

Milwaukee County Supervisor DEANNA ALEXANDER

Servant Leadership for Milwaukee County's 18th District



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18th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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Dear Neighbors,

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and good spirits as we celebrate the holiday season! I am grateful to continue serving you in a second term as our district's voice on the Milwaukee County Board.

I am writing to provide you with another annual update of our work here at the courthouse. I take my role as your representative seriously and continue to focus on helping government provide you with more efficient, better quality services. In this issue, I've included:

- **Upcoming vehicle registration fee increase.**
Bad news: Yes, it will increase.
Good news: it was cut from a proposed \$60 to only \$30!
- **Milwaukee County needs foster parents!**
Could you help?
- **A survey that I hope you will complete and return to me.**
This helps me make good decisions on your behalf.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to read this update. Please reach out to my office if I can ever be of service to you.

Faithfully,

Deanna Alexander

From left to right: Supervisor Alexander and Santa Claus attend the annual County Christmas Tree Lighting. Milwaukee County Supervisors wore purple in October to show support for victims of domestic violence. Supervisor Alexander takes the oath of office after re-election in April.

How can I be of service?

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Representing Our District

2017 Milwaukee County Budget

Milwaukee County government operates 156 parks and pathways across 19 municipalities, employs 4,400+ workers, serves 950,000+ residents, and in the 2017 Adopted Budget will spend \$1.1 billion on court services, jail and correction services, medical examination services, road repairs, freeway patrol, child support, aging, veteran's affairs, and many other state mandated and resident requested provisions. To pay for these expenses, the County raises revenue from the following sources:

- 6% - Sales Taxes
- 23% - Grant from State / Federal Government
- 29% - Property Taxes
- 42% - Fee for Service (golf fees, airport passenger fees, insurance payments for mental health services, etc...)

Changes to the MCTS GO Pass

Because the GO Pass was such a large drain on taxpayer resources, **the program has been modified.** Rather than being a free-ride program with no means-testing, the GO Pass will now afford disabled and low income individuals the opportunity to ride the bus for just \$1.00 per day. For more information, call MCTS at (414) 937-3218.

Grow Hope as a Kid Hero!

Did you know there are about 2,000 children in foster care in Milwaukee County? We are in great need of foster homes for youth in need of protection from abuse, maltreatment, and neglect. There is a special need for foster homes (and even adoptive families) to help with **teens** – who too often “age out” of foster care, having to face the world on their own.

Could you or someone you know help our community give hope to these children? For more information, contact one of Milwaukee County's two foster care agencies:

SaintA

(855) GROW-HOPE (855-476-9467) or GrowHope.net

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

(414) KID-HERO (414-543-4376)



Supervisor Alexander listens to residents' opinions at a Town Hall Meeting.

Increase to the Vehicle Registration Fee

Due to rising costs, increasing demands for infrastructure and service, and a limited number of resources, the County Executive this fall proposed creating a County-level vehicle registration fee, similar to what you pay to the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin each year when you renew your license plates. At an October town hall meeting, I heard our district's position loud and clear: **NO WHEEL TAX!** Nearly everyone opposes more taxes and fees. Therefore, I not only voted against both the County Executive's proposed \$60 fee and the County Board's proposed \$30 fee, and proposed legislation specifying that there would be no fee, which I regret was voted down. **A majority of board members, despite my objection, approved a \$30 fee.** Beginning in March 2017, I regret to have to ask that you please prepare to pay an additional \$30 per year for each vehicle you register. The good news is that this fee will help offset some of the County's rising costs to repair our roads and operate our transit system.

Noyes Park and Pool

A few years ago Noyes Pool was slated for closure. Since many residents opposed closure and asked for my help, **I have been working to gain support** for improving the pool and advertising it to the community. The County Board this year approved researching development opportunities for the pool property, such as exploring partnering with vendors (Coffee shop? Activity center? Etc...) to draw more interest to the pool and create a more sustainable long term plan for the pool.

Park Amenities Match Fund

This is a fund that will match private donations given to the County to improve our parks system. For example, if residents wanted a new playground in their County park, Milwaukee County may be able to provide half the funding to match private donations raised for the good cause. **I supported continuing this match fund in 2017.**

Secure Pathways Grant

After seeing too many situations in Milwaukee County where either homeless families or victims of domestic violence were caught, unable to flee to safe housing often available with a relative or friend, **I authored legislation** creating a grant program that empowers the Milwaukee County Housing Division to help reduce strain on our resources by aiding such families in reaching their destination with a secure pathway to safe housing.

WINTER 2016 SURVEY

Please help me understand your point of view on key issues so that I can do my best to be a voice for our district.

