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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

# PEGGY ROMO WEST WIRE

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## 12<sup>th</sup> District Milwaukee County Supervisor

**Dear Friends & Neighbors,**

Welcome to the first edition of my e-newsletter. I hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the amenities Milwaukee County has to offer.

As a member of the Finance and Audit Committee, I'd like to thank my constituents for attending budget hearings, providing testimony on the programs and services that are most important to you, and for returning the District 12 budget survey as well. Your input is valued!

The Milwaukee County Board adopted the 2012 budget on Monday, November 7. I am pleased to report the following 2012 budget news: transit services will remain intact with no route cuts or fare increases. Additionally, the Sheriff's Targeted Enforcement Unit was restored, allowing the continuation of their specialized patrol of 141 county parks and parkways ensuring public safety.

While 2011 is coming to a close, there is still much work to be accomplished in 2012. I am humbled to represent each of you and serve as your voice at the County level.

In Service,

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

- Milwaukee Justice Center Launches Website
- 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Yvonne Ware Memorial / Breakfast with Santa
- Music Under Glass Concert Series
- Voter ID Town Hall Information Sessions
- Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
- 2012 Budget News
- Milwaukee County Budget Process
- Act 35, Concealed Carry

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Clear Channel Local Advisory Board
- Esperanza Unida Board of Directors
- Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail
- Kosciuszko Community Center Advisory Board
- Southside National Night Out Planning Committee
- United Migrant Opportunity Services Board of Directors
- Walker Square Neighborhood Association
- Walkers Point Association

**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  
November 5 & November 24  
December 3 & December 25  
January 1, 2012

## MILWAUKEE JUSTICE CENTER LAUNCHES WEBSITE

The Milwaukee Justice Center (MJC) is a public-private partnership between the Milwaukee Bar Association, Milwaukee County and Marquette University Law School created to assist self-represented litigants and others seeking legal assistance.

MJC is pleased to announce their user-friendly website: [www.milwaukeejusticecenter.com](http://www.milwaukeejusticecenter.com)

This self-help tool offers low-income, self-represented litigants information on the following topics: Chapter 128, Child Support, Custody, Divorce, Foreclosure, Landlord-Tenant Issues, Name Changes and Small Claims.

## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YVONNE WARE MEMORIAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



The Kosciuszko Advisory Board and Kosciuszko Community Center are pleased to announce the "18<sup>th</sup> Annual Yvonne Ware Memorial / Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, December 10 from 9:30 a.m. – Noon.

The Kosciuszko Advisory Board provides approximately 450 family members with a delicious breakfast of fluffy pancakes, sizzling sausage and refreshing beverages. Children enjoy arts & crafts activities and receive a small holiday token. The highlight of the event is a keepsake photo of each child's delightful visit with Santa Claus.

Tickets are \$2.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child ages 13 & up and \$1.00 per child ages 12 & under. Everyone must have a ticket to enter. Breakfast with Santa tickets are now available at Kosciuszko Community Center, 2201 S. 7th Street. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 10th!

Please call Kosciuszko Community Center for additional information at (414) 645-4624.



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.

### November 2011

- 10<sup>th</sup> Annie B. & the Vagabond Company- *Pop, Rock & Alternative*
- 17<sup>th</sup> Bad Medicine- *Bon Jovi Tribute Band & More*
- 24<sup>th</sup> Gerome & the All-Star Band- *Mississippi Blues*

### December 2011

- 5<sup>th</sup> WhiskeyBelles- *Country-Folk Trio*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Swing Nouveau- *Big Band & Swing*
- 19<sup>th</sup> Cream City Jazz- *Jazz*
- 26<sup>th</sup> Elvis Tribute Night- *Elvis Contest, \$100 Prize for the best Elvis costume in the crowd!*

### 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](http://www.countyparks.com)

## WISCONSIN'S VOTER ID TOWN HALL MEETING/WORKSHOP

Please join Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy Romo West and become familiar with Wisconsin's new Voter ID Law.

**Monday, November 14**

Lynde and Harry Bradley Tech High School  
700 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

After a brief information session on what the Voter I.D. law is, trained volunteers will walk you through a personal checklist to make sure you understand what you will need to vote in upcoming elections and how to get a photo I.D. if you don't have one.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

As the first Latina elected to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, I proudly coordinate the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration each year at the September County Board meeting.

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15) is celebrated nationwide beginning on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico achieved independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18. This is a period to recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture.

