

# The Broderick Report

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For Residents of Milwaukee County's 3rd District

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## County Board adopts 2011 County Budget

The County Board adopted a budget for 2011 that took a balanced approach to preserving core services while keeping any property tax increase to a minimum. This budget was contentious; no doubt about it.

There were numerous budget holes to fill, due to phantom revenue and unachievable wage and benefit modifications proposed by then-County Executive Scott Walker, and the County Board took decisive action to avoid drastic service cuts. Walker's budget proposal was unrealistic, unachievable and set up the County to lose in court or arbitration, which would cost taxpayers dearly. Supervisor Broderick believes the County has a much better chance with the package approved in the amended budget, which was adopted in November.

### Highlights from the budget include:

- Employees will pay a percentage of their wages to the County as a pension contribution
- Pension benefit was also reduced by 20% in 2010 for non-represented employees and elected officials
- Up to 26 unpaid furlough days for union-represented employees in 2011
- Preserved funding for the Community Justice Resource Center, as an alternative to more expensive incarceration
- Reversed the County Executive's proposed late night and early morning transit cuts, which would have resulted in 424,000 fewer rides



- Provided funds for repair the O'Donnell Park parking garage

Under the adopted budget, the 2011 tax levy is \$269,554,701, an increase of 2.4% over the 2010 levy of \$263,264,740. Under this scenario, the owner of an average City of Milwaukee home would see the County portion of their property tax bill rise by only \$7.49.

**Supervisor Broderick would like to acknowledge and recognize all Milwaukee County employees** for their hard work and perseverance in providing services to constituents despite the addition of up to 26 unpaid furlough days for 2010 and 2011. Milwaukee County has a great team, and Supervisor Broderick salutes them for their professionalism and teamwork during these difficult times.



in Veteran's Park. Chuck had a passion for parks, his heritage, and making people happy. He worked with many Friends Groups and always appreciated the time, care and effort these volunteers gave to the park system. We miss you Chuck!

**Charles R. "Chuck" Ward**, former Chief of Administration and External Affairs for the Milwaukee County Parks, passed away on November 5, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer. To remember his dedication to public service and the preservation of Milwaukee's Lakefront the Parks Department is hosting a celebration and naming ceremony in Chuck's honor on **May 12, 2011** at the former Coast Guard Station site

## “Consider Thomas Jefferson’s View”

Poplar Forest near Lynchburg, Nov. 12, 16

To George Logan

Dear Sir,

I received your favor of Oct. 16, at this place, where I pass much of my time, very distant from Monticello. I am quite astonished at the idea which seems to have got abroad; that I propose publishing something on the subject of religion, and this is said to have arisen from a letter of mine to my friend Charles Thompson, in which certainly there is no trace of such an idea.

When we see religion split into so many thousand of sects, and I may say Christianity itself divided into it's thousands also, who are disputing, anathematizing and where the laws permit burning and torturing one another for abstractions which no one of them understand, and which are indeed beyond the comprehension of the human mind, into which of the chambers of this Bedlam would a [torn] man wish to thrust himself. The sum of all religion as expressed by it's best preacher, “fear god and love thy neighbor” contains no mystery, needs no explanation. But this wont do. It gives no scope to make dupes; priests could not live by it.

Your idea of the moral obligations of governments are perfectly correct. The man who is dishonest as a statesman would be a dishonest man in any station. It is strangely absurd to suppose that a million of human beings collected together are not under the same moral laws which bind each of them separately. It is a great consolation to me that our government, as it cherishes most it's duties to its own citizens, so is it the most exact in it's moral conduct towards other nations.

I do not believe that in the four administrations which have taken place, there has been a single instance of departure from good faith towards other nations. We may sometimes have mistaken our rights, or made an erroneous estimate of the actions of others, but no voluntary wrong can be imputed to us. In this respect England exhibits the most remarkable phaenomenon in the universe in the contrast between the profligacy of it's government and the probity of it's citizens. And accordingly it is now exhibiting an example of the truth of the maxim that virtue & interest are inseparable.

It ends, as might have been expected, in the ruin of it's people, but this ruin will fall heaviest, as it ought to fall on that hereditary aristocracy which has for generations been preparing the catastrophe. I hope we shall take warning from the example and crush in it's birth the aristocracy of our monied corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country.

