



THE HARRIS CONNECTION

2nd District Newsletter ❖ Summer 2011

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COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEES

- Health & Human Needs
- Parks, Energy & Environment
- Transportation, Public Works, & Transit

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

- Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
- Youth Sports Authority Board

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

- National Association of Young Black Elected Officials (NAYBEO) Chairwoman of Health and Human Service Committee
- Wisconsin Counties Association Constitution Committee



Dear Neighbors,

Can you believe it has been one full year that I have served as your County Supervisor? It is amazing how fast a year goes by! Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you.

As we gear up for another great Milwaukee summer, I encourage you to take some time to walk along Lincoln Creek Parkway, have a family picnic at McGovern Park, and stop by Growing Power to pick up some fresh fruit and vegetables. These are just a few of the wonderful treasures we can be proud of in the 2nd District.

In this newsletter, you will find updates on how the state budget could impact Milwaukee County Transit and Family Care, along with tips on how to take care of your home garden. **Page 3** is an insert with important dates and phone numbers for you to save. You will be reminded of special events in the community such as Summerfest, African World Festival, Jazz in the Park and Wisconsin State Fair, to name a few.

Additionally, I have provided upcoming monthly town hall meeting dates for your future planning. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Nikiya Q. Harris



Harris in the Community



2011 Milwaukee County Senior Hall of Fame inductees! Front row: John Acker, Bernice Czarneski, Felicia Zatarski, Sue Gollither, Ron Schwartz (Century of Service Award) and Rebecca Williams. Back row: Supervisor Jason Haas, Supervisor Pat Jursik, County Executive Chris Abele, Supervisor Nikiya Harris, Supervisor Mark Borkowski and Supervisor Jim "Luigi" Schmitt.



At the May County Board meeting, Supervisor Harris presented a citation to Custer High School Valedictorian John Vang for his 1st place finish in Technical Drafting at the SkillsUSA State Championship and Leadership Conference. John advanced to the national competition in Missouri.

Impact of Family Care on Seniors and Disabled

Family Care provides over 7,000 members with high quality, cost effective services to long term care consumers. In a recent report by the Legislative Audit Bureau, Family Care has improved access to long term care by allowing participants to avoid institutional care. As Governor Walker proposed in his 2011-2013 state budget, the state's Medical Assistance program would face a \$500 Million dollar reduction in funding. However, we have been recently informed that the Senior Care Program was restored to its original form by the State Joint Finance Committee on May 24, 2011. Unfortunately, the Family Care Program was not restored, but Joint Finance added 400 emergency slots- statewide- for two years. The Wisconsin DHS will control the slots.

Family Care continues to be a cost-effective model for long-term care reform in Wisconsin. This program would eliminate waiting lists for people age 18-59 with physical

and developmental disabilities, reducing institutional care, and reducing other Medical Assistance costs, such as hospitalization and emergency care use. If the State should pass Governor Walker's 2011-2013 recommended budget which caps the number of enrollees in Family Care, Milwaukee County will not be able to clear its waiting list of approximately 2,000 disabled individuals awaiting enrollment in Family Care and will have to implement a waiting list for seniors for the first time in nearly a decade.

During last month's County Board meeting, I supported a resolution opposing provisions in the proposed State budget reducing funding and setting program enrollment caps in the Family Care Program. It is important that we maintain these quality of life services for our constituents who need help.

Gardening Tips *by Angelika Speckhard*

Do you want to add some color to your yard? Try gardening with annuals or perennials. Annuals will give you instant color that lasts from spring to frost. Perennials come back year after year increasing in size and can be divided within a few years. Many new varieties, like Stella D'Oro daylilies, Blackeyed Susans, Salvias, Knock-Out roses or Purple Coneflowers, will flower practically all year. Your best bet is to use annuals to fill in holes in your perennial border between seasons of bloom.

In your choice of plants, the most important consideration should be to pick the right plant for the right spot. How much sun does your flowerbed get? Will it be shaded half of the day, most of the day? Is it soggy most of the year or will it be dry through the hot summer months? There is a plant for every condition, and any good garden center will be able to advise you. Happy Gardening!



