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## Dear Neighbors,

I hope that 2025 is going well for you. Here at Milwaukee County government, it has been another challenging year. Like last year, Milwaukee County is struggling to cover the cost of overtime for Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputies. This year, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) has a nearly identical problem. Due to a shortage of Milwaukee County bus drivers, MCTS has also had to pay millions in overtime to its drivers. This, along with a worse-than-expected fare evasion problem, has resulted in a multimillion-dollar deficit there, too. Hence, Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley has presented a budget that addresses these issues, including a reduction in new capital projects. Even worse, the August flooding resulted in over \$30 million in damages to Milwaukee County parkland and other county property. The president has announced that nearly \$30 million in FEMA money will be available to government bodies and private property owners, but since that money is to be shared by five counties, it will not be nearly enough to cover all the damage.

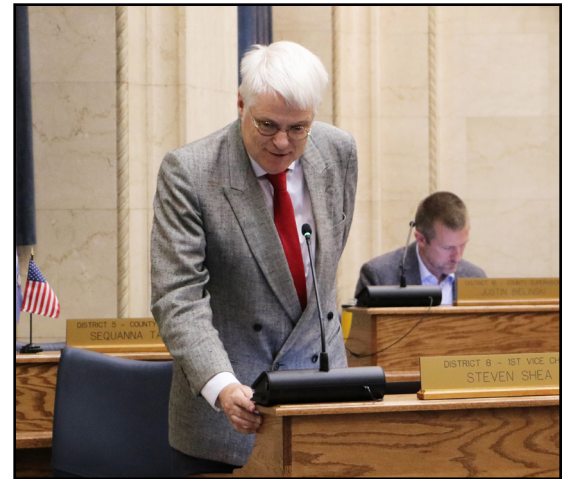
Traditionally, when Milwaukee County government has a money shortfall, Milwaukee County Parks is the first thing to take a hit. Sadly, the County Executive did not include the funds to complete the Grant Park Road resurfacing project in his 2026 budget.

The hottest topic in District 8 right now is the future of Lawrence P. Kelly Senior Center. Outside forces have collided to make its situation particularly dire. In recent years, both the Cudahy YMCA and South Milwaukee's Grobschmidt Senior Center have closed. The result has been an increased demand on the resources at Kelly. The Kelly buildings are leftover military buildings from the Cold War era. They were never intended to be a senior center. Both the exercise and ceramics rooms are too small to meet the demands placed on them. After a facility assessment, Kelly Senior Center in Cudahy needs an estimated \$2.5 million in capital repairs and maintenance: HVAC system renewal, window and door replacements, flooring remediation, plumbing and natural gas distribution systems, electrical wiring, fire and safety alarms, and roof regrading.

Meanwhile the City of South Milwaukee and a private developer are rehabbing the Bucyrus Erie building at 1100 Milwaukee Avenue in South Milwaukee. It will be situated along the #15 bus line. A senior center there would have double the space Kelly has. The building is equipped with a full commercial kitchen, dining area, movie theater, gift shop, fully accessible restrooms, entryways, signage, and open space. The building would include over 100 apartment units with eight to be set aside for veterans below 60% of the area median income. Milwaukee County would sign a twenty-five year lease there. Change is difficult. I love the Kelly site, but a move of the senior center would result in great cost savings and a bigger and better equipped senior center. Milwaukee County's Department of Health and Human Services intends to fully cover capital investments for the development and ongoing leasing and operational costs without any Milwaukee County tax levy.

Respectfully,

**Steven Shea**  
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 8  
1st Vice-Chairman



*Supervisor Steven Shea speaking during September's Board Meeting.*

## 8th District Detailed Street Map

Check out a street level map to learn more about our district.

Visit my page on the County website to sign up for my monthly email updates: [County.Milwaukee.gov/Shea](https://County.Milwaukee.gov/Shea)

## Milwaukee Public Museum/Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin Project Update



The new Milwaukee Public Museum (set to be called the Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin) is currently being constructed on 6th and McKinley in the Deer District. The foundation was finished in 2023, and by late 2024, crews had started work on the first two floors. By spring 2025, four of the five stories were complete. The exterior is in the process of being enclosed with 670 precast stone panels arranged in a curved, bluff-like design. All major work is on schedule: officials expect to enclose the building by the end of 2025 and finish interiors so the museum can open in early 2027.

The total construction budget is roughly \$240 million, covered by a mix of public and private funds. Milwaukee County and the State of Wisconsin have each pledged roughly \$45M and \$40M respectively. Milwaukee County's share is funded via its new 0.4% sales tax. The balance will come from philanthropy and grants. The Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM) has been fundraising \$150 million from private donors to complete the package.

