



SHELDON WASSERMAN

3RD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbors,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the end of the year draws near, I want to provide you with an update on our district and how I've been working to advocate for our community. It has been an honor serving as your Supervisor this year and I look forward to continuing to work closely with you to make improvements in the county.

Something that has become particularly apparent to me throughout the past year, and especially as we head into budget season, is how difficult it is to fund our county's government and programs. After hearing the County Executive's budget presentation, it is clear that there is just not enough money to adequately provide for our constituents, maintain and promote our parks, fix our transit system, and support the many other important programs we care about. Every day I'm faced with the difficult choice of deciding which programs get the funding they need, at the expense of other programs. It is increasingly important that I hear feedback about what you care about most in our district and county. By understanding your priorities, I can advocate on behalf of those programs that our community appreciates.

Despite this, I've had a productive year and have had the opportunity to meet with many constituents, serve on several committees and task forces, and attend meetings in our community. I've served as a member of the Retirement Sustainability Taskforce in order to provide necessary updates to our ailing pension system. Most importantly, I think we need to remain logical and focus on creating a simple and fiscally responsive pension system moving forward. I was also able to meet with the Lakefront Development Advisory Commission and the Historic Watertown Neighborhood Association. I look forward to meeting with more neighborhood groups in the coming year to keep updated on your priorities for me.

Finally, I want to discuss with you the importance of being an organ donor. During our September Board meeting, Judges Derek Mosley and JoAnn Eiring spoke about their personal experience with donating an organ and the need for more organ donors. There are 116,000 people waiting for a life-saving transplant. Every 10 minutes a name is added to the national transplant waiting list. Every day 22 people die from the lack of available organs for transplant. Half of the people waiting for a kidney transplant are people of color. A healthy person can become a 'living donor' by donating a kidney, part of the liver, blood or bone marrow. About 5,000 living donations occur each year. One in four donors is not biologically related to the recipient. Be a hero, save a life, BE A DONOR. To be listed on the Donor Registry, please go to www.donatelifewisconsin.org.



Supervisor Wasserman with municipal judges JoAnn Eiring and Derek Mosley, after they addressed the county board about the importance of organ donation and their shared experience with it.

As always, please feel free to contact my office at any time with your comments and questions. Your input is extremely valuable to me and our district.

Sincerely,

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Water Safety Initiative



Promoting diversity in swimming education is a goal of Supervisor Wasserman's \$35,000 swimming initiative.

Many of you may remember the tragic drowning that occurred earlier this summer at Atwater Park. I announced a \$35,000 budget amendment to address the racial and ethnic disparities in drowning fatalities across Milwaukee County. I'm still committed to ensuring that this money is available to use in this year's budget so we can improve swimming education in all children, with a specialty on those who need it most: minority children. I continue to work with the Parks department to identify resources we can provide to the district to promote swimming.

One way to ensure safety at our beaches is by employing capable lifeguards. Lifeguarding is a great first job for teenagers. It teaches responsibility and the importance of hard work. 65% of teenagers don't have a job in the summer months. If your child doesn't have a job lined up for next summer, encourage them to consider lifeguarding training next spring through the Milwaukee County Parks aquatics office or the Red Cross. Being a lifeguard pays well and the County is hiring for many pool and park positions.

Most importantly, encourage your children to take an interest in swimming. It might save their life.

Finance and Audit Committee



Supervisor Wasserman considering amendments to the County Executive's 2018 proposed budget during the Finance and Audit Committee's budget meetings this October.

Oak Leaf Bike Trail



The East Side section of the Oak Leaf Trail under construction last year. It will soon be under construction again as a new access ramp is built on North Avenue.

In summer 2018, you can expect to see a North Avenue access ramp to the Oak Leaf Trail. The Parks department will be making substantial improvements to the trail on the East side. The Oak Leaf Trail receives a lot of traffic from walkers, runners and bikers, as well as people commuting to and from work. Repaving the trail and improving water drainage will be a great improvement for our trail.

Ravine Road Bridge



The Ravine Road bridge this past winter. Lake Park Friends is looking for additional donors so the project of repairing and reopening the bridge can be completed.

