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Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays!

I hope this newsletter finds you in the best of health and spirits. It has been two years since you elected me to represent you on the County Board. I am honored and very proud to represent the 12th District. This experience has been both interesting and challenging. One of the things that I continuously enjoy is getting feedback from you, my neighbors! I have really enjoyed meeting many of you while I am out in the district and always look forward to working with you to make positive changes in our community.

This years Milwaukee County budget presented some very interesting obstacles for Milwaukee County. Pelican Cove Aquatic Center, the Mitchell and Walker's Square wading pools as well as over 300 jobs in highways, parks, facilities maintenance and courthouse security were in jeopardy in this years budget as well as devastating cuts to core county services like the Youth Sports Authority, Behavioral Health Services and increases in fares for the Milwaukee County Transit System. But most distressing to me were the deep proposed cuts made to the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office and the Court System.

There is much misinformation being released regarding the financial state of the county and while the concern is warranted the alarm is not. In this newsletter, I have attempted to provide some key information that I hope helps answer questions regarding the issues that affect you the most. I knew that my position on the County Board would not be an easy one, having been elected on the heels of the pension scandal and amid the County's financial troubles. However with your help, I know that we will continue to move forward and protect those county assets and services that make Milwaukee County a great place to live, work, and play.

I work hard to be accessible to you, my neighbors and ask that you contact me with any concerns that you have regarding Milwaukee County services or the job that I perform as your representative. I am never too busy to speak with you in person or to speak with you via telephone.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Yours truly,

2007 Budget Update

County Board Overrides County Executive Walker's Veto of the Entire 2007 County Budget

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recently approved a fiscally responsible County Budget for 2007. Despite rising costs, the County Board constructed a budget that does not require deep cuts to our Public Safety, massive borrowing to fund employee pensions or a huge lay off of County employees to balance the budget, as proposed by County Executive Walker. The County Board was able to remove a significant amount of "one-time" revenues, preserve key services and programs and limit the overall tax levy to 3.6% above 2006.

The County Board reviewed the County Executive's Recommended Budget and made some key changes to help restore long-term fiscal responsibility to County finances. The County Executive proposed to borrow, through the use of pension obligation bonds, hundreds of millions of dollars to fund the County pension plan in hopes that investment returns would exceed the borrowing costs. The County Board though choosing not to include the pension obligation bonds in the 2007 budget has set up a committee that includes County Board Staff, the Department of Audit and the Department of Administration to review the benefits of pension obligation bonds and the risk included in using pension obligation bonds. A key reason the County Board chose to bypass Pension Obligation Bonds in this year's budget is the need to change state law before the plan could be implemented.

The County Executive also proposed cuts of almost \$6 million dollars to the Sheriff's Department, Combined Court Related Operations, and the District Attorney's Office to balance the operating budget for 2007. In the interest of public safety and to ensure that all residents of Milwaukee County receive timely due process, the County Board restored \$4.9 million to those three departments. In the 2006 budget, the County Executive proposed a reduction of almost \$6 million to the Combined Court Related budget. The County Board restored approximately 1/2 of that

funding and ordered a full efficiency study of the Court System in Milwaukee County. Weeks prior to the passage of the 2007 County Budget, the Court System study came back showing that Milwaukee County Courts are very efficient in their operations and could not function effectively with deeper financial cuts.

The 2007 Budget retains vital and popular County programs and services, from the Department on Aging that cares for Milwaukee County's elderly, to our wonderful aquatics program. The County Board also restored funding for the Youth Sports Authority and the Sheriff's Department's Drug Enforcement and Park Patrol Units.

The 2007 budget contains total expenditures of \$1,281,818,651 and a property tax levy of \$241,047,846. The 3.6% change in the tax levy for 2007 is significantly less than the increase in new construction (new taxable properties) and the rate of inflation, which totals 5.85%. The property tax rate per \$1,000 of equalized value is \$3.91 that is a decrease of 32 cents per \$1,000 from 2006. *Inflation was calculated based on the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. That amount was 3.33%. Net new construction is 2.55%. Annual inflation for 2005 was 2.8%. This is based on the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers from the Milwaukee-Racine area.