Present me respectfully to Mrs. Logan and accept yourself my friendly and respectful salutations.

*\* Supervisor Broderick received this letter from constituent Rick Hake.  
It was reprinted verbatim from Thomas Jefferson's archives.*

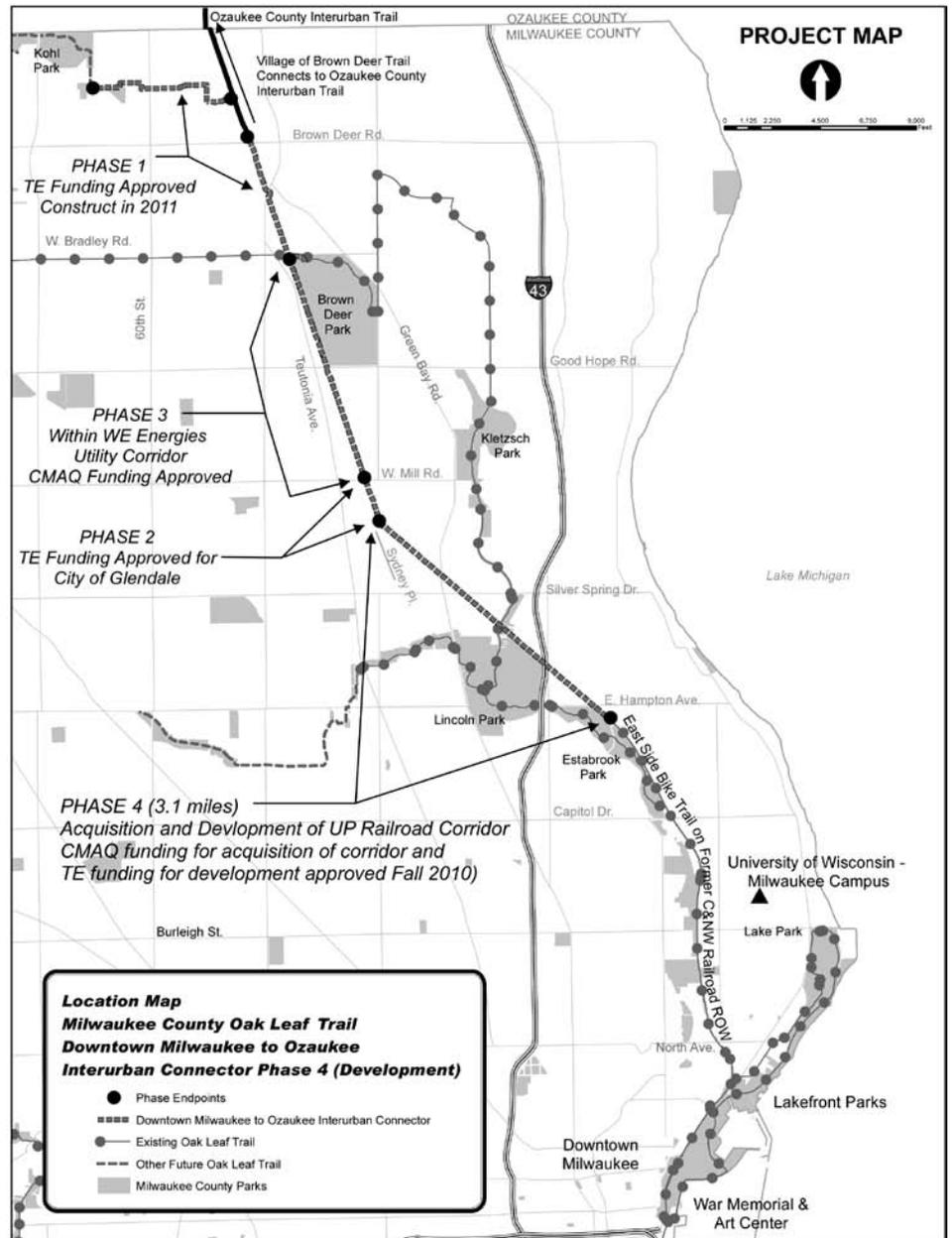
# Milwaukee County Oak Leaf Trail System is Growing

Since 2006 Milwaukee County has been pursuing the development of a multiple-use non-motorized paved asphalt trail that would link park and trail facilities and destinations on the northwest side of Milwaukee County and southern Ozaukee County with trail facilities and destinations on the East Side of Milwaukee County.

