



# Patricia Jursik **Update**

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**March 2015  
E-NEWSLETTER**

### COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS:

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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 County Research  
Park Corporation Board

Milwaukee Gateway  
Aerotropolis Corporation

## SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS WETZEL HONORED



Congressional Medal of Honor (CMOH) recipient Sp4c. Gary George Wetzel, one of South Milwaukee's own and a lifelong resident of Milwaukee County, will be honored as a hometown hero through the dedication of a section of Mason Street (in front of the War Memorial Center leading to the Vietnam War Memorial in Veterans Park) which will be known as "Gary G. Wetzel Medal of Honor Way". Dedication ceremony will be March 25, 2015. Sp4c. Wetzel will also be recognized as Milwaukee County 2015 Veteran of the Year on November 11, 2015.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Sp4c. Wetzel for his extraordinary commitment to his fellow crewmen and to our country!

**Congratulations!**

If you would like to read more about Sp4c. Wetzel go to:

<http://www.war-veterans.org/Wetzel.htm>





## PENSION BLOW-UP BACK BEFORE THE BOARD

Have you ever had a recurring bad dream? For the County Board, this bad dream has been about the pension clean-up. After the pension scandals in 2002 that resulted in the recall of many Supervisors, including the 8<sup>th</sup> District, a sweeping resolution to correct these problems was passed in 2007, a provision that received unanimous support from the Board. In this 2007 action, buy-in and buy-back of pension service credit was eliminated.

Buy-in and buy-back allowed employees who had worked part-time to use their own money to buy-in to the pension plan, or if they later became full-time, to buy-back some of this part-time credit. Even though this was eliminated in 2007, the administration never implemented the changes.

Now in 2015, the Abele administration wanted to go back and collect the benefits that should have been eliminated under the 2007 changes. This action resulted in lawsuits against the County, including a threatened class action suit by the affected employees. To complicate this, the statute of limitations had run on trying to collect much of the losses.

Many of the affected employees were given incorrect information by the administration and had already retired relying on this information. The Board was advised that any actions it would take must affect all employees equally, in other words we could not decide individual cases based on the equities involved. While some employees may have had only a minimal change, others could stand to lose their pension entirely. Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. wrote a very good description of the Board's concerns and rather than make my own feeble attempt, I am providing this [link](#) if you would like further explanation.

The conclusion of this matter involved rewriting the pension rules to allow the past practice, but to finally implement the 2007 changes going forward. While Abele vetoed this, the Board overrode the veto. I also voted with this super majority. In the long run, the board thought the County would save money by not having to defend lawsuits and pay these costs with the end result of having to pay the pension if the employees prevailed. Since it was the County that had made the errors, our attorneys advised that the employees had a strong position that could prevail in court.



### *Save the Date*

Pedal in the Park with Pat and our annual Bluegrass Concert this year will take place on [June 18, 2015](#). More information will be provided as we get closer to June, but please save this date. This has become the South Shore tradition of kicking off our summer season. What better way to enjoy the warm weather and all our great amenities than to attend your first summer concert in the park in conjunction with a family-friendly bike ride. **Hey, if I am young enough to do 5 miles, you are too!**



### **Supervisor Patricia Jursik teams up with South Milwaukee's Mayor Brooks at his annual Meet and Greet Event.**

On April 18, I will be with Mayor Brooks at his Meet the Mayor event. Mayor Brooks often asks elected officials to join him at this event so that constituents can ask their elected officials about issues or just to meet and say hello. We will be at **Can't Resist Kids' Resale/B's Boutique** located at 915 Milwaukee Ave. in South Milwaukee from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Stop in and say hello!

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY LOOKING FOR OWNERS OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS



Milwaukee County Treasurer David Cullen is asking for the assistance of Milwaukee County residents to help locate the owners of over \$1.8 million in unclaimed funds.

“The Treasurer’s Office has the job of finding the rightful owners of these funds and getting the money back to them,” Cullen explained. “The \$1.8 million in unclaimed funds is a great deal of money, and it belongs to the people who, in these difficult times, could use the money to help make ends meet. We are continuing to explore new ways to reach potential claimants with information about these unclaimed funds, and could use the help of Milwaukee County citizens to find them.”

To find out about who is entitled to this unclaimed money, people can access information about the names and amounts on the County Treasurer’s website at [www.county.milwaukee.gov/CountyTreasurer](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/CountyTreasurer). Enter “unclaimed funds” in the site search field and follow the instructions for viewing the list, downloading and filing a claim form.

