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COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, 2nd Vice Chairwoman

Health and Human Needs Committee, Chairwoman

Finance and Audit Committee

Economic and Community Development Committee

Care Management Organization Governing Board

Mental Health Redesign and Implementation Task Force

Milwaukee County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Advisory Committee

Milwaukee County Task Force on Work Reform for Men

Sports Authority Planning Council

Dear Neighbors,

Winter is here! This February there's a lot going on in District 12. We hope to see you on February 9th at Kosciuszko's Annual Open House from 5pm to 8pm. Come and see all that Kosciuszko has to offer.

The County is brimming with great indoor and outdoor winter activities for you! Visit Kosciuszko Park to ice skate on the lagoon, or keep warm in the Show Dome each Thursday night for "Music under Glass" (details inside).

For more great Winter activities, check out the Parks Department at www.countyparks.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you; I look forward to seeing you out and about in the 12th District this winter!

Yours truly,

You will find the following items of interest in this edition of the Romo West Wire:

- 2012 Senior Citizen Award Nominations
- Volunteer or Get Help with Snow Removal and Yard Work
- Music Under Glass Concert Series
- Student Government Day 2012
- MPD D2 Corner: Domestic Violence and Sojourner Family Peace Center
- Best Wishes Janelle, Welcome Brian
- County Clerk website in English & Spanish
- Happy 266TH Birthday to Brigadier General Tadeusz Kościuszko
- Kosciuszko Open House
- Southside February Events

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Kosciuszko Community Center Advisory Board

Southside National Night Out Planning Committee, Chair

UMOS, Inc. Board of Directors

Walker Square Neighborhood Association - Secretary

Walkers Point Association

Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail

Latina Resource Center Advisory Board

Clear Channel Local Advisory Board

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FREE DAYS

Enjoy free admission to Milwaukee County attractions. Complimentary admission for Milwaukee County residents **only** with a valid photo ID on the following days:

Milwaukee Art Museum
FREE on the first Thursday of each month
(includes all special exhibitions)

Milwaukee Public Museum
FREE every Monday
(additional charges apply for the Humphrey IMAX Dome, Daniel M. Soref Planetarium and special exhibitions)

Mitchell Park Domes
FREE every Monday from 9:00 a.m.- Noon
(Excluding major holidays)

Milwaukee County Zoo
FREE DAYS
February 4 & March 3

2012 MILWAUKEE COUNTY SENIOR HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH FEBRUARY 13TH

Do you know a senior worthy of award? Go to www.milwaukee.gov/county/aging

Nominees must show distinguished volunteer service in any one or combination of the following categories:

- voluntary service of an educational, community or humanitarian nature.
- exceptional contributions as a volunteer in efforts to improve the lives of people regardless of race, creed or national origin.
- voluntary service in advocacy on behalf of Wisconsin senior citizens.

LET'S MATCH SENIORS & DISABLED WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR SNOW SHOVELING

Winter shoveling is no fun—but for some people it can be dangerous. Fortunately, there is help for those who are unable to shovel their sidewalks this winter.

In the City of Milwaukee, there is assistance available for citizens 60 and better for garbage, recycling and snow removal. For garbage assistance, there must be no one in the house capable of rolling out the garbage carts. The DPW will bring out and remove the cart on garbage day. With snow, the DPW will only shovel the public sidewalk, and only when there is enough snow that the plows are out. They will NOT shovel private sidewalks and driveways. Call 414-286-CITY for more information or to sign up.

For **Seniors AND volunteers**, the Good Neighbor Project is a terrific way to match those who need help with snow and yard work with those looking for volunteers.

The Good Neighbor Project is looking for all sorts of volunteers. You can help for a day, a season, or all year round! Volunteers help with snow removal, raking, lawn mowing and other outside projects as needed.

Please contact Mary with "The Good Neighbor Project" at 414-220-8648 or download an application to volunteer at:

<http://home.interfaithmilw.org/>



The Milwaukee County Parks Department is hosting "Music Under Glass" on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Mitchell Park Domes, located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

February 2012

- 2nd Bascom Hill, *Rock and Roll*
- 9th Collage and Company, *Smooth Jazz*
(Great Lakes Distillery Tasting & Martini Specials)
- 16th Charles Walker Band, *Blues*
- 23rd Liverpool '64, *Beatles Tribute Band* (Lucy in the Sky Light Show)

March 2012

- 1st Twang Dragons, Country & Rock Mix
- 8th Orpheus, Reggae & Ska
- 15th Paddygrass, Irish Bluegrass
- 22nd Caribbean Eclipse Steel Drum Band, Caribbean – (THE "BE HAPPY" BEACH PARTY - THE SANDS, MUSIC & FUN OF A BEACH VACATION)

Regular Admission Rates Apply:

- Ages 18 & up: \$6.50
Ages 6 through 17: \$5
Seniors 60+: \$5
Persons with Disabilities: \$5
Students: \$5 with photo ID

For more information, visit www.countyparks.com

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD 2012 STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

Thursday, March 15, 2012 8:30 to 3:30 **Attention students!**

Have you ever wondered how your county government works? Come be part of the action during our annual Student Government Day. Participants will get a behind-the-scenes look at county government through many activities. You'll have breakfast with County Supervisors and support staff, followed by a tour of the Sheriff's department, a visit with the courts and the Chief Judge, and observe a session of the County Board.