As part of this year's celebration, citations were presented to Nestor Rodriguez, employed as In Charge Park Maintenance Worker II and Laura Haugen, employed as Seasonal Park Maintenance Worker II with Milwaukee County Parks. Mr. Rodriguez & Ms. Haugen assisted in the special delivery of a healthy baby girl born near Kosciuszko Park the morning of Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

Citations were also presented to Brewers Community Foundation, Yovanni Gallardo and Yuniesky Bentancourt in recognition of their dedication to Baran Park baseball field improvements and for their on-going support of the Felix Mantilla Little League.



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration 09/29/11



Nestor Rodriguez Citation Presentation 09/29/11



Brewers Community Foundation Citation Presentation 09/29/11

## 2012 BUDGET NEWS

- During 2012 the Department of Audit will conduct an audit of the Milwaukee County Paratransit program. The audit will focus on fraud prevention and quality of service issues as well as any other concerns identified in the course of the audit.
- Paratransit fares increase by 75c from \$3.25 to \$4.00 per one-way trip effective January 1, 2012. Border-to-border service shall be maintained.
- The EMS subsidy of \$3,000,000 paid to specific Milwaukee County municipalities is reduced by \$1,500,000 from \$3,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for 2012. The distribution for the subsidy will be dispersed among participating municipalities, as follows:

Municipality	Percentage	2012 EMS Payment
Milwaukee	48.3 %	\$725,000
North Shore	10.0%	\$150,000
South Milwaukee	8.3%	\$125,000
Oak Creek	6.67%	\$100,000
Franklin	6.67%	\$100,000
Greenfield	6.67%	\$100,000
West Allis	6.67%	\$100,000
Wauwatosa	6.67%	\$100,000
Total	100 %*	\$1,500,000

\*Percentages may not add up to exactly 100 percent due to rounding.



## MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MISSION STATEMENT

Milwaukee County government will provide high quality, responsive services that enhance self-sufficiency, personal safety, economic opportunity and quality of life for all its people.

## THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS

The Milwaukee County Budget is an important document that serves several purposes. First, the budget document serves as a financial and operational blueprint that aids departmental administrators in the provision of needed services. Second, it functions as a statement of policy developed and approved by the county's elected officials. Finally, the budget is a source of information for the general public, enabling citizens to understand the many functions of County government and how resources are allocated.

State Statutes require that the County Executive submit the budget proposal to the County Board by October 1st. In the months preceding this date, County departments submit budget requests to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Through review and analysis, DAS Fiscal Affairs makes recommendations to the County Executive and helps him prepare the County Executive Recommended Budget. When the Board receives the Executive Budget, the County Board's research staff works with Supervisors to analyze the budget and to develop amendments that will be included when the Finance and Audit Committee presents the budget to the full County Board.

<p><b>APRIL 1</b></p> <p>Preliminary Preparation: Direction to County Departments on preparation of the subsequent year budget.</p>	<p><b>JUNE 1</b></p> <p>Departments submit new position requests.</p>	<p><b>JUNE 15</b></p> <p>Departments submit capital budget requests. Departments submit operating budget requests.</p>
<p><b>JULY &amp; AUGUST</b></p> <p>Department of Administration and County Executive review of departmental budget requests.</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 15</b></p> <p>Department of Administration submits summary of requested budgets to the County Board.</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 1</b></p> <p>County Executive presents the Recommended Executive Budget to the County Board. The recommended budget is referred to the Boards Finance &amp; Audit Committee for review.</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER 1 to 1st week in NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>Finance &amp; Audit Committee reviews the County Executive Budget. Fourteen days or more prior to the County Board Public Hearing, the County Executive Budget is published in newspapers.</p>		<p><b>NOVEMBER - 1st Monday of the Month</b></p> <p>County Board Public Hearing on budget.</p>
<p><b>1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday in NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>County Board annual meeting and the adoption of the budget and tax levy. During this meeting, the County Board acts on the amendments by the Finance &amp; Audit Committee to the County Executives recommended budget as well as amendments submitted by individual County Board members.</p>	<p><b>JANUARY 1</b></p> <p>Departments begin utilizing budget to provide public services</p>	

## **ACT 35 - CONCEALED CARRY**

Concealed Carry allows individuals to carry a concealed weapon off their private property.

Effective November 1, 2011 Milwaukee County has prohibited individuals from carrying concealed weapons within Milwaukee County owned buildings that are not already prohibited under law.

Further, this includes all buildings in the Airport, Parks, Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health, Aging Senior Centers, Transportation and Public Works sites, Wil-O-Way Special Needs facilities and the Zoo including the grounds at the zoo.

To legally carry a concealed weapon an individual must:

- ✓ Be over age 21
- ✓ Be a resident of Wisconsin
- ✓ Complete a firearm training course.
- ✓ Have a completed background check.

**WISHING YOU A  
HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

