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## Dear Neighbor,

It has been an honor to represent you on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors this past year. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and ready to enjoy the variety of cultural and musical festivities summers in Milwaukee offer. For your benefit, page four of my newsletter includes a calendar section entitled, Community Highlights, which lists a number of summertime events.

As your representative on the Board, I am working to improve the quality of life in the 4th District. My major legislative responsibility is to enact an annual budget for Milwaukee County to finance the services we provide, from parks and pools to law enforcement and human services. Listening to my neighbors and constituents, who want elected officials to support a responsible budget, one which we as a community know provides us with a positive return on our tax investments, I voted for passage of the 2006 Milwaukee County Budget. The County Board constructed a budget that fell well below the state-imposed tax limits, but still acted responsibly by restoring funding to Milwaukee's courts, lowering future pension costs, and reducing bus fare hikes recommended by the County Executive. A detailed summary of the 2006 Milwaukee County Adopted Budget can be found on page 5.

As part of the County's budget and legislative process, I have secured passage of a number of initiatives that benefit our neighborhoods. Making Milwaukee County parks more attractive and spurring economic development in the 4th District have been two of my top legislative priorities. I am excited to report some positive park and development news: the new South Shore Bike Trail should be completed by the middle of June; \$2.5 million has been secured to rebuild the breakwater at South Shore Park; the sale of the Park East lands will jumpstart by my \$1 million inclusive housing initiative; and the Baran Park Pavilion will undergo much-needed renovation at the end of this year.

I want to draw your attention to two special sections of this newsletter. As a supervisory delegate on the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging, I am pleased to provide you with a handy senior service guide on page six with useful phone numbers and South Side dining sites for seniors. In the Speak Out! section, I solicit your comments and welcome feedback on County and community issues, as my mission is to be responsive to your concerns. In an effort to improve connections with my constituents, I will be sending out community information alerts via the Internet. If you are interested in receiving these correspondences, please feel free to send along your email address.

Listening, responding quickly, and getting the answers you are seeking are the most important public services I can provide. As always, please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns you may have. With the blessing of good weather now upon us, I urge you to support our public treasures and take your family and friends for visits to our parks, golf courses, Mitchell Park Domes, and the Milwaukee County Zoo.

County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, 4th District

Please visit my new web site at [www.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic](http://www.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic)



Newly renovated South Shore Bike Trail along the completed shoreline protection project. The improved South Shore Bike Trail will be completed in June of 2006.

## New South Shore Bike Trail To Be Completed in June

Work on the improved South Shore Bike Trail began last March and continued until the end of last summer. The remodeled trail is nearly complete, as many users have already experienced. As you can see, the new trail also includes a cement seat wall along the lakeside portion of the trail for users to stop and take in the great view. The last phase of work will begin this spring and should be completed by the middle of June.

## Milwaukee County Public Art Committee Chooses South Shore for Next Project

The Milwaukee County Public Art Committee chooses a County-owned facility or park each year in which to install public art. Milwaukee County ordinances state that with each capital improvement project with a cost greater than \$500,000, 1% of that project's total cost must be used to sponsor public art in Milwaukee County.

A diverse selection committee comprised of local residents, artists, community leaders, and county parks staff will be recommending an art project to the County Board for approval this summer. As a result of the selection process, the field has been narrowed down to five artists.

## Open House on Public Art at South Shore

A public open house meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 8th,** at the **South Shore Park Pavilion** from **5:00-7:30pm.**

Each of the five artists' proposals will be on display in the form of a model along with an explanation of their artwork.

Residents may view the artwork and then give the selection committee their feedback.

Please join us—**YOUR OPINION COUNTS** in this important and exciting decision for South Shore Park and our neighborhood.



## Free Summer Concert in Pulaski Park

Please come and join your neighbors for a free Latin/Jazz concert in front of the Pulaski Park Pavilion. The concert will take place on June 29th from 6:30-8:30pm.

Bring family, friends, and a blanket to sit on and enjoy the music.



