



Patricia Jursik **Update**

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COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS:

Judiciary, Safety & General
Services
Vice -Chair

Finance, Personnel
& Audit

Transportation,
Public Works &
Transit

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Lake Parkway Extension
Advisory Committee,
Chair

Aging & Disability Resource
Center (ADRC) Governing
Board

Milwaukee County Research
Park Corporation Board

Milwaukee Gateway
Aerotropolis Corporation

Retirement

On Tuesday, November 24, 2016, I filed my Declaration of Non-Candidacy for the position I have held since 2007. This is the formal document indicating that I will not seek re-election for the office of County Supervisor in District 8.

It has been both a privilege and a deep personal honor to represent my fellow citizens in the South Shore of Milwaukee County. Our government is formed to allow a single individual to represent many in the particular level of government in which they serve. I have never lost sight of this representative capacity. I know you may not always have agreed with my decisions, but I hope you always felt that I was trying my best to represent our larger district and the best interests of the people. I found that this is no easy task since you will always be “damned if you do and damned if you don’t” in some circles. This being said, it has nearly always been my experience that the people of District 8 are good, hard working folks that are fair minded and grounded in common sense.

I have filed my papers well before the actual deadline of December 28, 2015 in order to give those interested in running a full month to gather signatures on nomination papers. I do ask that all voters to learn about these candidates and remember that citizenship not only includes rights but also responsibilities. Please be an informed voter. I will not endorse any candidate. This is your job, not mine.

My last day in office is April 17, 2016. I will continue to fulfill my duties until that time. God bless all of our fellow citizens in the great South Shore of Milwaukee County.

Last Jursik Update E-news Report

This edition is the last and final E-news from my office. During campaign season, December 1 to April 5, Election Day, candidates may not use county resources to communicate with constituents. Last time I ran for office in 2012, I also suspended my news report, but on reelection continued this monthly news. I hope you found this an informative way to understand how I was representing your interests in county government. I

cannot predict what your new representative may do, but I can report that the new Supervisor will be taking on a “part time job” and receive less pay and no benefits after April’s election. It may be very likely this individual has another job. With a “part-time” status, citizens are likely to receive fewer services.

Final Budget Outcomes

Last month, my E-news report listed all the projects that are planned for our South Shore District. On November 18, 2015, the board received the vetoes of the County Executive. I am happy to report all of our projects are now part of the final budget as none of those reported were part of the veto.

Veto Report

The County Executive did veto two items from the 2016 budget passed by the County Board. The first was the \$4 million put into the Sheriff’s budget. If you recall, the County Executive had removed money from the Sheriff’s budget while claiming to present a budget that did not include a tax levy hike even though it included a new payment of \$4 million for an arena. It was obvious that the shortage in public safety offset the new payment for the arena debt.

The second veto involved the fish passage for the Estabrook Dam, which has had a difficult history. While the County Board Chairman introduced new funding for a fish passage, the County Executive vetoed not only this project but using a “Vanna White” letters search was able to spell out “demolishing the dam” after the word, “removal”. This tactic should be ended, but it remains legal for the executive to exercise such a veto.

The “Ploy”

What I describe as a “ploy” created one of the ugliest maneuvers that I have seen from the Board of Supervisors while I’ve been here. In budget, the \$4 million for public safety had received unanimous support from the board while the dam project had only received 11 votes and was not veto-proof. The Chairman of the board succeeded in combining both items under one vote. He needed the Board to suspend the rules by a two-thirds majority and then succeed in a motion to combine the two items under one vote. This needed a majority vote. The Chairman succeeded in this tactic (I voted no both times). In the final vote, I voted to sustain the County Executive’s veto since most contacts from my district encouraged me to remove the dam. I am satisfied that my vote reflected the votes of my district. Unfortunately, I also voted against the public safety money because of the “ploy”.

