

HARRIS' NEWS

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"NEWS WORTH KNOWING"

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. It is truly an honor. To further keep you informed, here is my first E-Newsletter. I hope this E-newsletter provides you with a wealth of information that can be accessible in the District, as well as in Milwaukee County. As we continue to reshape our leadership at Milwaukee County, I hope you have found that I have been extremely responsive and accessible. Enjoy!

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Economic & Community Development

Health & Human Needs

Transportation, Public Works, & Transit

Community Memberships

Kids Matter Inc. Board Member

Appointed Committees

Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council

National Chairwoman of Health/Human Policy Committee (NAYBEO)

Wisconsin Counties Association Constitution Committee

Youth Sports Authority Board

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2nd District Town Hall Meeting

Supervisor Harris will host a Town Hall meeting **Wednesday, February 9, 2011, 6-7 pm at Elks Lodge, 5555 W. Good Hope Rd.** Over the past several months, I have heard your concerns and thoughts about public transportation, taxes, parks, and, most importantly, jobs. As your County Supervisor, I will continue to host these town hall meetings to keep you informed on the pressing issues facing our district and Milwaukee County as a whole. I need your continued support and look forward to seeing you there.

Photo: Supervisor Harris talks with constituents Ms. Justine Buchanan and Mr. Bipin Chawda at the fourth 2nd District town hall meeting held at Elks Lodge this past December.



Supervisor Harris Appointed to WCA Constitution Committee

Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) is a governmental association representing the interest of counties at both state and local levels. I had the privilege to attend the WCA Annual Conference this past September in downtown Milwaukee and met several state and local lawmakers who continue to shape Wisconsin's quality of life. As time progressed, I agreed to participate in the WCA County Ambassador Program. This program aims to increase awareness and understanding of county issues with legislators in Madison. WCA recently elected a new President and I was appointed to the Constitution Committee. This committee will analyze the framework of the Association. I am pleased to accept this appointment and look forward to working with local and state lawmakers across Wisconsin.

Growing Power Market Basket Program

Growing Power Farm-to-City Market Basket Program provides residents of Milwaukee County safe, healthy and affordable produce. This program is run on a weekly basis so that customers may engage at a pace that is right for them. The majority of the produce found in the Market Basket comes from Growing Power's Farms in Milwaukee, Merton, and Will Allen's Farm in Oak Creek, along with the Rainbow Farmers' Cooperative, a collective of small, family farmers.

Small-scale, locally or family owned wholesalers such as Goodness Greenness in Chicago are also used. These wholesalers keep fresh fruits and vegetables not grown locally during the winter, such as apples, lettuce

and peppers, available and affordable year-round and provide local jobs in our community -- the very essence of Community Food System.

To place your order, please contact Growing Power at 414-527-1930 and leave a message on their hotline or via email at:

marketbasket@growingpower.org

Orders are due by noon on Wednesday for Friday or Saturday pick-up.

Pricing for baskets are as follows:

- Regular Market Basket \$16
- Junior/Senior Basket \$9
- Sustainable Basket \$27
- Fruit Basket \$16

For more information [click here](#)



Photo: Supervisor Harris is pictured with Mr. Will Allen, Founder of Growing Power.

Supervisor Harris' Unsung Hero Program

Do you know a resident in the 2nd District who makes unrecognized contributions in Milwaukee County? If so, you can nominate that person for a spot in the 2nd District newsletter as an Unsung Hero. The Unsung Hero nomination recognizes individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty in Milwaukee County. These people do their good works without expecting praise or recognition.

Residents of the 2nd District may nominate citizens in the district for good works that are verifiable. [Click here](#) for Application forms

The criteria for Unsung Hero are as follows:

- Must be a resident of 2nd District
- List of accomplishments in the community
- Photo of individual (headshot)
- One sentence on why this nominee should be featured as an unsung hero

Supervisor Harris will review applications and select the winner(s) based on information received. The top nominees(s) will be featured in the upcoming newsletter. Nominees that were not chosen will be recognized in a future e-news publication.

Photo: Supervisor Harris talks with a neighbor after participating on a panel discussing this summer's flooding along with Mr. Charles Taylor of C&K Consultants, LLC at Christ the King



Free Tax Preparation

Free Tax Preparation Services are now available! From January 19 - April 15, 2010 Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites will be located throughout Milwaukee County to prepare low-income resident's taxes and file them electronically for free. The household income limit for free tax preparation is \$56,000. This project is sponsored by the Milwaukee Asset Building Coalition (MABC), a private/public partnership coordinated by the Social Development Commission (SDC). To learn more, [click here](#):

Milwaukee Assistance will be available at:

MATC-Downtown
Room M173
1015 N. 6th St.
(Enter at 6th and Highland)
(414) 297-8417

No appointment required

Opens January 25, 2011
Tuesday 5:00-7:00 P.M. - First 20 clients
Saturday 10:00-2:00 P.M. - First 40 clients
Senior citizens served immediately

ALSO...

Milwaukee County property tax deferral program available for seniors...the Treasurer's officer recently announced a program that assists elderly homeowners this property tax season. This tax deferral program offers homeowners 65 years or older the opportunity to receive financial assistance to pay off their property tax. For information on program qualifications, contact the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) at 1-800-755-7835.

McGovern Park Ice Fishing Clinic for Children

Milwaukee County Parks is sponsoring a **free** Ice Fishing clinic for Children 15 and under at McGovern Park 5400 N. 51st Blvd. (wheelchair accessible). Clinics will begin on the hour from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All fishing equipment will be furnished. Members of local fishing clubs will teach ice-fishing basics to ensure safe and fun winter fishing. The indoor

instructional component of the program will go on no matter what the weather; the ice-fishing component is dependent upon the weather and ice conditions. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is required for individuals. If you have a group of 20 or more, please call in advance. For details, call the DNR at (414) 263-8614.

Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame

Nominations are still being accepted for the Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Established in 1997, the Hall of Fame honors five outstanding seniors in Milwaukee County who have served the community as volunteers and as advocates on behalf the elderly. Nominees must show distinguished volunteer service in any one or combination of the following categories:

- Voluntary service of an educational, community or humanitarian nature
- Exceptional contributions as a volunteer in efforts to improve the lives of people regardless of race, creed or national origin
- Voluntary service in advocacy on behalf of Wisconsin senior citizens

For more information on nominating your choice for the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, [click here](#).

Deadline is February 14, 2011

Milwaukee Job Corps is Hiring!!!

Job Corps is looking to recruit 300 City of Milwaukee residents between the ages of 16-24 to fill training slots. There are two year training programs in three different fields - Health Care, Manufacturing and Construction. Applications for admission are being taken at 611 W. National Ave. #209, Milwaukee WI 53204. For more information, [click here](#).

Lincoln Park/Milwaukee River Open House

On Tuesday, February 1, 2011 from 4-7pm representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin DNR and other agencies will host an Open House to discuss Lincoln Park and Milwaukee River Channels Sediment Remediation and Restoration Project. The event will take place at the Blatz Pavilion. For more information [click here](#).

Reminder to Vote February 15th!

I would like to remind you to get out and vote in the primary election on February 15th. Let your voice be heard and make a difference. If you have questions on where to vote, please [click here](#).