Transit Update

At our April Board meeting, the board rejected a $250,000 consulting contract requested by County Executive Chris Abele with Huron Consulting out of Chicago for developing a new bus contract. Instead, the board urged the county executive to do an initial phase of consulting which would focus on working with the Federal Transit Authority on the proper structure required for a county transit system. Abele has authority to spend $100,000 without board approval. The board did award $50,000 to the Corporation Counsel’s office to obtain an outside expert to advise the Transportation, Public Works and Transit (TPWT) committee and the board on requirements for retaining transit management within county government or what would be required for an RFP process if this is necessary. The resolution that my office authored last month was laid over to the May cycle and will again be taken up by the TPWT committee. This resolution favors the hybrid approach of bringing management in-house while retaining the operations of the transit system as an out-sourced, not-for-profit system. It remains to be seen whether such hybrid system is allowed under FTA rules.
New Ordinance Would Create a Disorderly Conduct Citation for Failure to Provide Full Bus Access

Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik has introduced an ordinance that would require shopping malls to provide full bus access to their main entrances. The measure was introduced after numerous attempts to convince Southridge Mall management to re-establish bus service to the mall’s main entrance.

Southridge management moved its bus stop to the mall from one of its main entrances to a stop 1,000 ft. away in November, citing safety concerns.

“If we allow Southridge to get away with this blatant discrimination against bus riders – many of whom are elderly or disabled – how can we be sure that other malls won’t follow suit?” Jursik said. “We need to ensure that our bus riders have equal access not only to Southridge, but to all malls and public facilities in Milwaukee County.

“This resolution will address the injustice created by mall owners like Indianapolis-based Simon Properties, owners of Southridge, and create penalties for discriminating against bus riders by forcing them to use a bus stop far from the main entrance.”

The resolution states that owners of shopping centers routinely allow trucks and large delivery vehicles to access their properties. The resolution states that disorderly conduct would include interfering with any Milwaukee County transit bus, including pickup or discharge of passengers, on any roadway or parking lot that is held out for use of the general public for vehicular travel or on any roadway or parking lot made available to delivery vehicles of 20,000 lbs. gross weight.

“This ordinance would not only affect Southridge, but any other shopping center that engages in such outrageous discrimination against the elderly and disabled,” Jursik said. “Everyone should have equal access to our shopping centers and other public facilities”. Huge delivery trucks use the mall parking lot. Why not buses?

“It is shameful that we have come to this point, but Southridge management has done nothing but stonewall on this issue while elderly and disabled people trudge through a hazardous parking lot. Something has to be done to get Southridge management’s attention, and this resolution will make their decision a more costly one until they restore the bus stop near the mall entrance.”

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South Shore and County Retirements

South Shore
Retirement of two leaders well known to our South Shore took place this last month. Mayor Tom Zepecki stepped down as Mayor of South Milwaukee with newly elected Mayor Eric Brooks taking the gavel. Tom Zepecki served the City of South Milwaukee over nearly two decades and should be commended for his civic service. Tom Zepecki served first as alderman and then as Mayor. We all wish him the very best in his well-earned retirement years. I look forward to a pleasant working relationship with Mayor Brooks.

Thanks Tom!

Milwaukee County
Sadly Barry Bateman retired as the Director of General Mitchell International Airport. Under Director Bateman’s oversight, the airport grew from a small regional airport into an international airport. Serving for 31 years, the airport flourished under Bateman’s leadership increasing flights from about 3 million to over 7 million flights per year. Barry will retire to Oregon and continue his love of flying. We wish him well. The acting director will be Terry Blue while the county conducts a search for a new Airport Director. Blue came to Milwaukee from Denver Airport and has been here just about five years.

Best of Luck Barry!
The Lakefront Gateway Project

The Lakefront Gateway Project is a unique collaboration among the City of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County to improve connections to the lakefront, downtown Milwaukee and the Historic Third Ward.

To attend the second in a series of public involvement meetings to review and provide feedback on plans being considered.

YOU ARE INVITED May 13, 2014
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Miller Room at O’Donnell Park
910 East Michigan Street
Milwaukee, WI

The Lakefront Gateway Project includes the study and evaluation of the realignment of the Lincoln Memorial Drive ramps and local roads, including an extension of North Lincoln Memorial Drive and associated street improvements to East Clybourn Street and North Harbor Drive.