I resent having been put in this position and believe my board colleagues did not allow me to fully represent my district regarding public safety which I originally supported in the budget before vetoes. Sadder still, my colleagues on this board boxed themselves into the same corner. While many claimed they were supporting public safety, they could not separately vote on the dam in this two-for-one vote. I believe Abele is correct that most of the residents in this county want the Estabrook Dam removed. Democracy was dammed up by this ploy; I hope there will soon be a breakage of this log jam. I do believe that one day this old, ugly dam will be removed and the Milwaukee River will run clean again.

Beech Street Pedestrian Bridge Update

Completed:

- Funding approved: July 16, 2015
- Request for proposal for design services (went to single consultant who had performed inspection of old bridge to expedite process): July 17, 2015
- Proposal received: July 31, revised Aug. 6, 2015
- Sign off of DBE participation and selection of consultant completed: Aug. 18, 2015
- Notice to proceed issued to consultant: Aug. 19, 2015
- Consultant performed soil borings: Aug. 25, 2015
- Procurement issued request for bids for bridge (multiple sized bridges included in bid to allow for selection of correct size when determined): Sept. 10, 2015
- Consultant completed sizing bridge to span the 100-year flood plain (92' bridge): Sept. 10, 2015
- Procurement received bids for bridge: Oct. 5, 2015
- Requested T&M proposal for caissons and abutments (using preliminary plans): Oct. 19, 2015
- Purchase Order issued to low bidder for bridge: Oct. 21, 2015
- Received T&M cost proposal for caissons and abutments: Oct. 27, 2015
- Final bridge plans completed: Oct. 27, 2015
- Bridge permit application submitted to WDNR: Oct. 28, 2015
- Processing award of T&M contract for caissons and abutments: Oct. 30, 2015

Scheduled:

- Caisson and abutment contractor mobilize: week of Nov. 9, 2015
- Bridge shop drawings from bridge supplier: Nov. 11, 2015
- Review and approve shop drawings (assumes no resubmittal needed): Nov. 13, 2015
- Caisson and abutment construction complete: Dec. 4, 2015
- Complete grading for bridge approaches (crushed stone surface): week of Dec. 7, 2015
- Current bridge delivery schedule: Dec. 18, 2015
- Set bridge: week of Dec. 21, 2015 - Bridge open for use
- Pave asphalt approaches: Spring 2016

Sheridan Pool Pavilion



Activity underway at Sheridan Park is all masonry work related to façade repair. Work includes tuckpointing all elevations, tuck pointing and lowering the chimney, parapet work, and lintel work. This project is being completed via a Time & Materials contract through Park Maintenance.



St. Luke South Shore Exercise Station

Across Lake Drive from St. Luke SS, a new access trail has been paved. This adds another connection to the Oak Leaf Trail in Warnimont Park. The hospital has also donated an exercise station to be placed near this trail. Due to the weather, it may not get installed until spring. Please watch for this new amenity in our Park.

SAVE THE DATE

Grant Park to Host the Milwaukee Public Museum's 2016 BioBlitz

Milwaukee—November 17, 2015—The Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM) will host its second annual BioBlitz at Milwaukee County's Grant Park on June 10 and 11, 2016. MPM's BioBlitz takes science out of the lab to provide the community the opportunity to discover the variety of species – from plants to invertebrates – living in their own backyard as well as inspire a new generation of scientists.

"Grant Park is a unique recreational and ecological experience," said Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele. "Whether scientists identify new wildlife or just get an opportunity to explore what they already know, they'll definitely have an adventure and encourage an interest in science and the environment among citizens young and old."

MPM kicked off its BioBlitz series in June 2015 at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. The team of scientists discovered 853 different species, including endangered plants and animals.

In June 2016, a team of scientists led by Dr. Ellen Censky, the Museum's , Senior Vice President and Academic Dean, will conduct a 24-hour survey of the 381 acres of Grant Park to offer a snapshot of the of the animals and plants residing in the park. Grant Park is made up of northern upland forest, southern mesic forest, old growth American beech forest, clay-bank fens, a small planted prairie, a small woodland stream, section of Oak Creek with lowland hardwoods, a beach along Lake Michigan, ravine woodlands, mature evergreen plantings, and a golf course.