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2011 Milwaukee County Events



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JUNE

Now-9/22 Jazz In the Park @ Cathedral Square
Every Thursday at 6pm

19 Juneteenth Day Celebration
MLK Drive between Center St & Burleigh St.

6/29-7/3, Summerfest @ Maier Festival Park
7/5- 7/10

JULY

7/1-10/31 Silver Spring Farmers Market open every day
10am-6pm, 5500 W. Silver Spring Dr.

- 10** Summerfest inaugural Rock 'n Sole Half Marathon @ Maier Festival Park, 8am
- 13** Town Hall Meeting @ McGovern Park, 6-7pm
- 14-17** Bastille Days @ Cathedral Square Park
- 21-24** Festa Italiana @ Maier Festival Park
- 7/25- 8/25** Play in the Park @ McGovern Park
Every Tuesday 6pm-7:30pm
- 28-31** German Fest @ Maier Festival Park
- 30** Concert in the Park @ McGovern Park

AUGUST

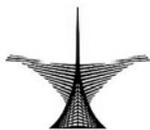
- 4-14** Wisconsin State Fair @ State Fair Park
- 6** African World Festival @ Maier Festival Park
- 18-21** Irish Fest @ Maier Festival Park
- 18-21** Zoo A La Carte
- 26-28** Mexican Fiesta @ Maier Festival Park

SEPTEMBER

- 1-4** Milwaukee Bike Rally 2011
Held throughout Milwaukee County
- 5** Laborfest @ Maier Festival Park
- 9-11** Indian Summer Festival @ Maier Festival Park
- 14** Town Hall Meeting @ McGovern Park, 6-7pm

Family Fun with Milwaukee County FREE Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County Residents only with a valid photo ID on the following days:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

**FREE the first
Thursday
of every month**

Free for all visitors



FREE on Mondays



**FREE on Mondays
from
9:00 a.m. - Noon**

Excluding major holidays



FREE Days for 2011
November 5
December 3
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
2012 New Year's Day

Important Milwaukee County Phone Numbers

2nd District County Supervisor
Nikiya Q. Harris..... 278-4278

County Board of Supervisors..... 278-4222	County Clerk..... 278-4067	House of Correction..... 427-4700	Milwaukee County Zoo..... 771-3040
County Executive 278-4211	County Treasurer..... 278-4033	Humphrey IMAX	Milwaukee Public Museum 278-2700
Behavioral Health Division 257-6995	Department of Audit Fraud Hotline	Dome Theater 278-2728	Mitchell International Airport... 747-5300
Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-560093-FRAUD	Marcus Center for	Mitchell Park Domes..... 649-9800
Child Support Enforcement 278-5160	Department on Aging 289-6874	the Performing Arts..... 273-7206	Office of Persons & Disabilities. 278-3932
Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362	Dept. of Health & Human Services	Medical Examiner 223-1200	TTY 278-3937
Courts 289-6817	Mental Health Complex..... 257-6995	Register in Probate 278-4444
Criminal Court..... 278-4538	Disabilities Services Division 289-6660	Milwaukee Art Museum 224-3200	Register of Deeds 278-4011
Civil Court..... 278-4120	District Attorney 278-4653	Milwaukee County	Timmerman Airport..... 461-3222
Children's Court..... 257-7700	Economic and	Historical Society 273-8288	Veterans Services 278-4054
Small Claims Court..... 278-4140	Community Development.. 278-4905	Milwaukee County Parks 257-PARK	War Memorial Center 273-5533
	Economic Support Division..... 289-6000	Milwaukee County Sheriff..... 278-4766	Wehr Nature Center 425-8550
	Election Commission..... 278-4060	Milwaukee County Transit System	
	 344-6711	

SENIOR STOCKBOXES

WHAT?

Stockboxes are free, pre-packaged boxes of food delivered by the Hunger Task Force to low-income senior housing sites and senior centers. They are filled with nutritious items that can round out a meal, offering a chance to enjoy more sit down occasions.

WHO?