In addition, a printed copy of the 2015 listing and forms to file claims for the money will be available at the Ready Reference section of all Milwaukee Public Libraries, as well as in the Treasurer’s Office, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St., Room 102. Claim forms must be notarized and submitted to the Treasurer’s Office with a copy of a valid photo ID.



## FAREWELL SUE BLACK



As many of you know, Sue Black, the former head of Milwaukee County's park system (2003-2012), made the decision to leave Wisconsin and accept a new job as executive director of Arizona State Parks.

Black stated her decision was tough, "Terribly hard, absolutely terribly hard. This is home, and I'm very concerned about a lot of a different things that are happening in the community. But I'm only a phone call away. And I'll be looking at policies and what people are doing."

Black also stated that whatever park (in Milwaukee County) she's in is her favorite, but specifically mentioned the beautiful overlook just north of Sheridan Park (some say is the highest point on Lake Michigan) where it seems you can look forever.

I would like to thank Sue Black for her many years of exemplary service to the Milwaukee County Parks System, the residents and visitors to our communities and wish her the very best as she moves onward, sharing both her knowledge and her passionate leadership skills with the Arizona State Parks.



## **NO BIKES ARE ALLOWED ON THE HIKING TRAILS AT WARNIMONT PARK**

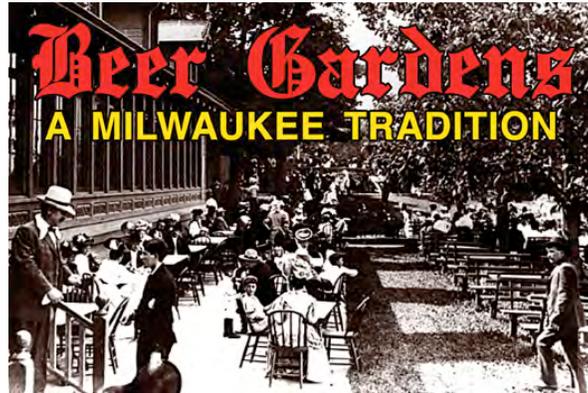
Warnimont Park's unique natural areas located along the bluffs of Lake Michigan provide essential habitat to over 300 hundred species of plants and animals. As the land manager, the Parks Department takes its role as steward of the park's natural resources very seriously. However, the Parks Department also wants to provide access to these natural areas (when possible) for low-impact activities such as hiking, bird watching, running, nature appreciation, etc. Therefore, a hiking trail system along the wooded ravines and bluffs tops east of the Oak Leaf Trail was developed by Parks staff and volunteers to allow access while also protecting the sensitive natural areas. It is important to note that biking in any form on these designated hiking trails is not considered a low impact activity and is not allowed on any of the unpaved hiking trails within the park. Individuals interested in riding on mountain bike trails in the Milwaukee County Parks System are encouraged to use the Alpha trail at Mangan Woods or the trail at Hoyt Park. Information on those trails can be found at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/MountainBikeTrail8288.htm?docid=8288> .

I'd like to thank Brain Russert, Parks Naturalist, for his review of this section of Warnimont. Based on this, it also appears that this will not be a viable alternative location for the gun club. I know many neighbors to the west of Warnimont were concerned about this area, but I want to emphasize this is all in the talking phase, not in the planning or even formal meeting stage. The unique character of these paths around ravines, some that formed over hundreds of years ago, should be respected and tread upon lightly by its human users. For a map of the Warnimont Park Oak Leaf trail click link here:

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntyParks/maps/Warnimont1.pdf>

Thank you for understanding and complying with this critical restriction on the Oak Leaf Trail.

## SAVE THE DATES



*Experience an old Milwaukee tradition in the Parks - Beer Gardens!  
In the mid-19th Century, Milwaukee's German immigrants brought  
biergartens and Gemütlichkeit to the parks.*

*Grant Park June 17-28*

Picnic Area #5, 100 E. Hawthorne Ave., South Milwaukee

*Sheridan Park July 1-12*

4800 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy

*Greene Park August 12-23*

Near the comfort station, 4235 S. Lipton Ave., St. Francis





**10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226**

General Information: (414) 256-5412  
Main Office: (414) 771-3040

**March 1 through May 22, 2015** - Open daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Mar 5**

Wines and Beers of the World

**Mar 7**

Family Free Day

**Mar 14 & 15**

Behind the Scenes Weekend

**Mar 21**

Field Trip to the Art Institute of Chicago

**Mar 28 & 29**

Breakfast & Lunch with the Bunny

**2015 Family Free Days sponsored by North Shore Bank:**

March 7 • October 10 • November 7 • December 5

ALL VISITORS RECEIVE FREE ZOO ADMISSION, BUT THE PARKING FEE REMAINS IN EFFECT.



**Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes)**

524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53215  
(414) 257-5611

**FREE on Mondays\***

**9:00 AM-noon**

For all Milwaukee County Residents with proof of residency, excludes major holidays and celebrations of major holidays.



### **Saturdays Nov 1 - Apr 11**

The Winter Farmers' Market at the **Mitchell Park Domes**, on Saturday mornings from November 1 through April 11 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Shop local and select from a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy, bakery, poultry and meats all winter long.



### **Milwaukee Public Museum**

800 W. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53233 • (414) 278-2728

### **Milwaukee County Resident Discount**

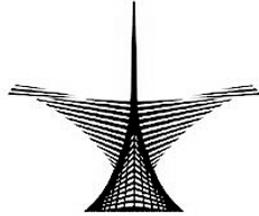
Residents of Milwaukee County receive a \$2.00 discount on general admission on any day. Adult residents must present valid photo identification showing Milwaukee County residency to receive this discount, and children must be accompanied by an adult showing proof of residency to receive this discount.

### **Free General Admission Days**

Admission is always free on the first Thursday of every month for Milwaukee County residents who show a valid photo ID proving residency. Additional charges apply for the Dome Theater, Daniel M. Soref Planetarium and special exhibitions.

### **Free days include:**

- **Thank You Thursday 9 AM – 8 PM** – First Thursday of each month free for Milwaukee County residents. 2015 dates include: March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3
- **Mother's Day** – Free for Mothers
- **Father's Day** – Free for Fathers
- **Veteran's Day** – Free for Veterans and current members of the military
- **Grandparent's Day** – Free for Grandparents
- **Memorial Day** – Free for Veterans and current members of the military



## MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

### **Milwaukee Art Museum**

700 N. Art Museum Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414)-224-3200

**Free the first Thursday of every month sponsored by**   
Free for all visitors! Visit [mam.org](http://mam.org) for additional information.

## **KELLY SENIOR CENTER**

**6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy WI 532110, 414-481-9611**



Vendor Tables Available

Fee: \$15

If you have items to sell, consider purchasing a table at the Kelly Center annual rummage sale. Tables for vendors go on sale on Monday, March 2nd.



### **An Introduction to Understanding Judaism**

Wednesday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.

Learn the basics of Judaism and Jewish people from Rabbi Marcey Rosenbaum of Congregation Shalom.



Looking for spring: **Hike in the Woods**

Tuesday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.

Preregistration Required

Time to look for signs of spring's impending arrival. Please dress appropriately and wear good shoes.

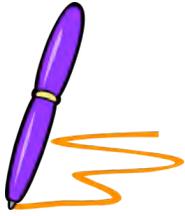


**History of the City of St. Francis**

Tuesday, March 10, 12:15 p.m.

Pre-registration required

*From Nojoshing to St. Francis, From Settlement to City* is the title of Anna Passante's new book about St. Francis, WI. Why it was first called Nojoshing? How did the name of this Town of Lake neighborhood take the name St. Francis? Come find out.



### **All Write!**

Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.

Preregistration Required

Do you like to write? All levels invited and encouraged to come for an hour of fun, easy lessons, writing prompts and idea sharing.



### **Spring Dance**

Friday, March 27, 12:30 p.m.

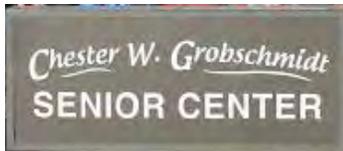
Dance to the music of the band “Remember When”. Great music from the 40’s - 70’s.



### **International and Unique Musical Instruments**

Wednesdays, March 11, April 8, 12:30 p.m.

Come see Zeththin Duffek perform a variety of instruments from around the world. He will play and teach the history of many unique instruments. Some of the instruments include but not limited to: Didgeridoo, Banjo, Native American Flute, Koncovka and Mouth Harp.