The South Shore Park Watch and the Milwaukee County Parks will be hosting the Grand Opening of the New South Shore Bike Trail on **Thursday, June 22.**

The program will begin at 6:00pm and a **FREE Reggae/World Music Concert**



will follow immediately from 6:30-8:30pm in front of the South Shore Pavilion. I hope you are able to join your neighbors in this positive community event.

## Funding for South Shore Breakwater Approved

Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Richard Nyklewicz Jr., co-sponsored a \$2.5 million amendment to County Executive Scott Walker's 2006 Recommended Budget to rebuild the breakwater at South Shore Park between the North and South gaps. An additional \$2 million will be requested in the 2007 budget to complete the construction of the new breakwater. If approved, the work will be phased over the next two years and hopefully completed near the end of 2007. The breakwater represents the final of three stages of the South Shore Lakefront Protection Plan. The shoreline stabilization and protection plan were completed first.

As you know, the new bike trail will be finished this June. The breakwater, which is the last component to protecting the shoreline as well as an important navigational tool for boaters in the area, will be the last stage of this great improvement to our lakefront. This County-sponsored work is truly an investment for future generations in our neighborhood.

## Supervisor Dimitrijevic Fights Privatization of Mitchell International Airport

As Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Supervisor Dimitrijevic traveled along with Transportation Chairman James White to the State Capitol in Madison. Representing the County Board and our constituents, she spoke on behalf of protecting the public's interest in Milwaukee's airports against the legislative attempt of Senator Jeff Plale and Representative Jeff Stone to privatize General Mitchell International Airport by handing over management to an unaccountable, appointed board. "Milwaukee County manages our airports with a pro-business attitude and maintains a good relationship with airport neighbors. Mitchell International is boasting its highest passenger totals, and Milwaukee County just committed millions to renovating our new Concession mall inside of the airport. Why would you hand this valuable public asset over to an un-elected entity?" asked Supervisor Dimitrijevic.

## Development of County-Owned Park East Lands Benefits Everyone

The County Board adopted the Park East Redevelopment Compact (PERC) and it has proven successful. Since the land became available for development, Milwaukee County has accepted three exceptional proposals for the first three parcels put on the market. These developments will add millions of dollars in tax base revenue for Milwaukee County and will bring hundreds of jobs to our community. It is because of the adoption of the PERC that these new jobs will pay family-supporting wages, more women and minorities will be hired, and hiring will come from local neighborhoods. In addition, high-end condos, retail, and commercial buildings designed with green space and unique architecture will now take the place of the former park east freeway.

The proposal accepted for the second parcel of land was more than the Milwaukee County's asking price. Supervisor Dimitrijevic authored an amendment to that proposal which brought about the Milwaukee County Inclusive Housing Fund and dedicated \$1 million of the revenue from the sale of parcel 2 into that fund. This fund will help Milwaukee County residents afford new homes, promote affordable and mixed housing throughout Milwaukee, and create housing on vacant lands for working families to purchase.

## Major Renovations To Take Place at the Baran Park Pavilion

Supervisor Dimitrijevic co-sponsored an amendment to the 2006 Budget along with Supervisor Peggy West for the remodeling of the Baran Park Pavilion. This County Parks Pavilion, which is highly utilized by the Felix Mantila Little League and many people throughout the neighborhood, is in great need of many updates. The County Parks will begin work in 2007 to remodel the building including updating the bathrooms, concessions area, and the scorekeeper's box.

# Community Highlights

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## 2006 Summer Events in Our Community

