods and other prepared food along with live music from local artists. At South Milwaukee High School, 801 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Milwaukee. [www.smdowntownmarket.org](http://www.smdowntownmarket.org)

### **Saturday, December 8 – St. Francis City Hall Open House, 9-11am**

Continuous tours, light refreshments, and a take away item. Mayor St. Marie-Carls invites all residents to attend the Open House and connect with City officials and neighbors. Also share feedback and fellowship and learn about volunteering in the City. Call the Mayor at 414-399-0797 for information. At 4235 S. Nicholson Av, St. Francis.

### **Saturday, December 8 – Holiday Bake & Cookie Sale, 1pm**

Sponsored by Friends of Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse and South Milwaukee Historical Society. In the Golf Pro Shop at Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 571-1191

**Sunday, December 9 – Tree Lighting Party, 1-3pm**

Enjoy a visit from Santa! Bring your camera! Kids Play Theater presents "How to Be an Elf." Enjoy refreshments, lighting of the tree and crafts for kids. At St. Francis Public Library, 4230 S. Nicholson Av, St. Francis.

**Tuesday, December 11 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm**

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

**Thursday, December 13 – Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park combined 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)

**Friday, December 14 – Cudahy High School Pop Strings Play Holiday Tunes, 10:30am**

FREE concert at Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy, 481-9611.

**Saturday, December 15 – Christmas at the Depot, 9am-2pm**

Pictures with Santa. Bakery, hot lunch, poinsettias and candy for purchase. Sponsored by Cudahy Historical Society. At the Depot, 4647 S. Kinnickinnic Av., Cudahy.

**Thursday, December 20 – County Board meeting, 9:30am**

**Tuesday, December 25 – FREE Day at the Zoo, 9:30am-2:30pm**

Milwaukee County residents with ID 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

**Wednesday, December 26 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm**

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

**Ongoing:**

**THE DOMES**

**Music Under Glass, Thursdays until March 31, 6:30-8:30pm**

Enjoy the new lighting of the domes with light shows at the break and following the concert. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. [Regular admission applies](#). Check out the schedule of music at: [www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm)



**“Let it Snow” holiday show at The Domes until January 6, 2013**

At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. Hours and admission are posted [here](#).

**ICE SKATING**

**At Sheridan Park Lagoon, 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy**

Bring your own skates. Open weather permitting. Call 257-PARK (7275) for current conditions.

Sheridan Lagoon opens when ice is sufficiently thick.

**At Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water St, Milwaukee (accessed via the Green Line, [www.ridemcts.com](http://www.ridemcts.com))**

FREE rink. Skate rental: \$7 (ages 17 and under) or \$8 (18+) (includes tax) or bring your own.

Enjoy the adjacent warming house with restrooms and hot beverages! Closed for blizzard, wind chill or cold weather advisories from the National Weather Service. Details:

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/RedArrow11930.htm>

Red Arrow Rink will open WEATHER PERMITTING

**Hours** December 6 through 21: M-Th 11am-9pm, F & Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-8pm

Dec. 22-24: 11am-11pm  
Dec. 25: 2-11pm  
Dec. 26-30: 10am\*-Midnight  
Dec. 31: 10am-1am

\*Skate rentals start at 2pm