## **GROBSCHMIDT SENIOR CENTER**

**2424 15<sup>th</sup> Av., South Milwaukee, WI 53172, 768-8045**

### **AARP Tax Counseling**

Mondays, Feb. 2nd thru April 13th

Volunteers from AARP will once again be at the center filing 2014 tax forms electronically. As in the past, appointments are mandatory. The first appointment will be at 9:15 a.m. and the last appointment at 2:15 p.m. Appointments are 45 minutes in length. The volunteers are prepared to assist individuals or couples whose income consists of wages, salaries, interest, dividends, IRA distributions, pensions or annuities. They are not permitted to assist persons with the following forms:

- Schedule A— (Itemized Deductions) noncash contributions over \$500
- Schedule C—(Business Profit and Loss) other than that allowed under C-EZ rules but up to \$10,000 expenses
- Complicated Schedule D or without proper paperwork (Capital Gains and Losses)
- Schedule E—(Rental Property) with expenses, including depreciation
- Schedule F—farm income or loss
- Schedule SE—self-employment tax
- Married couples filing separately
- Form 2106—(Employee Business Expense)
- Form 3903—(Moving Expenses)
- Form 888—( Allocation or Refund)
- Other rental income or business loss



## Stockbox Program

Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The senior center is a distribution site for the Stock Box Program. The food distribution this month will take place on Tuesday, March 24th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The stock boxes will be given out in the back parking lot with paperwork being filled out in the large hall area. The Stock Box Program is run by the Hunger Task Force, and does have some eligibility guidelines. Participants need to live in Milwaukee County, be at least 60 years of age, and have an income that is less than, or equal to the following: Eligibility has increased slightly from previous months.

Household Size	60 years of age
1	\$1,265
2	\$1,705
3	\$2,144

For more information about this program, please talk with Sandy, read the brochures available at the senior center, or call 211. This institution is an “equal opportunity provider.



## Social Worker from the Department on Aging

Mary Ann will once again be at the senior center on Thursday, March 19th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The goal of this Outreach Program is to provide information and assistance pertaining to resources available to seniors. Examples include, but are not limited to, such issues as transportation, financial concerns, in-home services, and housing needs. There are no fees for this service.



## Wild West Party

Saturday, April 18 - 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Join the fun and excitement at the Wild West Party Saturday, April 18th! Reminisce about the movies and actors who we all loved: Gun Smoke, John Wayne, Calamity Jane and Oklahoma! , to name a few. Our “grub” will be provided by Pulaski Inn: BBQ Ribs, baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, “Brian’s Choice” vegetables, pasta salad, cheese tray, assorted rolls, mock pineapple cheesecake, and decaf coffee. We will be dancing to the music of The Skyliners and enjoying a wonderful performance from our very own Friday morning Line Dancers! Tickets for this memorable afternoon will be \$15 and will go on sale Tuesday, March 17th at 9:00 a.m. The last day to purchase tickets will be Wednesday, April 8th. Wear at least one of the following items and your name will be put “into the hat” to win a door prize: Flannel shirt/Western shirt, cowboy hat, boots, jeans, or a bandana!



## Hollywood Casino Getaway

In Aurora, Illinois - Wednesday, May 6, 2015

With 53,000 square feet of spine-tingling casino action, you’ll never run out of ways to play at Hollywood. Get the winning feeling with more than 1,170 of the hottest slots around. They’re congratulating new jackpot winners every single day. Their next big winner just might be you! Or challenge lady luck at Hollywood’s 26 table games, including a live poker room with Texan Hold’em games seven days a week. Deal yourself in!

- Cost: \$28 - Includes: Deluxe motor coach transportation, free lunch buffet and \$10 in slot play
- 8:45 Board bus at senior Center
- 11:00 Arrive at Hollywood Casino
- 4:00 Depart Hollywood Casino
- 6:15 approximate arrival to the senior center

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, March 31st at 9:00am. The last day to purchase tickets will be Friday, April 17th. Participant’s legal names, addresses with zip codes and birth dates are required when purchasing tickets. Also, the Players Card number, if you have one.



## iPad Class

Now that I have that new iPad, what do I do next?  
Thursday, March 19th & 26th from 10:15-11:30am

Christine Walker will show participants three areas concerning the iPad during this two class session. Basic operating skills, how to surf the internet, and using the iPad to text. Participants are asked to bring their iPad, a telephone number or a text-able email to do in class and some of their contacts. Participants will learn how to maneuver their contact list, learn about “the cloud”, and surf some websites. Pre-registration is required.