Respond by: February 10, 2012 to Harold Mester, Public Information Officer, at 414-278-4051 or harold.mester@milwcnty.com

MPD DISTRICT 2 CORNER—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The District 2 Crime and Safety meeting this past month featured Liz Wolter of the Sojourner Family Peace Center. Ms. Wolter is an advocate for individuals and families of domestic violence, and specializes in offering resources to victims and their families. Her key responsibility is to help make sure you and your family are safe and to give you accurate information about your options. She is also available to help you navigate the legal system from pressing charges to filing for a restraining order, attending court and offering support to you and your family, Liz is at your service.

The Peace Center also has programs to help perpetrators of domestic violence get help and change their behaviors. These 23 week programs are offered to men, women, and young men (17-19), in both English and Spanish.

You can volunteer at the Family Peace Center by calling 414-276-1911 or visiting their website at www.familypeacecenter.org

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, do not be afraid to seek help. The Police and the Family Peace Center will NOT ask for proof of residency. They only want to protect you and your family from continued violence.

Sojourner Truth House Shelter & 24 Hour Hotline 414-933-2722

Next District 2 Crime and Safety Meeting is February 16, 2012 at 5:30pm



ICE-SKATING AT KOSCIUSZKO PARK LAGOON
Through February 9th on Mondays & Tuesdays 4-7p
(ice thickness permitting)

Urban Anthropology offers free ice skating and free skate rentals at Kosciuszko Park at 7th and Lincoln. There will also be a warming tent available.

BEST WISHES JANELLE, WELCOME BRIAN

It is with excitement that we wish Janelle Jensen, former 12th District Legislative Assistant, best wishes on her new position as Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Committee Clerk. Janelle was appointed by Chairman Lee Holloway to her new position, and he cited her excellent work for District 12 since 2005 as the reason for her promotion.

Brian Eisold joins District 12 as Supervisor Romo West's new Legislative Assistant. Mr. Eisold has a background in community organizing, as well as degrees in Political Science and Communication from the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. He looks forward to serving our neighbors in District 12.

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CONGRATULATIONS HISPANIC BUSINESS OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

On January 21st, 2012, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awarded 2 local businesses the title of "Hispanic Business of the Year." Congratulations to:

**Frank Sandino, Jr
Luna Jewelry & Repair
&
Vicente & Lilian Alvarez
V.A. Cleaning Services**

Both of these businesses exemplify more than just good business sense. They are run by pillars of the Hispanic community who tirelessly support important causes in the community with both time and money.

COUNTY CLERK CZARNEZKI PROVIDES IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN SPANISH VIA TELEPHONE AND INTERNET



Milwaukee County Clerk Joe Czarnezki announced that English and Spanish-language information on how to apply for a marriage license or a domestic partnership declaration is available via an automated phone system – 24 hours a day, seven days a week – by calling 414-278-4070.

These instructions, along with information regarding the purchase of Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus tickets, are also available on the County Clerk's website in both English and Spanish at:

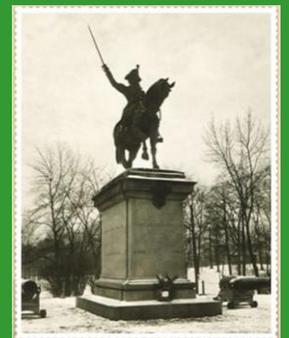
<http://county.milwaukee.gov/CountyClerk>.

"Providing important information to the public in both English and Spanish is part of an ongoing effort to better serve all members of our community," Czarnezki said.

HAPPY 266TH BIRTHDAY TO GENERAL KOŚCIUSZKO

More than just a "Son of Liberty" in the US, Brigadier Gen. Kosciuszko is a national hero to Poland, Lithuania, the US and Belarus in his fight for Freedom and Human Rights.

Known to Thomas Jefferson as "as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known," and by Napoleon as "the hero of the North," Kosciuszko was a champion of liberty, an abolitionist who hated slavery, and a brilliant engineer who built a fort which is now part of West Pointe.



"That sound that crashes in the tyrant's ear – Kosciuszko!"
--Lord Byron



On February 12, the celebrated Brigadier General turns 266 years of age.

