



THE HAAS REPORT

THE 14TH DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER
JULY 2011

Dear neighbor,

Summer is in full swing, and there's nothing better than a Milwaukee Summer! There's lots of free and fun ways to spend your summer days, and in this edition of the Haas Report, you'll find all sorts of great family friendly activities. I look forward to seeing you at some of the events outlined below, especially the Garden District Days Festival where I'll be making a special appearance...in the dunk tank! So come on down and have a great July!

County Board Committees

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

Community Memberships

- Bay View 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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Coffee with Constituents

Milwaukee County Supervisor Jason Haas is setting aside time in his schedule specifically to sit down, grab a cup of coffee, and hear directly from constituents about any district issues they wish to discuss. Supervisor Haas will appear at [National Bakery and Deli](#), 3200 S 16th St, Milwaukee, WI 53215 Wednesday, July 13th and Wednesday July 27th from Noon until 1pm.

As always, Supervisor Haas looks forward to meeting face-to-face with neighbors in the 14th District and talking about how he can best serve his community.



National Bakery and Deli, 3200 S 16th St, Milwaukee, WI 53215

Milwaukee County Parks Summer Concert Series!

Each year our Milwaukee County Parks host a series of various FREE concerts. All Milwaukee County residents are encouraged to come on by for some cool tunes and great times! You can check out a list of the concerts by clicking [HERE](#)

Saying Thank You

On Saturday July 2nd, I thanked the many members of our community who helped create the new Garden District Community Garden:

- State Senator Chris Larson
- Alderman Terry Witkowski
- Garden District Neighborhood Association (GDNA) President Connie Wilson
- Garden Committee President Bryan Simon of Simon Landscaping

- Garden Committee Vice President Cary Nievinski
- Garden Committee Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator Marie Cassavant
- All volunteers from the Garden Committee
- Julia O'Connor
- Dawn Riegel
- All volunteers from the Town of Lake Neighborhood Association and the GDNA
- Custom Grown Greenhouse for the donations of hundreds of vegetable plants

Through clearing off the overgrown land on the east side of South 6th Street, a unique glimpse of Milwaukee's past was discovered: Lannon stone fence posts that were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression! The wooden beams that ran between the posts had rotted and were removed. Once funding becomes available to buy new beams, the fence will stand once again.

Add to that the new farmers market that is being built, and the site will become another bright spot on the South Side. Community gardens strengthen neighborhoods. Having the twin stars of a bountiful garden and a booming market will draw many people to the South Side.



Aerotropolis Resolution

Supervisor Jursik and I have been working to pass a resolution in support of exploring innovative strategies to enhance modes of transportation and economic development through the creation of a Milwaukee County Aerotropolis. Below are some recent articles in support of a Milwaukee County Aerotropolis at General Mitchell International Airport. The resolution Supervisor Jursik and I are introducing will come before the next Transportation and public works committee. The resolution Supervisor Jursik and I are introducing will come before the next meeting of the Transportation and public works committee, which is Wednesday July 13 at 9:00am.

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/124818979.html>

<http://greenfield.patch.com/articles/greenfield-in-support-of-a-milwaukee-aerotropolis>

http://www.wuwm.com/programs/news/view_news.php?articleid=8755

Your Thoughts: Budget Cuts

The upcoming budget will be tremendously challenging for all Milwaukee County residents. The proposed transit cuts, in their current form, look like this:

- 86% of Freeway Fliers eliminated.
- Summerfest and other festival shuttles eliminated
- Five school routes eliminated
- 28 routes cut
- Door-to-door paratransit service cut

There will be many tough decisions to make, including funding for public transportation in Milwaukee County. As your Milwaukee County Supervisor, it is my job to represent you to the best of my ability. Please contact me, and let me know how these cuts to Milwaukee County Transit will affect you. You can call me at 278 – 4252, or email me: Jason.Haas@milwcnty.com.

Contract for Milwaukee County Nurses

At our last Full Board meeting in June, the contract for Milwaukee County's nurses was approved. This action happened before Act 10 was upheld by the State Supreme Court. Our nurses have been put in a very tough position, and this action was not only fiscally appropriate, it was the only fair way to proceed.