Given its large scope, this initiative, known as the Oak Leaf Trail – Downtown Milwaukee to Ozaukee Interurban Connector, was divided into 4 phases (see attached map). Phase 1 has been designed and will be constructed in 2011. Funding for Phases 2 and 3 has been approved, and preliminary design work has been initiated.

Last fall, the Parks Department was notified that two grant proposals related to the implementation of Phase 4 had also been approved. A Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant totaling \$2,448,000 was approved for the acquisition of the corridor, while a Federal Transportation Enhancements (TE) grant of \$1,820,000 was awarded for the construction of the trail. The CMAQ grant will require \$612,000 in local match and the TE grant will require \$455,000.

The Parks Department is attempting to acquire the former UP Railroad Company corridor through the “railbanking” process. A major element of the railbanking is an agreement between a qualified public or private agency (in this case Milwaukee County) and a railroad (UP Railroad Company) for control of a particular corridor. Negotiations with the UP Railroad Company are proceeding. It is estimated that it will take up to one year to complete the land transfer, and another year to design and build Phase 4.



Currently the Oak Leaf Trail System is 111 miles long, with 54 miles on paved off-road paths, 31 miles on parkway drives and 26 miles routed on municipal streets (for connectivity purposes). When completed, the Oak Leaf Trail – Downtown Milwaukee to Ozaukee Interurban Connector will add 8.6 miles to the Oak Leaf Trail System. This amount includes 1 mile routed on municipal streets in the Village of Brown Deer and 0.4 miles routed on existing paved Village of Brown Deer trail. Finally, it should be noted that certain existing Oak Leaf Trail segments will be removed from the system as improvements and new developments are implemented.

## North Point Lighthouse Friends offer a busy 2011

North Point Lighthouse Friends will team up with Lake Park Friends (LPF), Discovery World and the Boy Scouts to conduct an archeological "dig" to confirm the 1855 Lighthouse site in Lake Park. On May 5th the Lighthouse Friends and LPF will host a DVD perspective on Frederick Law Olmsted. A "Summer Night at the Light" on June 24, will feature a gala fundraiser with Peter Sandroni of La Merenda and Justin Aprahamian of Sanford, a display of classic and vintage cars along with music and fun.

On August 13 the Lighthouse Friends will celebrate National Lighthouse Day with complimentary tours. On September 17th Lighthouse Friends will once again team up with LPF at our first "Sausage Fest": an exciting family celebration beginning at the Playground and concluding with the Milwaukee's famous Racing Sausages, the Klements sausages and Lakefront beer at the Lighthouse.

We are open Saturdays and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. for public tours, scheduled group tours, children and adult classes/programs, scheduled weddings and Master Gardener workshops.

The Friends continue to research and enhance historic exhibits showcasing those who have tended, lived at and/or experienced the North Point Lighthouse as part of their families' history. If you have photographs or artifacts that might fit in that story, you're exploring venues for a wedding or special event or are interested in learning more about what the North Point Lighthouse has to offer, please contact Operations Manager May Klisch @ 414-332-6754. [www.northpointlighthouse.org](http://www.northpointlighthouse.org).

## Lake Park Performance Structure Coming Soon

Lake Park has a long history of musical concerts, festivals and theatre, dating back to the late 1800's, which is in keeping with Frederick Law Olmsted's emphasis on passive recreation (walking, attending concerts, and enjoying nature). The current Musical Mondays and Wonderful Wednesdays musical concert series draws thousands of people, of all ages, to the park each summer.

A private donor has offered a generous gift to Lake Park Friends for the construction of a new Performance Structure. This structure will be built on the site where musical concerts have been held for the last decade. It will be a simple structure providing shelter for musicians and their instruments during mild rain. It will be open at the back so that the beautiful forested area of the Locust Ravine will still be the backdrop. The performance structure planning is in process, construction and completion timeline will be determined at a later date.

Lake Park Friends Invite You To Join!

Become a partner in the important responsibility of keeping Lake Park beautiful!

