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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance and Audit

Judiciary, Safety and
General Services

Transportation,
Public Works,
and Transit

Economic Stimulus

As the new presidential administration prepares an economic stimulus package, I am working to ensure that our South Shore communities receive a fair share of consideration for funding needed infrastructure repair. There may be some that do not agree with the level of funding or manner in which the new administration is heading, but after much thought, I felt it would be unfortunate for our South Shore communities to be totally unrepresented in requesting project funding.

County Executive Scott Walker announced that he would not provide a list of projects on behalf of Milwaukee County, so I moved forward in January on behalf of the 8th District to submit requests for some of our county needs. My office is working directly with the Governor's office in this regard.

Proposed projects include:

- Deck replacement and repainting of the Hoan Bridge
- Resurfacing of park roadways and parking lots
- Lake Michigan shoreline stabilization at Sheridan, Warnimont, and Grant Parks
- Mill Pond renovation (including dredging)
- Mill Pond Pavilion repairs

Kids Ice Fishing Clinic

Saturday, February 7, 9am–3pm (Hourly, last workshop starts at 2 pm)

Learn about technique, safety, equipment use, and knot tying at this free event for youth 15 years of age and under. Milwaukee County Parks, Milwaukee County House of Correction Fish Hatchery, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin Council of Sport Fishing Organizations sponsor this clinic and provide all needed equipment. Join the fun at the following locations:

Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Av.

Scout Lake, 5902 W. Loomis Rd. - wheelchair accessible

Wilson Park, 1601 W. Howard Av.

For groups of 20+ or for more information, please call 263-8614.

Regional Transit

Over the past month and a half, I have led a Task Force scrutinizing the Recommendations of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority (RTA). We heard comments from experts in transit, economic development, and tourism as well as community leaders.

From this testimony, the Task Force extracted the following priorities for Milwaukee County.

- Buses have the highest priority in a transit plan
- Dedicated funding for transit should be from a sales tax and must replace property tax support
- A Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is endorsed
- Transit money raised in a county must stay in the county to support transit
- Ensure that RTA Milwaukee County, which has the largest population, receives proper representation on an RTA
- Address other issues including debt, legacy costs and contractual obligations

Any regional transit plan must take these priorities into account, according to the Task Force. From there, we drafted a resolution recommending that any RTA grant stronger representation to Milwaukee County, reflecting its population.

The Transportation Committee and the full County Board will consider these proposals this month.

Community Calendar

Sunday, February 1 – Hearts ‘n Flowers Brunch & Craft Fair, 9am-1:30pm

Enjoy waffles, crepes, pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs, homemade mini-donuts, and more. \$6 for ages 13+, \$3 for 3-12, free for 2 and under, \$5 for 55+. Shop for Valentine gifts or bid on a quilt. At the Marian Center Gym, 3211 S. Lake Dr., St. Francis. 483-2430.

Sunday, February 1 – Hard Hat Tour of the Milwaukee County Historical Center, 1-2:30pm

Join “Bob the Builder” Teske. Architecture and construction representatives will discuss restoration of the research library and administrative offices. Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for dust. Free. At 910 N. Old World 3rd St., Milwaukee. Parking available at Journal Sentinel Lot, NW corner of 3rd and Kilbourn. Confirm attendance as soon as possible: 273-8288 or mchs@prodigy.net

Monday, February 2 – Book Celler, 9:30-11am

Shop from a variety of used books in the basement of South Milwaukee Public Library, 1907 10th St., South Milwaukee. 768-8195

Thursday, February 5 – 9:30am Milwaukee County Board Meeting

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200.

Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7 – African Celebration of Culture

Create a Moroccan good luck hand and Egyptian ushabti figure, view artifacts, and catch a midday musical dance performance from Milwaukee Public Theatre’s Ajula (Friday) or performances by master storytellers (Saturday). At the Milwaukee Public Museum. Regular admission. www.mpm.edu/events/coc 278-2702

Saturday, February 7 – Kids Ice Fishing Clinic, 9am–3pm (Hourly, last workshop starts at 2 pm) (See article above)

Saturday, February 7 – Leo Kotke, 8pm

Acoustic guitar extraordinaire Leo Kotke shares his unique blend of folk, pop, jazz, and classical music at South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Av., door 9 www.southmilwaukeekeepac.org 766-5049

Thursday, February 12 – AWE Memorial Scholarship Concert, 7:30pm

A benefit concert featuring South Milwaukee High School Alumni and Music Faculty and guest performances by Waukesha's Big Band Express. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Av., door 9 www.southmilwaukeekeepac.org 766-5049

Thursday, February 12 – Love Your Bike Party, 7-11pm

Bike-themed silent auction, including bike art, food, and drinks. \$15 regular admission or free with purchase of a first time membership in the Bike Federation of Wisconsin. At Lakefront Brewery, 1872 N. Commerce St., Milwaukee.
www.bfw.org/events/index.php?category_id=3897

Saturday, February 14 – South Milwaukee Historical Society Dinner

With program by Bucyrus International Chief Engineer and Historian David Lang. At Knights of Columbus Hall 732 Badger Avenue. Reservations: 764-2118

Sunday, February 15 – Winter Fun in Bay View, 1-4pm

Music, activities for children, food drive, silent auction with donations from local artists and businesses, and a Chili Cook Off (\$3 suggested donation for sampling). Presented by Bay View Neighborhood Association and Milwaukee County Parks. At South Shore Park Pavilion, 2900 S. Shore Dr. www.bayviewneighborhood.org

Sunday, February 15 – Reptile Day, 1-4pm

Learn about and meet reptiles. Enjoy children's crafts and refreshments. At Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College Av. Parking fee. General admission \$1.
www.county.milwaukee.gov/ReptileDay10348.htm

Tuesday, February 17 – Grant Park Watch

Meet with your neighbors and local officials to learn about public safety in Grant. At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av., South Milwaukee. 764-7262

Thursday, February 19 – Music Under Glass, 6:30 pm (with 5:30 light show)

Reverend Raven & the Chain Smoking Alter Boys (Chicago Blues). At The Domes. 649-9830 www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm

Thursday, February 26 – Music Under Glass, 6:30 pm (with 5:30 light show)

Stealin' Strings (Bluegrass/Rock). At The Domes. 649-9830
www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm

Ongoing

ICE SKATING

At Sheridan Park Lagoon, 4800 S. Lake Dr.

M-F 3-8 pm, Sat & Sun Noon-8pm weather permitting.

Call 257-PARK (7275) for current conditions.

At Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water St., Milwaukee

(accessible via Route 15, www.ridemcts.com)

Free rink, \$6 skate rental (includes tax) or bring your own.

M-Th: 11am-9pm, Fri & Sat: 11am-11pm, Sun: 11am-8pm

LEGOLAND TRAIN SHOW

At The Domes (Mitchell Park Conservatory), 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee.

Experience this model railroad with G-Trains that wind through 500 miles of track in the Show Dome. 649-9830 www.county.milwaukee.gov/router.asp?docid=10360