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News for Milwaukee County's 10th District

THE BIDDLE

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Youth Task Force Established

Super. Biddle Sponsors Key Resolution

The Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution authored by Sup. Biddle to create a Youth Task Force. The task force, comprised of young people and community leaders, is charged with brainstorming and recommending ways that Milwaukee County government can help enhance the quality of life for local youth.

The task force will convene in January 2012 and meet monthly for a year. Topics for discussion include:

- Youth Violence Prevention
- Parks and Recreation Activities
- Youth Sports Authority
- Public Transit
- Children's Court Programming and Youth Services
- Creation of a Youth County Government Program
- County Sponsored Youth Employment Opportunities

Community members interested in participating in the task force can request applications from the offices of Sup. Biddle and the County Board Chairman.



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Community Development

Judiciary, Safety and
General Services

Task Force on Work
Reform for Men



Super. Biddle Honored by Equality Wisconsin

Organization calls him "Equal Rights Champion"

Sup. Biddle was honored by Equality Wisconsin at their September 21 member meeting. The organization honored County Executive Chris Abele and all of the County Supervisors who voted in favor of a resolution extending health benefits to domestic partners of Milwaukee County employees. Sup. Biddle was one of the resolution's two lead sponsors.

"Equality Wisconsin is a great partner, and I'm glad we were able to make Milwaukee County an employer that offers fair and equitable benefits to all of its employees," said Biddle.

Sup. Biddle thanked the group and its members for reaching out to their County Board representatives and expressing support for the resolution.

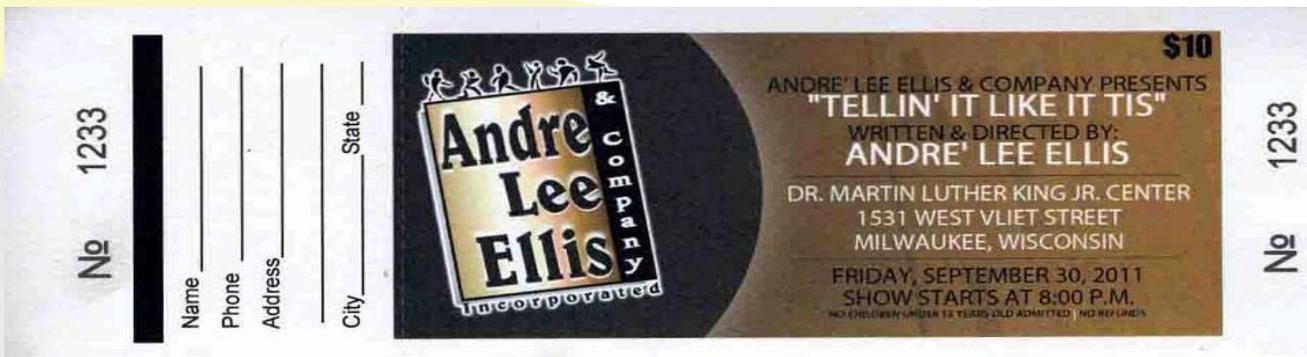


Super. Biddle receives an award for outstanding leadership on equal rights.

Biddle Sponsors Free Tickets to Local Play

Residents hear a powerful message from local cast

On September 30th, Sup. Biddle together with SEIU Local 150, CBTU and individual donors sponsored a community viewing of the Andre Lee Ellis production "Tellin' It Like It 'Tis." More than 200 people received free tickets to see the play, which told the story of 10 African-American men. Local actors performed the show at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center, in the heart of the 10th district.



Super. Biddle's "Ban the Box" Adopted

County Board votes to increase job opportunities

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve a resolution authored by Sup. Biddle that would remove questions related to prior conviction and pending criminal charges from the initial job application for Milwaukee County employment. The County will develop a policy for uniform background checks on all candidates selected for hire and encourage the State of Wisconsin and all public and private employers to follow Milwaukee County's lead in this area.

The Board also approved a resolution urging the State and Department of Justice to consider how criminal offenses are reported to the public and ensuring that expunged records are also expunged in the Crime Information Bureau.

Super. Biddle Honored For Outstanding Dedication to his Community

Supervisor humbled by accolades from 10th District residents

In September, Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church recognized Sup. Biddle for outstanding dedication to the 10th District and his community.

"Words can't describe my feelings on receiving this unexpected award. This is an institution I passed by many times on the campaign trail and still pass frequently when I'm in the neighborhood. It feels good to be recognized by the people of my district," Biddle said. "A part of me believes this was undeserved because there's so much more work to be done. But, ultimately, I am honored, and the energy in the audience was uplifting. They inspire me because they believe. This positive energy encourages me to keep fighting. These individuals believe that we can truly turn our neighborhoods around. I will always fight, serve, and advocate for my community. They don't have to thank me for it, but I appreciate the recognition."



Also honored for their dedication to the community were 1290 WMCS Host Earl Ingram, Pastor Sudie Jones, and Brenda Coleman.

County Board Public Budget Hearings Schedule

From now until November 7th, the Finance & Audit Committee of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors will hold public meetings on the 2012 County Budget. Each hearing deals with a specific part of the budget, so people will know which day to come and testify. If you have questions about any part of the budget, please feel free to contact Sup. Biddle's office at **414-278-4265**.

The hearings will be held at the County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street, Room 203-R, a large committee room. If you come with neighbors or as part of a group, all may speak, or you may designate one or two to speak and have the rest stand to show their agreement. Arrive early enough to allow for any delay in finding parking and coming through the security checkpoint.

MAJOR TOPICS	DAY	DATE	TIME
State Shared Tax, Sales Tax, Bonds, County Treasurer, Investment Advisory Services	Mon.	Oct. 10	9:00-12:00 or later
Library System, Historical Society, Museums, Arts funding, UW-Extension Services, Zoo, Parks	Tues.	Oct. 11	9:00-12:00 or later
County Board, County Executive, District Attorney, Courts, Sheriff	Weds.	Oct. 12	9:00-12:00 or later
Behavioral Health, Dept. of Health & Human Services, Dept. on Aging, Dept. of Family Care	Thurs.	Oct. 13	9:00-12:00 or later
Disability Services, Labor Relations, Human Resources, Employee Benefits, County Clerk	Fri.	Oct. 14	9:00-12:00 or later
Airports, Highway Maint., Bus System, Paratransit	Mon.	Oct. 17	9:00-12:00 or later
Capital Projects: Airports, Highways, Bridges, Buses, Buildings	Tues.	Oct. 18	10:00-12:00 or later
Topics not completed in their allotted time will be continued in Unfinished Business sessions, as necessary.	Weds.	Oct. 19	1:00-5:00 or later
	Thurs.	Oct. 20	1:00-5:00 or later
	Fri.	Oct. 21	9:00-12:00 or later
	Mon-Thu	Oct. 24-27	1:00-5:00 or later
All Budget Items: Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet St.	Mon.	Oct. 31	7:00 PM
Final Committee Action with comments from the County Executive	Wed.	Nov. 2	9:30 AM
All-day County Board meeting to vote on all budget items. (no public testimony)	Mon.	Nov. 7	8:30 AM & 1:30 PM