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Supervisor Martinez's Committee Assignments: Finance • Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services • Parks and Culture

Dear Neighbors,

It has been a privilege to serve as your District 12 Milwaukee County Supervisor for the 2022-2024 term. It has been great interacting and meeting residents from District 12. I look forward to continuing to connect with constituents at meetings and events this fall.

Since my term began, I have introduced several resolutions with the goal of improving District 12 as well as benefiting Milwaukee County as a whole. From resolutions relating to the dome and Mitchell Park to resolutions improving multilingual accessibility for County meetings. I am proud to author and co-sponsor resolutions that have a positive impact on District 12 residents and residents around the County.

I am also happy to see the work that the MCTS Security Task Force has completed. I was one of the authors of the resolution to form the MCTS Task Force. I am glad to see the MCTS Security Task Force work with the American Transit Union and community stakeholders to determine their recommendations. This task force will bring their recommendations to the County Board to improve security on MCTS buses.

As you may have seen, the future of the Mitchell Park Domes is once again in question. On September 12th the Committee on Parks and Culture heard an informational report regarding the Domes. This report outlines multiple options for the Domes including but not limited to repairs to one of the three Domes, full repairs, or reduction of public access and demolition. The County is carefully considering all options and will continue to seek input from the community. Having grown up with the Mitchell Park Domes I will continue to work to preserve this gem of our community.

As an experienced and successful union organizer as well as a community advocate, I'm ready to continue to use my knowledge and experience to further serve my community. Thank you so much for trusting me as your Milwaukee County Supervisor! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to connect with my office.

Sincerely,

Juan Miguel Martinez
Milwaukee County Supervisor, 12th District

The Future of the Mitchell Park Domes

The Milwaukee County Committee on Parks and Culture recently heard options for the future of the Mitchell Park Domes. Several options were presented to the committee including, full repairs, repairs to one dome, demolition, and rebuilding. The largest barrier to the Domes is the funding of these potential projects. The County currently has over \$500 million dollars in deferred maintenance meaning the County must consider the most fiscally responsible option. Public meetings will continue to be held to explore each of these options and determine which option will benefit the community the most. I will continue to engage residents to gather their input and answer any questions regarding the Domes.



Supervisor Martinez speaking at a Domes public input session, where constituents were able to voice their opinions on what they would like to see done with the Domes and Mitchell Park.



Supervisor Martinez joins a tour of the Domes with Deputy Parks Director Jim Tarantino and Alderwoman Jocasta Zamarripa.

Milwaukee County Transit System Introduces Digital Boarding System for Buses

Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) has embarked on a journey to modernize its services and enhance the process of boarding its buses. Effective October 1st, passengers need to rely on either the Umo app or the WisGo card for boarding MCTS buses, rendering the traditional M-Card obsolete.

The shift to this new digital boarding system marks a significant departure from the past, and mirrors new collection methods used around the nation which have evolved considerably over the years. The M-card, which has been in use for the past decade, is no longer in alignment with the advancements in bus technology and evolving passenger preferences.

One of the main advantages of the WisGo system is its efficiency getting people on the bus. Riders using the Umo app will have the convenience of managing their entire bus experience through their smartphones. This includes boarding with a QR code scan as well as storing value and setting reminders to replenish their account balance. The previous inconvenience of dealing with physical passes for daily, weekly, or monthly rides is now eliminated.

The WisGo system also implemented fare caps for regular riders. This means that the more frequently a passenger uses the bus, the less they pay over time. The system keeps track of individual rider data, automatically capping the fare to ensure passengers receive the most cost-effective rates.

For those who still prefer cash payments, MCTS will continue to accept cash fares on buses. However, the traditional cash payments will no longer include free transfers, which are now offered exclusively to users of the Umo app or the WisGo card.

Feedback from early adopters of the WisGo system has been positive, with many praising the ease of use and their ability to board buses quickly. Notably, more than 160,000 individuals have already made the switch to the digital boarding system, showcasing a strong reception among the commuting community.

For those who prefer the physical card option, the WisGo card is available for pick-up at various locations, including the Milwaukee County Transit building and several retail stores.

The WisGo digital boarding system marks a significant step forward for MCTS. This innovative approach aligns with changing trends and passenger preferences, ensuring a smoother, more convenient, and more cost effective commuting experience for all.