I'd like to thank all the resident's of Milwaukee's 12th District who were active in this year's budget debate whether you agreed with the Board's actions or not.

In the upcoming year, I will continue to seek your input as I try to develop viable, creative options to hold the line on taxes. This while continuing to protect core county programs and services along with the quality of life offerings that are so valuable to the residents of the 12th District.

Should you Support an Increase in Sales Tax?

With WI on the list of top tax paying states, why would anyone support an increase in the local sales tax? One answer might be property tax relief.

Milwaukee County represents
17% of your tax dollar



\$0.35
Milwaukee
Public Schools
(\$207.4 Million)

\$0.34
City of
Milwaukee
(\$203.0 Mil.)

\$0.17
Milwaukee
County
(\$103.8 Mil.)

\$0.07
MATC
(\$44.2 Mil.)

\$0.06
Sewerage
District
(\$35 Mil.)

- An increase in the sales tax would raise approximately \$30 million, taking some of the burden of transit, our beautiful cultural centers and parks off of the property tax levy.
- Approximately 1/3 of the money generated from the increase would come from non-county residents.



One Starbucks
Grande Mocha = \$3.50
Sales tax = 5.85%
 $3.50 \times .0585 = .2048$
or 20¢
Grande Mocha + Tax = \$3.70

The Tax Break Down
State = .175¢
County = .0175¢
WI Center Dist. = .0088¢
Miller Park = .0035¢

Total = .2048¢

With 1% sales tax
 $3.50 \times .0685 = .2398$
or 24¢

An impact of a 1% sales tax is a difference of 4 cents.

Constituent Services: At Your Service



The Milwaukee County Board has a wonderful constituent liaison, Victoria Farrington, who is available to help you in your time of need or simply just to answer your questions regarding county services that:

- You may be eligible for but not receiving
- Receiving but not satisfied with
- Or to help you fix problems accessing those services

Mrs. Farrington typically fields phone calls regarding human service programs, General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP), Department on Aging, foodstamps, Title 19, Badger Care and housing. So please don't let your questions regarding County Services go unanswered.

To get Mrs. Farrington's help with your issue or to have your questions answered, please contact Janelle Jensen at (414) 278-5344 so that she can create a referral.

2006 Milwaukee County Legislative Update

Milwaukee County Calls for Comprehensive Immigration Reform

On March 23rd, 2006 I joined Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, State Representative Pedro Colon, Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Alderman Jim Witkowiak, Milwaukee County Supervisor



Milwaukee County Supervisors West and Dimitrijevic

Marina Dimitrijevic and approximately 3000 people from the tri-county area to march for Immigration Reform.

Members of the faith, labor and business communities as well as many of our neighbors were present lending their voice to the message to Congress to support comprehensive Immigration Reform. During the rally that took place after the march, Alderman Michael

Murphy, a second generation Irish-American, announced that the Common Council had passed a resolution calling on Congress to enact fair, equitable Immigration Reform.

Following suit, I along with Supervisor Dimitrijevic returned to our offices after the march/rally and drafted a resolution lending Milwaukee County's support to the cities call to Congress. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisor's resolution states that the County Board hereby supports Latino organizations' call for comprehensive immigration reform to enact feasible and humane immigration policies that will restore the rule of law and enhance security, reunite families, protect workers, promote citizenship and civic participation and help local communities.

In May of 2006 the Milwaukee County Board passed the resolution by a vote of 16 to 3. If you would like to review a copy of that resolution, please contact my office at (414) 278-4269.