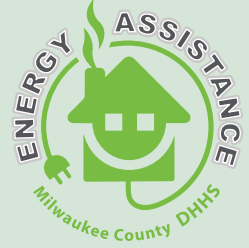
The new museum will have five permanent galleries across four floors, plus special features and amenities. Key galleries include:

- **Time Travel:** A prehistoric journey through Paleozoic, Mesozoic and Cenozoic eras.
- **Wisconsin Journey:** Showcasing Wisconsin's natural landscapes and cultural history.
- **Milwaukee Revealed:** An immersive old-Milwaukee streetscape with local history exhibits.
- **Living in a Dynamic World:** Five "landscape" halls (desert, arctic, islands, grasslands, mountains) illustrating global ecosystems.
- **Rainforest & Butterfly Vivarium:** A rebuilt tropical rainforest experience, including a live butterfly garden.

Additional features will include a state-of-the-art Daniel M. Soref Planetarium and dome theater, a rooftop terrace and enclosed butterfly garden, a café, gift shop, parking garage, and other visitor amenities.

Public input has been central to the project. MPM reports that exhibit themes and designs were shaped by extensive community feedback: thousands of Wisconsinites took surveys and joined focus groups to identify the museum's core "pillars" and gallery concepts. An inclusive oversight committee (including educators, tribal and cultural leaders, scientists, and others) guided content decisions. Exhibit designers even toured Wisconsin, meeting local citizens and tribal representatives to incorporate diverse perspectives. Museum leaders emphasize that each new gallery was developed with the input of community members, curators, educators, and scientists.

## Energy Assistance is Available for Qualifying Milwaukee County Residents



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.

## 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.
- A resolution requesting the development of a comprehensive policy framework for facial recognition technology that does not suppress First Amendment related activities, violate privacy, or otherwise adversely impact individuals' civil rights and liberties.
- 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.
- A resolution giving support to the Milwaukee Mental Health Board to provide funding for the "We Can Save Lives Tour," which provides suicide prevention training in Wisconsin.

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## Milwaukee County Resources

### Eviction Resources

If you are in need of eviction resources, please utilize EvictionFreeMKE for information on free legal assistance, rent support services, and your rights as a tenant. You can visit [EvictionFreeMKE.org](http://EvictionFreeMKE.org) or call **(414) 892-7368** to learn more.

### Emergency Food Map

All over Milwaukee, there are spots handing out free meals out to the community. The Hunger Task Force created a map tool that allows you to check out what location is closest to you. [www.hungertaskforce.org/get-help/emergency-food](http://www.hungertaskforce.org/get-help/emergency-food)

### 24-Hour Crisis Hotline

If you are feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or in need of support, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division offers resources. If you do require professional counselors, you can reach out to **(414) 257-7222**.

## Get the Help You Need

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](http://www.impactinc.org/impact-211).



## How to Know if You Contact the County or the Municipality

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.

### • Contact the County for:

Parks, Public Transit, Sheriff, Health & Human Services, Court, Museums and Zoo

### • Contact local municipalities for:

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

The County and officials from local municipalities work together to help our constituents. Milwaukee County District 8 overlaps with Cudahy, South Milwaukee, St. Francis, and a portion of the City of Milwaukee.



To find out the elected officials in your specific area, please use this QR Code or visit [myvote.wi.gov/My-Elected-Officials](http://myvote.wi.gov/My-Elected-Officials). There you will find your elected officials, from local to federal, as well as contact information.

## In the Community with Supervisor Shea



Here I am getting a "Green Thumb" helping constituents weed out unwanted plants at Pulaski Park.



Here I am speaking at the Cudahy Memorial Day Event at the Cudahy War Memorial.



The St. Francis Day Parade was an amazing event to attend. I am pictured with the Mayor of St. Francis, Ken Tutaj and St. Francis Council President Shawn Frier.



The Friends of Grant Park are an amazing organization! Members of the Friends of Grant Park are pictured here with a citation I issued for them in honor of their dedication to a park everyone can enjoy.



The opening of the Cogg Center in Milwaukee is a life changer for not just residents of the City of Milwaukee, but for all residents of Milwaukee County. I am pictured here with fellow County Supervisors and Milwaukee leaders.



