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Spring is here!

I am excited for the spring time this year. Spring is the season where birds begin to chirp, trees and flowers bloom, and Winter's trash shows its ugly face. That will not be the face of our Milwaukee County Parks and roads. We are taking a proactive stance to make sure all county properties within the district are cleaned and maintained properly. We're turning over a new leaf by making sure you can enjoy all that Milwaukee County has to offer.

Spring is also a time to vote. Make sure to cast your ballot on April 3rd and let your voice be heard.

Don't forget to Spring Clean!

-Supervisor Nikiya Q. Harris

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Addressing the Issue

Milwaukee County Parks- Wyrick Park Update

We've connected with Milwaukee County Parks, and they will continue to monitor for trash and broken trees near the walkways and roads. Because we have many young trees in the area, it's a bit more that has to be done to keep this area cleaned because of how young they are. We are working diligently with the Department of Public Works and the Milwaukee County Parks Department to maintain a clean and safe environment for all Milwaukee County residents.

Lincoln Creek

There have been some issues with debris and power poles not being cleaned up along Lincoln Creek. Supervisor Harris has been following the situation closely. This particular property is owned by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). According to MMSD, they have been having some issues with companies like WE Energies and AT&T regarding clean up from their projects. The issue has been resolved and we encourage all residents of the 2nd District to continue to relay their concerns to Supervisor Harris' office.

WI Humane Society - PAL

The Wisconsin Humane Society is accepting nominations for our nationally recognized People Animals Learning (PAL) program! Teachers, social workers, and community leaders can nominate at-risk Milwaukee youth ages 10-13 to participate in PAL this summer. Through the PAL program, students work with shelter dogs, cats and orphaned ducklings. The two-week program is offered FREE, and transportation to and from the shelter is provided.

Do you know a child who could benefit from the increased self-esteem and empathy that comes from training and caring for animals? Please complete [an application](#) to tell us about the young person you are nominating and how this program can benefit him or her. **Nominations are due by Wednesday, April 18.**



African-American Mental Health Summit

On February 4, 2012, Supervisor Harris and Alverno College partnered to host Milwaukee's first African American Mental Health Practitioner Summit. Over 100 Mental Health Practitioners, Clergy members, and Elected officials coming together to discuss the barriers that African-Americans have when dealing with a mental illness. They also started the discussion of what African-American leaders and practitioners can do to bridge the gap between those underserved and the resources they need to survive.



Voter ID- Update

Two Dane County Judges, in two different cases, have granted a injunctions against Wisconsin's new voter ID law, which one judge called "the single most restrictive voter eligibility" in the country. **These rulings mean that the Photo ID requirement would not apply for the April 3 presidential primary and local general elections.**

"My sincere thanks go to Judge David Flanagan for this decision. I am excited and elated about this glimmer of hope for voters in Wisconsin. It's wrong to make individuals jump through hurdles to exercise their constitutionally-guaranteed right to vote. Last year, I led the fight against the Voter ID bill and hosted a series of town hall meetings and information sessions to get the word out. We want to make sure that every voice is heard, and every vote counts," said Supervisor Nikiya Harris.

FREE Birth Certificates for VOTING PURPOSES ONLY

In order to obtain a free identification card from the State Department of Transportation, the applicant must provide a copy of a vital record, such as a birth certificate from the County Register of Deeds Office. For individuals who have never received a state ID card, Milwaukee County is currently offering free birth certificates for the purposes of voting.

As of March 26, 2012, Milwaukee County has provided 320 Free Birth Certificates for the purpose of voting.

For more information or to access the birth certificate request form, Milwaukee County residents can visit Supervisor Harris' webpage at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/D2/VoterID.htm>.

Know of an UNSUNG HERO in your neighborhood?



So often there are individuals in our community that go unrecognized for the positive contributions they have made to society.

In the 2nd District, we appreciate those who strive to make a difference in the lives of others. Help Supervisor Harris recognize that special person by nominating them as an UNSUNG HERO.

To learn more about nominations please contact David Crowley at david.c.crowley@milwcnty.com or call 414-278-5071.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Save the Date

In the District:

Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center - 5460 N. 64th St.
6pm – 7pm

In the County:

GENERAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Milwaukee County Board Meeting

(Organizational Meeting)

April 16, 2012

Milwaukee County Courthouse

901 N. 9th Street

2:00pm