The Face Behind the Phone, Janelle Jensen

In January of 2005 I welcomed my new legislative assistant, Janelle Jensen. Ms. Jensen is a 12th district resident and comes to us from the Indian Community School of Milwaukee. A former staff member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of WI (HCCW) Janelle has a lot of community and residential knowledge of District 12. Ms. Jensen stepped in when former 12th District legislative assistant, Stephanie Ortiz left to take on two new important roles, first as Lead Abatement Specialist for the City of Milwaukee Health Department and second as Mommy to a healthy baby boy, Juan Jr. (J.J.) born in July of 2005. J.J. joins big brother Nazzario at home.

The 12th District thanks Stephanie for her dedicated service and wishes her much continued success in her future endeavors. You may reach Janelle at (414) 278-5344.



County Programs & Services

Bus Route No. 17 to Begin Service To Menomonee Valley

On Wednesday, August 23rd, 2006,

I joined Secretary Frank Busalacchi, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Attorney General Jeff Crawford, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Mayor Tom Barrett, and Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker to participate in a unique ribbon cutting ceremony marking the start of a new Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus route. The No. 17 will serve the Menomonee Valley on Canal Street and is a limited service route.

The new route is the result of approximately one year of planning meetings between the Office of County Supervisor West, MCTS, Milwaukee County Board Research Staff, Potawatomi Bingo Casino, Palermo's Pizza, Cargill, Rexnord Geared Products, Miller Park, the Valley Business Improvement District #26 and Menomonee Valley Partners, Inc.

The funding for the Route 17 was made possible through a public private partnership, Milwaukee County through MCTS secured Federal dollars through a Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant that is being leveraged by a Federally mandated local match. The \$690,000 pilot project will provide job-focused bus service for three years funded in the following way: \$345,000 - Federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), \$201,000 - Potawatomi Bingo Casino, \$114,000 - State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation and \$30,000 - Menomonee Valley Business Improvement District.

For additional information on new bus route #17, call MCTS at (414) 344-6711.



What Is the Milwaukee County Prescription Drug Card?

It is NOT insurance, but it can save an average of 20% on your prescription drugs. 8 out of 10 pharmacies nationwide accept the discount card and enrollment is easy. There are no enrollment forms and no membership fees.

You use the prescription discount card any time your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card.

To request your Milwaukee County Prescription Drug card, call 1-877-321-2652.

County Government 101

Shortly after being elected in 2004, I began visiting schools in the 12th district and sharing with students what my job as a County Supervisor entails. This is a great way to not only educate kids on what my job is but also to introduce them to government, how legislation is made, bills are passed and how they can have a more active role in our local, state and federal governments.

Since beginning the program, I have expanded it from schools to community groups, church groups and parenting groups. If you are interested in having me come out to talk to your group about how County government can work for you, please contact Janelle at (414) 278-5344 to schedule a visit.

County Board Citations

Do you know someone living in the 12th District who deserves special recognition? A 50th wedding anniversary, service in Iraq or other military honors, a landmark birthday, retirement, or any other special recognition? Or would you like to honor someone special who has passed away recently?

Supervisor West is happy to prepare County Board Citations for people to commemorate a special time in

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their life or in memoriam for deserving 12th district resident's. To receive a citation for someone's special day, please contact Janelle at (414) 278-5344 with your honoree's name and other pertinent information. When making these requests, please provide at least a 1-month notice prior to your event date. *This does not apply to memorial citations.

2006-2007 Milwaukee County Community Development Block Grants

The 12th District is very fortunate to have a wonderful array of non-profit and community based organizations who serve us through a variety of programs and services. The County is able to support these agencies and their programs/services or infrastructure improvements through our Community Development Block Grant Program. The Community Development Block Grant program distributes federal dollars to assist community organizations in improving conditions in our neighborhoods.

The annual competitive application process for CDBG funding occurs in May of each year. Non-profit organizations who'd like to receive an application for the 2008 process should contact Supervisor West's office at 278-4269.