To receive a monthly Stockbox individuals must be:

- a Wisconsin resident
- at least 60 years of age
- have a monthly income below \$1,180 for a single person
- \$1,593 for two people
- \$2,007 for three people
- add \$414 for each additional family member

HOW?

To find out if they qualify, residents can dial 211 from a landline, or 1-866-211-3380 from a cell phone. Qualifying residents must bring a photo ID and proof of address to their first pickup. If residents are unable to pick up their Stockbox, they may arrange for family member or friend to do so.

2nd District Stockbox Pick up locations & times:

Agape Community Center

6100 N. 42nd St. ▪ 1st Thursday ▪ 10 - noon; 3 - 6pm

Greentree-Teutonia Apartments

3744 W. Greentree Rd. ▪ 1st Friday ▪ 1 - 3pm

McGovern Park-CSFP

4500 W. Custer Ave. ▪ 4th Thursday ▪ Noon - 1pm

Elk's Lodge

5555 W. Good Hope Rd. ▪ 3rd Thursday ▪ 11:30 - 12:30pm

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

As your elected Milwaukee County representative, it is important to keep my finger on the pulse of the community. I look forward to seeing you at the following Town Hall Meetings. If you are unable to attend, please contact me to discuss issues important to you. Thank you for your support and input

Wednesday, July 13, 6:00-7:00pm

McGovern Park Senior Center, 4500 W. Custer Ave.

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00-7:00pm

McGovern Park Senior Center, 4500 W. Custer Ave.

Wednesday, October 12, 6:00-7:00pm ▪ Location: TBA

Wednesday, November 9, 6:00-7:00pm ▪ Location: TBA

(Watch for Fall newsletter for locations)



Supervisor Harris meets with constituents at her Town Hall meeting held at McGovern Park Senior Center in June.

Crisis Ahead for MCTS

Without major funding changes, our transit system is headed toward a crisis in 2012. Unfortunately, the Governor's proposed budget includes a \$7 million cut for the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) in 2012. We are working hard to find ways to reduce costs and minimize the impact on riders.

We have also been working with our Senators and Representatives to try to reverse this negative impact, but difficult decisions will need to be made to preserve transit services in 2012. Unfortunately, the choices are all bad: longer wait times; shorter hours of service; fare increases; no freeway flyer service to festivals; shortened bus routes, and discontinuation of entire bus routes to name a few. The rising cost of fuel is also complicating matters.

Many are also wondering what will happen with our paratransit service, Transit Plus. Federal law requires us to provide paratransit service within 3/4 of a mile of fixed-route service during the same times buses are in operation. We currently go beyond this to cover the entire County, but unfortunately, we may have to consider shrinking this service area.



MCTS has taken delivery of more than 100 near-zero emission buses since last year.

MCTS provides over 100,000 rides every weekday. Of these, 44% use the bus to get to and from work and to search for jobs. Transit lessens our dependence on foreign oil, reduces auto congestion and reduces air pollution. What can you do? Call or write your state legislator and every member of the State Joint Committee on Finance. Ask them to oppose these proposed cuts.



Ray Bolyard

Unsung Hero

I would like to acknowledge Ray Bolyard as our summer 2011 2nd District Unsung Hero. Ray is an active member of the Bradley Estates Neighborhood Association. He is a thoughtful and caring individual who continues to help neighbors out of the kindness of his heart. Mr. Bolyard assists neighbors by distributing newsletters, snowplowing, lawn mowing, accepting deliveries while residents are not present, and helping women, especially the elderly, with whatever they need. I am glad to recognize the incredible energy, creativity, commitment and leadership Ray demonstrates each and every day.

Please join me in congratulating him on being selected as our Unsung Hero.

The 2nd District Unsung Hero Program recognizes outstanding residents who consistently and continuously make unrecognized contributions to the community.



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Your Opinion Counts

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check the following Milwaukee County items you would like to receive

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Map
<input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Transit Guide
<input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee by Bike
<input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County at a Glance
<input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Discount Card
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Department on Aging Info
<input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Art Museum
<input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Public Museum
<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs in the Parks
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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COMMENTS: _____
