

# Milwaukee Press Club: Milwaukee County Sheriff Denita Ball to headline Newsmaker Luncheon

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MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Sheriff Denita Ball will be the guest speaker at a Newsmaker luncheon set for Wednesday, April 5, hosted by the [Milwaukee Press Club](#) and [WisPolitics.com](#).

Ball, who was elected in November to a full term, is the first female sheriff in Milwaukee County and the first African American female sheriff in Wisconsin. She was appointed sheriff by Gov. Tony Evers in October when former Sheriff Earnell Lucas resigned.

Prior to that, Ball served as chief deputy to Lucas, overseeing the Sheriff's Department daily operations. Before joining the Sheriff's Department in 2019, she was a member of the Milwaukee Police Department and retired at the rank of deputy inspector after 25 years of service.

A native of Arkansas, Ball holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, a master's degree in criminal justice administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and is a doctorate of philosophy in educational leadership from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

Ball will take questions from a panel of journalists and from the audience at the luncheon, to be moderated by Milwaukee Press Club President Maryann Lazarski, series/documentary producer for Milwaukee PBS. The luncheon is set for 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Newsroom Pub, 137 E. Wells St. in Milwaukee.

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The press club's Newsmaker Luncheons are held to inform the public about the people and issues that affect individuals and communities in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. The cost to attend is \$25 for MPC members, \$30 for non-members and \$20 for students. Lunch is included. Seating is limited. Advanced registration and payment are required and may be done online at <http://www.milwaukeeclub.org/>. Checks may be mailed to the MPC at PO Box 176, North Prairie, WI 53153-0176. Cancellations will be accepted up to 48 hours in advance for a full refund.

Please contact Joette Richards at the Milwaukee Press Club at [joette@milwaukeeclub.org](mailto:joette@milwaukeeclub.org) with any questions or call 262-894-2224.

Special thanks to the **Safe House/Newsroom Pub**, home of the Milwaukee Press Club, for hosting the Newsmaker Luncheon Series. Think of the Newsroom Pub for your next private party! MPC members can book a room at no charge. The Newsroom Pub has FREE wireless internet service compliments of the Safe House.