



## 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and ready to enjoy all the summer fun Milwaukee has to offer. I would like to thank you for re-electing me last year. It is truly an honor to represent you on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. I invite you to take a moment to read through my most recent newsletter.

On **page 4** you will find a handy, cut-out community calendar that displays all the fun events to enjoy this summer. On **page 6**, you can also cut-out a useful, senior service guide. We have exciting news about the success of my Green Print legislation on **page 3**.

A new feature on **page 5** of this year's newsletter is a page from my personal notebook, where I describe ways I am working to make county government more accessible and efficient. I would like to point out that I am now the first County Supervisor to print newsletters on **100% recycled paper**. In an effort to better serve you, I am also sending out e-newsletters. Please email my office if you would like to receive these updates.

*Para los residentes que viven en el Distrito 4 que prefieren hablar Español, me gustaria recordarles que ustedes tienen una Supervisora del Condado que habla Español tambien. Mi oficina esta lista para ayudarles con cualquier servicio del Condado de Milwaukee.*

Sincerely,

Representing Milwaukee's near  
South Side and Bay View Neighborhoods

## Community Memberships

- ▶ Bay View Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Honorary Capital Campaign Committee, Bay View Historical Society
- ▶ South Shore Park Watch
- ▶ Bay View Lions Club
- ▶ Clarke Square Weed and Seed Steering Committee
- ▶ Inter-Organizational Council of Bay View
- ▶ Bay View High School Alumni Association
- ▶ 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women
- ▶ South Side Scholarship Foundation
- ▶ City of Milwaukee Affordable Housing Task Force
- ▶ Bay View Manufacturers and Commerce Association
- ▶ Bay View Historical Society
- ▶ The Association of Marquette University Women
- ▶ Sierra Club
- ▶ Board of Directors, Emerge Wisconsin
- ▶ American Council of Young Political Leaders
- ▶ UMOS Community Service Block Grant Advisory Committee

## Milwaukee County Board Responsibilities

- ▶ Vice-Chairwoman, Health and Human Needs Committee
- ▶ Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee
- ▶ Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- ▶ Personnel Committee
- ▶ Milwaukee County Commission on Aging

Please visit my web site at [www.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic](http://www.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic)

# What's Happening in Our Milwaukee County Parks

## Clarke Square Neighborhood Corner



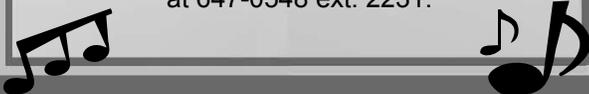
## Clarke Square National Night Out

August 7th from 4:00 PM to  
8:00 PM at Clarke Square  
Park, 2330 W. Vieau Pl.  
(Mineral St. between 23rd & 24th St.)

If you reside in or near the Clarke Square neighborhood and would like to make positive change in our neighborhood, please consider joining the Clarke Square Neighborhood Association. Just call 414-647-0548, extension 2231 for more information.

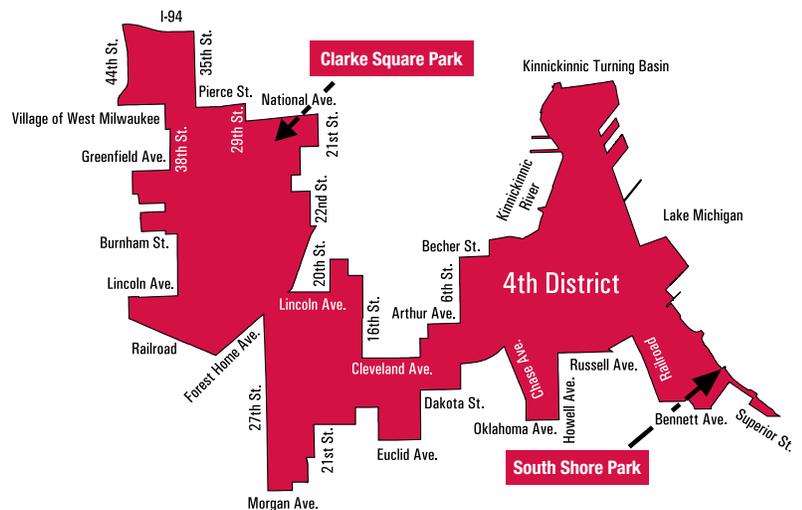
**Do you live between 16th and 24th Street,  
from Pierce St. to Greenfield Ave.?**

The Clarke Square TIN, Targeted Improvement District, may be exactly what you were looking for to improve your home and our neighborhood. In a partnership with the City of Milwaukee, the goal is to support and encourage owner-occupancy and to improve the appearance and safety of the Clarke Square Neighborhood. Owner-occupants and investor-owners can access home rehab funds. To learn more visit: [www.mkedcd.org/housing/nidc/TINs.html](http://www.mkedcd.org/housing/nidc/TINs.html). To apply, or if you have questions about this program, please contact Minerva at 647-0548 ext. 2231.