The meeting will be held in an open house format allowing participants to view concepts and provide feedback on the following:

- How proposed plans affect Milwaukee County park lands
- Development of bicycle /pedestrian facilities
- Preferred alternative for the roadway layout
- Master Plan concepts

* Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities through sign language interpreters or auxiliary aids. For assistance contact Carolynn Gellings at (262) 548-8716.
Notice…. Save the Date – Tuesday, May 6, 2014

At the call of the Airport Noise Advisory Committee Chairman, an informational meeting to provide an update of the noise programs and the Noise Mitigation Program is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6th at 9 AM in the Sijan Room at the airport.

Agenda items for this meeting will include: Election of Committee Chair & Vice-Chair; Review of the airport Noise Report; and Review of the airport Area Noise Management Program (NMP). Members of the public are welcome to attend Airport Noise Advisory Committee meetings.

If you have any questions about the meeting please contact Marina Borges, Noise Secretary, at (414) 747-3724.

You think your child is riding safely…but are you really sure?

Motor vehicle crashes kill more children than any other cause. Make sure your child is buckled up properly.

Car Seat and Booster Safety Check
Thursday, May 8, 2014
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Cudahy Fire Department, Station 2
3115 E. Ramsey Avenue, Cudahy 53110
● This event is **free** and **open** to the public.

● Please allow 40 minutes per car seat safety check.

● Child **and** vehicle **must** be present.

● Appointments encouraged. To make an appointment, call (414) 231-4896

● Families without appointments will be seen as time allows.

● Low-cost car seats available for purchase, when making appointment.

● **Volunteer**, certified child passenger safety technicians will help families make sure children are riding safely.

● **To learn more, call (414) 231-4894 or visit safekidswi.org.**

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Upcoming Events

**Mother’s Day - May 11**
Sponsored by Lifeway Foods
Share in Mom’s Day with a trip to the zoo! **All Moms are admitted free on their special day!**

**Party for the Planet - May 17 & 18**
Sponsored by American Transmission Co.
“Go Green” and enjoy zoo activities spotlighting the importance of preserving our resources.
FREE on Mondays* 9:00 a.m. - Noon
For all Milwaukee County Residents with proof of residency, excludes major holidays and celebrations of major holidays. NOTE: Two major holidays are celebrated on Mondays in 2014. May 26 and Sept. 1, 2014, therefore regular admission rates apply.

at the Milwaukee Public Museum

Milwaukee County residents receive free general admission to the Milwaukee Public Museum on the first Thursday of every month through our Thank You Thursday program. Milwaukee County owns the Museum facility and collections, and as a “thank you” to the County and its residents, we offer this opportunity for residents to visit us the first Thursday of every month without charge.

We also offer extended evening hours until 8:00 p.m. on every Thursday, so be sure to take advantage of our evening hours after work, school, or whatever your day may bring!

Adult residents must present valid photo identification showing Milwaukee County residency to receive free admission, and children must be accompanied by an adult showing proof of residency to receive free admission.

Beginning January 1, 2014, residents of Milwaukee County will receive a $2.00 discount on general admission every day in addition to free admission on Thank You Thursday. Mondays will become regular admission days at MPM, with Milwaukee County residents receiving the $2.00 discount.
Kelly Senior Center
6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy WI 53110
Jane Czarnezki - Program Coordinator, (414) 481-9611

Acupuncture Basics and Effects on Your Brain
Thursday, May 1, 10:00 a.m.
Presented by Dowling Community Acupuncture
The Memory Chargers invite you to join them for this program on Acupuncture and its significant effect on brain activity.

Ice Cream Social
Thursday, May 1, 2:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Villa St. Francis
Summer is really coming, let’s eat ice cream!

Gardening Without Aches and Pains
Tuesday, May 6, 12:30 p.m.
Presented by UW-Extension Master Gardeners
Pre-registration Required
Did you know that gardening can improve your health? Learn to choose the tools that fit you, get tips on how to protect your joints and prevent injuries while gardening, and discover the resources available to you.

Bicycle Repair and Safety
Wednesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.
Presented by South Shore Cyclery
Pre-registration Required
Learn how to prevent a flat tire, identify what causes a flat. See the necessary tools and kits you need to repair a tire on the road and the importance of proper maintenance for the longevity of your bike

Put Pain in Its Place
Wednesday, May 14, 12:30 p.m.
Presented by the Arthritis Foundation
Pre-registration Required
Get the facts about osteoarthritis pain and learn strategies for controlling and preventing pain. Learn how to create a pain management plan with your doctor.
**Bicycle Outing**
Friday, May 30, 2:00 p.m.
Pre-registration Required
Enjoy a scenic ride along the lake-shore in Warnimont and Grant Parks. Approximate length of ride is 1.5 hours, including a break. Helmets are highly recommended.