"We're very excited to be able to work with the Milwaukee County Park's Natural Areas coordinator for our second BioBlitz," said Dr. Censky. "The goal of BioBlitz is not only to track the biodiversity in various Wisconsin locations, but to educate the public about it. Working with Milwaukee County provides us a great opportunity to make that possible."

The public is invited to attend the BioBlitz on June 11 to see species being identified and recorded at the base camp, interact with scientists, participate in hands-on activities and hear the final tally of numbers.

"The South Shore communities are excited to see MPM bring the BioBlitz to Grant Park, one of the truly great parks within Milwaukee County," said Patricia Jursik, Milwaukee County Board Supervisor, District 8. "Having scientists, and hands-on activities, in our green spaces will provide a new way to excite youngsters about the environment and allow them to explore this wonderful park at the same time."

For more information on this year's BioBlitz, as well as last year's findings, go to <http://www.mpm.edu/BioBlitz>.



Creating Child Masterminds



Deborah McNelis, M.Ed, an early brain development specialist, will discuss the importance of early relationships with the children in our lives. In her seminar *Attention to Relationships*, Deborah emphasizes how critical early relationships are to self-regulation, resiliency, delayed gratification, and behaviors throughout life. Did you know early relationships also affect learning? You will be inspired by how much more you understand how the brain impacts behavior and learning in school and in everyday family life.

December 8th, 2015, 9 to 12 p.m.

**Oak Creek Public Library - Multi-Purpose Room
8040 S. 6th St., Oak Creek, WI 53154**

Cost: \$20 for Childcare Professionals who want 3 CEC credits
FREE to other professionals and parents

RSVP: <http://creatingchildmasterminds.eventbrite.com>

Cost includes a light snack.





KELLY SENIOR CENTER

6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy WI 532110

414-481-9611

Card Creating Class

Tuesdays, starting December 1, 9-11 a.m.

Fee: \$8/4 weeks

Learn how to create your own cards in this fun filled class!

Tai Chi

Wednesdays, starting December 2, 9:30 a.m.

Fee: \$18/3 weeks

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

Painting and Drawing

Wednesdays, starting December 2, 9:30 a.m.

All levels are welcome. Join in the fun and get assistance from experienced artists.

Memory Chargers

Thursday, December 3, 10:00 a.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.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

Thursdays, starting December 3, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$9/3 Weeks

Morning Stretch/Rhythmic Dance

Mondays and Fridays, starting Friday, December 4, 9:15 a.m.

Exercise to a video followed by dancing. It's informal, fun and good for you

Food Share Information

Wednesday, December 9, 10:30 a.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance in paying for food, a representative from the Hunger Task Force will be here to provide information and registration for the Food Share Program.

Chair Yoga Workshop

Thursday, December 10, 9:00 a.m.

Fee: \$6/1 Week

Practice yoga sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. Chair yoga helps your balance, flexibility and improves your overall health.

Gentle Yoga Workshop

Thursday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$6/1 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.

Holiday Survival Guide

presented by Villa St. Francis

Thursday, December 17, 10:00a.m.

Preregistration requested

Are the holidays stressful? Feeling rushed? Too much to do in so little time? Come learn tips on how to survive the season without the holiday burn-out.

Blood Pressure Checks

Thursday, December 17, 10:30-12:00 p.m.

A simple tool to be healthy and stay healthy. Blood Pressure checks are on a first come first serve basis and travel between the Main Building and South Building

Holiday Gift Wrapping

Friday, December 18, 10:00-1:00 p.m.

Bring your gifts and have them wrapped while listening to piano music and enjoying treats.

Movie Time

Friday, December 18, 12:30 p.m.

This month's movie is *Selfless* starring Ben Kingsley and Ryan Reynolds. An extremely wealthy man who is dying transfers his consciousness into the body of a healthy young man. Problems arise when he uncovers body's origin and the organization that will kill to protect its cause.

Stockbox - Do You Qualify?

Tuesday, December 22, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Are you making less than \$1245 a month (single) or \$1681 (2 person household)? If yes, you may qualify for a stockbox from the Hunger Task Force. Stockboxes are free, pre-packaged boxes of food delivered to the senior centers. They are filled with nutritious items that can round out a meal. Come to the office for more information.