## NEW South Shore Park Playground!!!

Last fall, the Milwaukee County Parks Department initiated and completed the renovation of the popular children's playground in South Shore Park. The cost of this work was \$138,265. Improvements included the installation of more than 6,000 square feet of poured-in-place rubber safety surface material in vibrant colors and patterns, and the construction of an 18-ft. diameter sand play area for preschool age children. In addition, the parks department updated the two modular play structures and installed six new park benches, while relocating four existing park benches to provide much needed seating along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. The new playground equipment aims to be much more interactive, with enhanced slides, play panels, climbers, and a crawl tunnel. The renovated playground is more exciting, fun, colorful, and, most importantly, much safer for children of all ages.



## Renovated Restrooms at Clarke Square and South Shore Parks

In the 2009 County Budget, nearly \$200,000 were allocated to renovate the restrooms at South Shore and Clarke Square Park Pavilions. The Clarke Square renovations will focus on the interior walls, fixtures, counters, floors, lighting and ceilings while bringing the restrooms up to ADA standards. The South Shore restrooms will also be updated and brought up to ADA standards. Supervisor Dimitrijevic thanks the local Bay View organizations whose gracious donations are improving our parks.



# Supervisor Dimitrijevic's Green Print Legislation Pays Off

On March 23, 2009, I held a press conference with County Executive Scott Walker to discuss the County's progress in implementing my Green Print legislation. At this event, we also accepted a \$70,000 check made out to Milwaukee County from Focus on Energy for energy efficiency upgrades currently underway in many of our Milwaukee County facilities. This grant recognizes the reduced energy consumption we have achieved through our partnership with Honeywell in the Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex. For example, we have made major upgrades to the building that include: retrofitted light fixtures, the installation of light and motion sensors, and more efficient heating and cooling systems.

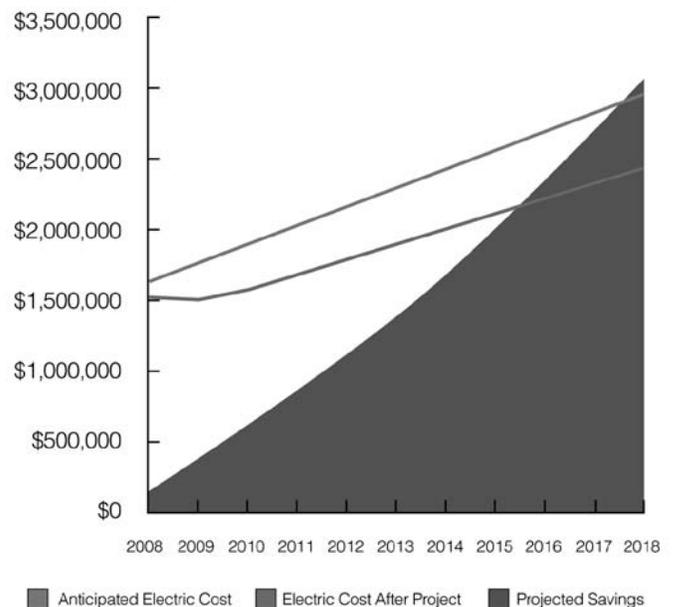


## Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex

**10-YEAR PROJECTED SAVINGS: \$3,029,400**

As you can see by the graph to the right, the Green Print is really paying off. We have already saved **\$222,000**. Projected savings over the next ten years will reach **\$3,029,400**, and that's just in the Courthouse Complex. As energy costs soar, Milwaukee County will continue to use less energy due to the investment we made in upgrading our facility and retrofitting it with energy efficient lighting and fixtures. This is also a great example of a public-private partnership, as it includes efforts from both the County and Honeywell.

