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## 10th District Official Newsletter

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# BOWEN BUGLE

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People of Milwaukee County's 10th District,

I am honored to serve as your County Supervisor for this great district and to work to improve the quality of life and standard of living for all residents. In my election campaign, I promised to be reliable, responsive and committed to the people of the 10th District. I make it my duty daily to be available to you and to reply to your concerns in a timely manner. I said it would be my priority to address numerous issues that have plagued us for too long: improving and expanding our Transit system, making sure projects funded by the County are creating jobs for residents of the County, ensuring clean and safe parks, sustaining vital services for health and human needs and engaging youth in solving problems that adults cannot solve by themselves. I am glad to say that we are moving forward addressing all these issues and more.

The deliberations over how to spend funds in the 2013 budget that we've just completed have energized me even more to fight on your behalf. I am optimistic that Milwaukee County has many bright days ahead; it will take hard work and collaboration with multiple levels of government and stakeholders -- especially you -- to make a promising future a reality.

Supervisor David Bowen, 10th District



## Citizens Participate in Budget with Good Results

The distribution of control of financial resources is a precious part of democracy. During the budget deliberation process, Supervisor Bowen held three town hall meetings in District 10 so constituents could discuss the 2013 budget and give Supervisor Bowen input. Additionally, Supervisors Bowen, Nikiya Harris and Russell Stamper II held a joint listening session for their constituents at Washington Park Senior Center.

"At all four sessions," said Supervisor Bowen, "residents of all ages and walks of life made important contributions about how the County should allocate taxpayers' money this year."

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Law enforcement and inmate rehabilitation received boosts in the budget. The idea that parks should be patrolled by police officers rather than Sheriff's deputies made no sense

and was rejected by the Board. The Sheriff will assign a special Targeted Enforcement Unit to parks patrol. However, the Sheriff will no longer be in charge of the County Correctional Facility South. A Superintendent -- an expert in rehabilitation -- will be chosen to run it, bringing programs that will decrease recidivism. Also, violence against bus drivers will be greatly curtailed by new, transparent shields.

### PARKS

Supervisor Bowen noted his disappointment over the elimination of a new pool at Moody Park; it was one of only two vetoes that the Board failed to override in the final County Budget votes on November 14. Looking on the bright side, the Board's plan, backed by County Executive Abele, will use funds originally slated for the pool to improve other needy parks -- Lindbergh, Johnson's and Martin

Luther King -- in District 10. The plan removes the Moody Pool building to add a 3,000-square-foot community building, a community garden space, a playground, a splash pad, new lighting, basketball courts, a soccer field and walking paths.

### COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

Among its other budgetary accomplishments, the Board took steps to increase economic development by helping small business with micro-loans and training; allocated funds to our cherished War Memorial with a plan to resolve disputes about upkeep; increased funding for the Behavioral Health Division; and acted respectfully toward County employees by increasing funding for their still-high-cost health benefits so committed County workers don't have to choose between food or health care expenses.

## Enforcing Accountability for Derek Williams

In the controversy that arose in September of this year over the death of Derek Williams in a Milwaukee Police vehicle in July, 2011, County Supervisor Bowen and a group of other Milwaukee County Supervisors took action. They met with District Attorney John Chisholm and County Medical Examiner Dr. Brian L. Peterson. As a result, Dr. Peterson immediately put into practice a number of changes that the group proposed. On November 1, the County Board passed a resolution making those practices mandatory: All cases of death while in custody of law enforcement in Milwaukee County are now subject to review by the chief Medical Examiner, and that office is now required to request all reports and all audio and video recordings from the agencies involved.

In another case, Brandon Johnson died while under the care of Milwaukee County's Behavioral Health Division, after having been transported there by police. Following that death, Supervisor Bowen pledged to do his part to ask the right questions and to seek answers in the case. "I will do everything I can," he said, "to ensure that all Milwaukee County residents are treated with dignity and respect and are granted the medical care and attention they deserve."



## New Revenue to Solve Transit Cliff

What do the Bradley Center and the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) have in common?

Both need funds, and a higher sales tax could be the best answer. One was approved by voters in

a 2008 referendum, largely to fund transit. But State government failed to enact it.

Without dedicated sales tax funds, MCTS will be driving on the edge of a fiscal cliff, without enough money to connect people to jobs or to maintain its current level of service.

As for the BMO Harris Bradley Center, many members of Milwaukee's business community want to see a new building to accommodate the Bucks and their NBA rivals and to provide fans a high-end experience. While former Senator Herb Kohl, BMO Harris, and other donors are likely to step forward, a significant amount of funds from sales tax will be needed.

Soon after his election to the County Board, Supervisor Bowen saw the sales tax connection between MCTS and the new arena. Bowen has discussed the issue with representatives of the Bradley Center and others in the business community and has presented a resolution to a County Board committee. Please stay tuned for updates and developments on the matter.

## Bowen Stays Youth-Focused

Formerly the Program Director of Urban Underground, Supervisor David Bowen continues to focus on issues facing youth in Milwaukee County. In May, Sup. Bowen took part in Urban Underground's Youth Exchange Summit, where young people participated in youth-led workshops on a host of community issues. Currently, the same youth are working on a healthy food access campaign for the neighborhoods, called Fresh P.L.A.T.E.S.

When a dedicated, diverse group of teens volunteered to be the Milwaukee County Youth Task Force and meet monthly under the guidance of County Supervisor and State Senator-Elect Nikiya Q. Harris, Bowen was often there to collaborate and to encourage their effort.

As a member of the County Board's Health and Human Needs Committee, Sup. Bowen was part of the 6-0 unanimous vote to authorize an alternate, local placement option for juvenile offenders. The vote keeps adjudicated youth out of the state facility and makes the Milwaukee County Juvenile Detention Center a short-term placement option for them. "Effective alternatives and programs in the community will decrease recidivism and save taxpayers' money," said Bowen.

Sup. Bowen also serves on the Milwaukee County Advisory Board for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), a research-based program of the Casey Foundation that helps counties build better juvenile justice and detention systems.

## Concert Returns to Johnson's Park



Johnson's Park had not hosted a concert for more than a decade. But this past summer, it did – fed by the energy of the Johnson's Park Neighborhood Association, the skill of the Milwaukee County Parks Department, and the support of County Supervisor David Bowen. The free event featured family-friendly music, including hip hop by BLAX and neo-soul by the Jazz Poets, a band that included students from Milwaukee High School of the Arts.

Free healthy food was provided by Feed the People, a program of All Black Everything, an organization that works to create a healthy food culture in Black Milwaukee and strengthen the Black community. Sheriff's deputies brought a horse and welcomed people to come up close. Security was also provided by Parks Department rangers. The evening was safe and enjoyable for all.

## Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Continuing the good work of previous District 10 Supervisor Eyon Biddle, David Bowen pushed for Milwaukee County to complete a contract with Ready To Work / Big Step. It is an organization that connects residents to career pathways. It provides training for jobs that require skilled labor. It has a fatherhood component, making subsidized work opportunities available. To connect with RTW/Big Step, contact Supervisor Bowen's office at 278-4265 or david.f.bowen@milwcnty.com.



## 10<sup>th</sup> District Survey

To help me serve you in the best ways possible, I hope you will tell me a bit about yourself by mail or email.

Please answer the questions to the right, tear off this portion of the newsletter, place it in an envelope with a stamp and mail it to:

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Or, answer the questions in an email message:  
Go to the County Board's website at [county.milwaukee.gov/Bowen](http://county.milwaukee.gov/Bowen), click on Contact Supervisor Bowen and enter your responses in the Comment or Question field.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you believe to be the **greatest need** or needs of your neighborhood?

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**Which County services** are most important to you, your family, or your business?

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**Which parks** do you use, and what kind of improvements do they need?

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To discuss these or any other issues with me, please feel free to email or call my office at any time.

I attend organized neighborhood groups and organizations constantly! Mark X next to the organization(s) that you are part of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amani Community                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Concordia Neighborhood Association        | <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Initiative                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arlington Court Resident Association          | <input type="checkbox"/> Convent Hill Resident Association         | <input type="checkbox"/> Midtown West Neighborhood Association                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Borchert Field Cares                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Neighbors Association            | <input type="checkbox"/> North Ave./Fond du Lac Marketplace BID #32                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brady Street Area Association                 | <input type="checkbox"/> East Village Association                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis Wheatley Neighborhood Association                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brady St. Business Improvement District (BID) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fighting Back Block Club                  | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul Neighborhood Association                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cherry Court Resident Association             | <input type="checkbox"/> 14th Street Cares Block Watch             | <input type="checkbox"/> Walnut Way Conservation Corps                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clark Street Area Community Association       | <input type="checkbox"/> Highland Gardens Resident Association     | <input type="checkbox"/> Westtown Association                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Court Resident Association            | <input type="checkbox"/> Incarnation Justice Team (Lindbergh Park) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning Council, NSP Area 10       | <input type="checkbox"/> Johnson's Park Neighborhood Association   | <input type="checkbox"/> None, but I would like to be involved or start a new group |

