



2007 Milwaukee County Funding Priorities Survey

Please send in your survey using one of the following methods:

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1. Check the 2007 Milwaukee County property tax statements you agree with.

I **would not** support a property tax rate increase for any reason.

I **would** support a property tax rate increase to preserve key programs.

2. Prioritize these services for County tax dollars. Please mark your highest priority number one.

the park system, zoo, and cultural facilities

the County transit system-routes and bus fares

at risk children and the foster care system

services for persons with serious mental illness

services for the frail elderly and disabled

law enforcement-jail, airports, freeways and parks

3. Do you support new privatization of some County services? Yes No

4. Should parks funding be shifted from the property tax to a new sales tax? Yes No

5. Would you support raising County taxes to prevent bus fare increases? Yes No

6. Would you support raising bus fares to maintain bus routes? Yes No

7. Should the 39 wading pools be closed and replaced with 8-12 modern splash pads? Yes No

8. Should a privately funded family aquatic center be built at Hoyt Park? Yes No

9. Should the County build a \$3-\$5 million medium sized family aquatic center at Washington Park Pool?

Yes No, keep current pool No, remove pool, replace with a smaller amenity

10. Check the programs you would like Milwaukee County to continue funding.

funding for local art groups (CAMPAC)

summer parks concerts

inmate job training at County print and welding shops

UW-Extension nutrition, finance and gardening classes

programs to prevent people from becoming homeless

alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs

the Farm and Fish Hatchery

youth summer job and recreation programs

alternatives to incarceration programs

AIDS education funding

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please have Supervisor De Bruin send the following information to me:

Survey Results

County Map

Transit Guide

Golf Course Map

Oak Leaf Trail Guide

Other: _____

Please attach an additional sheet of paper with your comments concerning this survey, thank you.



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope your family is well and enjoying our Fall season. It is an honor to represent you on the County Board and a pleasure to work with you. If you would like to set up a meeting with a few neighbors or group, I would be glad to meet with you.

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, the County Executive will have presented his 2007 recommended budget for consideration. Enclosed is a survey asking your opinion on a variety of County issues that are likely to be discussed during budget. Your responses will help guide my votes and 2007 priorities. Please note the important budget hearing date listed below.

Fifteenth District residents take an active role in their communities. Thank you for the thousands of hours area residents have volunteered in our County parks and programs.

This newsletter will update you on select County issues. If you would like more information on these or other County concerns, contact me.

All the Best,

Lynne D. De Bruin

Save This Date!

*2007 Budget County Board Public Hearing
 Monday, October 30, 2006, Zoofari Center at 7:00 p.m.
 9715 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226*

Come, let your voice be heard!

Lynne De Bruin : Area Park News

your COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Cannon and Kops

Budget proposals may affect the future of these parks' wading pools. Call for more information. If you are interested in setting up a formal park watch, contact my office. I'd like to help.

Currie

The three year tee replacement project is done. Tee improvements and building repairs were made to keep the course competitive. This successful course pays for itself.

District Parkways

Honey Creek Parkway bridges north and south of Portland will be replaced in 2007. On the Little Menomonee Parkway, \$550,000 of federal and County funds will reconstruct 2.5 miles of the Oak Leaf Trail in 2007. Thanks to REI's \$15,000 sponsorship, Menomonee River bike trails were improved. River clean up and weed out events were held. At my request, Story Hill Parkway's potholes have been filled in twice this year, but extensive repairs need to be done. I've asked staff to prepare a five year parkway rehabilitation plan for consideration.

Doyne

The new Junior level discount golf passes increased play at Doyne and Madison. The successful new program is being considered for a State Parks and Recreation Association award. Staff will continue operating the retractable basketball hoops.

Mitchell Blvd. Park

Two great summer concerts were sponsored by Milwaukee County, Story Hill Neighborhood Association, and Kelly's Bleachers. A fall weed out is planned and I will call a neighborhood meeting to discuss evasive weed control options in late fall. Eight defective light poles will be replaced using \$25,000 withheld from the original contractor. Bluff Park will return to County ownership in 2006.

Hartung Quarry

This quarry will become a city park. Alderman Bohl and the Hartung Quarry Neighborhood Association are working to make this happen.

Hoyt Pool

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends of Hoyt Park and Pool and the County is being developed for possible consideration this fall. This is a key first step in building the pool.

Madison

The Grantosa Creek Shoreline Stabilization Project will be completed in October, 2006. The wetland grass planting will be put in next spring. This flood prevention project will help protect the park and neighborhood from storm flooding in the future.

Washington

WJZI, Washington Heights Neighborhood Association, Neighborhoods United for Washington Park, and Milwaukee County sponsored another successful and safe summer concert series, doubling attendance again this year, and featuring the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. \$1.8 million has been spent improving Washington Park in the past four years. At my request, the Parks Department is applying for \$80,000 in CDBG funds to upgrade the community building where the Urban Ecology Center will be located.



August 31st 2006, Eddie Butts Concert Photo at Mitchell Blvd. Park

Lynne De Bruin : Legislative Update

your COUNTY SUPERVISOR



15th District residents, Rosaline Brojanac, Joyce Gibour and Llewellyn Walker participated in the 2006 Milwaukee County Senior Statesman program.

County Ethics Code Needs Revision

I was one of the eight Board members who filed the initial ethics complaint against Chairman Holloway and have been involved in all subsequent efforts to remove him as Chairperson. In May, the Ethics Board settled his case. Chairman Holloway pled guilty to six violations and paid a \$3,000 fine. This is inadequate. Mistakes in the investigation forced this outcome. The County Ethics code will be examined to improve the process.

2007 Budget Process Underway

The County Board has received the County Executive's 2007 budget recommendations. The County Board will make changes and adopt their budget on November 6, 2006. Service reductions in parks and social services, transit fare increases, privatization initiatives, how to pay for employee benefits, and other controversial issues will be debated. All of these issues will affect 15th District residents in some fashion. Please fill out the enclosed survey so I can better reflect your views in my budget votes and contact me on any issue you wish to discuss in person.

Meeting Community Mental Health Needs

Milwaukee County provides treatment for approximately 21,000 low income persons with serious and persistent mental illness. The County and State spend more tax dollars on these services than the national average. Children's mental health services are considered amongst the best in the nation. In adult services, no entity has taken on the responsibility for creating adequate

long term housing and, as a result, long term housing is woefully inadequate. This will change in 2007. Milwaukee County will work with area governments to create more long term housing options.

Stopping the County's Raid on Park Funds

I'm sponsoring legislation to provide the Park Department with a minimum of \$19.2 million dollars of property tax levy in 2007, 2008, and 2009. This would prevent the County from pulling park funds to backfill other County services while long term options are considered. I sponsored the legislation to undo the 2005 merger of the Parks and Public Works Departments. The merger created most of the 2005 Park Department's \$1.3 million dollar deficit. Parks is now a separate department and, according to the Park's fiscal director, will end 2006 in the black.

New at the Zoo

The Milwaukee County Zoo has a new partnership with the House of Correction's Welding Shop. Inmates make topiaries and other items for Zoo patrons to enjoy. This saves Zoo funds and inmates are trained in a livable wage profession. 97% of graduates have found employment.

Zoo officials will soon solicit developer proposals for the construction of a hotel on the corner of HWY 100 and Bluemound Road. Plans feature a mid to high end 200 - 300 bed hotel, with a separate Zoo entrance and discounted admissions for hotel guests. Optional facilities include a restaurant and a water park amenity. The Zoo will receive lease revenues which will make it less vulnerable to County funding problems.