In addition, the Green Print's sustainability position has been filled to work with the newly created Green Print Workgroup. This workgroup presented a detailed report on the Green Print's implementation to the County Board's Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee in April. Soon, a new website dedicated to the Green Print will be launched to help educate and promote these efforts to our employees and the public at large, in hopes of increased participation.



~ Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic

# Community Calendar



CLIP AND SAVE!

## Summer 2009 4<sup>th</sup> District Area & County-Sponsored Events

### JUNE

- 7-8: United Community Center Annual Fiesta  
Walker Square Park
- 12-14: Pridefest ▪ Maier Festival Park
- 18-21: St. Paul Festival ▪ 1720 E. Norwich Ave.
- 19: Juneteenth Day Celebration
- 19-21: Lakefront Festival of the Arts
- 19-21: Polish Fest ▪ Maier Festival Park
- 19- Oct 17: South Shore Farmer's Market  
South Shore Park, Every Saturday morning  
from 8AM until Noon
- 25-Jul 5: Summerfest ▪ Maier Festival Park

### AUGUST

- 1-2: African World Festival ▪ Maier Festival Park
- 6-16: Wisconsin State Fair  
8100 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis
- 7: Clarke Square National Night Out  
2330 W. Vieau Place from 4PM until 8PM
- 7-9: Arab World Fest ▪ Maier Festival Park
- 13-16: Irish Fest ▪ Maier Festival Park
- 21-23: Mexican Fiesta Internacional ▪ Maier Festival Park
- 28-30: Serbian Days ▪ St. Sava Cultural Center  
3201 S. 51st St.

### JULY

- 4: Humboldt Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- 9-12: Bastille Days ▪ Cathedral Square Park
- 10-12: South Shore Frolics ▪ South Shore Park**  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
Friday, July 10 ▪ Fish Fry starts at 4PM ▪ Concert,  
Doo-Wop Daddy Band at 5PM ▪ Movie on the  
Beach/Fireworks at 9PM  
Saturday, July 11 ▪ Parade 11AM ▪ Concert,  
Rhythm Method at 6PM ▪ Fireworks at 10PM  
Sunday, July 12 ▪ Car Show at 10AM ▪ Arts Guild/  
Children's Play Area at 10AM ▪ Concert, Mount  
Olive at 6PM ▪ Fireworks at 10PM
- 10-12: St. Adalbert Festival ▪ 1913 W. Becher St.
- 10-12: St. Helen's Polka Festival ▪ 3307 S. 10th St.
- 16-19: Festa Italiana ▪ Maier Festival Park
- 16-19: St. Veronica Music Festival ▪ 353 E. Norwich St.
- 23-26: German Fest ▪ Maier Festival Park

### SEPTEMBER

- 7: Labor Fest ▪ Maier Festival Park  
from Noon until 5PM
- 11-13: Indian Summer ▪ Maier Festival Park
- 12: Bay View Bash ▪ A Festival of Music, Food & Art**  
Kinnickinnic between Russell & Potter Ave.



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## Milwaukee County FREE DAYS for 2009

Free Complimentary Admission to Milwaukee County Residents with a valid ID on the following days:



### Milwaukee County Zoo

November 7, & December 5,  
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas  
Day & New Year's Day

### Milwaukee Public Museum

FREE every Monday  
(additional charges apply for the  
Humphrey IMAX Dome, Daniel M. Soref  
Planetarium & special exhibitions)

### Milwaukee Art Museum

FREE every Wednesday  
(excludes special exhibits)

### Mitchell Park Domes

FREE every Monday  
from 9AM until Noon  
(excludes major holidays)

# From Marina's Notebook

## A Responsible County Government

*Now Leading Committee  
Created to Increase Public  
Access to County  
Government*

### **Project T.E.A.M.** *Technology, Efficiency, Accessibility, and Modernization*

I was recently appointed Chairwoman of a newly established Milwaukee County Board Committee dedicated to increasing the public's access to the County Board's proceedings through the use of technology. Chairman Holloway appointed me and I thank him for this opportunity. The Committee's mission is Project T.E.A.M, to increase our use of Technology, Efficiency, Accessibility, and Modernization here at the Milwaukee County Board.



I have been working behind the scenes to enhance the use of technology - and allow more "sunshine" here at the County Board. This will increase efficiency, conservation, and, most importantly, public access to the County Board. We held our first meeting in April and our main goals are to provide online access for all proceedings, legislation, and live streaming of public meetings while moving towards a paperless model. This is just the beginning of an effort that I feel will make us more efficient, save money and increase public participation, which will lead to a more transparent, accountable county government that better serves you. It is time Milwaukee County leaves the dark ages and lets some sunshine in here as we progress. Please look forward to updates on this project in the near future.