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| <b>June 2-4</b> St. Adalbert, 1913 W. Becher St.   | <b>July 14-16</b> South Shore Frolic Festival, South Shore Park<br>Admission- FREE  |
| <b>June 9-11</b> Pridefest, Maier Festival Grounds   | <b>Fri., July 14:</b> 4-8pm Fish Fry<br>4-10pm Music, Food, Games & Fireworks   |
| <b>June 9-11</b> United Community Center Annual Fiesta,<br>Walker Square Park  | <b>Sat., July 15:</b> 1-3 pm Parade<br>3-10pm Family Entertainment, Music, & Food<br>10pm Bartlett's Fireworks                                    |
| <b>June 14</b> Senior Fest, American Serb Memorial Hall  | <b>Sun., July 16:</b> 11am-6pm Art Show<br>11am-5pm Classic Car Show<br>1pm-10pm Family Entertainment, Music, & Food<br>10pm Bartlett's Fireworks |
| <b>June 15-18</b> St. Roman, 1810 W. Bolivar Ave.  | <b>July 15-16</b> Milwaukee Air Expo, on Milwaukee's<br>Lakefront, Admission: FREE  |
| <b>June 16-18</b> Lakefront Festival of Arts   | <b>July 20-23</b> Festa Italiana, Maier Festival Grounds  |
| <b>June 19</b> Juneteenth Day Celebration  | <b>July 23-25</b> St. John Kanty, 966 W. Dakota   |
| <b>June 22</b> Grand Opening Ceremony of the new South<br>Shore Bike Trail, 6:00pm-6:30pm and<br>immediately following will be a FREE<br>World/Reggae Music Concert at South Shore<br>Park, 6:30pm-8:30pm            | <b>July 27-30</b> Harley-Davidson Milwaukee Rally, Milwaukee<br>Mile, Wisconsin State Fair Park   |
| <b>June 23-25</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe, 613 S. 4th St.  | <b>July 28-30</b> German Fest, Maier Festival Grounds   |
| <b>June 23-25</b> St. Paul Festival, 720 E Norwich Ave.  | <b>Aug. 4-6</b> African World Festival, Maier Festival Grounds  |
| <b>June 23-25</b> Polish Fest, Maier Festival Grounds  | <b>Aug. 3-13</b> Wisconsin State Fair, 8100 W. Greenfield Ave.,<br>West Allis   |
| <b>June 29</b> FREE Latin Jazz Music Concert from 6:30pm-<br>8:30pm in front of the Pulaski Park Pavilion  | <b>Aug. 7-8</b> St. Hyacinth Parish Festival, 1414 W Becher St.   |
| <b>June 29</b> Summerfest, Maier Festival Grounds  | <b>Aug. 11-13</b> Arab World Fest, Maier Festival Grounds   |
| <b>thru July 9</b>   | <b>Aug. 17-20</b> Irish Fest, Maier Festival Grounds  |
| <b>July 3</b> U.S. Bank Fireworks  | <b>Aug. 20-22</b> St. Augustine Feast Day Festival 2530 S<br>Howell Ave.  |
| <b>July 4</b> Fourth of July Fireworks in Milwaukee County<br>Parks: Humboldt, Jackson, Mitchell, and<br>Wilson—sponsored by the City of Milwaukee,<br>starting at about 9:15pm.<br>Humboldt Park 4th of July Parade | <b>Aug. 25-27</b> Mexican Fiesta Internacional, Maier Festival<br>Grounds   |
| <b>July 7-9</b> St. Helen's Polka Festival, 3307 S 10th St.  | <b>Aug. 25-27</b> Serbian Days, St. Sava Cultural Center, 3201 S.<br>51st St.   |
| <b>July 13-16</b> Bastille Days, Cathedral Square Park   | <b>Sept. 4</b> Labor Fest, Maier Festival Grounds   |
| <b>July 13-16</b> St. Veronica Music Festival, 353 E Norwich St.   | <b>Sept. 8-10</b> Indian Summer Festival, Maier Festival<br>Grounds   |
|  | <b>Sept. 16</b> Bay View Bash, A Festival Of Music, Food, &<br>Art on Kinnickinnic Avenue between Potter and<br>Clement Avenues 11:00am- 10:00pm  |



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## Kids—FREE Meals Available All Summer Long

This summer, kids can eat FREE meals at safe, supervised locations throughout Milwaukee through the Fueling Young Minds program. Area schools, playgrounds, parks and community centers will serve breakfast and lunch—and many will serve dinner—to all kids age 18 and under. Most sites feature learning,

