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The South Shore Option: Forum for Economic Development

It is my pleasure to invite all constituents to attend a unique, one-stop economic development forum. This year's event will be held at the Oak Creek Police Department. Representatives from the cities of Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, Cudahy and St. Francis as well as Milwaukee County and MKE Regional Business Park will discuss their current development efforts. Each city/agency will provide an overview of their initiatives and answer questions from the public. In addition, plans will be displayed at tables for public viewing in an open house setting.

This forum is a rare opportunity for citizens to be a part of planning for multi-community development in one meeting and to learn about efforts toward economic growth in our South Shore communities.

Where: Oak Creek Police Department Courtroom
301 West Ryan Road, Oak Creek, 53154

When: Thursday, September 27, 2012
6 to 8 p.m.

Please click [here](#) for a printable flyer.

Lake Parkway (794) Extension

In May 2012, the County Board recommended extension of the Lake Parkway (State Trunk Highway 794) through a [resolution](#) which was signed by the County Executive. Following through on the process, I spoke with the WisDOT Southeast Regional Director and Engineering Chief as well as the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) Director in August. Several steps are required before an extension can occur.



- SEWRPC must complete an Air Quality Conformity Analysis regarding the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. This analysis is already being conducted. A final analysis should be available in September or October 2012.
- Once this Air Quality Analysis is finished, the technical advisory committee will be asked to make a final recommendation to the SEWRPC board. The SEWRPC

board must receive the advisory committee's recommendation and then take final action. This may conclude by December 2012.

- WisDOT is concerned about limited funding. WisDOT is completing many projects around the state.
- Racine and Kenosha Counties would also need to reach an agreement to demote some current state highways to local status and to embrace a "Lake Corridor." An extension of Lake Parkway would probably need to connect to Highway 31 and, ultimately, to Highway KR at the Racine/Kenosha border, according to the perspective of WisDOT.

We will need to work cooperatively with Racine and Kenosha to establish any such Lake Corridor. Our neighbors in Racine and Caledonia have already expressed interest in extending the Lake Parkway. I welcome further dialogue about this issue.

North-South Runway Reopens

General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) is nearing completion of the Runway Safety Area Improvement Project. The main north-south runway (1L/19R) reopened the evening of Friday, August 31.

2012 was the third and last year of the Runway Safety Area project. Regular runway operations are expected to be in place for 2013.

You can sign up to receive future updates on airfield operations by visiting <http://www.gmiaairfieldupdate.com>.

Airport Safety Enhancements

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) continues to fund GMIA's ongoing maintenance and safety improvement program. Sections of the Howell Avenue perimeter fence are being replaced to increase the height to 10 feet.

Airport Noise

The FAA issued a clarification that may make many homes lose eligibility for soundproofing assistance to insulate against airplane noise.

I, along with several colleagues, sent a letter requesting that the FAA add a provision to protect the Milwaukee Residential Sound Insulation Program from being altered. I also met with Congresswoman Moore who has been monitoring this issue as well. However, the FAA did not add any such provision. At the same time, the FAA's clarification may have some positive implications for residents experiencing high levels of aircraft noise. I will continue to study this matter.

Seven Bridges

After our persistent advocacy for the restoration of the lakeside bridge at Seven Bridges Trail, the Parks Department provided some good news on August 14. The contract has been let for repair of the lakeside bridge. Stone Creek Builders was awarded the contract, having offered the best bid. Although there is a \$41,000 shortfall, it will be made up from other projects that were completed under budget.



Funds Awarded to Grant Park Beach

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the 2012 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant to benefit several beaches, including Grant Park Beach. The funding aims to improve safety through beach redesign. Dr. Julie Kinzelman and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh worked with the South Milwaukee Health Department and the Milwaukee County Parks Department to propose beach improvements, including:

- filtration systems for stormwater from paved areas
- dunes to assist with stormwater and to discourage gulls
- modified beach grooming to reduce bacteria
- more trash bins
- actions to discourage the feeding of wildlife

With this phase of grants, \$80,000 has been awarded to implement those plans at Grant Park.

Cladophora on Our Beaches

Constituents have contacted me to express concern about the algae washed up on Grant Park Beach. These cladophora deposits impede access to the beach, result in unpleasant odors and raise health concerns. We have noticed similar occurrences at Sheridan Park, Bender Park and Bradford Beach.

In response, the Parks Department has used a front-end loader and a York rake to remove the cladophora. However, this is a temporary solution as more algae can wash up onshore.

Cladophora breaks up in the bottom of the lake and is pushed onshore by wind. Rotting cladophora containing wildlife from the lake can attract seagulls, which deposit their waste. Here is information from the [Department of Natural Resources](#) and the [Great Lakes Water Institute](#). We can protect our beaches, property values and drinking water supply from high levels of cladophora by reducing the phosphorus that enters Lake Michigan.



Beach Happenings

Help clean [Bay View Park](#) Beach in St. Francis! The Bay View Neighborhood Association will host a cleanup and provide supplies on Thursday, September 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the bottom of the stairs located along Superior/Lake Drive just south of Oklahoma Avenue.

Then join Grant Park Garden Club, Friends of Mill Pond and Oak Creek Watercourse and partners for two events on Saturday, September 15:

Grant Park Family Fun Day begins at Grant Park Clubhouse with a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. and a gardening talk by Master Gardener Judy Newman from 9:30 to 11 a.m. At 11 a.m. at the Seven Bridges [Trailhead](#), the community will recognize

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

8AM - 9PM

Kohl's Department store for restoring five of the bridges. The fun continues at the beach with a high school volleyball tournament (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.); face painting, a scavenger hunt and sand art (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.); free ice cream from the South Milwaukee Lions Club (Noon to 2 p.m.); and a sandcastle competition for kids (12:30 to 3 p.m.).

