



Patricia Jursik **Update**

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COUNTY 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 County Research
Park Corporation Board

Milwaukee Gateway
Aerotropolis Corporation

BUS MANAGEMENT:

County Committee Overturns Award to MV Transportation

The administration put out a Request For Bids (RFP) for management of the bus company, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS). This is a requirement under federal rules when a bus system is not operated by government. The successful bidder was MV, a for-profit transit system out of Dallas. Two other losing bidders, MTS, the current manager, and Veolia, took an appeal from the award to MV. A five member panel appointed by the Chairs of the Finance Committee, all supervisors, heard this appeal. I was part of this review panel, along with Supervisors Michael Mayo, Theodore Lipscomb, Anthony Staskunas and David Bowen. This five member committee met over several meetings including a full day hearing on February 18.

Based on very extensive review of the process and hearing arguments of counsel for both the appealing parties and the attorneys representing the county's Department of Transportation (DOT), the committee made findings that the award to MV was unreasonable and arbitrary. In simple terms, MV was allowed without notice to the other participants in the RFP to alter the requirements of answering questions required by the RFP. The parties were asked to define costs of management and administration. Everyone that answered the question except MV, responded with specific numbers. Instead MV was allowed to apply part of the management expense to a percentage of operating costs. This resulted in a much skewed analysis of management and administrative cost comparisons giving MV a virtual lock on winning the 200 points that was to be applied to this component. MV did not fare as well on the technical scores for actual operations of a transit system but because of the skewed result got the highest score overall.

The review committee also felt it was unreasonable for DOT to not check references and not do actual interviews before making the

award to MV. Does any reasonable person hand over a multi-million dollar management contract to a for-profit entity that has no history within this community without at least meeting and checking references! The committee found this to be unreasonable and made the findings necessary to throw out the award and the committee vote was unanimous, in other words, it was without controversy that the decision was arbitrary and unreasonable. Our Finance Committee will now need to decide what comes next with regard to managing our transit system. One option discussed during budget was to consider bringing transit back inside county government since all of the funding is either federal or state funding or fees set by elected representatives. Whether this occurs or not has much to review in terms of pros and cons before any decision will be made.



Mental Health

You may have noted that I've been fairly quiet on Mental Health. As a board, we do not run the day - to - day operations of this facility although you would not know that if you read the local paper, which blames the Board for nearly all controversial activities related to the hospital. The Board is on record supporting more community care instead of hospital stay.

Personally, I believe that we should not be running a hospital and agree fully that professionals should be making health decisions, not the Board. But the real issue here is money; more money would mean better care and more community supportive resources. If the state takes over the hospital will they pay for better care? By the way, our county hospital is more efficient than two state-run hospitals.

The Board has been concerned that if we do not care for the mentally ill, these folks will end up in the criminal justice system where they will receive no care. Sheriff Clarke has not been a good provider of medical care for inmates currently under his jurisdiction, much less the mentally ill.

I cite the Christensen case, which is ongoing. Your county jails have continuously been under court ordered monitoring for over 12 years!! We are the worst county in the nation in this regard. So, if you have any good ideas, I'm all ears. I have consistently (since I have been on the Board) asked to require that our behavioral health hospital be certified. We have budget directives that insist that our hospital get accredited. Both Governor Scott Walker and current County Executive Chris Abele have been unable to do this.



Health Insurance Update

March 31, 2014 is a significant date for health care enrollment. In a prior e-news report, I referred any constituent receiving Badger Care or other health care supplement, to our 211 Health Care Hotline. This is still a good place to start if you have questions or need help with changing enrollment. In addition, Milwaukee County has created additional assistance. This is a complicated issue which I do not intend to discuss at length in the e-news, but I do want to encourage anyone who needs to change health care before the deadline to be aware of helpful information or to call the 211 help line for individualized questions. Here are several other links: <http://mkehcp.org/publications/> *Milwaukee enrollment worksheet: details on where to get enrollment assistance and a personal enrollment worksheet for Marketplace; * 10 Things to Know about Badger Care+ Changes: provides an overview of the policy changes in Badger Care+; *MKEN Enrollment Directory: detailing the 66 enrollment sites in Milwaukee County.



Sheridan Centennial

The sold out Sheridan Park Centennial event on Valentines Day held at Pulaski Inn was a huge success! Rebeca Roepke and Michelle Gibbs of the Cudahy Family Library produced a wonderful booklet detailing the 100 year history of Sheridan Park. These booklets are available for purchase at the library.



Thank you to the sponsors, supporters and participants of the 2014 Yeti Dash snow shoe 3/5 k event at Sheridan Park.



Community Calendar



March 1

[Family Free Day](#)

Sponsored by North Shore Bank

Mar 8 & 9

[Behind the Scenes Weekend](#)

Take part in this rare opportunity to see areas of the Zoo not normally open to visitors. There will be several tour locations open for the weekend and are free with regular Zoo admission.



Kelly Senior Center
6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy WI 532110, 414-481-9611

Amish Insight

Tuesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.