### **I returned 75% of my 2008 office funds to taxpayers**

Considering the tough times in our economy and constraints on the County Budget, I have once again returned a considerable portion of the funds allotted to my personal office account in the last budget cycle. All supervisory offices at the County Board are provided funds for newsletters, professional events, conferences, and general service to their constituents. In 2008, I managed to spend less than 25% of the funds allocated to my office, primarily for the annual newsletter and some Parks events I helped organize last summer.

It was important for me to hold down spending in my own office, while still providing the best service possible to constituents. The 2009 County Budget deliberations were extremely difficult, resulting in service cuts and employee layoffs. In addition, many constituents have been hit hard by the current recession. Many elected officials talk about fiscal responsibility, but I feel it is important to serve as an example of what others are being asked to do.



On the County Board floor, making the case for securing a dedicated source of funding to support the Milwaukee County Transit System, Milwaukee County Parks, and Emergency Medical Services. In November, 58% of 4th District residents voted in favor of reducing their property taxes and securing this dedicated funding. I have never wavered from my commitment to operate a well-run public transit system. It is critical to Milwaukee County's success. We must change directions and work toward increasing bus service while lowering fares to grow the system and attract as many riders as possible.

# Serving All Generations ...



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## Senior Service Guide

### Elder Link

The Resource Center for Older Adults

**414-289-6874**

**TDD 414-289-8591**

**Fax 414-289-8590**

**Toll Free 1-866-229-9695**

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Respite Care • Support Services  
Neighborhood Services  
Information and Assistance  
Elder Abuse Reporting System

### **SOUTH SIDE SENIOR DINING SITES**

#### **Ascension Church**

1236 S. Layton Blvd.

#### **Beulah Brinton Community Center**

2555 S. Bay St.

#### **OASIS**

*(Fifty-five Plus Center)*

2414 W. Mitchell St.

#### **Milwaukee Christian Center**

2137 W. Greenfield Ave.



## South Side student experiences County government firsthand

The Milwaukee County Board's 2009 Student Government Day was held on Thursday, March 19, 2009. A select group of Milwaukee County high school juniors and seniors headed to the Milwaukee County Courthouse for a behind-the-scenes look at County government. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion co-sponsored the event, which was an enriching experience for these student delegates.

Daniel Muñoz, a junior from Bay View High School, represented the 4th District at Student Government Day. He spent the morning with Supervisor Dimitrijevic, herself a Bay View High School graduate. Daniel is the Student Government President and also on the National Honor Society. He enjoyed his day and even cast a few votes for Marina on the Board floor.

Teachers and guidance counselors from area high schools nominated students based on a combination of academics, leadership and community involvement. Many of these students are interested in pursuing careers in law or public service.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion revived Student Government Day in March 2000. The event began in Wisconsin in 1954 under Milwaukee County American Legion Council Commander John Doyne. If you are a parent or teacher and would like to nominate a high school student from the 4th District to be a delegate for 2010, please contact our office at 414-278-4232.

# And All Neighborhoods



*In March, Supervisor Dimitrijevic read to students at Zablocki Elementary School, recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, to help promote National Young Reader's Day. She also spoke to the students in Spanish and answered their questions about serving in County government.*



*Supervisor Dimitrijevic held a Town Hall meeting at the OASIS Senior Center on Mitchell Street in March. Later this year, Supervisor Dimitrijevic will hold her 60th public meeting with constituents since taking office in 2004.*



*Sup. Dimitrijevic speaks with constituents about County services at Bay View Winter Fun Fest held at South Shore Park Pavilion in February.*

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Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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### *Please check the items that you would like to request:*

- Milwaukee County Map
- Milwaukee County At a Glance Brochure
- NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card
- 2009 Milwaukee County Transit Guide
- Milwaukee County Telephone Directory
- Milwaukee Public Museum Brochure
- Neighborhood Crime Prevention & Block Watch Information
- Parks Recreation Guide
- Oak Leaf Trail Map
- Dogs in the Parks Brochure
- 2009 Golf Course Information
- Milwaukee Urban Water Trail, A Canoe & Kayak Guide
- Milwaukee by Bike, On-Street Bike Routes & Off-Street Trails
- Marina to speak or meet with your organization

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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