



15th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

SKY Z. CAPRIOLO

*Proudly Representing all of West Milwaukee
and portions of Milwaukee and West Allis*



**MILWAUKEE
COUNTY**

Fall 2025

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Judiciary, Law Enforcement,
and General Services (Vice-Chair)

Audit

Community, Environment,
and Economic Development

OTHER COMMITMENTS

Wisconsin Women in Government
Board Member

Milwaukee Child Welfare
Partnership Council Appointee

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*Please reach out with County questions,
concerns, and compliments. Know
someone deserving of a special
recognition? Please let me know!*

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Hello Fellow District 15 Residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits, and any residual effects from the historic flooding in August are being fully addressed.

I'm roughly three-quarters through my first 2-year term as your Milwaukee County Supervisor. It has truly been a pleasure meeting and working with many of you in person and through dedicated community organizations. From my vantage point, I see how incredible our citizens can be.

Some highlights for me since my mailing last fall include:

- *Handing out hundreds of car cellphone holders to promote safer driving (having both hands on the wheel is a great start)*
- *Organizing special events with the County Board, like participating in an Honor Flight welcome home celebration at MKE airport*
- *Hosting educational events like the SafeTALK suicide prevention training and a Final Five Voting demonstration in our District*
- *Collaborating with my Board colleagues and County departments on items like The Domes, Milwaukee County Jail improvements and supporting safe access to our County Courthouse*

Last fall, our Board, unanimously passed a balanced budget, in record time, because of the work and collaboration we all put in during committees leading up to the vote. This year, I hope for something similar, but I know our economic landscape will be rockier going into 2026. Hearing from residents gives us all the blueprint to follow as we build the budget for next year, so please don't hesitate to reach out to my office with your concerns, ideas and wish list items. Please attend this fall's open houses too – I've listed the ones I'll be at in this newsletter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity,

Sky Z. Capriolo - Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 15



I organized the County Board to attend the last 2024 Stars and Stripes Honor Flight return in November. It was a privilege to be part of the thousands of people at Milwaukee airport welcoming home Korean and Vietnam veterans. Experiencing the pride and celebration this event exudes with my County Board colleagues, our Youth Commissioners, and our guests as a big County Group was a huge highlight!



Area businesses are still being affected by construction on the south side of our district. I was happy to join City of Milwaukee Alder Burgelis, Fire Chief Lipski and customers of Ben and Brittany Essig, the owners of Knights Gourmet Popcorn and Rescued Roasters, to draw attention to their businesses.

How to Know if You Contact the County or the City

Your government officials are here to help you navigate our services and direct you to the right department for assistance. Here is a handy listing of which entity to contact when needs or questions arise in West Milwaukee, West Allis, and the City of Milwaukee.

County: Parks, Public Transit, Sheriff, Health & Human Services, Courts, Museums & Zoo

City: Streets, Sanitation, Police, Utilities, Libraries, Neighborhood Services

County and City officials work together to help our constituents. Milwaukee County District 15 overlaps with parts of four City of Milwaukee Districts. Here are the alders for those districts on the City side:

District 4 - Alderman Robert Bauman • rjbauma@milwaukee.gov • 414-286-3774

District 11 - Alderman Peter Burgelis • peter.burgelis@milwaukee.gov • 414-286-3768

District 10 - Alderwoman Sharlen Moore • sharlen.moore@milwaukee.gov • 414-286-3763

District 15 - Alderman Russell Stamper II • russell.stamper@milwaukee.gov • 414-286-2221

West Allis City Hall: 7525 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214 • 414-302-2489

West Milwaukee Village Administration: general@westmilwaukee.gov • 414-645-1530

Turning Reckless Driving into Wreck-less Driving in Milwaukee County

The Road to Safer Streets

As part of our ongoing commitment to safer streets and a more responsible driving culture, I'm proud to spread the word on our Vision Zero initiative — a comprehensive approach to eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

In January, I had the pleasure of kicking off the year with a community drive-through event at Harley-Davidson Headquarters in conjunction with the Brewers Community Foundation. Together, we handed out hands-free cellphone holders to help drivers keep both hands on the wheel and eyes on the road. Since then, I've continued to distribute these holders at various events throughout the year including West Milwaukee Lions Club Breakfast, Jackson Park Farmer's Market, Washington Park Wednesdays and many more.

Let's be honest — many of us can be better drivers. It starts with simple steps: follow traffic laws, show courtesy to fellow drivers, and eliminate distractions. More than half of U.S. states have laws prohibiting handheld cell phone use while driving. I led a County resolution encouraging Wisconsin legislators to adopt a "Hands-free Cellphone" law. Keeping both hands on the wheel isn't just safer — it could save a life.

Also, a quick legal reminder: in Wisconsin, it's **illegal to text while driving** and to use a **handheld cell phone in construction zones**.

Safe driving is something we all play a role in. Vision Zero is more than an initiative, it's a community commitment. Let's keep working together to make our streets safer for everyone. Drive smart. Drive safe. And keep both hands on the wheel!



This year I've handed out close to 800 car cellphone holders at various events. I'm happy that they've been popular! I am looking at how to advance my safer driving mission in 2026. More car cellphone holders? Something else? What are your suggestions?



I was truly blown away by the support for our car cellphone holder drive through event in January of 2025! Thank you Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, Milwaukee Fire Department (including Chief Lipski), The Brewers Community Foundation, The Harley-Davidson Foundation, the Milwaukee Bucks, the Milwaukee County DOT and fellow elected officials Milwaukee County Supervisors Martin, Vincent and Shea and West Milwaukee Village President John Stalewski for braving the winter weather with me that morning.