The following are 12th District agencies that were awarded funding for 2006 & 2007:

Council for the Spanish Speaking - \$20,000
Renovation & Repair - 2007

Institute for Collaborative Health Intervention - \$15,000,
Senior Shuttle (OASIS) - 2007

Journey House, Inc. - \$15,000
Workforce Development Program - 2006

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Workforce Development & Employability - 2007

Latino Community Center - \$20,000
New Windows - 2007

Layton Blvd. West Neighbors, Inc. - \$25,000

Neighborhood Commercial District Revitalization - 2006

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Neighborhood Commercial District Revitalization - 2007

Milwaukee Christian Center - \$15,000
Kids Place II @ Kosciuszko Community Center - 2006

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Milwaukee County Parks & Public Infrastructure - \$70,000,
Kosciuszko Gym Floor - 2006

United Community Center - \$20,000
Latino Geriatric Center - 2007

“Dat’s Da Best!”- Villa Palermo Has Moved to the Valley

Did you know that the Falluca family opened their new Palermo's Pizza manufacturing facility, corporate office and company store in the Menomonee Valley this past Fall? It's located at 3301 W. Canal Street and it has a pizzeria & café.



The pizzeria & café features whole pizzas and pizza by the slice prepared fresh while you wait. Other menu items include breakfast pizza, coffee and espresso, soup of the day, salad of the week, cannoli and spumoni to name a few.

Store items include frozen pizzas, pizza cutters, aprons, logo clothing items, sauces, meats, dips/spreads, dough balls and many other things! You can sign up for Palermo's pizza club at www.palermoslafamilgia.com

The store hours are Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Schedule your next luncheon date at Palermo's pizzeria & café today!

Last Neighborhood Clean-Up of 2006

The 12th District held it's last scheduled neighborhood clean up of the year on Saturday, November 11th, 2006. The focus was on W. Washington and W. Mineral Streets, between 12th and 16th Streets.

I am proud to have co-sponsored and/or participated in 29 different Neighborhood Walk/Clean-up events throughout the 12th District in



2006. Neighborhood clean ups are so important to the well-being of neighbors and the community, they're a great way for me to get out into the district, meet with neighbors and make positive changes that effect the economic and residential value of the area!

The neighborhood for the November 11th clean up was selected after Alderman Jim Witkowiak and I received numerous complaints from residents regarding the excessive litter in those areas. The clean up began at 9 a.m. with a social for neighbors, hosted by Block Watch Captain Carmen Orozco and ran through noon. SDC Community Partner Lucy Roman was on hand to directly address neighbor's questions and concerns and to promote Block Watch.

Although the weather was brisk, approximately a dozen neighbors participated, half of them area youth. "The kids' energy was wonderful, they really accomplished a lot," stated Carmen Orozco the events lead coordinator, "It is really important to get the neighbors involved in keeping our neighborhood's nice." Together, the group collected approximately 40 bags of garbage from the area and completely filled the four dumpsters made available to them throughout the weekend courtesy of 12th District Alderman Jim Witkowiak.

Community Profile: Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc. 209 W. Orchard Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Originally created in 1987 by a collaborative effort of five local churches to address homelessness on Milwaukee's Southside, Hope House has evolved from a short-term emergency shelter into a long-term transitional housing facility and true community center that offers numerous programs and activities to assist men, women and children. Hope House utilizes diverse, multi-disciplinary approaches within a single setting to address the problems of homelessness and poverty. The agency offers:

- Onsite and community-based transitional and emergency shelter, developmental programming, and supportive case management for homeless families, single and pregnant women, single men, and children.
- Free health and medical care for onsite guests and community residents, including care for those suffering from diabetes and hypertension, available at no cost.
- Education and personal enrichment opportunities for children and adults, available free, year-round, for guests and community residents.
- Response to hunger through emergency food distribution and effective nutritional improvement strategies.
- Enhanced community organizing and outreach, which have lead directly to a significant reduction in community crime and improvement in quality of life.

The benefits to the community of these services offered by Hope House are substantial. Reasonable investments by collaborative partners have provided a huge return to Milwaukee. Every year, Hope House provides assistance to almost 14,000 people facing homelessness, hunger, and the problems associated with poverty.