**Prepare Because You Care - Funeral Pre-planning**
Tuesday, May 20, 10:00 a.m.
Presented by Max A. Sass and Sons
Pre-registration Required
Presentation will cover how to protect your savings and the benefits of pre-planning for you and your loved ones. Raffle prize and snacks provided.

**Grobschmidt Senior Center**
2424 15th Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172, (414) 768-8045

**Senior Ambassador Program to start at Grobschmidt Senior Center**
Monday, June 2, 2014 at 10:15 a.m. in the craft room
Senior Ambassadors are community members who have been trained in the types of resources available to older adults in Milwaukee County. They are volunteers who travel to locations where older adults gather and meet with them one on one. The Ambassadors discuss potential resources and provide contact information for these resources. The Senior Ambassadors, however, do not recommend or advocate for particular resources or services.

Arlene and Rita will typically be at the senior center on the 2nd Friday of each month and on the last Tuesday of each month. Their first day at the senior center will be Tuesday, May 27th from 10:30-11:30 and they will be wearing nametags. This resource is free of charge and available to all members.
FREE Seminar & Refreshments  
Sponsored by Max A. Sass & Sons Funeral Home  
**Prepare...Because you Care!**

By attending, you will learn about:

- How to **protect your savings** if you go into a healthcare facility or nursing home.
- **Savings** on funeral costs and reduced emotional overspending by pre-planning.
- How to **save your family** from the emotional and financial burdens of one of the hardest days of their lives
- How to receive **Peace of Mind** by making your decisions now instead of leaving your family to make your decisions for you.

*Please RSVP to Kathy at 416-4975 by Friday, May 30th.*

**Stockbox Program**  
**Tuesday, May 27th, 2014, 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, May 27th 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.

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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.”

**Summer 9-Ball League**  
It’s that time of the year! Baseball, bratwurst, and the 9-ball summer pool league. This competitive and fun co-ed league meets on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30-3:00 p.m. There will be an organizational meeting held on Tuesday, May 6th at 12:15 p.m. Because the rules will be discussed extensively, attendance at the meeting is strongly encouraged. The sign-up sheet for the league is located near the entrance by the calendar. League play will begin on Tuesday, May 20th.

**Informational Presentation by DCM**
“Ways to Maximize Passing Assets to Your Beneficiaries”
Attend this presentation and find out the answers to the following questions/statements:
1. What is probate and ways to avoid having your assets pass through probate.
2. Beneficiary designations on retirement and non-retirement accounts.
3. How much money in taxes will my beneficiaries pay?
4. Ways to decrease the tax burden on beneficiaries.
5. What is a Roth conversion and how can it reduce tax liability on retirement accounts.
6. The pros and cons of life insurance.
7. Annuities and survivor benefits.

The presentation will be held on Monday, May 12th from 10:45 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Pre-registration is required. The sign-up sheet is located near the main entrance by the calendar.

FoodShare
FoodShare is Wisconsin’s nutrition assistance program that helps people buy healthy food of their choice at the grocery store using a debit card. FoodShare eligibility is based on income and takes into account monthly expenses including some medical expenses. Hunger Task Force’s Elizabeth Leister will be available Tuesday, May 27th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. to answer questions and help with the application process. You can also contact her Monday-Friday at (414) 588-7132.

Dancing Horses & Elegant Farmer Excursion
Wednesday, June 25

Enjoy an afternoon of true entertainment by attending the “Dancing Horses” performance in Delevan, Wisconsin on Wednesday, June 25. This trip was such a success years ago we decided to do it again. The day will start out with boarding the motor coach at the senior center at 10:15 a.m. Then we’ll enjoy a delicious box lunch meal, at the venue, which will consist of the following items: sliced turkey on a croissant, potato salad, fruit, dessert and lemonade. The hour-and-a-half show, which is performed in a fully climate-controlled facility, will begin at 1:00 p.m. Then it’s time for an Exotic Bird Show at 3:00 p.m. After the show we will board the bus and travel over to the Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago! There you can purchase fresh daily bakery items including jumbo fresh fruit muffins, fruit crisps, pies, and fresh fruit breads to deli
specials including cider baked ham, gourmet popcorn, and blue ribbon cheeses. Looking for fresh fruit? They have that too! After a full day, it’s time to return to the senior center at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The cost of this trip, which includes motor coach, lunch, horse show and bird show, will be $54.00. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, May 6. The last day to purchase tickets will be Friday, May 30.

**Memories Dinner Theatre in Port Washington**
**Tuesday, July 22**

As introduced on NBC’s “Today Show”, this musical comedy salutes those valiantly struggling with divorce on their hands, gravity on their bodies, grandchildren on their self-images and the dating scene on their egos. The risks and uncertainties of being alive come alive through song and scene. Aging gracefully is the final frontier!