The [Friends of Mill Pond and Oak Creek Watercourse](#) will hold a Beach Walk that same day from 5 to 9 p.m. A path will be illuminated along Grant Park Beach while astronomer Greg Gonia will guide viewers in peering through a telescope at the heavenly bodies. S'mores will be available for purchase from a campfire.

Parks Director

Many of us were confused and saddened to hear of the County Executive's decision to take "a new direction" without Parks Director Sue Black. With year-after-year budget cuts, Black found ways to keep the Parks Department dynamic and innovative. I talked to Black often about more services for our South Shore Parks. She always responded and, while reminding me of the budget cuts, found ways to address our concerns. Black has 10 years of community contacts, corporate contacts, sweat equity and a history built through hard work in our community. She is not easily replaced. I hope that the County Executive shares his thoughts on a "new direction" with the Board.

Acting Director James Keegan has invaluable experience in parks development and management. He will take good care of the Parks Department during this time of transition.

Field of Honor

I was proud to ride the bus with veterans from American Legion Post 27 in South Milwaukee to the [Field of Honor](#) at Miller Park on August 11. We participated in a tailgate and viewed a WWII memorial, an art show, the premiere of the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight documentary film, a flyover and fireworks. Proceeds support the Honor Flights, which fly WWII veterans to Washington, DC to see the WWII Memorial that opened in 2004.



Refueling Mission

I accompanied the 128th Air Refueling Wing on a refueling mission. In the photo below at left, I am laying on my stomach in the belly of the bomber to watch the refueler, shown below at right. I actually witnessed the hook up of another Refueler/Transport off the tail of our plane. It was an awesome experience as the two planes were within 50 feet or so of each other.

We need to be vigilant in our awareness of the importance of our Air National Guard. These planes support the entire country and the world in many missions both for refueling and other tasks, such as serving as flying emergency or triage rooms, delivering large equipment and troops and supporting rapid deployment.



Community Calendar

Thursday, August 31-Sunday, September 2 – St. Francis Days

At Milton Vretenar Park, 4224 S. Kirkwood Av, St. Francis. Parade on Saturday at 11am from Howard and Kinnickinnic Av. traveling south, east on Lunham Av. to the park.
www.stfrancisdays.com

Thursday, September 6 – Milwaukee County Open House, 9am – 2pm

FREE event! Visit the second floor of the Milwaukee County Courthouse for a resource fair. Learn about services that the County offers. Tours of the Courthouse will be offered each hour, starting at 9:30 a.m. At 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, WI.

Thursday, September 6 – Health Fair at South Milwaukee Downtown Market, 5-7pm

Demonstrations and displays about the “Steps to Wellness” join the regular weekly vendors at the South Milwaukee Downtown Market. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. www.smmarket.org

Saturday, September 8 – Garlic Mustard Pickers Concert, 4-6pm

The Garlic Mustard Pickers play at LaFollette Park, 9418 W. Washington St, West Allis.

Sunday, September 9 – Storytelling by John Gurda: A History of the South Shore, 6:30pm

Take a journey with local historian, John Gurda, as he describes the history of the region from Walker’s Point stretching south to South Milwaukee and into Oak Creek. The evening will include light refreshments after the presentation for a chance to reminisce about the days gone by! Regular tickets are \$10. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee, 766-5049. www.southmilwaukeepac.org

Tuesday, September 11 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 571-1191 .

Thursday, September 13 – Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park combined meeting, 6:30pm At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. Park Watch: 764-7262 and Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612 www.fogp.org

Thursday, September 13 – Bay View Beach Cleanup, 6:30-8pm

Meet at the brown stairway just south of Oklahoma Av. to join the monthly summer cleanups. The Bay View Neighborhood Association supplies garbage bags and gloves.

www.bayviewneighborhood.org/calendar

Saturday, September 15 – Grant Park Family Fun Day

8 am pancake breakfast at Grant Park Clubhouse; activities at the Beach including volleyball, a sandcastle competition and face painting; 11am ceremony at the Seven Bridges [Trailhead](#).

Saturday, September 15 – Grant Park Beach Walk, 5-9pm

Stroll an illuminated path. View the heavenly bodies through a telescope with astronomer Greg Gonia. Enjoy s'mores from a campfire for purchase. Proceeds benefit restoration of the South Milwaukee Mill Pond and area. To arrive, follow Hawthorne Av. east to Grant Park Beach in South Milwaukee. www.smfomp.org

Saturday, September 15 – Global Union, Noon-6pm

Presented by Alverno. Free international music at Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Av, Milwaukee. <http://alvernopresents.alverno.edu/pages/shows/Global-Union.aspx>

Wednesday, September 26 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Thursday, September 27 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

Thursday, September 27 – The South Shore Option: Forum for Economic Development, 6-8pm

Presentations and displays about local economic development plans. At the Oak Creek Police Department Courtroom, 301 W. Ryan Rd, Oak Creek. Contact: patricia.jursik@milwcnty.com or 278-4231

Kelly Senior Center is now taking registration for the Mixed Dartball League. Please call 481-9611 to register by September 10 with a \$5 annual fee.

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Ongoing:

South Milwaukee Downtown Market, Thursdays, 3-7pm

Including local farmers, restaurants, artisans, music and picnic tables. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. www.smmarket.org

Visit **Grant Golf Course** at 100 E. Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee, 762-4646

Visit **Warnimont Golf Course** at 5400 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy, 481-4730

Check out Golf Specials at www.milwaukeecountygolfcourses.com