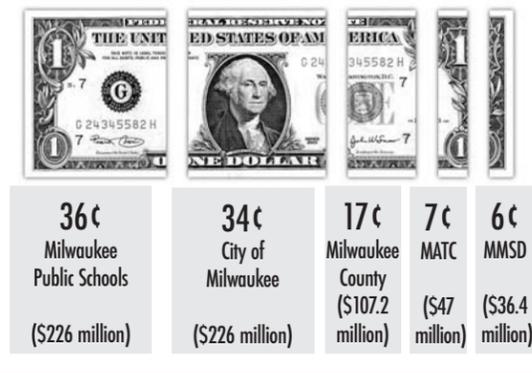
fun and games. No identification required—all children are welcome! To find the meal site nearest you, dial 2-1-1, or (866) 211-3380 (cell phones). Fueling Young Minds is made possible by a grant from the Harley-Davidson Foundation.



# A Responsible County Budget:

Retains Vital County Services While Keeping County Tax Levy Below State Limits

Milwaukee County represents 17% of your tax dollar



The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a balanced County Budget for 2006 that retains vital programs and services and keeps the tax levy under inflation. Despite cost increases, especially for energy and health care, the County Board constructed a budget that is well under the state-imposed tax levy limit. The County Board was also able to restore funding to the courts, lower future pension costs, and reduce bus fare hikes proposed by the County Executive.

The County Board thoroughly reviewed the County Executive's Budget and made several changes to keep services accessible and affordable. According to the Chief Judge, the proposal to cut court operations by abolishing 25% of the staff would have resulted in costly delays in processing criminal and civil cases and may have closed small claims court. The County Board restored the positions to help maintain citizen access to the justice system and expedite inmate processing to help avoid costly jail overcrowding. The County Board also rolled back a proposed 23% bus fare increase on regular riders to less than 8% to keep it affordable for people to get to work, school or shop. The County Board wants to keep the bus system one of the best in the country because it directly affects the economic vitality of our community.

The County Executive also proposed to underfund the employee pension contribution requested by the independent Pension Board by almost \$27 million. This would have resulted in a long-term cost to taxpayers of over \$69 million according to professional actuaries. Instead, the County Board chose to contribute an additional \$8.2 million to help reduce future pension costs and avoid the "effect of passing debt on to future taxpayers," as stated by the

actuaries. The 2006 Budget also provides a 2% cost-of-living raise for county employees offset by increasing the employee contribution for health insurance costs.

In 2006, our nationally renowned parks system will be administered by a separate Parks Department, as the

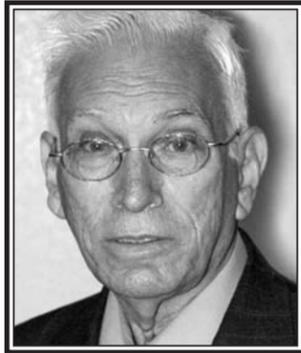
experimental merger two years ago with the Department of Public Works has been undone. This action was taken by the County Board to underscore how important parks are to our community and urban quality of life.

The County Board adopted a responsible budget that gives Milwaukee County residents a great return on their tax investments. The 2006 adopted budget preserves the quality of life services which we all depend upon and enjoy from Milwaukee County, which include: the Department on Aging that cares for our elderly, the Sheriff's Department which ensures public safety, entertainment and cultural attractions such as the Milwaukee County Zoo and Public Museum, the Milwaukee County Transit System which transports residents to work, Behavioral and Mental Health Division that provides critical services to those in need, Highway Maintenance that keeps our highways safe and clean, and public golf courses—a commodity unique to Milwaukee County.

The 2006 Budget contains total expenditures of \$1.25 billion and a property tax levy of \$232.5 million. The 2.9% change in the tax levy for 2006 is almost 20% less than the state-imposed tax levy limit, and much less than the 4.1% rate of inflation for the past twelve months. The property tax rate per \$1,000 of equalized value is \$4.07, which is a decrease of 47 cents per \$1,000 from 2005.

