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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends,

On April 16, I was sworn in as the 9th District Milwaukee County Supervisor. It was a humbling experience, and it is a great honor to be your representative on the Board. I will do my best, which is all I can do, to serve you to the best of my ability. Hopefully, you will find that I am quite different than my predecessor. I will be accessible, I will be visible in the community, and I will return your calls and emails promptly. The days of calling your County Supervisor and not getting a response are over.

I didn't run for this job to add another title to my name or my resume. I ran because Milwaukee County is facing great challenges. I am committed to working on innovative solutions to provide the services you demand in a fiscally responsible manner. Before I was sworn in, I made the case to my colleagues that suburban communities have lost faith in their County government. I asked them to listen more closely to the needs of the suburbs.



To bring balance to the leadership team, I ran for 2nd Vice Chair of the County Board and was elected unanimously. I am hopeful that this action will lead to better dialogue between our urban and suburban communities.

I look forward to serving the citizens of Franklin, Oak Creek and Hales Corners over the next four years. I am optimistic that, together, we can make a positive impact on Milwaukee County and its residents. I am hopeful that the Board will give everyone in the County a reason to believe in it again, and I ask you to help me move Milwaukee County *Forward*.

All My Best,

DREXEL INTERCHANGE GROUNDBREAKING

On May 7, Supervisor Taylor joined Governor Scott Walker, State Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb and other state and local officials in breaking ground for the I-94 interchange at Drexel Avenue in Oak Creek.

The interchange will play an important part in increasing economic development in the cities of Oak Creek, Franklin and surrounding communities. It will allow for better access to area businesses and institutions, including the nearby Northwestern Mutual campus and the new Delphi plant.

Given the abundance of undeveloped land in the area, proximity to General Mitchell International Airport and easy access to I-94, the southern portion of Milwaukee County has the potential to become a future development hub.

The total project cost is \$13 million. Construction will commence later this month and is expected to be completed by November of 2012.



Supervisor Taylor with Governor Walker and other elected officials at the groundbreaking ceremony on Drexel Avenue.

I-794 EXTENSION PROPOSAL

Last month Supervisor Taylor co-sponsored a resolution endorsing the recommendation of the Lake Parkway Study Advisory Committee to extend the Lake Parkway (State Trunk Highway 794) to Highway 100 in Oak Creek.



The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved the resolution requesting that an extension of the Lake Parkway from Edgerton Avenue to Highway 100 be added to the regional transportation system plan by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. They will conduct necessary preliminary engineering and environmental impact studies for the project.

Extending this stretch of road would be a tremendous asset to South Milwaukee, Oak Creek, Franklin and surrounding Milwaukee County communities as it provides an alternate access to the south side of the City of Milwaukee and downtown.

“CHAT WITH THE CHAIR” IN FRANKLIN

On June 6 Supervisor Taylor hosted Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic at Franklin City Hall as part of her “Chat with the Chair” listening sessions – a series of town hall meetings intended to improve communication between all Milwaukee County municipalities and Milwaukee County government, while exploring ways to work together in solving common problems.

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic heard from Franklin residents on many important issues, including the poor condition of county roads, taxes, the future of the Downtown Transit Center and the War Memorial, as well as the possibility of opening a county-run senior center in Franklin.



From the left: Alderman Skowronski, Mayor Taylor, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Supervisor and Common Council President Taylor, Alderwoman Wilhelm, Supervisor Borkowski and Alderman Solomon.

The “Chat with the Chair” series will make a stop at all 19 Milwaukee County municipalities, and Supervisor Taylor looks forward to hosting upcoming sessions in the City of Oak Creek and Village of Hales Corners later this year. Look for updates in future newsletters.

MILITARY AND VETERANS DAY AT THE COUNTY ZOO AND ART MUSEUM

The Milwaukee County Zoo will host a Military and Veterans Day on July 1st – a day-long event where active and former military members and their families can enjoy the award winning Milwaukee County Zoo and Milwaukee Art Museum for free.

The Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office organized this event as another way to thank those who sacrificed and continue to sacrifice so much for the well-being of our country and its citizens.



Zoo admission tickets for veterans and up to nine members of their immediate family can be picked up that day. Proof of Military service is required for tickets.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX PARKING LOT REPAVEMENT

As you may have already noticed, the Milwaukee County Sports Complex parking lot is being repaved. The work began on June 4th and the project is scheduled to be completed by August 17, 2012.



The Milwaukee County Department of Public Works intends to complete the existing asphalt portion first before starting on the gravel portion of the lot. Approximately half of the parking lot remains open during construction.

STEVE F. TAYLOR GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Earlier this year, Supervisor Taylor proudly announced the first winner of the Steve F. Taylor Future Leaders of Franklin Scholarship. With his own personal funds, Supervisor Taylor has awarded a \$500 scholarship to Charlotte Kanyuh, a Junior at Franklin High School. Charlotte is interested in studying political science and law, and last year she participated in the United States Congressional Page Program.

Scholarship applicants were asked to write about the qualities of a good public servant and why public service is important to the community. Each applicant also went through a short interview. Franklin Municipal Judge and Former Mayor Fred Klimetz participated in the review and selection process.

The award will be offered annually in the spirit that young people are our future, and it is important to begin grooming a generation of leaders early on. For additional information, including instructions for Franklin residents who wish to apply or contribute next year, email Supervisor Taylor at steve.taylor@milwcnty.com.



DISTRICT 9 INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Immediately upon taking office, Supervisor Taylor called a meeting with city and village engineers from all three municipalities located in the 9th District and Milwaukee County Department of Transportation and Public Works Director Frank Busalacchi to discuss outstanding County-related public works issues. Among the most pressing issues cited were the need for dredging of the boat launch pad in Bender Park, a collapsed culvert at the entrance of Hales Corners Park, as well as several concerns with roadways the county maintains in these municipalities.

With respect to dredging at Bender Park, the County expended over \$200,000 for dredging of the launch pad in 2011, and the fix was to last for about five years. Unfortunately, due to an extremely mild winter and other weather conditions, the sediment that was removed piled back up in the basin to the extent that new dredging is required to make the launch pad usable. The Milwaukee County Parks Department is in the process of securing a permit, as well as looking at the price estimates, to dredge. Look for updates on this matter in the July e-Newsletter.

Concerning the collapsed culvert in Hales Corners Park, while the jurisdiction on this matter lies with the Village of Hales Corners, the Milwaukee County Parks Department is assisting in getting estimates on the repair costs. Construction may begin this summer, pending available funding and the Hales Corners Village Board approval.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION TIMELINES

South 76th Street (Puetz Road to Imperial Drive)

Improvement design: completed; Construction Commencement: 2014

South 68th Street (from Ryan Road to House of Correction)

Improvement design: 2013; Construction Commencement: 2014

North Cape Road (Hi-View Drive to South Carroll Circle)

Improvement design: 2013; Construction Commencement: 2014

St. Martins Road (North Cape to Lovers Lane)

Improvement design: 2014; Construction Commencement: 2015

Old Loomis Road (Warwick Way to Rawson Ave; 76th Street to Hollow Lane)

Improvement design: 2014; Construction Commencement: 2015