Supervisor Martinez addressing attendees at a Jackson Park public input meeting, where the future of Jackson Park drive was discussed with constituents.

Energy Assistance Available for Qualifying Milwaukee County Residents



If you are looking for help on your energy bill this winter, Milwaukee County may have you covered. The Energy Assistance Program provides qualified Milwaukee County residents with a one-time, annual payment toward heating and electric bills. The funding pays a portion of energy costs determined by household size, income, and energy costs. The benefit is usually paid directly to the energy supplier.

If you have a utility bill and are within Milwaukee County's income guidelines, you probably qualify. Schedule an appointment by calling **(414) 270-4-MKE** or **2-1-1**. Once you successfully complete the application with an energy specialist your benefit will go directly to your utility account.

If you completed an application interview and need to return verification documents to expedite your Energy Assistance application:

- Send documents to **milwaukee.energy@umos.org** if you had an interview with UMOs
- Send documents to **eadocuments@communityadvocates.net** if you had an interview with Community Advocates

Please be sure to black out your social security number, date of birth, bank account numbers or EIN prior to submitting the documents.

If you are seeking the status of your application, you will receive a benefit status letter in the mail within 7-14 business days after your verification documents have been received. If it has been more than 14 business days, please call **(414) 270-4653**.

If you have a complaint in regard to your experience with the Energy Assistance Program, please call **(414) 289-6656** or email **EnergyAssistance@MilwaukeeCountywi.gov** and a representative will follow up with you within 48 hours. If you completed your application online and have questions call **(800) 506-5596** for assistance.



Milwaukee Public Museum Update

Milwaukee's renowned Public Museum is set for relocation from its current spot at 800 W. Wells St. to a modern venue at the intersection of Sixth and McKinley streets. The new museum will boast a contemporary design comprised of mostly concrete and glass. Although final decisions are still pending, MPM leadership has guaranteed that every item in their collection will find a spot in the new museum, either as permanent exhibits, rotating displays, or in storage. Museum leadership has also ensured that varied artifacts from storage will continue to be periodically displayed in the new building, which is slated to launch in 2026.

The museum also boasted several key exhibits to anticipate including a history exhibit entitled, "Time Travel," "Milwaukee Revealed," "Wisconsin Journey," "Living in a Dynamic World," "Rainforest," a cutting-edge planetarium, a butterfly vivarium, and a rooftop terrace. Several exhibits from the existing museum, like the historic Muskrat Group diorama and the renowned Streets of Old Milwaukee, will migrate to the new space. With the museum's assurance that every artifact will either be exhibited or stored securely, the community eagerly anticipates the late 2026 launch of the new venue.

The original museum will mostly remain accessible until that date, with a brief hiatus planned in 2026 to facilitate the transfer of artifacts. As Milwaukee looks towards a promising future, the new Milwaukee Public Museum promises to be an integral part of that journey.



One of the many cleanups hosted by County Supervisor Martinez, this one at Clarke Square, with members of VIA Community Development and his Legislative Assistant James Halverson.

List of Co-sponsored Legislation

- **23-355** - A resolution calling upon the state of Wisconsin to amend its statutes to waive the annual fishing license fee for residents 65 and older in Wisconsin.
- **22-354** - A resolution in opposition of conversion therapy and the use of private or public funding for conversion therapy and calling on the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board to adopt a formal policy to condemn conversion therapy in Milwaukee County.
- **23-336** - A resolution allocating \$100,000 from Agency 194, Account 1945- Appropriation for Contingencies to Agency 800, Org. Unit 8521- Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Administration for the Local 212 Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)
- **23-377** - A resolution appropriating \$1,613,988 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase and forgive approximately \$153 million of Milwaukee County residents' medical debt, supporting approximately 67,000 neighbors-in-need.
- **23-481** - A resolution Supporting a budget provision to provide additional shared revenue for Milwaukee County to provide essential services to residents with full autonomy and without restrictions from the state legislature.
- **23-554** - A resolution requesting a research and analysis plan and initial baseline report about the operation of the Milwaukee County Criminal Justice Facility (CJF) to establish a foundation of understanding to inform future policy decisions and studies, to promote well-informed, thoughtful, and respectful engagement, and to balance transparency and accountability with the need to manage legal risks and legal privileges.
- **23-559** - A resolution opposing the use of Milwaukee County tax levy to fund long-term renovations at American Family Field to secure a lease extension with the Milwaukee Brewers after the current stadium lease expires in 2030.
- **23-646** - A resolution recognizing the valuable role parks and recreation plays in community health and wellness and designating July as Park and Recreation Month in Milwaukee County.
- **23-698** - A resolution calling on the Housing Division of the Milwaukee County Health & Human Services (DHHS) and all other relevant county departments to develop strategies to incentivize landlords to accept renters who are participating in Milwaukee County's Housing Choice Voucher Program.



IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. **Simply dial 2-1-1.** If you want detailed information please go to: www.impactinc.org/impact-211.



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800 W. Wells St., Milw.
(414) 278-2728
www.mpm.edu




Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month.

2220 N. Terrace Ave.
Milwaukee
(414) 271-3656
www.villaterrace.org



Free every day for kids 12 and under.

700 N. Art Museum Dr.
Milwaukee
(414) 224-3200
www.mam.org



Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month.

1801 N. Prospect Ave.
Milwaukee
(414) 278-8295
www.charlesallis.org



Family Free Days 2023: 12/2, 2024: 1/6, 2/3, 3/2, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7. Frosty Free Week 2023: 12/26-12/30. Parking fees still apply.

10001 W. Bluemound Rd.
Milw. • (414) 256-5412
www.milwaukeezoo.org



Free admission on the third Thursday of each month

929 E. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee
(414) 390-5437
www.bbcmkids.org



Free and open every day 8 to close.

750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr.
Milwaukee
(414) 273-5533
www.warmemorialcenter.org

Service Guide for 12th District Milwaukee County Residents

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Juan Miguel Martinez (414) 278-4269

Aging and Disability Resource Center (414) 289-6660

Airports

Mitchell International Airport (414) 747-5300

Timmerman Airport (414) 461-3222

Child Support Services

Customer Service (414) 615-2593

KIDS Information Line (800) 991-5530

Clerk of Circuit Court (414) 278-5362

Community Reintegration Center (414) 427-4700

County Clerk (414) 278-4067

County Executive (414) 278-4212

County Treasurer (414) 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims)..... (414) 278-5362

Criminal Division (414) 278-4538

Children's Division (414) 257-7700

Dept. of Health and Human Services..... (888) 947-6583

District Attorney's Office (414) 278-4646

Election Commission (414) 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff General Information (414) 278-4766

Sheriff (non-emergency) (414) 278-4788

TDD Emergency..... (414) 278-5252

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours)..... (414) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours) (414) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention (414) 257-7222

Mental Health Crisis (414) 257-7222

Fraud Hotline (414) 93-FRAUD

Jury Services

General Information..... (414) 278-4469

Reserve Juror Message (414) 985-6000

Marcus Performing Arts Center (414) 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing..... (414) 278-4067

Medical Examiner (414) 223-1200

Milwaukee Art Museum (414) 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society (414) 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

General Information..... (414) 257-7275

Parks Hotline..... (414) 257-5100

Organized Sports..... (414) 257-8030

Boerner Botanical Gardens..... (414) 525-5600

Golf Office (414) 257-8024

Golf Reservations (414) 475-6222

District 12 Parks

Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd..... (414) 643-0120

Jackson Park, 3500 W. Forest Home Ave. (414) 672-5052

Kinnickinnic River Parkway-East..... (414) 643-0120

Milwaukee County Sports Complex (414) 281-2694

Milwaukee County Zoo (414) 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum (414) 278-2702

Municipality

Milwaukee City Hall/Common Council (414) 286-2221

Milwaukee Night Number..... (414) 286-CITY (2489)

Office of Persons with Disabilities (414) 278-3932

Register in Probate (414) 278-4444

Register of Deeds (414) 278-4021

Rent Assistance..... (414) 278-4894

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares (414) 344-6711

Customer Comments..... (414) 937-3218

Transit Plus..... (414) 343-1700

UW-Extension..... (414) 256-4600

Veterans Services (414) 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service (414) 278-4667