# Senior Section

**District 4:** 2005 Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Inductees



**Jaime Davila**  
Reverend Jaime Davila is a source of great pride in Milwaukee's Hispanic community. Through his family life, work life, and volunteer life, Rev. Davila exemplifies the spirit of working hard to make your life everything it can be. In gratitude for the work of Rev. Davila, the United Community Center will be dedicating the completion of a newly renovated thirteen-unit housing facility to serve low-income individuals to the Reverend.



**Esther Hussey**  
A woman of integrity and perseverance, Milwaukee native Esther Hussey graduated from South Division High School with honors, moving on to serving the residents of Milwaukee County for 32 years while working in the County Register of Deeds office. She served as President of the local AFSCME for 14 years and now is most well-known for her efforts on behalf of the community's elderly through an organization she helped found-the Senior Warriors. She is truly an activist and is an example for all of us to follow.

**I know that there are many amazing senior citizens in District 4 and hope you will help me in nominating them to be inducted into Milwaukee County's Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Please visit the link available on my webpage at [www.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic](http://www.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic) for more information and the nomination application. If you have questions, feel free to call my office at 278-4232.**

## Milwaukee County Senior Statesman Program

The Senior Statesman Program is put on each year by our Milwaukee County Department on Aging and Marquette University. Supervisor Dimitrijevic is the County Board Supervisory Delegate to the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging and enjoys facilitating this program every year. This program is a three-day event which has as its mission to further inform Milwaukee County senior citizens about Milwaukee County Government so that they may become better advocates for older adults in our community.

\*If you are interested or know anyone who would enjoy this program please call my office with a nomination for next year's program at 278-4232.

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## Senior Service Guide

### ELDER LINK

The Resource Center for Older Adults

**414-289-6874**

TDD 414-289-8591

Fax 414-289-8590

Toll Free 1-866-229-9695

*A Service of*  
*Milwaukee County Department on Aging*  
**\*\*Please note the Milwaukee County Department on Aging has moved.**

The new address is  
**310 W. Wisconsin Ave., East Tower, 7th Floor**  
**FREE parking is available for clients**

- Your link to services, programs, and opportunities 24 hours a day!
- Legal and Benefits Counseling
  - Transportation • Home Delivered Meals
  - Adult Day Care • Late Life Counseling
  - Senior Centers • Telephone Reassurance
  - Neighborhood Services
  - Information and Assistance • Respite Care
  - Elder Abuse Reporting System
  - Support Services

## South Side Senior Dining Sites

- Ascension Church  
1236 S. Layton Blvd.
- Beulah Brinton Community Center  
2555 S. Bay St.
- Fifty-Five Plus Center (OASIS)  
2412 W. Mitchell St.  
*Fifty-Five Plus Center is now the OASIS, Organization for Active Seniors in Society*
- Senior Center U.C.C.  
1028 S. 9th St.  
(7 days/week, entrance on S. 8th St.)
- Milwaukee Christian Center  
2137 W. Greenfield Ave.

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# Working in Our Community

## Silver City Welcomes a New Business, Congratulates a Longtime Business



Charlotte John-Gomez, Executive Director of Layton Boulevard West Neighbors and Supervisor Dimitrijevic in front of the new Mekato's Colombian Bakery located at 3500 W. National Ave. Supervisor Dimitrijevic successfully sponsored legislation to provide Layton Boulevard West Neighbors with a \$100,000, interest-free loan to improve this formerly blighted building. After major rehabilitation work, Mekato's Colombian Bakery hopes to open this summer.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic, along with Governor Jim Doyle and Charles Vang at the American Family Insurance's 15th Anniversary Celebration. Supervisor Dimitrijevic presented Mr. Vang a Milwaukee County Citation congratulating him on 15 years of business in Silver City as well as his public service in Milwaukee's Hmong Community.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic reads to children at Zablocki Elementary School on National Young Reader's Day. She also sponsored a citation for the school honoring Zablocki for receiving the National Blue Ribbon of Education from the U.S. Department of Education.



The Bay View Lions Club along with Supervisor Dimitrijevic helped distribute Holiday Food Baskets for the needy in our neighborhood.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic, who is fluent in Spanish, joins local elected officials to celebrate Cinco de Mayo at UMOS on May 6, 2006.