The nurses who serve Milwaukee County are under a great deal of stress. The nature of their work is very challenging, and they are paid less than their private sector counterparts, and some facilities have less than desirable staffing levels. They have acted admirably, even when they weren't sure what might happen with their contract.

I thank our Milwaukee County Nurses for the great work they do day in and day out.



Bradford Beach 2011 Summer Schedule

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MAJOR EVENT SCHEDULE

bradfordbeachjam.com / facebook: "Bradford Beach"

MAY 21ND	OPENING WEEKEND» Bradford Beach Volleyball Series
JUNE 18TH - 19TH	Bradford Beach Beach Volleyball Series - NVL Pro Qualifier
JUNE 19TH	Friends of Bradford Beach Family Day US OPEN Junior Beach Volleyball Qualifier
JUNE 26TH	Bradford Beach Strongman
JULY 10TH	Friends of Bradford Beach Family Day
JULY 16TH - 17TH	Pathfinders B.E.D. Charity Event benefiting homeless teens
JULY 25TH - 28TH	I Work Downtown Volleyball Challenge
JULY 29TH - 31ST	Bradford Beach Jam sports and reggae music festival Bradford Beach Volleyball Series featuring the NVL Pro Beach Volleyball Tour
AUGUST 6TH	Bradford Beach National Day Out
AUGUST 6TH - 7TH	Milwaukee Air & Water Show
AUGUST 7TH	Friends of Bradford Beach Family Day
AUGUST 20TH - 21ST	Bradford Beach Luau & BALZAC at the Beach Wine Tasting Event Bradford Beach Volleyball Series
SEPT 11TH	Friends of Bradford Beach Family Day
SEPT 17TH - 18TH	Sand & Bands Endless Summer Beach Party Bradford Beach Beach Volleyball Series
OCTOBER 1ST	«CLOSING WEEKEND

Sunday Fundays: Noon, June 19th - Sept 18th

Acoustic Music Series: Thursdays at 7pm, June 16th - Sept 15th



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***Reminder* Garden District Days Festival is Almost Here!**

Hey Neighbors, here's another reminder to come on down and celebrate the Garden District Neighborhood Association's "Garden District Days Festival". Supervisor Haas will make a special appearance...on the dunk tank! Come on by for a

good old fashioned game of "Dunk the Supervisor". For more information on what's going on with the GDNA, check out: <http://www.thegdna.com/>.

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Garden District Days Festival

Sponsored by The Garden District Neighborhood Association

July 29 (4:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

North side

July 30 (10:00 am - 9:00 pm)

of

July 31 (12:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

5th & Layton

Rides

Food

Arts and Crafts Projects

Dunk Tank

Vendors

Car/Motorcycle Display



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Domestic Partnership Benefits Update

On July 7th, a broad coalition of Milwaukee County Supervisors, joined by representatives from Aurora Health Care and other public, private and religious groups, formally introduced a resolution to offer health benefits to domestic partners of County employees.

Currently, there are 819 municipalities, counties and school districts, including the State of Wisconsin, City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Public Schools, that already provide domestic partnership health benefits for their employees.

With more than 31,000 local employees, Aurora Health Care is the largest private-sector employer in Wisconsin and has offered domestic partnership benefits to employees since 2005. In that time, Aurora has been a national health care leader, attracting some of the most talented health professionals in the world. In addition, six of the ten Fortune 500 employers in the Milwaukee area offer similar benefits.



Supervisors Jason Haas, Marina Dimitrijevic, Eyon Biddle, Sr., Gerry Broderick, Nikiya Q. Harris, and John F. Weishan, Jr., attended the news conference and thanked County Executive Chris Abele for supporting this change. Sheila Cochran from the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, representatives from Fair Wisconsin and Equality Wisconsin, and Reverend Ken Wheeler from Cross Lutheran Church also appeared in support of this initiative.

If approved by the County Board and signed by the County Executive, the benefit would be made available through open enrollment and would take effect on January 1, 2012. The benefit would apply to both same and opposite domestic partners (who are certified via state requirements) and their dependents. The benefit does not apply to retirees.



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 see you soon.