CONGRATULATIONS MANNI MARQUEZ 2011 MI COMUNIDAD AWARD RECIPIENT

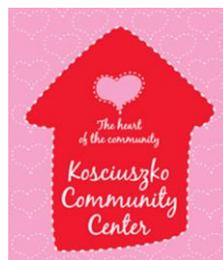


For his tireless work on the betterment of the Clarke Square community, Manni Marquez was awarded the 2011 Mi Comunidad award at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 22nd annual Gala on January 21st, 2012.

His commitment to the community can be seen with his work on quality of life committees, and his regular attendance at Clarke Square events.

Congratulations, Mr. Marquez, for all your hard work and leadership in our community!

KOSCIUSZKO COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE



2201 South 7th Street, Milwaukee

Thursday, February 9, 2012
5–8 p.m.

See the Center in action!

Tour the center and see the weight room, Basketball court, boxing club, childrens' library, martial arts program and more!

Save on 12-Month Center Memberships ONE DAY ONLY

February 9th, 1-8 p.m.

Family of 4: \$50

Individual Adult: \$25

Individual Teen (Age 13-17) \$15

Individual Child (Age 12 & Under) \$10

For more information, call (414) 645-4624

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BENCH PRESS & DEAD LIFT COMPETITION

Saturday
March 24, 2012



Kosciuszko
Community
Center

2012 Competitor Entry Fee

Fee includes a T-shirt

Bench Press **OR** Dead Lift (one event) \$35

Bench Press **AND** Dead Lift (both events) \$60

2012 Spectator Admission

Fee

Age 12 and up \$2

Age 11 and under \$1

For more information, call the Kosciuszko Community Center at (414) 645-4624.

BE AWARE OF PARKING REGULATIONS IN MILWAUKEE

After a very warm January, the snow has finally arrived. Winter in Milwaukee means it's time to review parking regulations to avoid tickets.

Sign up for FREE text message alerts or email alerts to be notified when a snow emergency has been declared.

<http://city.milwaukee.gov/mpw>

During a declared snow emergency with 4 or more inches of snow, street parking becomes very limited due to the need of clearing the streets. Certain MPS schools have offered their playgrounds for parking from 7pm to 7am for neighbors to park their cars, including:

Lincoln Ave School on 18th & Lincoln
Longfellow School on 1021 S. 21st
Mitchell Street School 1728 S. 23rd

http://mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/parking_regs (Additional Parking info)

JOURNEY HOUSE PACKERS TESTIFY



Responsibility - Goal Setting - Sportsmanship,
Leadership - Smart Moves - Teamwork
Commitment - Perseverance - No Excuses

These are the themes of Journey House Football

On January 24, 2012, Journey House Director Charles Brown brought football players Marquise Peete (right), Vance Foster (middle), and Aristede Williams (left) to the Parks, Energy and Environment Committee meeting at the County Court House. The gentlemen talked about their successful program founded in 2005 which currently molds around 400 boys and girls into people of good character. The program teaches them life skills and promotes education and achievement both on and off the field.

UPCOMING SOUTHSIDE EVENTS

1/31 6:00pm Walker's Point Association Meeting Screaming Tuna Sushi & Asian Bistro
160 W. Seeboth Street

2/2 9:30am Milwaukee County Board Meeting
901 N. 9th Street Room 200

2/2 6:30pm "Music Under Glass" Mitchell Park Domes (see article)
524 S. Layton Blvd.

2/6 6:00pm Walker's Point Aldermanic Candidate Debate
255 S. Water Street

2/7 6:30pm Walker's Square Neighborhood Assoc. Monthly Mtng. Caf  El Sol 1028 S. 9th Street

2/9 5:00pm Kosciuszko Community Center open house
2201 S. 7th Street

2/9 6:30pm-9:00 "Music Under Glass" Mitchell Park Domes
524 S. Layton Blvd.

2/11 9:00am-4:00pm "Turkey Under Glass" Mitchell Park Domes
524 S. Layton Blvd.

2/12 6:30pm "Community ARTreach Family Event" Mitchell Park Domes
524 S. Layton Blvd.

2/14 6:30pm "Be My Valentine" special event at Mitchell Park Domes
524 S. Layton Blvd.

2/16 5:30pm District 2 Police Crime and Safety Meeting
245 W. Lincoln Avenue

2/16 6:30pm "Music Under Glass" Mitchell Park Domes
524 S. Layton Blvd.

2/21 8:00am Wisconsin's Primary Election Day for local office
Call 286-VOTE for polling place

2/21 6:00pm Walker's Point Association Meeting
Place TBA

2/23 6:30pm "Music Under Glass" Mitchell Park Domes
524 S. Layton Blvd.

2/25 to 2/26 9am - 4pm Collectible All-Scale Train Exhibit @ The Domes
524 S. Layton Blvd.