Holiday Collaboration Luncheon

Wednesday, December 23, 11:00 a.m.

Donation: \$2.50 Age 60+, \$6 age 50-59

Enjoy a holiday themed meal with friends in the dining site. Then, enjoy eggnog while singing carols with friends. RSVP's for the dining site are required by noon on Monday, December 21.

Book Club

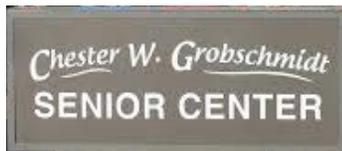
Wednesday, December 30, 1:00 p.m.

Book to discuss: *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*, by Fannie Flagg.

Bingo

Sponsored by Williamstown Bay

Wednesday, December 30, 1:00 p.m.



GROBSCHMIDT SENIOR CENTER
2424 15th Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172
768-8045



Annual Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12th, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Holiday Season at the senior center's Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12th! We will be dancing to the music of *Remember When* and feasting on a delicious lunch prepared by Pulaski Inn. The doors will open at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Prior to lunch, we will be enjoying some appetizers of ham rollups with cream cheese and Swedish-style meatballs. Lunch will consist of the following items: Baked ham, Roast Beef, Polish Sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, Caribbean blend vegetables, tossed salad, deviled eggs, assorted rolls, decaf coffee and dessert. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, November 5th at 9 a.m. The cost for each ticket will be \$18. The party is open to center members only, and people are able to purchase up to four tickets. The last day to buy tickets for this event will be Monday, November 30th.



Partnership with Hunger Task

This year Hunger Task Force is building 800 Holiday bins that will be delivered, right before the holidays, to local families. Each bin contains nearly 30 special food items, including a huge turkey or ham, plus all the traditional fixings. Also included in the bins are other needed food items such as cereal, macaroni and cheese and juice. Each staff member at Hunger Task Force is working to collect a specific item for the bins, and we have been asked to collect **64oz bottles of juice**. The bin is located by the front entrance and will be emptied on Thursday, December 10th.



Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park

Thursday, December 10, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av., South Milwaukee

Park Watch: 764-7262

Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612, www.fogp.org



Friends of Mill Pond meeting & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc.

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Marquette Manor 2409 10th Av., South Milwaukee

571-1191, www.smfomp.org



Cudahy Neighborhood Watch

Wednesday, December 30, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Cudahy Family Library

3500 Library Dr., Cudahy

414-324-5531



Friends of Pulaski Park

NO meetings in December 2015 or January 2016

Pulaski Park Pavilion

5400 S Swift Ave., Cudahy

Santa in the Park

Sunday, December 6, 2015, Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Pulaski Park Pavilion-Cudahy

Featuring a Silent Auction, Bake Sale and Hot Dog Lunch.



Free the first Thursday of every month. Free for all visitors!

Visit www.mam.org for additional information.



Thank You Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of every month. Visit www.mpm.edu for additional information.



Free on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Excludes major holidays. Visit county.milwaukee.gov/HoursAdmissionMap10117.htm for additional information.



Remaining 2015 Free Days: October 10, November 7 & December 5

Special Holidays Free Days:
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org for additional information.



Aurora Saint Luke's South Shore **5900 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy, WI**

Blood Pressure Screenings - December 14 & 28

Aurora St. Luke's South Shore offers free blood Pressure screenings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 1-3 p.m. across from Mediation Room.

Making a difference in your community! Come join our volunteer team at Aurora St. Luke's South Shore and bring a smile to someone's day! Volunteers needed to provide comfort and assistance to our patients and visitors. Some of the volunteer opportunities we have are:

- Spiritual Care
- Escort
- Musical Medicine
- Ambassador
- Floor Assistant
- ED
- Patient Companion
- Retired RN for BP screenings every 2nd and 4th Monday 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic Volunteers
- PT/OT Volunteers
- NODA
- Cookie Bakers
- GI
- Pet Therapy
- Clerical

Please contact Volunteer.Services@aurora.org for an application.



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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County Board Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2015