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## Enjoy Free Milwaukee County Attractions! Visit [county.milwaukee.gov/freedays](http://county.milwaukee.gov/freedays)

 <p><b>MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM</b></p> <p>Free to all (excluding groups) the first Thursday of every month, sponsored by Kohl's. County residents get \$2 off every day.</p> <p>800 W. Wells St., Milw. (414) 278-2728 <a href="http://www.mpm.edu">www.mpm.edu</a></p>	<p><b>VILLA TERRACE</b> DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM</p> <p>Free admission for: up to 4 for those receiving food assistance and military personnel/families.</p> <p>2220 N. Terrace Ave. Milwaukee (414) 271-3656 <a href="http://www.villaterrace.org">www.villaterrace.org</a></p>	 <p><b>MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM</b></p> <p>Free every day for kids 12 and under and WI K-12 teachers. Thursdays 4-8 p.m. pay what you wish.</p> <p>700 N. Art Museum Dr. Milwaukee (414) 224-3200 <a href="http://www.mam.org">www.mam.org</a></p>	<p><b>Charles Allis Art Museum</b></p> <p>Free the first Thursday of the month. Free for members of indigenous tribes/native nations &amp; for up to 4 for those receiving food assistance and military personnel/families.</p> <p>1801 N. Prospect Ave., Milw. (414) 278-8295 <a href="http://www.charlesallis.org">www.charlesallis.org</a></p>	 <p>Check website for Family Free Days and other discounted admission. Parking fees still apply.</p> <p>10001 W. Bluemound Rd. Milwaukee (414) 256-5412 <a href="http://www.milwaukeezoo.org">www.milwaukeezoo.org</a></p>	 <p><b>betty brinn CHILDREN'S MUSEUM</b></p> <p>Free admission on the third Thursday of each month (excluding groups).</p> <p>929 E. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee (414) 390-5437 <a href="http://www.bbcmkids.org">www.bbcmkids.org</a></p>	 <p><b>War Memorial Center</b></p> <p>Free and open every day 8 a.m.-close.</p> <p>750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Milwaukee (414) 273-5533 <a href="http://www.warmemorialcenter.org">www.warmemorialcenter.org</a></p>
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## Service Guide for 8th District Milwaukee County Residents

### 8th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

Steven Shea .....(414) 278-4231

Aging and Disability Resource Center ... (414) 289-6874

### Airports

Mitchell International Airport ..... (414) 747-5300

Timmerman Airport ..... (414) 461-3222

Child Support Services ..... (414) 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Courts ..... (414) 278-5362

Community Reintegration Center ..... (414) 427-4700

County Board of Supervisors ..... (414) 278-4222

County Clerk ..... (414) 278-4067

County Executive ..... (414) 278-4211

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

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) 585-1163

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

Suicide Prevention/Intervention ..... (414) 257-7222

Mental Health Crisis ..... (414) 257-7222

Fraud Hotline ..... (414) 93-FRAUD

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

### Jury Services

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

Reserve Juror Message ..... (414) 985-6000

Marcus Performing Arts Center ..... (414) 273-7121

Medical Examiner ..... (414) 223-1200

Milwaukee Art Museum ..... (414) 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society... (414) 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks ..... (414) 257-7275

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

Golf Office ..... (414) 257-8024

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

Mitchell Park Domes ..... (414) 257-5600

### District 8 Parks

Cudahy, 3000 E. Ramsey Ave. .... (414) 762-1550

Grant, 100 E. Hawthorne Ave. .... (414) 762-1550

Greene, 4235 S. Lipton Ave. .... (414) 482-4270

Pulaski (Cudahy), 5400 S. Swift Ave. .... (414) 762-1550

Rawson, 1400 E. Rawson Ave. .... (414) 257-7275

Sheridan, 4800 S. Lake Dr. .... (414) 762-1550

Warnimont, 5400 S. Lake Dr. .... (414) 762-1550

Milwaukee County Sports Complex .... (414) 281-2694

Milwaukee County Zoo ..... (414) 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum ..... (414) 278-2728

### Municipalities

Cudahy ..... (414) 769-2200

South Milwaukee ..... (414) 762-2222

St. Francis ..... (414) 481-2500

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

### Senior Centers

Clinton & Bernice Rose Senior Center ..... (414) 263-2255

Kelly Senior Center ..... (414) 481-9611

McGovern Park Senior Center ..... (414) 527-0990

Washington Park Senior Center ..... (414) 933-2332

Wilson Park Senior Center ..... (414) 282-5566

Serving Older Adults ..... (414) 933-2332

Transit System - [www.ridemcts.com](http://www.ridemcts.com)

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

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

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

UW-Extension ..... (414) 615-0550

Veterans Services ..... (414) 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service ..... (414) 278-4667