

## 2009 Budget

As your representative on the County Board and a member of the Finance and Audit Committee, I am keeping your interests in mind while reviewing and amending the County Executive's proposed 2009 Budget ([www.county.milwaukee.gov/2009RecommendedOperatingBudget](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/2009RecommendedOperatingBudget)). The full Board will meet on **Monday, November 10**, to adopt the 2009 Budget and again on **Wednesday, November 19**, to consider vetoes from the Executive.

My constituents have requested to keep fees reasonable. In Budget Hearings, I voted to reject \$3 and \$6 increases on 9- and 18-hole golfing, instead opting for \$1.50 and \$3 respective increases. I also voted to keep our marina fees more competitive with other areas. The 16% proposed increase on slip and launch fees was unrealistic. The County Executive's Recommended Budget would have raised regular adult bus fares from \$2 to \$2.25 with similar increases to other fares. Our transit system fares are already among the highest in the United States, so I have favored smaller fare increases. I am pleased that transit routes will remain intact. My constituents depend on the bus to get to work and other necessary destinations.

## Mental Health Complex

County Executive Scott Walker vetoed the Board's vote to reject the proposal to move the Mental Health Complex to the former St. Michael Hospital site. This proposal involved a long-term lease of this facility for use as a new mental health hospital with an expected sale of the land at the current complex. My vote supported keeping the St. Michael Hospital option available while a majority of the Board voted against the proposal. I will vote to sustain the County Executive's veto on this issue when the Board meets on **Thursday, November 6**.

## Senior Walking Challenge

Residents of age 50 or better are invited to participate in a walking challenge at our Kelly Senior Center. The event begins on **Friday, November 14**, with a walk at 9:30 a.m. and a kick off event at 10:30 a.m. Participants will receive a pedometer and must record their miles for a month, starting November 17. The senior and the Senior Center with the most logged miles will receive a prize. I look forward to joining the walkers at Kelly on **Friday, November 21**. Please call Kelly Senior Center at 481-9611 for details on additional walking opportunities. Thanks to the sponsors of this program. <http://home.interfaithmilw.org/current-events/what-s-happening-at-senior-centers/menu-id-1>

## Please Do the Doo-doo

### New Dog Litter Bags in our Parks

The Parks Department has installed stations with donated, recycled plastic bags in Grobschmidt, Sheridan, and Warnimont Parks. Please use one to clean up after your pet if you forget to bring your own bag. Thanks to the Parks Department for stocking bags, our community donor, and all parks users for your efforts to keep our Parks clean!

## Community Calendar

**Wednesday, November 5 – Grand Reopening of the Domes, 5-9pm**

FREE admission.

5-6pm Reception.

6pm Reopening ceremony.

6:25pm Lighting of the domes with new LED lighting system. 6:30-9pm Live jazz with Jill Jensen, Jack Grassel, & John Babbitt.

Meet Donald Grieb, architect of this one-of-a-kind glass structure! At the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee

[www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/GrandReopening.htm](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/GrandReopening.htm)

**Thursday, November 6 County Board Meeting**

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

**Friday November 7 Cudahy Farmers Market, 10am-2pm**

4700 Packard Av., Cudahy. 483-8907

**Monday, November 10 Budget Adoption, 8:30am**

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

**Tuesday, November 11 Veterans Day service, 9am**

At Cudahy High School, hosted by Cudahy War Memorial.

**Wednesday, November 12 The Making of Milwaukee by John Gurda, 6:30pm**

Presentation at Cudahy Family Library, free. [www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org](http://www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org)

**Thursday, November 13 Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm**

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 E. Hawthorne Av., South Milwaukee.

**November 14-16 South Milwaukee High School presents: The Masque of the Red Death**

Adaptation by Bill Jackson of Edgar Allen Poe's classic. PG-13. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center. [www.southmilwaukeepac.org](http://www.southmilwaukeepac.org) Purchase tickets: 766-5049

**Saturday, November 15 Weed-Out in Grant Park, 9am or 1pm session**

Help clear buckthorn (for those age 18+), "grapevine," etc. Meet at Picnic Area 1 parking lot (near tennis courts).

**Friday, November 14 Walking Challenge Kick-off, 10:30am, with 9:30am Walk**

Seniors: help the Kelly Center meet a goal and earn a pedometer! At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy. 481-9611

**Wednesday, November 19 County Board Considers Vetoes, 1:30pm**

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

**Friday, November 21 Walking Group with Supervisor Jursik, 9:30 am**

Join me at the Kelly Center (address above) for a stroll through beautiful Warnimont Park.

**Saturday, November 22 South Milwaukee Library Friends Book Sale, 9:30am-3pm**

At South Milwaukee Public Library, 1907 10<sup>th</sup> St., South Milwaukee. 768-8195

**Saturday, November 22 Annual Heritage Place Tree Lighting, 3-6pm**

By South Milwaukee Association of Commerce. Enjoy singing by Middle School students and other groups, hot cider and cocoa, and a visit from Santa. At 10<sup>th</sup> & Milwaukee Av., South Milwaukee.

**Sunday, November 30 Old Fashioned Christmas**

12:30 Parade at 12<sup>th</sup> & Milwaukee Av. to City Hall

At City Hall: 1:30-6pm Activities and musical performances

1:30-5pm Visit Santa

1:30-4pm Crafts

1:30-4:30 Hot dogs

2:10-3pm Renaissance and Celtic Christmas music by the Garlic Mustard Pickers band

6pm Tree lighting

Contact Bob Pfeiffer at 768-8195 to donate & make this event possible!

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**Ongoing**

**Weekdays, nightly – Fitness Walking, 6-8:30pm**

At Oak Creek High School, 340 E. Puetz Rd. Registration required: 768-6515

**Tuesdays –Bluegrass Jam, 7-10pm**

At Fixx Coffee House, 3558 E. Siyyer Av., St. Francis. 482-0919

**Fridays –Live Mariachi, 5:30-8:30pm**

At Azteca restaurant, 9<sup>th</sup> & Milwaukee Av., South Milwaukee. Reservations recommended:  
766-0450