



# County Report

Milwaukee County Supervisor

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19TH DISTRICT

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to read my constituent newsletter. I appreciate that you have entrusted me to represent the 19th District on the County Board.

Once again, the Board is in the middle of a difficult budget process. For 2012, we had to absorb a \$28 million cut in State aid, including a nearly \$7 million cut in funding for mass transit. As Chairman of the County Board's Intergovernmental Relations Committee, I regularly communicate with our State leaders to encourage them to do what's right for Milwaukee County.

I am also a veteran member of the Finance & Audit Committee, which reviews and amends the annual budget. At press time, we were doing our best to restore some of these cuts while respecting the wishes of the taxpayers. All of us face financial challenges these days.

County Grounds issues have always been a priority for me. There are some exciting things currently happening at the County Grounds. UWM broke ground on Innovation Park this summer, and we are excited to see the restoration of the Eschweiler Buildings in the coming years.

As your representative on the County Board, I am always open to your feedback and suggestions. It's a pleasure to continue serving as your voice in County government.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays, and I wish you and your family all the best in 2012!

Sincerely,

Jim "Luigi" Schmitt  
Milwaukee County Supervisor, 19th District

## UWM INNOVATION PARK

In August, UWM broke ground on its new engineering campus, Innovation Park, located on the County Grounds in Wauwatosa.

The first new structure scheduled for construction at Innovation Park is the Business Accelerator Building, pictured below. The 25,000-square-foot facility should be ready for occupancy in 2012. The project is being funded by a \$5.4

million grant from the Economic Development Administration, which is within the U.S. Department of Commerce. UWM and the City of Wauwatosa jointly applied for the grant funds.

The UWM Real Estate Foundation is also considering plans to develop new housing on the land around the Eschweiler Buildings. These plans preserve these historic buildings and will not disturb the most sensitive habitat used by the butterfly migration. These plans must be approved by the City of Wauwatosa.



UWM INNOVATION PARK

West Elevation 



Supervisor Schmitt pictured with constituent Ron Schwartz and County Executive Abele. Ron received the Century of Service Award when he was inducted into the 2011 Milwaukee County Senior Hall of Fame.



Supervisor Schmitt presenting Restaurateur Joe Bartolotta with the Wauwatosa Chamber of Commerce Regional Impact Award.

## SCHMITT WORKS FOR AFFORDABLE 2012 COUNTY BUDGET

*Aims to protect vital services while keeping taxes in check*

On September 29, County Executive Abele submitted the 2012 Recommended Budget to the County Board. His proposal makes substantial cuts in the Office of the Sheriff and emergency medical (paramedic) services. In addition, county employees are asked to pay significantly more for health and pension benefits, similar to the private sector. Transit bus services, including paratransit services for the disabled, are largely preserved thanks to additional grant funding for the next two years.

The economic downturn has touched all of our lives. We simply don't have the money to do everything we would like to do. As I prioritize the needs in the 2012 County Budget, I'm looking to preserve vital safety net programs and services for the disabled, maintain public safety and look for creative ways to make the tax dollars we already pay go further. An excellent example is the public-private partnership that led to the reopening of the Hoyt Park Pool earlier this year. The rebirth of this community treasure was made possible mostly by private donations supplemented with tax dollars and lots of hard work by so many dedicated people.

One of the key concerns in the recommended budget is the role that the Milwaukee County Sheriff plays in local law enforcement. The County Executive proposes to layoff more than 120 deputy sheriff positions. I am concerned about the impact of these proposed cuts on our community, including the ability to adequately protect our great park system.

I am pleased that the funding for the Behavioral Health Division is enhanced in 2012. The County is working toward a new model of delivering mental health services in the community that will serve more people in a less costly setting than inpatient hospital care. These patients, many with cognitive and physical disabilities, are some of the most vulnerable people in our community, and they have my support.

I also support funding for a Zoo master plan study in partnership with the Zoological Society. We are so fortunate to have a world class zoo right in our community that provides so much enjoyment and entertainment. We need to make sure that we maintain this jewel and start planning for the next phase of improvements that will serve generations of families to come.

You can be sure that I will balance the needs for government services with what we can afford to pay. I have always voted against raising the tax levy by more than the rate of inflation. For 2012, I am continuing to seek less costly ways to operate County government while maintaining critical programs and services. Since less than 19 cents on every dollar spent by Milwaukee County comes from property tax revenue, recent cuts in State and Federal support have made the task much more difficult.

### Total Percent Amount of Taxes Per Taxing Authority

**Milwaukee County represents 17% of your tax dollar**



State of Wisconsin share is approximately one cent  
Total may not add to \$1.00 due to rounding



Supervisor Schmitt participated in a transit rally at State Fair Park in April. He later testified in front of the Joint Finance Committee, urging State Legislators to preserve funding for the Milwaukee County Transit System.



