



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance and Audit

Judiciary, Safety and General Services

Personnel, Chair

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Long Range Transportation Planning

Economic Stimulus Task Force

Long Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Chair

RTA Task Force, Chair

## I'm Bullish on the South Shore

While our current economic slump continues, I'm bullish on the South Shore. Here's why: Milwaukee County has just taken control of the vacated 440th Airlift Wing property for airport-related economic development (a big subject area). Mitchell is the fastest growing airport in the Midwest and is adding jobs. Our Port of Milwaukee is one of only two ports that saw increased freight and is the largest and busiest port on the great lakes. The Aerotropolis concept (the leveraging of our airport with business and transportation) has created a dynamic economic opportunity for the South Shore.

Wisconsin is number one in manufacturing in the U.S. Our South Shore manufacturers, including Ladish Company, Vilter Manufacturing and Bucyrus International among others, are busy and in some cases hiring workers. On August 11, the cities of St. Francis, Cudahy and South Milwaukee brought their Community Development Authorities together to discuss projects and share ideas. While each community is proud of its own identity, they also understand that, together, the South Shore will garner more attention as the workhorse of this County.

Next year, College Avenue will finally become a 4-lane boulevard creating a new gateway to the 440th business park. In addition, the Lake Arterial Extension began the initial meetings to explore extending 794 to the County line and we plan to meet again on September 23. As Chair of the committee studying this extension, I hope to guide the process effectively and finish in time to gain momentum when our economic drivers are again on the upswing. We have successfully advanced the discussion of the Hoan Bridge to re-decking the bridge instead of demolishing it. It is this Lake Shore corridor that will build a triangle of development from the Port to the Airport to our Lake. Talk it up South Shore, this is the place to be.

## Warnimont Dog Exercise Area Opens

The South Shore is lucky to have a new beautiful, wooded dog exercise area at Warnimont Park in Cudahy. I encourage you to explore the winding trails even if you do not have a dog!

Annual permits are \$25 for Milwaukee County residents, but Parks is offering a bargain \$15 permit for use through the end of the year. Seniors and people with disabilities pay \$15 for annual permits. Additional dogs are \$5. A daily permit is \$5. The permit application as well as rules and "petiquette" are available [here!](#)

Visitors may park in the southern parking lot of Kelly Senior Center (6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy) to access this area on the southern edge of Warnimont Park.

Fixx Coffee House of St. Francis will be serving delicious beverages near the dog exercise area from a kiosk open through mid-November.



Ranger cools down in the shade with Parks Director Sue Black.

My grandpuppy enjoys playing with other dogs and human friends at the new exercise area!



Visitors enjoy the tree-lined paths and remember to "do the doo-doo," with plastic bags.

Cudahy Mayor Tony Day and Police Chief Thomas Poellot participate in a "leash-cutting" ceremony.



## Restoration of Beech Street Pedestrian Bridge

We are working to quickly restore the Beech Street footbridge. The bridge is a treasured structure in the City of South Milwaukee that connects the community and enables many children to safely walk to school.

Floods washed the pedestrian bridge downstream in late July. The last time the bridge was washed out (in 2008) it floated downstream but remained intact. The Parks Department pulled it back and reinforced the footings. This time the bridge was damaged and needed repair.

Engineers determined that the bridge required replacement of two crossing support beams and the entire deck. A crane has picked up the bridge downstream and reset it at Beech Street. The Forestry crew created a path for the crane to minimize damage to vegetation. Staff will anchor the bridge and perform carpentry and iron work.

The Parks Department is aiming to complete this project on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, just after school commences. Safety is our priority.

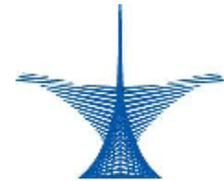
Many Parks employees must take one furlough day per pay period. This translates into two off days (unpaid) every month. It also translates into less work being done. While no one is looking for excuses, taxpayers must understand that reducing taxes equals reduced services and/or longer time periods to accomplish tasks. This is the reality we live with in Milwaukee County today.

## Mental Health Patients

Recent news articles brought to light problems at our Behavioral Health Center located at the County Grounds in Wauwatosa. The County Board has asked mental health professionals to review the care at the Center and make recommendations to the Board. Until we receive this input, I am not willing to make any decision on building a new mental health hospital for the County. The care is about people, not about the building it is in. This being said, we must address any facility issue that affects the care of patients. More information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned.

## Milwaukee Art Museum Adjusts Free Days

The Milwaukee Art Museum is partnering with Target to offer Target Free First Thursdays. All visitors (except for groups of 8 or more or people requesting docents) may enter the art museum and special exhibitions free of charge **on the first Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

This will replace a previous program that only provided free entrance to Milwaukee County residents until 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Art Museum truly is a regional institution with funding from regional donors. Milwaukee County's support of the Art Museum is significant but smaller than the other sources of funding that keep the institution thriving.