A humorous and heartfelt look at the day-to-day concerns of the over-fifty “empty-nester” crowd, including everything from retirement and AARP, dating to divorce, plastic surgery and grand parenting. This afternoon of fun and laughter will begin with boarding the school bus at 11:00 a.m. We will then travel to Port Washington and eat lunch at 12:30 p.m. The delicious lunch will consist of the following items: Open-faced turkey sandwich, dirty mashed potatoes with gravy, steamed vegetable blend, Memories famous fluff, dinner salad with French dressing, warm dinner rolls and strawberry shortcake for dessert. The performance will begin at 1:45 p.m. and will last for approximately two hours. We should return back to South Milwaukee at approximately 5:00 p.m. The cost of this adventure will be $47.00.

The tickets will go on sale Wednesday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. The last day to purchase tickets will be Wednesday, June 18.
Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park
Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.
Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Avenue, 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, May 13, 6:30 p.m.
Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Avenue, South Milwaukee
571-1191, www.smfomp.org

Saturday, May 3 – Garden spruce up / Garlic Mustard / Buckhorn removal

Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 6:00 p.m.
Cudahy Family Library
3500 Library Dr., Cudahy
(414) 324-5531
Aurora St. Luke’s South Shore
Thursday, May 29th Blood Drive
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Aurora St. Luke’s South Shore Auditorium – lower level, 5900 S Lake Drive, Cudahy
Special t-shirt thank you for blood donors at Aurora St. Luke’s South Shore

Registration is recommended however walk-ins are welcome. Register by calling 1-877-232-4376 or go to www.bcw.edu/aslss.

As a heartfelt thank you, every attempting donor will receive a special “Honor Those Who Save the Day,” t-shirt! We will also have the usual food treats, great people to take our donations, and that warm fuzzy feeling you get for saving lives!

Spot a Stroke

In recognition of American Stroke Month in May, the stroke program team of Aurora St. Luke’s South Shore would like to share some important information about recognizing and responding to someone having a stroke.

Spot a Stroke F.A.S.T.

Immediate stroke treatment may save a life, possibly yours. More than half of all Americans know someone who has had a stroke. Be prepared to identify a stroke.
F.A.S.T. is an acronym for recognizing and responding to the sudden warning signs of stroke. The letters stand for:

- **Face Drooping** – Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop or is it numb?
- **Arm Weakness** – Ask the person to raise both arms. Is one arm weak or numb? Does one arm drift downward?
- **Speech Difficulty** – Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like “the sky is blue.” Is the sentence repeated correctly? Are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand?
- **Time to call 9-1-1** – If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately.

*If you think someone is having a stroke, immediately call 9-1-1* so an ambulance can be sent. Also, check the time so you’ll know when the first stroke symptoms appeared.

To learn more, go to [www.StrokeAssociation.org/WarningSigns](http://www.StrokeAssociation.org/WarningSigns)

Thank you,
Aurora St. Luke’s South Shore
Stroke Program Team

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**2014 Annual Native Plant Sale**

*(& Garden Vegetable Plants, too!)*

**Saturday, May 10th from 9 am - 12 Noon**

By the front doors of South Milwaukee Middle School - 1001 15th Ave.

Are your thoughts turning to summer? Are you dreaming of your garden this year? If so, you may want to consider using landscaping plants that are:

- attractive and interesting
- hardy, needing very low maintenance
- able to thrive in a wide range of soil/sun conditions
- native to Wisconsin
- perennial (no replanting every year!)

Look no further! On **Saturday, May 10th, 9 am - Noon**, the SMMS
Environmental Club will hold our 2014 Annual Native Plant Sale. We’ll be selling a wide variety of beautiful native flowering plants, garden vegetables and herbs. This year’s species include: Nodding Wild Onion, White Wild Indigo, Rattlesnake Master, Vanilla Grass, Monkey Flower, Beardtongue, Obedient Plant, Jacob’s Ladder, Virginia Mountain Mint, Golden Alexander and a huge assortment of tomatoes, peppers and herbs.

Just in time for Mother’s Day, these plants would make wonderful gifts! In 2 ½-inch pots, prices start at $1 per plant, well below garden center prices with proceeds going to support our own SMMS Environmental Club. For more detailed plant information check out our Species Info Chart on the district website: [www.sdsms.k12.wi.us](http://www.sdsms.k12.wi.us).

Pre-sale orders are accepted, but not necessary--contact Chris Bosetti at 766-5890.

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Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Thursday, May 22, 9:30 a.m.  
Milwaukee County Courthouse  
901 N. 9th Street, Room 200  
Milwaukee, WI 53233