For additional information, please call Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc. at (414) 645-2122.

Kosciuszkko Community Center

Sheriff's Sub-Station Opens at Kosciuszkko Community Center

Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr. partnered with me to bring the Sheriff's Office even closer to you. In February of 2006, the Sheriff opened a substation in the Kosciuszkko Community Center. The substation is home to Sgt. Sylvia Rodriguez and Deputy Leslie Wachowiak. Deputy Wachowiak or Deputy "Les" as she likes to be called joined the Community Liaison Unit of the Sheriff's Office in January, assigned to the South Side. Since then, she has become a fixture in the community most often seen riding her bicycle. Deputy Les and Sgt. Rodriguez work very closely with Milwaukee Police Department District's 2 & 6, Community Partners and the Hope House of Milwaukee to address specific concerns in the neighborhood and to promote block watch. If you are interested in learning the benefits of block watch or would



Deputy "Les" Wachowiak, Minerva Santiago, Sgt. Gutierrez of MPD District 6

like information on starting one, please contact Sgt. Sylvia Rodriguez at (414) 278-3076.

They Just Keep Getting BETTER!

On February 15th, 2006 I hosted an Open House at Kosciuszkko Community Center to welcome Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) to the Kosciuszkko Family. MCC joins Summit Educational Center, a non-profit mentoring group dedicated to assisting youth in achieving educational excellence. MCC has formed a successful partnership with Milwaukee County providing the youth programming at Kosciuszkko Community Center while Milwaukee County continues to provide quality adult programming.

If you haven't seen us lately, you should see us now! To schedule a tour of the center, please contact the Center's Director at (414) 645-4624.

- Yoga
- Art
- Aerobics
- Weight Room
- Boxing
- Karate
- Day Camp
- Homework Help
- Mentoring



Crime Analysis Meetings held at Kosciuszko Community Center

Milwaukee Police Department District 2 hosts monthly crime analysis meetings at Kosciuszko Community Center, located at 2201 S. 7th Street. Attend a meeting, meet your neighbors and members of your local police district, get involved with your community!

Learn about the latest crime trends, get information about starting a block watch & report suspicious activity. Stay Informed – Get Involved!

Upcoming 2007 Crime Analysis Dates:

Dates subject to change, for additional information, call Community Liaison Officer Jose Arzaga at (414) 935-7228.

January 24	May 23	September 19
February 21	June 20	October 24
March 21	July 18	November 28
April 18	August 22	December 19

Park Watch: We need YOUR help!

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office has done a great job in policing our Milwaukee County Parks but they can still use your assistance. Park Watch members assist the Sheriff by



reporting suspicious activity, shots fired, and other undesirable activity to the Sheriff's Office. This can be done anonymously. If you are interested in starting a Park Watch, please contact my office at (414) 278-4269.

Walker's Square Park Pavilion – A New Look

The Walker's Square Park Pavilion has a new look. In 2004 the 12th District was awarded \$40,000 in CDBG funding to make improvements on the nearly 75-year-old pavilion. To date, the Walker's Square Park Pavilion has received a new roof, an electrical overhaul and cosmetic improvements to the bathrooms.

This summer there was a renewed interest in utilizing Walker's Square Park by the community as it hosted the UCC Family Festival, the Southside Youth & Children's Parade & Picnic and a rally in support of the Housing Trust Fund. Please consider using the Walker's Square Park Pavilion for your next party or get together. Please note: the

pavilion is available for community meetings, block watch, etc. at no charge by contacting my office. To check the availability of the pavilion for other events please contact Barbara Dobbs in the Parks Department at (414) 257-4503.



Former Walker's Square Park Fountain - July 29, 1914

Parks Information

County Supervisor West and Sheriff Clarke Announce 2nd Annual South Side National Night Out

The 2nd Annual South Side National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 1st, 2006 at Kosciuszko Park and Pelican Cove Aquatic Center. It was co-hosted by Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr., the South Side National Night Out Committee and myself. As part of the celebration Pelican Cove Aquatic Center had free pool admission all day. This year's combined park and pool attendance topped 3000 making it a huge success!



