1st District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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WINTER 2020

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Proudly Representing Fox Point, Bayside, River Hills, Brown Deer, Glendale, and a section of Milwaukee

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- Finance
- Parks, Energy and Environment

What Services Does Milwaukee County Provide and Manage?

Airport
- Mitchell Field

County Court System
- Courthouse
- County Clerk
- Clerk of Courts
- Register of Deeds
- Treasurer

County Roads
- Plowing-Snow Removal
- Repairing & Replacement

Cultural
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Historical Society
- Charles Allis Art Museum
- Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum
- Mental Health Services
- Behavioral Health

Park System
- Boerner Botanical Gardens
- Golf Courses
- Lakefront
- The Domes
- Pools
- County Parks

Milwaukee Transit System

Sheriff's Department
- House of Corrections
- Courthouse
- Expressways
- Jail

Dear Neighbor,

I am very excited to be sending out my first newsletter as your Milwaukee County Board Supervisor! It's truly my honor to represent you. What a year it was to join the board! Coronavirus (COVID-19) has forced the county into a state of triage, while the Black Lives Matter movement has pushed us to envision a better future for ALL. The county is always struggling with funding its services given the funding formula currently in place at the state level, but the pandemic added an additional layer to that. I am so impressed with our incredible staff that has worked tirelessly and made budgetary sacrifices to make sure that we come out of this fiscally strong. I am happy to report that the board and the county executive were able to work together to approve the budget for 2021 that takes the first steps in implementing the county's goal of becoming the healthiest county in Wisconsin by achieving racial equity.

Supervisor Sumner Sworn In

Newly elected County Board Supervisor Liz Sumner got curbside service as she took her oath of office with Milwaukee County Clerk George Christenson on April 20, 2020.

As a newly elected supervisor, I am fortunate to have been appointed to three prestigious committees. I serve on the Finance and Parks, Energy and Environment committees and as the vice chair of the Audit committee, which is tasked with looking at all aspects of board dealings through a racial equity lens. If you are interested in viewing the meetings, you can find a schedule, agendas and links to view live or previously recorded meetings at **MilwaukeeCounty.Legistar.com/Calendar**.

Please feel free to reach out with any comments, concerns, or achievements. My email address is **liz.sumner@milwaukeecountywi.gov** and my office phone is **414-278-4280**. In addition, I encourage you to sign up for my e-newsletter and to follow me on Facebook at **facebook.com/SupervisorLizSumner** to stay up to date on what is happening in the district and county as a whole.

A special thank you to my husband, Nathaniel, and children, Molly and Charlie, for their support.

I am honored to serve as your 1st District County Supervisor. I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Liz Sumner
County Supervisor, District 1

2021 Milwaukee County Budget

Fall is budget season, and every Milwaukee County budget starts with listening to our constituents.

I held an online budget listening session on October 21, 2020, and the Board of Supervisors also held its annual public hearing on the 2021 County budget on October 30.

Ensuring that we remain engaged with the people we serve during the Coronavirus pandemic has been challenging due to limitations on public gatherings, but technology has made it easier.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult time, and thanks to those of you who joined us for these virtual events to share your priorities for the 2021 budget.

Unfortunately, every budget also starts with a gap that must be filled in order to balance it. The budget gap arises every year because of something we call the structural deficit, or a built-in gap between the revenue available to the county and the inflation in costs to provide the same services and programming. Finding a permanent solution to the structural deficit is a top priority.

Over the past 10 years, Milwaukee County has cut an average of $30 million a year each year in order to balance the budget. The initial estimate of the 2021 gap was about $42 million but it was ultimately closer to $35 million. (This number will continue to increase every year.) One-time emergency federal funding from the CARES Act was a tremendous help in filling in the gap this year.

The Board's Finance Committee held several open meetings on the 2021 budget throughout October and early November, where they listened to budget requests from County departments and division leaders and considered budget amendments from Supervisors.

