

# MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR PATTI LOGSDON

# NEWSLETTER



## THIS WEEK :

Starting Jan. 5, 2026, Transit Plus riders can now use the WisGo regional fare system. You can add funds online at <https://umopass.com/> or at 100+ retail locations.

Dear Neighbor,

I'm pleased to share the latest updates and opportunities happening across our district and Milwaukee County. From important budget decisions to transit improvements, park preparations, and cultural events, here's a snapshot of what's ahead and how it may impact you:

1. 2026 Adopted Budget: The County Board approved a balanced budget focused on essential services, fiscal responsibility, and long-term stability.
2. MCTS Updates: WisGo is now accepted for fare payment, and we continue to share updates on service changes related to the transit budget deficit.
3. Parks & Culture: Lifeguard training is underway for the 2026 Parks season, seasonal events are coming up at Boerner Botanical Gardens, and the Milwaukee Public Museum will remain open throughout 2026.

Thank you for staying engaged and informed. I look forward to continuing to serve you.

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patti Logsdon".

Supervisor Patti Logsdon

## 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET RECAP

### The 2026 Adopted Budget:

- Closes a **\$46 million** shortfall, protects essential services, and strengthens the County's long-term financial stability, with departments identifying almost **\$20 million** in savings.
- Includes funding for Right to Counsel, Market Match, and the Birth to 3 Program which provides critical health services for young children.
- Directs remaining ARPA transit dollars and adds **\$4.8 million** to support the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS).
- Invests **\$108 million** in capital projects, including **\$15.8 million** for the Investing in Justice: Courthouse Complex project, along with improvements at the Zoo, Mitchell Park Domes, the jail, parks, and transportation infrastructure.



**\$100K**  
for Right to  
Counsel program



**\$500K**  
for flexible  
housing resources



**\$5.2M**  
for Birth to 3  
program



**\$4.8M**  
for Transit  
sustainability plan



**\$300K**  
for MCTS transit  
security program



**\$150K**  
for Market Match  
program



**4.3%**  
increase in sales  
tax revenue



**\$20.9M**  
for Parks and  
Culture projects



**\$13.6M**  
for new Zoo Front  
Entrance



**\$1.5M**  
for corrective  
actions relating to  
the Jail Audit  
including +10 FTE  
Correctional  
Officer positions



**+\$1.1M**  
for MCSO  
overtime



**\$15.8M**  
for Courthouse  
Complex project

**Tax Levy: +\$10.4M (3.5% Increase)**

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## MCTS SERVICE CHANGES 1/11/26



## MCTS UPDATE

Stay prepared, neighbors! MCTS winter service changes start January 11. Review the updates at: [RideMCTS.com/ServiceChanges](https://RideMCTS.com/ServiceChanges)

## LIFEGUARDING INFO

Milwaukee County Parks is recruiting lifeguards for the 2026 summer season, starting at \$17.49/hour. Free, mandatory in-water training is offered at Pulaski and Noyes Pools, with multiple sessions from February to April 2026. Applicants who pass the in-water exam advance to Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training. Learn more and register at the link below the training schedule.

- **Session 1:** February 17 – March 5, Pulaski Pool, with the exam on March 7
- **Session 2:** March 23 – April 8, Noyes Pool, with the exam on April 11
- **Session 3:** April 14 – April 30, Pulaski Pool, with the exam on May 2



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## Upcoming Events at Boerner Botanical Gardens

Boerner Botanical Gardens has a wide variety of winter and early spring programs, from Winterfest and bookmark-making to gardening classes, music lessons, and wellness workshops. Most events are for adults, with member pricing available.

Learn more and register at:

<https://boernerbotanicalgardens.org/events/>

## Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM) Update

The Milwaukee Public Museum will remain open throughout all of 2026, marking its final full year in the historic downtown building before moving to the new Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin. To celebrate, MPM is launching Greatest Hits, a year-long series highlighting its most iconic exhibits with special programming, events, and activities.



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## MPM Update Continued

Greatest Hits Schedule:

- Ancient Civilizations: Jan 10 – Feb 14
- Diorama-RAMA: Mar 14 – Apr 17
- Rainforest & Butterflies: May 7 – Jun 6
- Dino Days of Summer: Jul 11 – Aug 6
- Streets of Old Milwaukee & European Village: Oct – Dec (Halloween & holiday themes)

Learn more: <https://www.mpm.edu/greatest-hits>

The museum's final day at its current location will be January 3, 2027.