The goal of the South Side National Night Out is to build community, promote block watch and to create strong police/sheriff/community relations. This year's event included:

- A demonstration by the Milwaukee Police Department Dive Team in Pelican Cove Pool
- Hot Dog Dinner with Culver's Ice Cream of Grand Avenue for Dessert
- Children's Area staffed by Milwaukee Christian Center
- Live Martial Arts Demonstrations by Master Rob Serrano, Martial Arts America
- Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad, K-9, Bike Patrol, ATV Units & Iris Scan (formerly Identi-kid)
- And much, much more!

The event was made possible through the generous support of many committed financial sponsors like; WE Energies, Roundy's, BMR Design Group, Rozga Funeral Home, Palermo's, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Dental Associates, Carpet Mill, MATC,

Lincoln State Bank, and Martin Schreiber & Associates, Inc.

The South Side National Night Out Committee consists of representatives from the following agencies who work year-round to make this event a success: Community Partners, Hope House of Milwaukee, Lincoln Village Business Association, Milwaukee Christian Center, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, Milwaukee Parks Department, Milwaukee Police Department District 2, UMOS, Inc. and area residents; Nancy and Frank Gonzales, Jr., Betty Gronowski, Jacquelyn Jaggard, Robyn Krimke and Carmen Orozco.

For information on next year's South Side National Night Out Event or to be involved in the planning committee, please contact me at (414) 278-4269.



South Side National Night Out August 1, 2006



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“Summer’s Best: 100 FREE concerts in your Parks” feature International Recording Artists performing in Mitchell Park

International recording artists Lil Pito and Omi y Veterano lent their hand to keeping Milwaukee peaceful by performing at “Flow for Peace” in Mitchell Park on Saturday, July 1st, 2006. The event’s M-C was V-100’s D.J. Los.

The concert was part of Milwaukee County Parks “Summer’s Best: 100 FREE concerts in your Parks” series. “Flow for Peace” was unique in that it was the first time that a multi-cultural event of this magnitude had taken place in Mitchell Park.

The goal of this event was to promote safe, positive activities for Milwaukee’s youth this summer. Event coordinator, Pastor Luis Pizarro a.k.a Lil Pito from HOMIES Ministries saw a need to host an event that would be centered on “peace” and keeping youth violence-free after learning of the violent start Milwaukee had this summer. “We believe strongly in supporting our youth and families and helping out Milwaukee in every struggle. We wanted to do an event through which our community could see the positive within itself,” Pizarro stated.

Mitchell Park has had its struggles this summer, however through the efforts of the Sheriff’s Targeted Enforcement Unit, Bike Deputy Leslie Wachowiak, Milwaukee Police Department’s 6th District Officers and the awesome neighbors surrounding the park, we have been able to make some positive changes in the park. I believe that the “Flow for Peace” was a great fit and the Milwaukee Parks Department was very excited to have it take place in Mitchell Park.



Above is Dario, the talent show contest winner

The concert featured many local and national performing artists/D.J.’s including Serita Campbell, John Daniel, En Vivo, LDA and Azabache. In addition to the concert, “Flow for Peace” featured a talent competition bringing out 11 of Milwaukee areas hottest up and coming rap and reggaeton performers. “Dario” of Milwaukee won the competition with local youth “La Liga” and Ginnotino also giving award-winning performances.

“Flow for Peace” was sponsored by H.O.M.I.E.S. Ministries, Music Producer Angel Pabon, Mothers Against Gun Violence, the Milwaukee County Parks Department, Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office, Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy A. West, Alderman Bob Donovan, Supreme Clientele, V-100, Milwaukee Victory Church, Timary’s, Tere’s Angel, Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant, Integrity Family Services, Bob Tolkan Mazda, La Luna and a consortium of Latino and African-American Hip Hop Artists.