Supervisor Haas, who is serving as Chair of the Finance Committee for the first time during the 2020-22 term, did a tremendous job of efficiently leading the committee through their work and facilitating open, fair, and focused deliberations on the Recommended Budget.

The Board of Supervisors adopted the final version of the 2021 budget on November 9 after approving several amendments from Supervisors, including the chairwoman's omnibus amendment that I co-sponsored that invests a much needed $2.5 million into county programs.

This is the first year that a Board Chairperson has proposed using shared values to guide our budget work. The five guiding principles that Chairwoman Nicholson proposed were racial equity, preparation, collaboration, sustainability, and decorum.

I want to thank the Chairwoman for proposing this framework and my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors for honoring these shared values, as they helped create a constructive, focused, and respectful process that ensured all voices were heard.

This budget is the first in Milwaukee County history to be guided by a plan for achieving racial equity and improving the health of all Milwaukee County residents.

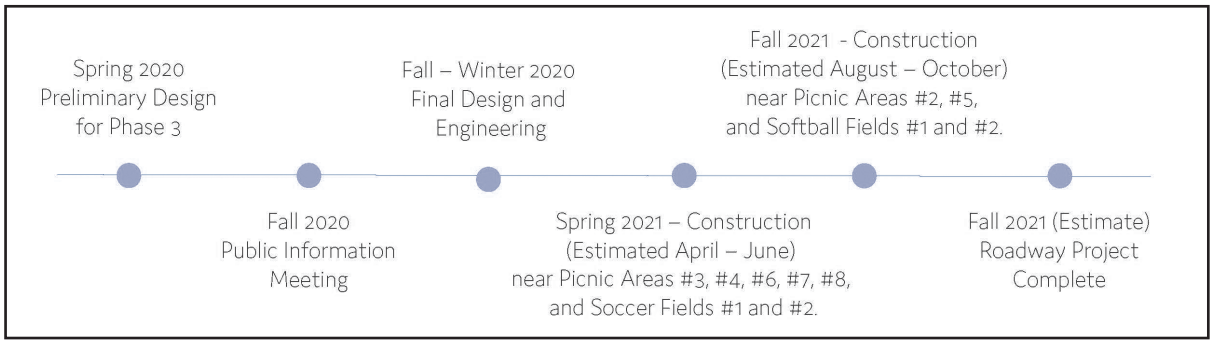
My colleagues on the Board of Supervisors adopted amendments that built upon County Executive David Crowley's foundational and historic budget by boosting efforts to achieve racial equity and serve our most vulnerable neighbors, especially those affected by the pandemic.

This is a budget that Milwaukee County can be proud of. I joined with my colleagues in voting for the final version of the adopted budget on November 9.

Brown Deer Park Roadway and Access Improvements

Milwaukee County is currently designing Phase 3 of the project, which includes reconstructing the entire Brown Deer Park Roadway ("the loop"), adjacent pedestrian walkways, and the west parking lot. The project will also evaluate the parking lot off of Range Line Road and explore a variety of parking lot alternatives – namely the potential for smaller lots near key amenities –to best accommodate park users. Together, these improvements will repair degraded roadways, reduce the overall amount of asphalt in the park, and provide an improved park experience for visitors. Sign up for park updates with the link provided:
www.cognitoforms.com/MilwaukeeCountyParks1/ParkProjectUpdates

Estimated Project Timeline and Next Steps



Project Highlights:

- **Reconstruct Brown Deer Park Roadway**
- **Improve pedestrian walkways**
- **Explore new parking lot options**
- **Reduce asphalt & increase green space**
- **Explore improved park lighting options**

** Project timeline and funding are subject to change.*

Parks Cleanup

Liz participated in several park cleanups this past summer at Lincoln Park. Milwaukee County Parks in collaboration with the friends of Lincoln Park group organized park cleanups several days last summer. The County Executive, David Crowley, participated.