Dawn Dunlap retired from her role as Executive Assistant in the Milwaukee County Zoo Director's Office in June 2025 after an incredible 40 years of dedicated service in the County.

Recognitions I Gave Out This Year

- **Ruthie Burich-Weatherly**, a public-health advocate and an HIV/STD-prevention specialist with over two decades of experience including LGBTQ+ health was recognized during Pride Month.
- **Jen Hense**, Urban Ecology Center's Executive Director and **Terry Evans**, Urban Ecology Center Washington Park Branch Director were recognized during Earth Month.
- **Melissa Muller**, the driving force behind Washington Park Wednesdays, an acclaimed eight-week summer concert series at the historic bandshell, was recognized during Parks and Recreation Month.
- **Michelle Nate**, Deputy Comptroller for the Office of the Comptroller retired at the end of February 2025 after a decade of dedicated service to Milwaukee County.
- **Kory Postotnik** retired from his role at Department of Health & Human Services after serving 25 years with the County.
- **Mike Strehlow** semi-retired from his current role as anchor for CBS 58 after dedicating over four decades to broadcast journalism.
- **Tom Stawicki** retired from his current role as Operator after serving 20 years with the Milwaukee County Transit System.
- **Yvonne Wentlandt** (lifelong contributor to the Valley community) and **MiquelaRae Artz** (founder of Live, Laugh, Loaves MKE, a free food distribution service on the South Side) were recognized during Women's History Month.

Recent County Legislation

Here are some of the pieces of legislation I was happy to author and co-sponsor.

- Urging state legislators to adopt legislation requiring drivers to utilize hands-free phone technology to reduce the likelihood of distraction-related crashes.
- Authorizing an interdepartmental transfer of funds to purchase a new body scanner and additional K9 for the Milwaukee County Jail to reduce smuggling of drugs and other dangerous items.
- Recognizing February 18 as Vel Phillips Day in Milwaukee County to celebrate the life and legacy of The Honorable Vel Phillips.
- Affirming Milwaukee County's dedication to justice, safety, and access at the Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex.
- Supporting the Milwaukee County Sustainable Design Standards in alignment with the County's goal to be carbon neutral by 2050.
- Urging state lawmakers to pass legislation that would set a minimum age of 21 to purchase tobacco products, vapor products, marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids, and drug paraphernalia.
- Requesting the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) to develop a data-informed bus fare compliance strategy to strengthen revenue and ensure long-term sustainability.

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

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. All appointments are conducted by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.



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.

Board Celebrates Women's History Month



I was honored to co-host our Women's History Month program with my colleague, Supervisor Anne O'Connor. Together we recognized the contributions of women currently working in leadership positions within the County as well as highlighted some of the history of women in County government. As long as there are still "firsts" to claim, we shall celebrate them!

Final Five Voting Event

This summer I hosted a Final Five Voting event with Voters First Wisconsin, Supervisor Steve F. Taylor and West Milwaukee President John Stalewski. Our attendees got a true taste of what this new voting concept looks like through enjoying a variety of ice cream toppings and voting for their favorite. Among other things, Final Five Voting aims to increase voters' power, along with accountability and productivity among elected officials, and decrease political party and special interests' influence in our national elections. Reach out to me if you want more information.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Commission on Aging

county.milwaukee.gov/aging/getinvolved



Learn how to develop programming and services for senior adults that reduces social isolation and loneliness, while advocating for services for this growing community.

Youth Commission

county.milwaukee.gov/youthcommission



The Milwaukee County Youth Commission provides young people in Milwaukee County with a unique experience in community service, civic engagement, and policy and budget decision-making.



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ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, October 27, 2025 • 6:00 p.m.

Mitchell Park Domes - 524 S. Layton Blvd.

Please join me for the County Board's Annual Public Hearing on the 2026 Milwaukee County budget. I want to hear from you on your budget priorities for the coming year.

UPCOMING TOWN HALL MEETINGS

October 6, 2025 • 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Washington Park Urban Ecology Center

With Supervisors Shawn Rolland and Felesia A. Martin

October 13, 2025 • 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Alcott Park *With Supervisor Patti Logsdon*

October 14, 2025 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Kosciuszko Community Center

With Supervisors Gómez-Tom, Wasserman, Eckblad, Martinez, and Bielinski



Charles Allis
Art Museum



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County Attractions!**
county.milwaukee.gov/freedays



It was a pleasure to be the emcee of the opening and closing Washington Park Wednesdays concert series. My rescue Airedale puppy, Hercules, even joined me on stage.



*It was great to have such wonderful support at our Washington Park Summer Safety Meeting at Washington Park Senior Center in May. Area organizations hosted tables beforehand, the Sheriff's Office, Milwaukee Police, and County Parks Department answered questions during the presentation, and I was excited to have County Board Supervisors Rolland and Martin, plus City Alders Stamper II and Moore in attendance. **Above left:** Supervisor Rolland, Sheriff Ball, Supervisor Martin and me. **Above right:** Speaking with Barb Scotty of Near West Side Partners at the pre-meeting open house portion.*



***Above left:** I participated in the suicide prevention SafeTALK "We Can Save Lives Tour" training held at the County Courthouse this spring. **Above right:** I found it a valuable experience and hosted one at the American Serbian Hall in District 15 in August. Many thanks to Rabbi Levi Stein and his Friendship Circle for doing 41 stops on this tour in honor of the late Milwaukee City Alderperson Jonathan Brostoff. Also, thanks to Deputy County Clerk Stefan Dostanic and Serb Hall for cohosting the August training session.*



I really enjoy speaking at neighborhood association meetings throughout the district. I have to say the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association organizers took their meeting to a new level at Washington Park Media Center, with a live studio audience and virtual streaming via YouTube!