Just for Seniors

Family Care: Options for Long-Term Care

Family Care is an extensive program for Seniors in Milwaukee County that helps Seniors and their families make decisions regarding their long-term care. This program can assist Seniors with staying in their own home as long as possible and also assist family members in making quality decisions regarding their elderly loved ones care. Family Care strives to respect the choices of its members. It does this in several ways:

- Working with family members & Family Care participants to have living arrangements, daily routines and support services of their choice. Family Care participants have the right to help define the personal outcomes that are important to them in each of these areas.
- If you ask, the CMO (Care Management Organization) must consider using a provider it doesn't usually use, if that provider would meet your needs better.
- For hands-on care or services that involve coming into your home often, the CMO must buy services from any provider that you choose, including a family member other than your spouse, if the provider is qualified and will agree to work for the CMO at a cost similar to its other providers.
- You have the right to change to a different care management team, up to twice each year, if the CMO has a different team to offer you. You do not have to give a reason. The CMO does not have to give you the particular care management team you prefer.
- You can choose to self-direct all or some of your services.

For additional information on Family Care, please call (414) 289-6874.

Milwaukee County's Senior Statesmen Program

Each year the County Board hosts the "Senior Statesmen" Program in collaboration with the Department on Aging. The Senior Statesmen program is designed to give senior's in Milwaukee County a bird's eye view of the function of County Government.

The three-day program explains the functions of the County Board, the County Executive, the county budget and each individual county department. The seniors take a tour of the courthouse, hear from the Chairs of each County Board Committee and sit in on an actual County Board meeting.

This year the District 12 Senior Statesmen were Frank Gonzales, Jr. and Jacquelyn Jaggard. Frank Gonzales resides in Walker's Point with his wife Nancy. Together the Gonzales' have raised 5 children in their Walker's Point home. A retiree, Frank still keeps an active volunteer schedule by lending his time and talents to the South Side National Night Out Committee, American G.I. Forum, Community Partners "Walker's Point Walkers", Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Mitchell Park's 4th of July Planning Committee just to name a few.

Ms. Jaggard also resides in Walker's Point where she is Police Chief Nannette Hegerty's designee for the City Wide Block Watch Council. Jackie keeps a very active schedule as well working part time for the Children's Aide Society of Milwaukee and volunteering for the South Side National Night Out Committee as well as devoting much of her time to crime prevention and reduction in the 12th District.

If you or a senior citizen you know is interested in being part of the Senior Statesmen program planned for 2007, please call my office at (414) 278-4269.

Help in understanding Medicare Part D is available. If you have questions and live in Milwaukee County, call Senior Law at (414) 278-1222 or go to www.seniorlaw.org



Milwaukee County Supervisor West with Senior Statesmen Jackie Jaggard and Frank Gonzales, Jr.

Family Caregiver Support Network #220-8600

Do you help an older adult with grocery shopping, housekeeping, transportation, doctor appointments, insurance needs, bill paying, personal care, living arrangements or emotional support? **YOU ARE A FAMILY CAREGIVER.**

The Family Caregiver Support Network is a free resource center that helps family caregivers of older adults (age 60+) and professionals who assist family caregivers. The Network helps caregivers sort through their personal and older adult care options and provides comprehensive, unbiased resource information. Confidentiality is respected.

Call the Family Caregiver Support Network to discuss concerns, learn about supportive options and find ways to take breaks from caregiving. Or go to www.living-options.org to view senior housing lists, care facilities and caregiver support resources or www.caregiverssupportnetwork.org has general caregiver and older adult services information and discussion boards.

Milwaukee County Department on Aging

ElderLink #289-6874

Certified Information & Referral Specialists available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. about: Aging Issues 24 hours a day / 7 days a week for Non Medical Emergencies

Call ElderLink for information about:

Transportation:

Eligible elders can get rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, meal sites and rides for other needs.