Target Free First Thursdays fall on September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2 in 2010. Visit [www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org) to learn about programs and events.

## Long Range Strategic Plan

The Long Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee is drafting a report with recommendations for Milwaukee County. We have identified major areas for planning including fringe benefits and legacy costs, facilities, mandated versus non-mandated services, and behavioral health.

I serve as Chairwoman and hope that the Committee will reach a consensus and make recommendations in time for the 2011 County Budget.

## Community Calendar

### **Through Saturday, September 11 – Care Package Collection**

At Kosciuszko Community Center, 2201 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 645-4626. Here is a list of requested items: [www.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntySupervisors/west/community/Car\\_Show\\_Neighborhood\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntySupervisors/west/community/Car_Show_Neighborhood_Flyer.pdf)

### **Friday, September 3 – Senior FREE Day at the Zoo, 9am-5pm**

Free admission to guests 55 and better with ID. The parking fee remains in effect. Enjoy activities and music. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org) 256-5466

### **Thursday-Sunday, September 2-5 – St. Francis Days**

At Milton Vretenar Park, 4224 S. Kirkwood Av, St. Francis. Parade on Saturday at 11am from Lions Community Center, west on Howard Av., south on Kinnickinnic Av., east on Lunham Av. to the park. [www.stfrancisdays.com](http://www.stfrancisdays.com)

### **Monday, August 6 – Doggie Dip at Cool Waters, 6:30-8pm**

Your dog swims for \$5 before Parks drains the pools for the season! Admission presale is Sunday, September 5, 10am-6pm, at Cool Waters. For details: 257-PARK (7275) or [www.county.milwaukee.gov/DoggieDip11404.htm](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/DoggieDip11404.htm)

**Thursday, September 9 – Garlic Mustard Pickers play at South Milwaukee Downtown Market, 5:30-7pm** 11<sup>th</sup> and Milwaukee Av., South Milwaukee.

**Thursday, September 9 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 6pm**  
At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-7262

**Thursday, September 9 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm**  
At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-0612

**Saturday, September 11 – Sunset Beach Walk, 5pm-9pm** Partake in an illuminated Beach Walk. View the heavenly bodies 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.southmilwaukee.org/millpond/index.html](http://www.southmilwaukee.org/millpond/index.html)

**September 11 and 12 – Frank Mots International Kite Festival, 10am-5pm** Join hundreds of kites at Veterans Park, 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee. [www.giftofwings.com](http://www.giftofwings.com)

**Sunday, September 12 – Washington Bark Dog Day, 11am-3pm**  
Obedience demos, lure coursing, canine fashion show, pet product vendors, contests, music, food, and fun! Entry fee of \$6 per dog includes a doggie bag with treats, literature, and coupons and supports ROMP, Neighbors United for Washington Park, and the Urban Ecology Center. At Washington Park, 45<sup>th</sup> & Washington Blvd, Milwaukee. 769-8806

**Tuesday, Sept 14 – 7am-8pm Primary Election Day**  
Call your City Clerk with any questions about voting: Cudahy 769-2200, Oak Creek 768-6510, South Milwaukee 762-2222, St. Francis 481-2300 x125.

**Tuesday, September 14 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm**  
At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 571-1191

**Saturday, September 18 – 11am-10pm Bay View Bash** Milwaukee’s largest all-volunteer street festival on Kinnickinnic Av. from Potter to Clement. [www.bayviewbash.org](http://www.bayviewbash.org)

**Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26 – Global Union, Noon-5pm**  
Presented by Alverno. Free international music at Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Av, Milwaukee. <http://alvernopresents.alverno.edu>

**Wednesday, 29 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm**  
At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

**Thursday, September 30 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am**  
At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

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**Cool Waters and Schultz Aquatic Center** Open through Labor Day  
Mon-Th 10am-8pm & Fri-Sun 10am-6pm weather permitting  
For rates and locations, visit [www.county.milwaukee.gov/router.asp?docid=17755](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/router.asp?docid=17755)

**Fish Fry at the Course** Fridays thru Labor Day, 4-8pm  
Adults eat for \$9.25 while kids 12 and under eat for \$4.25, enjoying baked or fried cod, cole slaw, rye bread, french fries or parsley buttered potatoes, and a cookie. At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 E. Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee.

**Thursdays – South Milwaukee Downtown Market, 3-7pm**  
Including local farmers, restaurants, and artisans. Enjoy music and picnic tables this year. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee.  
[www.SMDowntownMarket.org](http://www.SMDowntownMarket.org)

**Fridays – Cudahy Farmers Market, Noon-6pm**  
Featuring fresh produce, bakery, flowers, and other items. At parking lot next to Cudahy Family Library, Packard Av & Munkwitz Av, Cudahy. Contact 755-6919 or [moseyr@ci.cudahy.wi.us](mailto:moseyr@ci.cudahy.wi.us)