Supervisor Schmitt was on hand at the dedication of the new Healing Garden at the Ronald McDonald House in July.



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**Milwaukee County FREE Days!**  
Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County Residents  
only with valid photo ID on the following days:

 <p>MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM</p> <p><b>FREE the first Thursday of every month!</b> Free for all visitors. Visit <a href="http://www.mam.org">www.mam.org</a> for additional information.</p>	 <p><b>FREE Every Monday!</b> from 9:00 a.m.– Noon Excludes major holidays. Visit <a href="http://www.milwaukeehomes.org">www.milwaukeehomes.org</a> for more information.</p>
 <p>MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM</p> <p><b>FREE on Mondays!</b> Visit <a href="http://www.mpm.edu">www.mpm.edu</a> for more information</p>	 <p><b>2011 FREE Days:</b> Dec. 3 <b>2012 FREE Days:</b> Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, Apr. 14, Nov. 3 &amp; Dec. 1, <b>Special Holidays:</b> Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, 2012 &amp; 2013 New Year's Day</p>

## Service Guide for 19th District Milwaukee County Residents

### 19th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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### Airports

Mitchell International Airport.....747-5300  
Timmerman Airport.....461-3222

**County Clerk** .....278-4067

**County Executive** .....278-4211

**County Treasurer**.....278-4033

### Courts

Small Claims .....278-5100  
Civil Division.....278-4120  
Criminal Division .....278-4538  
Children Court .....257-7700

### Department on Aging

General Information.....289-6874

**Department of Audit Fraud Hotline** .....93-FRAUD

**Department of Child Support Enforcement**.....278-5160

### Department of Health and Human Services

.....1-888-947-6583

### District Attorney's Office

John Chisholm.....278-4653

**Election Commission** .....278-4060

### Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency).....278-4766  
Burn Center Hotline (24 hours).....272-2876  
Emergency Management.....278-4709  
Poison Center.....266-2222  
Suicide Prevention/Intervention  
Mental Health Crisis.....257-7222

### Home Improvement Loans

West Milwaukee & Wauwatosa.....278-4917  
West Allis.....302-8463

### House of Correction

General and Visiting Information.....427-4700

### Jury Services

General Information.....278-4468  
Emergency Call.....278-4621  
Reserve Juror Message.....958-6207/958-6000

### Low Income Housing

Rent Assistance .....278-4894

**Marcus Center for the Performing Arts** .....273-7206

**Marriage Licenses** .....278-4070

### Medical Examiner

General Information.....223-1216

### Mental Health Complex

General Information.....257-6995  
Admitting.....257-7260  
TTY-TDD Hotline.....257-7112

### Milwaukee Art Museum

General Information.....224-3220

**Milwaukee County Historical Society** .....273-8288

### Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens .....525-5601  
General Information.....257-PARKS/257-7275  
Golf Reservations.....257-8030  
Web Page: [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com)  
Mitchell Park Domes.....257-5600  
Park Watch.....257-PARKS/257-7275  
Pool/Beach Hotline .....257-8098  
Permits/Reservations.....257-8030  
War Memorial Center.....224-3200  
Wehr Nature Center.....425-8550

### District 19 Parks

Chippewa Park (11500 Park Hill Ave.).....476-4510  
Cooper Park (8701 W. Chambers St.).....353-3212

Hansen Park (1800 Swan Blvd.).....476-4510  
Hoyt Park (1800 Swan Blvd.).....476-4510  
Jacobus Park (6504 W. Hillside Ln.).....476-4510  
Lafollette Park (9418 W. Washington Ave.).....327-8906  
Rainbow Park (700 S. 119th St.).....327-8906  
West Milwaukee Park (5000 W. Burnham St.).....672-5052  
Wisconsin Avenue Park (10300 W. Wisconsin Ave.)476-4510

### City of Wauwatosa Park in 19th District

Hart Park (7300 W. Chestnut St.).....471-8420

### Milwaukee County Zoo

General Information.....771-3040

### Milwaukee Public Museum

General Information.....278-2702  
IMAX Theater/Planetarium.....319-4629

### Office of Persons with Disabilities

General Information.....278-3932  
TTY.....278-3937

**Register in Probate**.....278-4444

**Register of Deeds** .....278-4011

### Sheriff's Department

General Information.....278-4766  
TDD Emergency.....278-5252

### Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares.....344-6711  
Customer Comments.....937-3218  
Transit Plus.....343-1700

**UW-Extension** .....256-4600

**Veterans Services** .....382-1727

### Victim/Witness Service

General Information-Felony.....278-4667  
General Information-Misdemeanor .....278-4670