



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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Milwaukee Gateway Aerotropolis Corporation



On behalf of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and from our family to yours,



## Living Wage

The Finance Committee heard lengthy and compelling testimony on living wage. We also heard from the Comptroller, Scott Manske, who raised some very serious concerns about costs and the impact on the Family Care Program. The proposed resolution would require all contracts with Milwaukee County pay a minimum amount for a living wage, as defined by the Ordinance, in the amount of \$12.45 per hour which is 110% of the poverty level for a family of four. The Finance Committee had a number of issues with the different provisions in the ordinance and voted to lay this matter over to the next month's agenda. We will revisit this in early 2014. If you would like to comment, please send me an e-mail at [patricia.jursik@milwcnty.com](mailto:patricia.jursik@milwcnty.com). I am keeping track of pro and con directives.

## Hoan Bridge Reconstruction

Road construction crews started ramping up their work on the I-794 Lake Freeway and the Hoan Bridge reconstruction project. As a result some ramps are closing down.

Starting today the I-794 Westbound exit ramp to Milwaukee Street is closed through late 2015. Use the Lincoln Memorial Drive exit ramp northbound as a detour route.

Traffic driving north on the Hoan Bridge will be moved to a new temporary roadway that connects to I-794 Westbound. Speed on the new roadway will be reduced.

The Jackson Street entrance ramp to I-794 Westbound will be closed until late 2014.

As an alternate route, the Department of Transportation advises using the Lincoln Memorial Drive entrance ramp to I-794, or continue west on Clybourn Street to the 6th Street entrance ramp to I-794 West.

Drivers can also continue west on Clybourn Street to the 2nd Street entrance ramp to I-43 north or south.

WisDOT will do all they can to minimize the traffic impacts of road construction in Milwaukee. For more information about the I-794 Lake Freeway/Hoan Bridge Project, including maps of the lane and ramp closures. [click here](#)

### Bus User Safety at Southridge



### BUSS Coalition

I formed a brand new partnership to address a dangerous problem for Milwaukee County bus riders. It's called "B.U.S.S", which stands for "Bus User Safety at Southridge".

This movement comes after Simon Property Group, which owns Southridge Mall, chose to move Milwaukee County buses from a mall entrance to a bus stop 1,000 feet from the doors. Getting to the mall now involves navigating through a parking area and dealing with traffic.



It is flat out wrong to unnecessarily put users in harm's way, particularly the elderly, physically impaired and disabled veterans. Not only is this move dangerous, but it's a huge inconvenience for shoppers and mall employees.

Simon Properties' decision is opposed by several groups including the Milwaukee County Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resources Board and disability rights organizations, including Independence First, which has been documenting problems with the new bus stop. These groups have tried to contact Simon company officials asking to discuss these problems, but they have gone without a response.

The "B.U.S.S." movement began with a news conference at the Kelly Senior Center in Cudahy last week. Afterwards I rode the bus to the new Southridge bus stop joined by supporters and bus riders impacted by the change. We took the walk to the mall in frigid temperatures, and for some that walk took more than ten minutes.

I then was able to meet with mall management, delivering a letter signed by the County Board opposed to Simon moving the bus stop. You can see that letter here: [click here](#)

I am hoping my meeting with mall management will be just the beginning of a dialogue about this dangerous decision. We can't allow the safety of thousands of bus riders to be jeopardized by the choices Simon Properties has made.

Here's how you can get involved. "B.U.S.S." organizers are asking people to sign a petition encouraging Southridge management to bring the bus stop back to the mall. You can find that petition online: [click here](#)



Petitions should be returned to my office.

There is a Facebook page where people can get up-to-date information and share stories about the Southridge situation. Find that here: [click here](#)

## Community Calendar

### **Kelly Senior Center** **At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy.**

#### NIA (No Impact Aerobics)

Tuesdays, starting January 7 OR Thursdays, starting January 9, 9:00-10:00am • Fee: Tuesdays - \$24/4 Weeks; Thursdays - \$30/5 Weeks

NIA appeals to those who welcome creativity and flexibility in their fitness program. Sign up for once a week or pay for twice a week.

#### Tai Chi

Wednesdays, starting January 8, 9:30am

Fee: \$24/4 Weeks

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

#### Travel Meeting

Friday, January 11, 1:00pm

Listen to a presentation from Lamer's tour and travel and find out about the Kelly Center's 2014 travel schedule.

Laughing Your Way to Good Health

Tuesday, January 21, 12:30pm

Fee: \$2

Family Life Educator Jan Pogodzinski will take you through a door marked HUMOR to explore the wonders of laughter; a necessary prescription for life.

Slovakian Holiday Celebration!

Friday, January 17 at 11:30am

Fee: \$15

Smells, sights and sounds of Slovakia plus great food catered by Pulaski Inn. Learn more about this country and culture that is so prevalent in our community. Includes, lunch and entertainment.

Tea-time Social

Wednesday, January 29, 12:30pm

How about some afternoon tea? January is "Hot tea month" so let's drink up!

Please call the Kelly Center 481-9611 to register and/or if you have any questions regarding any of the programs.

Cudahy Historical Society, 4647 S. Kinnickinnic Av. Cudahy, 414-747-1892

First Sheridan Park Centennial event, January 21, 2014 6:30pm

**Thursday, January 9, 2014 – Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park (FoGP) 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, January 14, 2014 – Friends of Mill Pond (FOMP) meeting, 6:30pm**

Marquette Manor, 2409 10th Ave South Milwaukee, WI 53172

(414) 764-7055 South Milwaukee [www.smfomp.org](http://www.smfomp.org)

**Wednesday, January 29 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm**

Aurora St. Lukes South Shore Hospital, 5900 S Lake Dr. (Lower level meeting room), Cudahy. 414-324-5531

**Thursday, February 6, 2014 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am**

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