Preregistration Required

Learn about Amish culture, religion and customs. Our presenter has authored several books on the Amish and will share his photos and knowledge.

Dance!

Wednesday, March 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$2

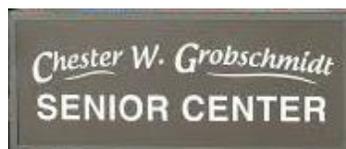
Shake off the winter blues! Join us for this fun afternoon with your friends and favorite tunes.

Local Author Visit and Reading

Sponsored by Kelly Center Book Club

Friday, March 28, 1:00 p.m.

Cudahy native, Jeanette Michalets will discuss her book *The Ten Cent Cafe*. The novel is set in Cudahy at the turn of century and tells the tale of an immigrant family through several generations. Copies will be available for purchase.



Grobschmidt Senior Center

2424 15th Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172, 414-768-8045

**Extended Trip to the
Apostle Islands**

4 Days: September 2-5, 2014

Tour Highlights

*Visit the **Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center**

*3 Night Stay at the **Legendary Water Casino Resort-\$50 total in Player Cash and \$5 Meal Coupon**

***Every Room at the Legendary Water Casino Resort has a view of the Apostle Islands**

***Ferry to Madeline Island**

***Madeline Island Guided Tour**

*Lunch at the **Pub on Madeline Island**

***Island Princess Grand Cruise/Tour Luncheon at the Old Rittenhouse**

***Bayfield City Tour with stop at Blue Vista Farm, Flowers, Berries, Apples and Gift Shop**

***Big Top Chautauqua Performance**

***Mystery Attraction on the Return**

\$659 Double \$789 Single

Save \$10 per person if you book by 7/3/14

Information packets available at the receptionist' desk.

Stockbox Program

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

10:30-11:30 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 25th 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	\$1,245
2	\$1,681
3	\$2,116

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 Anne will once again be at the senior center on Tuesday, March 4th from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The goal of this outreach program is to help center members know what programs/services the Department on Aging has to offer.

AARP Tax Counseling

Mondays, Feb. 3rd through April 14th

Volunteers from AARP will once again be at the center filing 2013 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 2:30 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



Thursday, March 13 – Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park meeting, 6:30 p.m.

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. Park Watch: 764-7262. Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612 www.fogp.org



Pullin' o' the Green Irish Party,

March 15th

Don't miss our annual Irish Party fund raiser, **Pullin' o' the Green** amid the shamrocks at Grant Park Golf clubhouse, 100 E. Hawthorne, South Milwaukee. Inspired by our yearly "Weed-Out!" in April-May, it's Irish brew, stew and music, too! Join us on **Saturday, March 15th** for a wee bit of the brew, some corned beef & cabbage, beef stew or potato kale soup. Foot tappin' tunes provided by the Garlic Mustard Pickers. Raffle prizes, too. There will be two seating's at either 4:30 or 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 adult; \$5 children under 12 and include your choice of brew or NA beverage, entree, and dessert. Tickets can be purchased in advance (available Feb. 22 thru March 15) at Nona's Cafe, Parkway Floral, and Guardian Credit Union in South Milwaukee. For more information, call (414) 764-7262.



Tuesday March 11 Friends of Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc. meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Marquette Manor - 2409 10th Avenue South Milwaukee - www.smfomp.org

Indoor Market Event: Saturday March 1st, 2014, 10 - 3pm - South Milwaukee Senior High School - Check out our booth. See you there!!

Point of Interest:

**Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc.
2013 Annual Report Summary**

The goal for restoration of the area surrounding Mill Pond to re-establish a health and aesthetically pleasing environment continues to move forward. In 2013 the Friends of Mill Pond and Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc. have given the following:

- 880+ volunteer hours
- \$10,634 worth of improvements to the Warming House
- \$60.00 for landscaping and gardening
- \$1000.00 for industrial power washer for park service area
- \$300.00 for Eagle Scout project
- \$100.00 for a Friends of Grant park project

Since 2008 the Friends have spent \$24,815.00 and hundreds of volunteer hours to protect and improve parks.



Wednesday, March 26 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6:00 p.m.

At Aurora St. Luke's South Shore Hospital, Lower Level Meeting Room, 5900 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy. 414-324-5531



Cudahy's 25th Tree City Award

City of Cudahy

Earth Day/Arbor Day

City cleanup

Saturday, April 26 - noon

Tree planting ceremony

Cudahy Family Library

3500 E. Library Dr.

Soda, Hot dogs, Chili, Seedlings

For more information call 414-627-8117



Aurora Saint Luke's South Shore

5900 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy, WI

Wednesday, March 19th

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

St. Luke's South Shore – Auditorium at 5900 South Lake Drive

Refreshments, great sense of community, and the wonderful feeling you get from performing a life saving deed!

Schedule your appointment online at www.bcw.edu/aslss or contact or phone appointments at 877-232-4376.

Thursday, March 20, 2014 – Milwaukee County Board meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Milwaukee County Courthouse Room 200, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee