



THE HAAS REPORT

THE 14TH DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER
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Dear neighbor,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. For my family, it usually entails a trip to the in-laws, where we got to reunite with some far-away family members. And just as families help make a neighborhood strong, having families using our County Parks is a great way to keep them strong. That's why I have been helping build Friends groups for the nine County Parks that are in my district-, including Copernicus, Holler, Mitchell Airport, Tippecanoe, and Wilson Parks. You can find out more about one of these in this newsletter.

Also, there have been ongoing concerns regarding off-leash dogs. When walking your dog, it must be kept on a leash at all times. Please respect this rule when you have your pets in public. I've included the county's dog policy in this newsletter for your review.

On a positive note, I hope your holiday season is off to a good start. We can't send e-newsletters until after the April election due to a state elections law, but you can certainly contact my office with any questions about County concerns. As always, we're at (414) 278-4252. Thanks, and I'll talk to you soon.

In Service,
-Jason

County Board Committees

- Vice-Chair, Parks, Energy, & Environment
- Transportation, Public Works & Transit
- Personnel

Community Memberships

- Bay View Neighborhood Association
- Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Bay View Garden and Yard Society
- Hide House Community Garden
- South Side Business Club
- Victory Garden Initiative
- Humboldt Park Watch
- South Shore Park Watch
- Garden District Neighborhood Association
- Holler Park Neighborhood Association
- Town of Lake Neighborhood Association

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Friends of Saveland Park Sees a Successful Start

The first meetings of Friends of Saveland Park have been extremely successful. Over twenty people attended each of the October and November meetings. Milwaukee County Sheriff Deputy Juan Avila, along with Mike Wrench and Cliff Hale of the County Parks Department all spoke with neighbors at the November meeting.

Jim Goulee, director of The Park People of Milwaukee County, a local non-profit organization, discussed how to further the mission of Friends of Saveland Park, and how it could use The Park People as a "parent" non-profit organization.

It was my pleasure to organize the first meetings of Friends of Saveland Park as part of my plan to create a Friends of the Park group for each of the eight county parks in our district. Holler Park and Morgan Park also have begun forming their own groups, with work getting underway for similar groups for Copernicus, Mitchell Airport, Tippecanoe, and Wilson parks.

A park that gets used is a safe park. With more events happening in the park, and people knowing that the park is watched over and cared for by its neighbors, community safety will improve.

The next general meeting of Friends of Saveland Park is planned for 6:30PM on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the Saveland Park pavilion.

The 14th District, 2.0

As the resident "Techy" on the County Board, I am constantly working to improve technology and find cheaper, more effective ways to serve you and the rest of my constituents. As part of those efforts, I have recently created a District 14 blog and twitter account.

I hope that these new tools will give my constituents more access, get more information out there as to what's going on in the district, and serve as a two-way conversation as to what's going on and what people would like to see going on in District 14.

Check out my official blog:
<http://supervisorhaas.wordpress.com/> and find me on
twitter:@TheFighting14th

And feel free to repost/retweet any of my blog posts and/or tweets, the more the merrier!

E-News Letter Restrictions

The election season begins on December 1. According to State Statute 11.33(a)1, "No person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for national, state or local office may use public funds for the cost of materials or distribution for 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material" until the election is held on April 3.

To comply with this Statute, the December e-news is being issued in late November and will not resume until after March.



The New College Avenue

After some much needed reconstruction, College Avenue is open and accessible between Howell and Pennsylvania. Now that the reconstruction has been completed, College Avenue will continue to provide a beneficial link between the business and residential communities near the former 440th site.

I want to give a special thanks to all of the wonderful staff who helped complete this project and to all of the residents for their patience with this important project.

With this improved 440th link, we can continue to see economic development in this vital part of Milwaukee County.

Dog Exercise Areas

Recently I've been contacted regarding Dog Exercise Areas in Milwaukee County Parks and what the policies regarding those areas are.

While you are walking your dog, it must be on a leash until it is in a Dog Exercise Area. As a dog owner and father of two young children, I understand the importance of having dogs on leashes (until they reach a designated off leash area). I hope that all of us can respect that safety concern and only unleash our dogs in appropriate areas.

There are five Dog Exercise Areas within Milwaukee County Parks all are open 7 days a week, 5 a.m.–10 p.m.

The locations are:

- *Currie* *3535 N. Mayfair Road*
(intersection of Mayfair Rd & Capitol Drive)
- *Granville* *11718 W. Good Hope Place*
- *Estabrook* *4400 N. Estabrook Drive*
- *Runway* *1214 E. Rawson Avenue*
- *Warnimont* *6100 S. Lake Drive*

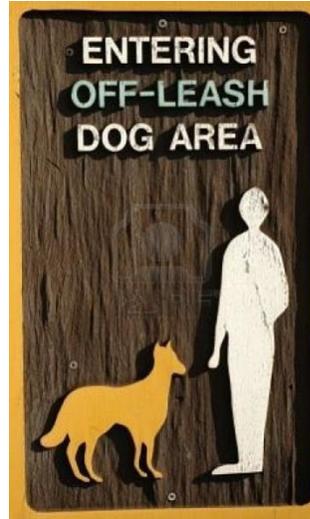
If you're interested in advocating for Dogs in Milwaukee County Parks, feel free to check out the Residents for Off-Leash Milwaukee Parks (ROMP) website:
<http://milwaukeeogparks.org/>

Here are a few things to remember before you take your dog out:

- *Have your dog licensed*
- *Have proof of your dog's current rabies vaccination*
- *Purchase your Dog Exercise Area permit and have the annual tag displayed on your dog or purchase your daily or annual permit at the Exercise Area and keep the receipt with you during your visit (Purchasing information can be found [HERE](#))*

If you have any questions about Dog Exercise Areas in Milwaukee County Parks, please don't hesitate to call (414) 257 – 4892.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep our community safe, accessible, and dog and people friendly!



My dog Karl, lounging out.

Route Changes: 11 and 15

A new Express Bus service will begin running on Sunday, January 29, 2012. There are some big impacts on the south side. The "Green EXpress" bus will run frequently from Mitchell International Airport on the south side, to Bayshore Mall on the north side. South side Route 15 will continue on Kinnickinnic, Packard, and Chicago Avenue, while the Clement Avenue service will move to Route 52. North of downtown, the Green EXpress Bus will follow the path of the current Route 15. Today's Route 11, in turn, will be replaced by Route 15, which will still end at Bayshore Mall.

Please look at the MCTS web site for more information:
<http://tinyurl.com/mcts2012>.

Get in Touch with Me

I want to hear what you think about the issues that are before us. Please call me at (414) 278-4252, or email me at:
jason.haas@milwcnty.com

Calls from the County Courthouse come up as "BLOCKED" on caller ID, so if you are expecting to hear from me, I might be that blocked call.

I look forward to working with you as I represent you on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Stay in touch, and I'll talk with you soon.

2012 Budget Veto Override Summary

The following is a summary of votes from the County Board's veto override meeting:

Non-Departmental Budgets

Veto #7 Employee Wellness Program (Effect of veto: -**\$434,663**) *Amendment 1C006*

12-7 to override (**veto sustained**) No – Borkowski, Cesarz, De Bruin, Jursik, Rice, Sanfelippo, Schmitt

Veto #8 Employee Healthcare Benefits (Effect of veto: -**\$3,098,817**) *Amendment 1C004*

15-4 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Borkowski, Cesarz, Rice, Sanfelippo

Departmental Operating Budgets

Veto #1 Emergency Medical Services Subsidy Funding (Effect of Veto: -**\$722,527**) *Amendment 1A061-1*

19-0 to override (**veto overridden**)

Veto #2 Emergency Medical Services Subsidy Allocation (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A061-2*

9-10 to override (**veto sustained**) No – Borkowski, Broderick, Cesarz, De Bruin, Johnson, Jursik, Lipscomb, Rice, Sanfelippo, Schmitt

Veto #3 Inmate Medical and Mental Health Services (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A049*

16-3 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Cesarz, Rice, Sanfelippo

Veto #4 Tactical Enforcement Unit/Park Patrol Program (Effect of veto: -**\$1,551,991**) *Amendment 1A048*

17-2 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Borkowski, Cesarz

Veto #5 Position Restoration in the Office of the Sheriff (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A074*

19-0 to override (**veto overridden**)

Veto #6 Reorganization of Department of Transportation and Public Works (**no tax levy impact**)

Amendment 1A036

12-7 to override (**veto sustained**) No – Cesarz, De Bruin, Jursik, Rice, Sanfelippo, Schmitt, Thomas

Veto #12 Policy Concerning the Awarding of Contracts Over \$1,000,000 (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A065*

16-3 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Cesarz, Sanfelippo, Schmitt

Veto #14 Detox Funding (Effect of Veto: -**\$200,000**)

Amendment 1A055

15-4 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Borkowski, Cesarz, Rice, Schmitt

Veto #15 Cultural Events Programming in Parks (Effect of veto: -**\$50,000**) *Amendment 1A004*

14-5 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Borkowski, Cesarz, Rice, Sanfelippo, Schmitt

Veto #16 Estabrook Dam Trust Account (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A054*

13-6 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Broderick, Cesarz, Jursik, Rice, Schmitt, Thomas

Veto #17 Parks Tax Levy (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A053*

12-7 to override (**veto sustained**) No – Cesarz, Lipscomb, Mayo, Rice, Sanfelippo, Thomas, Weishan

Veto #19 Mental Health Redesign and Community Resources Investment (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A011*

16-3 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Cesarz, Rice, Sanfelippo

Veto #20 IT Director - Business Development (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A066*

14-5 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Cesarz, Jursik, Rice, Sanfelippo, Thomas

Veto #21 Heat & Chilled Waterline Installation at County Grounds (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A077*

15-4 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Broderick, Cesarz, Rice, Sanfelippo

Veto #22 Positions at General Mitchell International Airport (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A022*

15-4 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Cesarz, Rice, Sanfelippo, Schmitt

Veto #23 Bus Safety Shields (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1A039*

15-4 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Cesarz, Rice, Sanfelippo, Schmitt

Capital Improvement Budgets

Veto #9 Workforce Development (**no tax levy impact**)

Amendment 1B002-1

Veto #10 Economic Development Fund (**no tax levy impact**)

Amendment 1B002-2

Veto #11 Land Sales (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1B002-3*

(Vetoes 9, 10, 11 taken together) 15-4 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Cesarz, Jursik, Rice, Sanfelippo, Schmitt

Veto #13 King and Kosciuszko Community Centers (**no tax levy impact**) *Amendment 1B004*

11-8 to override (**veto sustained**) No – Borkowski, Cesarz, De Bruin, Jursik, Lipscomb, Rice, Sanfelippo, Schmitt

Veto #18 Legislative Workflow and Public Access Project

(Effect of veto: -**\$192,800**) *Amendment 1B001*

16-3 to override (**veto overridden**) No – Cesarz, Sanfelippo, Schmitt

Veto #24 Tax Levy (Effect of veto: **\$6,249,798**) (**vote not necessary – final tax levy determined by override actions taken above**)