Name (1st Person): _____

Name (2nd Person): _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Instructions: Please mark any statement you agree with. If you are the first person in the house responding, mark a "1" to show you agree with a statement. If you are an additional person in the household (i.e. spouse, roommate, etc...) responding, mark a "2" to show agreement. If both agree with the same statement, put both "1+2." If you disagree with a statement, write "NO" or simply leave it blank.

_____ I own my home

_____ I have visited the Zoo in the last 5 years.

_____ I rent my home

_____ I have visited the lakefront in the last 5 years.

_____ I have access to a car

_____ I believe voter fraud is a real problem.

_____ I depend on the bus

_____ I believe voter fraud is nearly non-existent.

_____ Property taxes are too high.

_____ I vote in every election: spring, fall, primary, and general.

_____ I oppose a \$60 wheel tax.

_____ I am or have been a County employee.

_____ I support a \$_____ wheel tax.

_____ I like living in Milwaukee and intend to stay.

_____ I support holding all taxes steady or lowering them.

_____ I have plans to leave Milwaukee due to dissatisfaction with government, policies, or taxes.

_____ I support raising sales taxes.

_____ I find government confusing / bothersome and like to rely on my elected officials to worry about it.

_____ Milwaukee County provides a good value for my tax dollars.

_____ I care deeply about what happens in our government.

_____ I have visited the Domes in the last 5 years.

To Submit: Please mail to Deanna Alexander, Milwaukee County Supervisor, 901 N. 9th St. #201, Milwaukee, WI 53233

2017 SPRING ELECTIONS INFORMATION

Spring Primary – Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Spring General Election – Tuesday, April 4, 2017

As of the printing of this newsletter, the law states that each voter will need to provide a Photo ID. If you do not have a Photo ID, you can obtain one for voting purposes for NO DIRECT COST TO YOU at our local DMV Center - 7301 W. Mill Rd., open Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. & Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. For questions about voting or what to bring with you to the DMV to obtain a free ID, please call the Milwaukee County Election Commission at 278-4060. If you have any problems obtaining a Photo ID to vote, please contact Supervisor Alexander's office and we will be glad to aid you.



Offices open for election on the 2017 spring ballot include:

- State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- State Supreme Court Justice
- Circuit Court Justices (Branches 1, 9, 10, 13, 18, 19, 33, 35, 36, 47)
- Municipal Judge (Branch 2)

Visit **BringIt.Wisconsin.gov** online for more info on Voter ID and visit **MyVoteWI.gov** to view your ballot before going to vote! To receive text alerts, text **MKE VOTE** to **468311**.



Milwaukee County is proud to welcome a new class of Sheriff's Deputies.

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Honor Veterans: Support the War Memorial Center

The War Memorial Center is more than a building – it is a cultural center of patriotism. We can never forget the price of freedom and must pass this rich history to the next generation. Please consider a year-end donation to honor veterans. Talk with the War Memorial Center by calling (414) 273-5533 or visit: WarMemorialCenter.org

Senior Citizen Hall of Fame 2017 Nominations

Think of older adults you know that have served the community and please consider nominating them for recognition in Milwaukee County's Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Nominees will have shown distinguished service volunteering and improving the lives of other people. Nominations are due Feb. 6, 2017 and a luncheon to honor award winners will be on May 26, 2017 at the Italian Community Center. Contact Jill Knight at (414) 289-6794 for more information.

Key Government Contacts

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Supervisor Deanna Alexander	278-4259
County Executive	278-4211
Child Support.....	615-2593
For Persons with Disabilities	278-3932
Parks	257-7275
Sheriff (<i>non-emergency</i>).....	226-7000
Transit.....	344-6711
Veterans Services	266-1234

CITY GOVERNMENT

EMERGENCY	9-1-1
City of Milwaukee	286-CITY (2489)
<i>(Street lights, potholes, garbage, litter)</i>	
Fire (<i>non-emergency</i>).....	286-8948
Police (<i>non-emergency</i>).....	933-4444

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Personal crisis or disaster?	Call 2-1-1
Report child abuse or neglect	220-SAFE
Looking for work?	JobCenterOfWisconsin.com
Home Energy Assistance	270-4653

Milwaukee County Residents enjoy
COMPLIMENTARY admission when
presenting a valid photo ID on
the following days:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

Free the first Friday of every month
for all visitors.

Visit www.mam.org for more information.



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

Free the first Thursday of every month.
County residents get \$2 off every day.

Visit www.mpm.edu for more info and more free days.



MITCHELL PARK DOMES

Free on Mondays from 9 a.m. until Noon
for County residents. Excludes holidays.

Visit www.milwaueedomes.org for more information.



MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

2017 Free Days: 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 10/7,
11/4, 12/2, Thanksgiving Day,
Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org for more information.