Contact the Lake Park Friends office by phone at (414) 962-1680 or by visiting [www.lakeparkfriends.org](http://www.lakeparkfriends.org).



## Milwaukee County Parks Rangers authorized to issue fines

Two full-time rangers and about a dozen paid seasonal rangers once limited to giving verbal warnings to park ordinance violators or reporting them to a sheriff's deputy now have authority to issue citations.

The purpose of allowing rangers to issue citations is to educate the public on park rules. Rangers have taken 40 hours of training through the Sheriff's Department, but are instructed to contact deputies for backup in threatening situations.

Rangers are taught to exercise appropriate discretion on when to issue a ticket. Sometimes the threat of a ticket is enough to prod someone into compliance.

The fines are steep enough for common park offenses that most people are happy to purchase a permit and/or abide by park rules rather than face the penalty.

For example, letting your dog run loose, launching a boat without a permit, or drinking alcohol in most parks all carry maximum fines of \$200.

The resolution was approved 10-4 by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors at the March 17, 2011 Board meeting.

## A new Chairperson appointed to the Parks Advisory Commission



The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors appointed Cheri Brisco Chairperson of the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission on March 17, 2011. The Commission, which Ms. Brisco previously served as alternate, was created to provide policy and funding guidance to the Milwaukee County Board on park related issues.

Ms. Brisco has volunteered and advocated on behalf of our parks for many years having served on the Board of Directors of the Park People, member of Lake Park Friends, Sierra Club Representative to the Parks Recreation and Culture Funding Task Force, Chair of Great Waters Group-Sierra Club, volunteer Teaching Assistant at the Urban Ecology Center, member of the Arts Advisory Committee to the Friends of the Hank Aaron State Trail as well as devoting countless hours to weed-outs and numerous park related activities.

"I am thrilled to welcome Cheri Brisco as the Chair of the Parks Advisory Commission," Supervisor Broderick said. "I am confident that her organization skills, openness to new ideas, enthusiasm and commitment to our parks will be a great asset on this commission."



### The Charles Allis: 100 YEARS

*Centennial  
Exhibition of  
the Charles  
Allis Mansion*

**Milwaukee, WI** – The Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee is pleased to announce the opening reception of its Centennial exhibition: ***The Charles Allis: 100 Years***. The exhibition on display thru **November 13, 2011** features dynamic, multi-sensory installations that invite the viewer to experience the Charles Allis Mansion as never before. Created by six Wisconsin artists, the exhibition is part celebration of the Mansion's Centennial and part re-interpretation of

the collection, the history of the building, and the space within.

Rotating exhibits throughout the year will highlight special aspects of the Museum's permanent collection including rare and unseen works. ***EXOTICA from the Charles Allis Art Collection*** on view **July 13 – September 11, 2011** will feature Nippon, Noritake and Fukagawa porcelain. ***Michelangelo of Menagerie: Barye Bronzes from the Charles Allis Art Collection*** is slated for **September 28, 2011**

– **January 16, 2012** and will delve into the work of Antoine Louis Barye (1796-1875), acclaimed as the finest sculptor of the French Animaliers school.

To find out more about special events planned in celebration of the Charles Allis Art Museum Centennial - including talks with famed Milwaukee authors and historians Frank Alioto and John Gurda, visit: **www.charlesallis.org** or call (414) 278-8295.

Museum hours:  
Wednesday-Sunday  
1:00-5:00 p.m.

## East Side **Goodwill** Store is **good** for community!



# AMAZING

experience filled with quality merchandise at prices that won't break their budgets. This downtown location also allows residents to conveniently donate their gently-used items on a regular basis. Shoppers and donors alike can

Goodwill opened the doors to a new Goodwill Store & Donation Center at 2830 North Oakland Avenue on Milwaukee's East side on March 11, 2011. In addition to the many residents that make the East side their home, the neighborhoods are bustling with college students from Marquette University, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and MSOE. Students and other local consumers will be provided with a value shopping

feel good about shopping and donating; as 92 cents of every dollar Goodwill receives is reinvested in programs and services.

Donors are giving back as well, as each donation is instant recycling and equals jobs and job search support for those in Goodwill's programs. These jobs come from resources like one of Goodwill's Workforce Connection Centers at 3903 North Richards Street in Milwaukee. These centers are designed to assist people in our community with self directed job search and employment related activities. There is no income or qualifying criteria, so anyone can use Workforce Connection Center services free of charge.

This new Goodwill Store & Donation Center also brings many employment opportunities to the community, as Goodwill will be looking for individuals to grow with them, from entry-level to management positions. For more information visit [www.amazinggoodwill.com](http://www.amazinggoodwill.com).

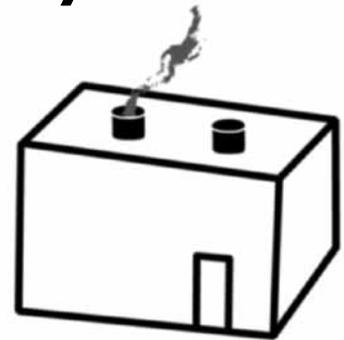
## Keep an eye out for The Battery Factory

What happens when a newly minted creative person gets their degree from UWM, MATC or MIAD? Or the winds of change just land them in Milwaukee? In the best of worlds, they get a job in their field in Milwaukee and begin to invest in and better their community, our community. If that inspired and energized art maker has just gotten a degree in the arts, say a BFA in acting or dance from UWM, or in painting or printmaking from MIAD, or animation from MATC, we'd like to think that there are opportunities for them to find not just a financial home, but a creative one as well, in Milwaukee.

Who in Milwaukee kicks the box, challenges the rules or just asks for more? The Battery Factory aims to do that – to be an agent for change, a deal maker.

The Battery Factory (TBF) is a nonprofit aiming to help the cultural capital stay here while at the same time encouraging artists to break free from the cage of formal locations, such as theaters and art centers, to find a home within neighborhoods. We're working with all artists who have an entrepreneurial spirit to find new ways to bring the arts into such non-traditional spaces as storefronts and warehouses, parks and living rooms.

On the other hand, we work with developers and real estate brokers to help change the discussion from what won't work to what will. In this difficult economy, many storefronts and commercial spaces stand empty, while artists are having difficulty finding places to create, perform and exhibit their work.



By bringing these groups – creatives, developers, realtors, politicians – together with other community stakeholders, we hope to convince more of these brilliant young artists to stay in Milwaukee, adding to our cultural and economic capital, and making a better home for us all.

This is just part of what The Battery Factory has in store. You can learn more about us at <http://www.thebatteryfactory.org>, call 414-944-0028, write to [info@thebatteryfactory.org](mailto:info@thebatteryfactory.org) or by contacting Supervisor Broderick.

## Neighborhood Associations and Park Groups

- A Brady Street Association**  
Grant Gehweiler, President • 975-4914
- B Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association**  
Joseph Klein, President • 628-3380  
jtk@titania.net or jtklein@uwm.edu
- C East Village Association**  
Mike Bondar, President • 276-8130
- D Mariners' Neighborhood Association**  
Mike Rosen, President • 967-1108
- E Murray Hill Neighborhood Association**  
Gerard Capell, President • 962-4638
- F Historic Water Tower Neighborhood**  
Dawn McCarthy, President HWTN 2011  
(414) 964-8120 • contact@HWTN.org
- G Riverside Park Neighborhood Association**  
Terri Kinis, President • 964-7669

Lake Park Friends

Phil Schultz, President • 962-1680

East Town Business Association

Kate Borders, Executive Director • 271-1416

North Point Lighthouse Friends

May Klisch, Operations Manager • 332-6754

The Riverside University High School Foundation

Jan Gibson, President • 291-9076

[www.riversidefoundation.com](http://www.riversidefoundation.com)

Shorewood Senior Resource Center

Elizabeth Price, Program Director • 847-2727

[src@villageofshorewood.org](mailto:src@villageofshorewood.org)

Urban Ecology Center

Ken Leinbach, Director • 964-8505

River Revitalization Foundation

Kimberly Gleffe, Executive Director • 271-8000

[www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org](http://www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org)

Friends of Bradford Beach

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East Side Condominium Association (ESCOA)

Bob Wurtz, President [robsu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robsu@sbcglobal.net)