Make a Family Smile Turkey Giveaway

Liz volunteered at the Make a Family Smile Turkey Giveaway Drive-thru on November 24th. Milwaukee County Parks and the We Care Crew gave away 1,500 turkeys in three hours! The We Care Crew is a county, city and local community partner initiative that aims to support communities of color in Milwaukee. Head to **wecarecrewmke.com** to find out more about events and how you can volunteer.

County Senior Dining Programs

The Department on Aging provides low cost ($3!) meals to all Milwaukee County residents over the age of 60. Liz volunteered at the senior dining curbside meal pick up location at the Elks lodge on Good Hope Road. ***To find out more about this service call 414-289-6995.***

Zipline Sinkhole at Oak Leaf Update

Milwaukee County was awarded a grant by the state Department of Transportation for approximately $530,000 to fix the Oak Leaf sinkhole. Though the grant has already been awarded, it requires a local match of 20%. A local advocacy group affiliated with the Park People of Milwaukee County has started a fundraising campaign with the goal of raising $120,000 to provide the matching funds the county needs to move forward with the project. Please search "**Help Fix the Zip Line Trail Sinkhole**" at: **www.gofundme.com**.

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Energy Assistance is Available

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!

1. See if you qualify.
Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.
- Apply October 1 - May 15.
- Visit **KeepWarmMKE.org** or
- Call **270-4MKE (4653)**. Dial 211 for after-hours help.

3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are conducted by phone.
A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

**Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)*

CLIC COUNTY LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION CENTER

For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

Service Guide for 1st District Milwaukee County Residents

1st District Milwaukee County Supervisor
Liz Sumner 278-4273

Airports
Mitchell International Airport 747-5300
Timmerman Airport 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362

County Clerk 278-4067

County Executive 278-4211

County Treasurer 278-4033

Courts
Civil Division (small & large claims) 278-4120
Criminal Division 278-4538
Children's Court 257-7700

Department on Aging
General Information 289-6874

Department of Health and Human Services 289-6877

District Attorney's Office
John Chisholm 278-4646

Election Commission 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety
Sheriff (non-emergency/general information) 278-4766
TDD Emergency 278-5252
Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) 272-2876
Emergency Management (24 hours) 257-4709
Suicide Prevention/Intervention/Mental Health Crisis 257-7222

Fraud Hotline 93-FRAUD

House of Correction
General and Visiting Information 427-4700

Jury Services
General Information 278-4468/278-4469
Reserve Juror Message 985-6000

Low Income Housing
Rent Assistance 278-4894

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic. 278-4067

Medical Examiner
General Information 223-1200

Mental Health Complex
General Information 257-6995
Admitting (Emergency) 257-7260

Milwaukee Art Museum
General Information 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks
Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-5600
General Information 257-7275
Parks Hotline 257-5100
Organized Sports 257-8030
Golf Reservations 475-6222
Golf Office 257-8024

District 1 Parks
AC Hanson Park (9100 N. Maura Ln., Brown Deer) 476-4510
Algonquin Park (7850 N. 51st St., Brown Deer) 352-7502
Doctors Park (1870 E. Fox Ln., Fox Point) 352-7502
Kletzsch Park (6560 N. Milw. River Pkwy., Glendale) 461-0839
Lincoln Park (1301 W. Hampton Ave., Milwaukee) 964-0064
Meaux Park (1904 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee) 964-0064
Smith Park (5462 N. 33rd St., Milwaukee) 461-0839

Milwaukee County Zoo
General Information 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum
General Information 278-2702

Municipalities
Bayside 206-3915
Brown Deer 371-3000
Fox Point 351-8900
Glendale 228-1700
Milwaukee City Hall/Common Council 286-2221
Milwaukee Night Number 286-CITY (2489)
River Hills 352-8213

Office of Persons with Disabilities
General Information 278-3932

Register in Probate 278-4444

Register of Deeds 278-4021

Transit System
Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares 344-6711
Customer Comments 937-3218
Transit Plus 343-1700

UW-Extension 256-4600

Veterans Services 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service
General Information-Felony 278-4667