



# County Report

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Dear 19th District Resident:

It has been my privilege to serve as your elected representative on the Milwaukee County Board for the last seven years. I have and always will take my role as a steward of Milwaukee County's resources very seriously. I continue to strive to achieve a balance between providing state-mandated and needed services while maintaining fiscal restraint and responsibility on behalf of all of us taxpayers. (See budget article page 3).

I make sure your views are represented and heard. This past calendar year has proven to be another interesting and challenging one. The number and variety of issues involved with our Milwaukee County Grounds continues and remains as one of my highest priorities as your 19th District representative. Working cooperatively in this area has brought me many contacts with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District (MMSD), the Southeastern Regional Planning Committee (SEWRPC), the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center (MRMC), the City of Wauwatosa and others. Together we need to remain vigilant on all the various issues involved with our County Grounds.

In addition, as Chairman of the Personnel Committee, I have insisted that the infamous backdrop and extended sick leave provision in labor contracts for existing Union employees not be extended to new union hires and that monthly health care premiums be increased for all workers both existing and new. I sponsored legislation that took these benefits away from non-union county workers and I worked to settle all but one of the union contracts with these changes. I pledge to continue to fight for efficiency in our government in all areas and look forward to working with you on all the challenges we face together as a community. I am always available to meet with you individually or with your organization.

Sincerely,  
Jim "Luigi" Schmitt

## County Grounds Update



Architectural rendering of the new Crown Plaza Hotel in the Milwaukee County Research Park.

### MEDICAL RESEARCH EXPANDS IN WAUWATOSA

On Monday, October 30, 2006, ground was officially broken at the Milwaukee County Research Park for a \$28 million Crowne Plaza Hotel. The hotel, located at the southeast corner of North Mayfair Road and West Watertown Plank Road, is expected to open by the end of 2007.

The Crown Plaza hotel will have 199 upscale hotel rooms, fine dining, conference and banquet rooms and other hospitality amenities. Wauwatosa will receive a 4.5% room tax in addition to property taxes. This hotel will target business travelers especially those with connections to the 80 companies at the Research Park, including GE Healthcare Technologies and nearby new development at the Milwaukee County Regional Medical Center.

I have served on the Research Park Board with Wauwatosa Mayor Theresa Estness and others since 1999. This hotel development paid the full-appraised price for the land and received no public funds for improvements, which demonstrates that the earlier investments by Milwaukee County and Wauwatosa through Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) have paid off.

## Recent Courthouse & Community Events

Top Right: Supervisor Schmitt pictured at the Courthouse between Greater Milwaukee Committee Quality of Life Task Force Chairs Sheldon Lubar and Julia Taylor after their presentation to the County's Intergovernmental Relations Committee on October 31, 2006.

Bottom Left: Supervisor Schmitt presents a citation honoring the Village of West Milwaukee's 100th Year Anniversary at St. Florian's on November 4, 2006 to Trustee Kurt Ritzka, Village President, Ron Hayward and Deputy Clerk, Kim Mueller.

Bottom Right: Pictured outside the County Board of Supervisor's Boardroom with Supervisor Schmitt are his Legislative Assistant Terri Lukaszewski and Monsignor T. George Gajdos Pastor of Christ King Parish in Wauwatosa where the Schmitt family are long-time members. Supervisor Schmitt was privileged to invite Monsignor Gajdos to give the opening prayer at the Board's Annual Budget Meeting on November 6, 2006.



## Schmitt Supported A 2007 County Budget That Maintains Public Safety and The Parks

### *Supports County Executive Walker's Veto of Tax Levy Increase*

On November 6, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a 2006 Milwaukee County Budget that restored many County services but increased the property tax levy by 3.64%. I voted against the final budget because I supported alternative proposals that would have reduced the tax burden on homeowners.

The County Executive took the unusual step of vetoing the entire budget rather than just specific changes made by the County Board. On November 16, I joined four other Supervisors to support County Executive Walker's veto of the entire budget. The veto was overridden 14-5 and the 2007 Budget was approved as originally passed.

I supported several restorations to the County Budget, primarily related to courts, public safety and the parks. My constituents have told me that Sheriff park patrols, tough drug enforcement and prosecution of criminal activity should be a top priority. I voted for funding to help maintain our beautiful parks and cultural facilities that add so much to our quality of life. I fought to keep the Jacobus Park wading pool open with improved hours. Also, the budget included language to permit the Friends of Hoyt Pool to begin fundraising for a new pool at Hoyt Park.

I also strongly supported the inclusion of the County Paramedic program in the 2007 Budget. This program provides advanced lifesaving services to our community and is recognized as one of the best in the nation.

I also supported a package of initiatives focused on enhancing permanent housing for persons with mental illness. Although often overshadowed by other issues, almost 50% of the County Budget is devoted to providing safety net services to the most vulnerable citizens in our community, especially children, seniors and the mentally ill.