The Ravine Road Bridge in Lake Park has been a focal point to the work I've been doing this year for our district. Lake Park Friends currently is paying for an engineering group to look at possible repair of the historic bridge. We are waiting for the engineering firm's data to see if this could be a fiscally and aesthetically responsible way for the bridge to be reopened. If it is unsuccessful, rebuilding the bridge will be necessary in the same format it is currently in. Current estimates are approximately \$2.6 million for this repair. The only way this bridge can be repaired is through a public-private partnership to raise these funds. I look forward to working with Lake Park Friends, other groups and all other donors in trying to get this bridge repaired and to remove the terrible eyesore we have with fences and barricades in this crown jewel of our Milwaukee County parks.

Milwaukee County 3rd District Constituent Survey - *Your Opinion Counts!*

Milwaukee County: I need your help. Please complete the survey below, or online at the survey link, and mail back to my office by January 1st, 2018 to be entered into a raffle. I am raffling off two Traveling Beer Garden mugs and the winners will have their glasses delivered by me personally.

Link to online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X7VRSTV>

1. One of the biggest crises facing Milwaukee County is that our Courthouse, Safety Building, and Medical Examiner Facility are falling into disrepair. The estimated cost to repair these facilities is at least \$200 million. Our county parks have at least \$300 million of deferred maintenance throughout the entire system. It is not possible for us to fund all of these ventures. Where do you think we should allocate our limited funding? Please rate the options 1-7 with 1 being highest priority and 7 being lowest priority.

- a. Parks
- b. Milwaukee County Courthouse repairs
- c. Safety Building
- d. Medical Examiner Facility
- e. Public Museum
- f. Domes
- g. Milwaukee County Transit System & Paratransit
- h. Other? Please specify: _____

2. It has been estimated that a Domes reconstruction project could cost between \$20 million and \$64 million. It will also be necessary for this money to be bonded, which could cost nearly \$100 million with interest. This would necessitate increasing the tax levy. How much per year would you be willing to pay to repair or reconstruct the Domes?

- a. Nothing b. \$25-50 c. \$50-\$75 d. \$75-\$100 e. \$100+

3. Would you support a 1% increase in sales tax to help fund the county's park system?

- a. Yes b. No

4. Milwaukee County is falling short of the revenue it needs to maintain services. One idea to raise revenue is to implement modern parking meters in county parks and/or near the lakefront. Would you support a modern parking meter system in these areas?

- a. Yes b. No

5. This summer's Beer Gardens in Lake Park were a huge success. The Friday night fish fries routinely sold over 200 pounds of fish and the Sunday buffets were sold out also. It appears there's a demand for high quality food and beverage that has not been met. Would you like a continuation of these services on a permanent or temporary basis? A permanent basis would be from June to September and a temporary basis would be a 2-3 week event in the summer.

- a. Yes, I want a permanent food and beverage provider
- b. No, I do not want a permanent food and beverage provider
- c. Yes, I want a temporary food and beverage provider
- d. No, I do not want a temporary food and beverage provider

6. Currently, Lake Park Bistro and North Point Custard are restaurant options near the lakefront. Would you be interested in a new, affordable restaurant at Bradford Beach in a newly constructed pavilion?

- a. Yes b. No

7. Please provide your email address: _____

To Submit: Please mail to Sheldon Wasserman, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St. #201, Milwaukee, WI 53233 or email a copy to sheldon.wasserman@milwaukeecountywi.gov.



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The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is excited to announce the launch of Polco, an innovative community engagement platform for neighbors to directly influence Milwaukee County's decision-making process! We have already started posting questions to the community that you can answer by going to <https://polco.us/milwaukeecounty> and creating an account.

Sup. Wasserman in the Courthouse



Above: Supervisor Wasserman speaking to the Finance and Audit Committee, of which he is vice-chair, during deliberations about the county executive's 2018 proposed budget this October.



Left: Supervisor Wasserman addressing his colleagues during the September meeting of the County Board.

Get To Know Your County Clerk



I would like to introduce George Christenson, our Milwaukee County Clerk. His office administers county-wide elections, provides support to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, and offers a variety of services to county residents, including:

- Applying for a Marriage License or a Domestic Partnership
- Applying for a Passport
- Sale of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources licenses and permits (including hunting and fishing licenses)
- Sale of Milwaukee County Transit System bus passes
- Notary Public Services

Please visit the County Clerk's website for additional information on these services: county.milwaukee.gov/CountyClerk.

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