## Floral Design Classes

By Cindy

Interested in learning how to make a fresh flower floral arrangement? Then this is the class for you! It will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at 1:00p.m., in the craft room. A fresh flower Easter basket centerpiece will be created. Take home and enjoy what you’ve made! The cost for this class will be \$18.00. This price includes the materials and flowers. ***Pre-registration is required. The last day to sign up will be Tuesday, March 17th.***

## Pottery Class

Pottery Class, with the theme “Think Spring”, will resume on Wednesday, March 11th from 12:30-3:00p.m. Pre-registration is requested and the class fee is \$15.



### Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park

**Thursday, March 12, 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](http://www.fogp.org)



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

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

Marquette Manor, 2409 10th Ave., South Milwaukee

571-1191, [www.smfomp.org](http://www.smfomp.org)



Hope to see you there!



### 3rd Annual Breakfast w/Easter Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt

Hosted by Friends of the Mill Pond & South Milwaukee Lions

**Saturday March 28th, 2015**

Pancake & French Toast Breakfast **8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Egg Hunt @ **10:30 a.m.**

Breakfast: \$6.00 per person, children 5-11 \$4.00, 4 and under FREE

Grobschmidt Senior Center - 2424 15th Avenue - South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Rain (Snow) or Shine this activity will go on. Check out the raffles at the Breakfast.

More information see [www.southmilwaukee.org](http://www.southmilwaukee.org)



## **Cudahy Neighborhood Watch**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**

Aurora St. Luke's South Shore Hospital (Lower Level Meeting Room)  
5900 South Lake Drive, Cudahy  
324-5531



## **Friends of Pulaski Park**

**Monday, March 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

Pulaski Park Pavilion  
5400 S. Swift Ave., Cudahy

Easter at Pulaski Park - Cudahy

**Saturday March 21, 2015, 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.**

Easter Bunny will be present for a visit and pictures (bring your own camera)  
Craft Table for kids to make Easter decorations  
Spring planting flower sale  
Baked goods for sale

Thank you for your support of the Pulaski Park Friends



**THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER OF SAINT STEPHEN CONGREGATION**  
**1441 W. Oakwood Rd., Oak Creek, WI 53154**

These are FREE on-going playgroups for children ages 6 months to 6 years for parents and children to come together, play and do fun learning activities. Professionals from Curative Care Network are available to answer your child development questions. Come play at one or both locations! No registration necessary.

**PLAYGROUPS**



**CUDAHY LIBRARY GROUP**

3500 Library Drive - Ladish Room

Time: 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., 2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Leader: Gail Kolvenbach

March 13, 27

April 10, 24,

May 8, 22



**OAK CREEK LIBRARY PLAYGROUP**

Oak Creek Library - 8620 S. Howell Ave., Community Room

Time: 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., 1st and 3rd Friday of each month

Leader: Gail Kolvenbach

March 6, 20

April 17

May 1, 15



### **KNIT ONE & CROCHET TOO**

Dates: Thursdays - Began January 8

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Place: Family Life Center

Cost: FREE - donations of yarn are appreciated

Join this ongoing group of beginners & experienced needle-workers.



### **SHEEPSHEAD CARD PLAYING**

Date: 2nd Thursday of the Month:

March 12, April 9, May 14

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Place: Family Life Center

Cost: FREE; Beverages included, bring a snack to share. Join in the “trick-taking” card game. Open to all. Please call 762-0552 to sign up.



### **FABULOUS FISH FRY**

Fridays in Lent: March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen Catholic Church, 1441 W. Oakwood Road, Oak Creek

A great meal that includes: Fried Cod, Baked Cod or Fried Shrimp; Steak Fries, Parsley Buttered Potatoes or Potato Salad; Cole Slaw, Rye Bread; Coffee or Milk and Dessert.



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Call 211 or 1-866-211-3380 for information and referrals.



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

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:

- Ambassadors (greeters)
- Patient companions
- Emergency department liaisons
- Volunteers for our care cart

Please contact Michelle at [michelle.tisljar@aurora.org](mailto:michelle.tisljar@aurora.org) or 262-329-4615 for an application.



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Thursday March 26, 2015

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