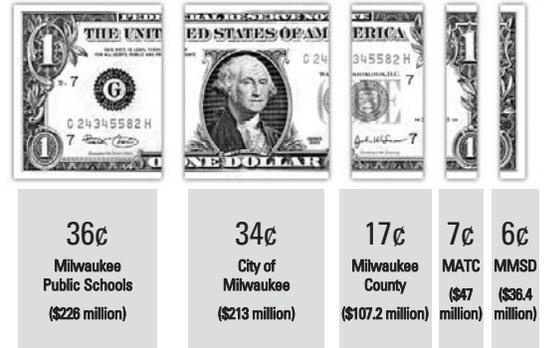
As Chairman of the Personnel Committee, I have taken the lead in negotiating wage and benefit contracts with our public employees to make sure that services and programs are provided at a price we can afford. The County's proposal includes greater employee participation in health care costs and giving up the infamous pension "backdrop" provision that was granted several years ago. I will continue to push for reasonable concessions of the overly generous fringe benefits that were granted in the past to our employees. We simply cannot ask taxpayers to pay more for employee fringe benefits while they receive less in County services and programs.

The 2007 Budget contains total expenditures of \$1.28 billion and a property tax levy of \$241 million, which is an \$8.4 million increase from the 2006 Adopted Budget. The property tax rate per \$1,000 of equalized value is \$3.91, which is a decrease of 32 cents per \$1,000 from 2006. For example, an average Wauwatosa home assessed at \$180,000 last year, and approximately \$252,000 this year after the reassessment, can expect a County tax increase of approximately \$16.34.

*These are just a few of the highlights contained in the 2007 Milwaukee County Budget. Please feel free to contact me for additional information.*

### 2006 Total Percentage Amount of Taxes Per Taxing Authority

Milwaukee County represents 17% of your tax dollar



## Tax Levy Comparison

Milwaukee County & Municipal  
Projected 2007 Tax Levy  
Percent Increases Over 2006

Walworth County	9.55%*
Shorewood	8.0%
MATC	5.61%*
Franklin	5.3%
Greenfield	5.29%
Fox Point	5.0%
MPS	4.5%*
Oak Creek	4.3%
Whitefish Bay	4.23%
Glendale	3.9%
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	<b>3.64%</b>
Cudahy	3.53%
City of Milwaukee	3.3%
Wauwatosa	3.0%*
West Allis	3.0%*
Hales Corners	2.98%
Brown Deer	2.95%
Washington County	2.9%
Kenosha County	2.8%
Ozaukee County	2.75%
Bayside	2.34%
South Milwaukee	2.1%
MMSD	2.0%*
Greendale	2.0%
St. Francis	2.0%
West Milwaukee	2.0%
Waukesha County	1.3%
River Hills	1.74%*
Racine County	1.0%

\* indicates estimate



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## Service Guide for Milwaukee County Residents

### Art Museum

General information ..... 224-3220

### County Supervisor

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### Courts

Small Claims ..... 278-4140

Civil Division ..... 278-4120

Criminal Division ..... 278-4912

### District Attorney's Office

E. Michael McCann ..... 278-4653

### Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) ..... 278-4766

Burn Center (24 hours) ..... 272-2876

Mental Health Crisis TTY-TDD

Hotline ..... 257-7112

Emergency Management ..... 278-4709

Poison Center ..... 266-2222

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis ..... 257-7222

### Persons With Disabilities

General information ..... 278-3932

### House of Correction

General and Visiting information ..... 427-4700

### Housing & Community Development

Rent Assistance ..... 278-4894

### Jury Services

General information ..... 278-4468

Emergency Calls ..... 278-4080

Reserve Juror Message ..... 985-6000

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

### Medical Examiner

General information ..... 223-1200

### Mental Health Complex

General information ..... 257-6995

Admitting ..... 257-7260

TTY-TDD Hotline ..... 257-7112

### Milwaukee County Historical Society

General information ..... 273-8288

### Mitchell Park Domes

General information ..... 649-9800

### Milwaukee Public Museum

General information ..... 278-2702

IMAX Theater ..... 319-4629

### Milwaukee County Parks

General information ..... 257-PARK/257-7275

Golf Reservations ..... 475-6222

Web Page: [www.countyparks.com/golf](http://www.countyparks.com/golf)

Park Watch ..... 257-PARK/257-7275

Pool/Beach Hotline ..... 257-7230

Permits/Reservations ..... 257-8005

District 19 Parks

Cooper Park ..... 464-8400

8701 W. Chambers Street

Hansen Park ..... 464-8400

1800 Swan Boulevard

Hoyt Park ..... 464-8400

1800 Swan Boulevard

Jacobus Park ..... 464-8400

6501 W. Hillside Lane

Lafollette Park ..... 327-8906

9418 W. Washington Avenue

Rainbow Park ..... 327-8906

700 South 119th Street

West Milwaukee Park ..... 672-5052

5000 W. Burnham Street

Wisconsin Avenue Park ..... 464-8400

10300 W. Wisconsin Avenue

### City of Wauwatosa Park in 19th District

Hart Park ..... 471-8420

7300 W. Chestnut Street

### Sheriff's Department

General information ..... 278-4700

TDD Emergency ..... 278-5252

### Transit Department

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares ..... 344-6711

Customer comments ..... 937-3218

TTY information line ..... 937-3299

Transit Plus ..... 343-1700

### Victim/Witness Service

General Info-Felony ..... 278-4667

General Info-Misdemeanor ..... 278-4538

### Zoo - Milwaukee County

General information ..... 771-3040