Preserve Our Parks

John Lunz, President • 702-7288

The Park People

Jim Goulee, Interim Executive Director • 273-7275

East Side Business Improvement District

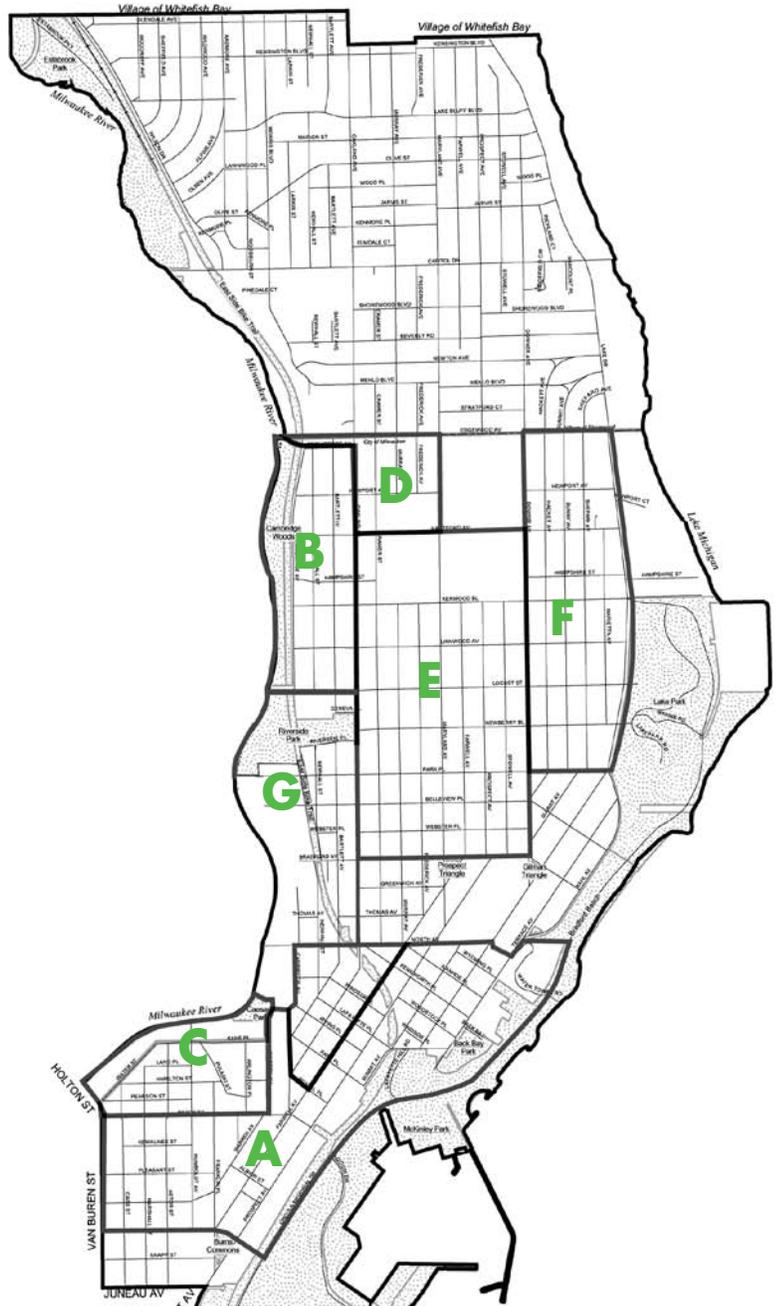
Oakland Avenue Business Improvement District

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Shorewood Business Improvement District

Tim Ryan, Harley's: A Store For Men

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East Side Business Improvement District

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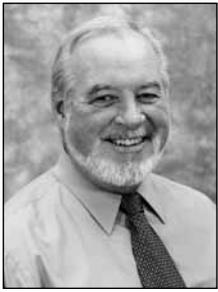
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# Milwaukee County Free Days

## Enjoy **FREE** admission to Milwaukee County attractions!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County Residents only with a valid photo ID on the following days:

### **Milwaukee Art Museum**

**FREE on the first Thursday of each month**  
(includes all special exhibits)

### **Milwaukee Public Museum**

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

### **Mitchell Park Domes**

**FREE every Monday from 9:00 a.m. – Noon**  
(excluding major holidays)

### **Milwaukee County Zoo**

**remaining FREE Days for 2011**  
November 5, December 3,  
Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day