Home Delivered Meals:

Hot, nutritious meals delivered 7 days a week to homebound elders unable to cook for themselves.

Adult Day Care:

For persons in need of supervision and assistance during the day. These programs provide meals, medication monitoring and socialization.

Senior Centers:

Social, recreational, health and educational programs at community sites around Milwaukee County. Five sites have senior fitness centers.

Telephone Reassurance:

Link to a service that provides a daily call to check on well being of older adults who live alone.

Neighborhood Services:

Links to participating churches, synagogues, neighborhood groups and volunteers that provide friendly visitors, help with shopping, transportation and other services.

Volunteering Opportunities

The 12th District needs YOU!!

Volunteering even 1 hour a month can really make a difference to the youth, seniors, families, & even our furry friends in District 12.

Please consider giving your time to one of these worthy causes:

- Notre Dame Middle School – Mentoring- 1420 West Scott Street, (414) 671-3000. Seeking women to mentor girls one day a week for approx. 1 hour.
- Council for the Spanish Speaking – Senior Ambassador Program - 614 West National Avenue, (414) 384-3700. Seeking interested persons to visit with seniors and help them accomplish their personal goals/responsibilities (shopping, house work, etc.)
- Humane Society of Milwaukee – Volunteer Opportunities - 4500 West Wisconsin Avenue, (414) 431-6103. Seeking individuals to assist our furry friends with activities like dog walking, bathing, grooming, etc.
- Interfaith Older Adult Programs – Neighborhood Outreach Program – 1545 W. Layton Blvd. Room 512, (414) 384-8448 Margarita Garcia-Guerro. Seeking interested people/families to assist seniors with a variety of activities (i.e. grocery shopping, light housework, or handy man type of activities.)
- Kosciuszko Community Center – Advisory Board Members – 2201 South 7th St., (414) 645-4624, Seeking interested individuals to lend their time & talents to the Community Center Advisory board and assist with fundraising/oversight activities.
- SDC Community Partners – Block Watch Captains – (414) 397-0423, Minerva Santiago, Seeking interested individuals to create or expand Block Watch.
- SDC Meal Program – Volunteers – 931 West Madison Street, (414) 643-8444, Oscar Rodriguez. Seeking individuals interested in preparing & serving meals to low-income individuals.

- United Community Center (UCC) – Reading Corner – (414) 649-2800 Marisol Ayala. Seeking interested individuals to read to children.
- Southside National Night Out – Volunteers – (414) 278-5344 Janelle Jensen. Seeking individuals interested in assisting with the 3rd Annual South Side National Night Out, Thursday, August 7th, 2007 (food service, children’s area, popcorn machine, clean-up, set-up, entertainment, etc.)

If you are not sure how you can be involved but want to help out, please call the Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee, (414) 273-7887 to let them match your interests with a great volunteer opportunity! Imagine what a great community we would live in if each of us were involved in the one area of our community that really meant the most to us.

Monique C. James



The Davis/James' families & Supervisor West would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the kind people of the 12th District who graciously contributed to the fund that brought Monique back home to Milwaukee. Monique James was born on October 7, 1984 to Jimmy Davis and Marianne James. She passed on July 13, 2006 in California.

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Journey House Pee Wee Football League, funded in part through the Youth Sports Authority. GO TEAM!



Supervisor West & her assistant Janelle Jensen registering participants at UMOS' Annual Back to School Fair, August 12, 2005.



Supervisor West & Notre Dame Middle School students, YMCA Mentoring Program 2005.



Summit Educational Association mentor kids assisting in the October 7, 2006 Kosciuszko Park Clean Up.



Rebeca Lopez, her daughter & Supervisor West at UMOS' 35th Anniversary Cinco de Mayo Springfest Celebration, May 7, 2006.



Congratulations to the Latino Community Center Staff and Board of Directors for their successful "Fiesta Boricua" event held for the first time ever at the Summerfest grounds on Saturday, September 23, 2006! Pictured is Frankie Sabath.



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