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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends:

I am sure that many of you are thankful that you can finally go outside to enjoy the warmer weather. I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

Starting May 20, the Sprecher Traveling Beer Garden will begin making its way around Milwaukee County. It will once again visit Falk Park in Oak Creek and, for the first time, Froemming Park in Franklin. You can find a complete schedule later in this newsletter.

I am also pleased to let you know that the Hales Corners Wading Pool will be kept open this summer. I authored an amendment allocating funds for the pool and it was approved by the County Board earlier this month. I am thankful that my

colleagues have supported my initiatives that have invested in the overdue maintenance at the main pool, along with providing for our youngest County residents by keeping the wading pool open.

There are many summer activities that take place in Milwaukee County, so please feel free to contact my office with any questions and, as always, any concerns that you may have.



Supervisor Taylor speaking to Edgerton Elementary students at Boerner Botanical Garden's annual Arbor Day Event.

All My Best,

DREXEL TOWN SQUARE UPDATES

Oak Creek's Drexel Town Square, scheduled to break ground this fall, received a \$1 million grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. to aid in the construction of a parking garage for Froedtert Health's primary and specialty care center. The total cost of the four-story garage is roughly \$10.5 million. Developers of the facility and a \$5 million tax increment financing district from the City of Oak Creek will cover the remaining cost.

The Oak Creek Common Council also unanimously approved construction of a Chick-fil-A restaurant at Drexel Town Square after the city's Plan Commission narrowly rejected the proposal. Developers and local officials expect the restaurant to be a popular addition to the Square, as recent grand openings in Greendale and Brookfield have been rousing successes.

ST. MARTINS FAIR

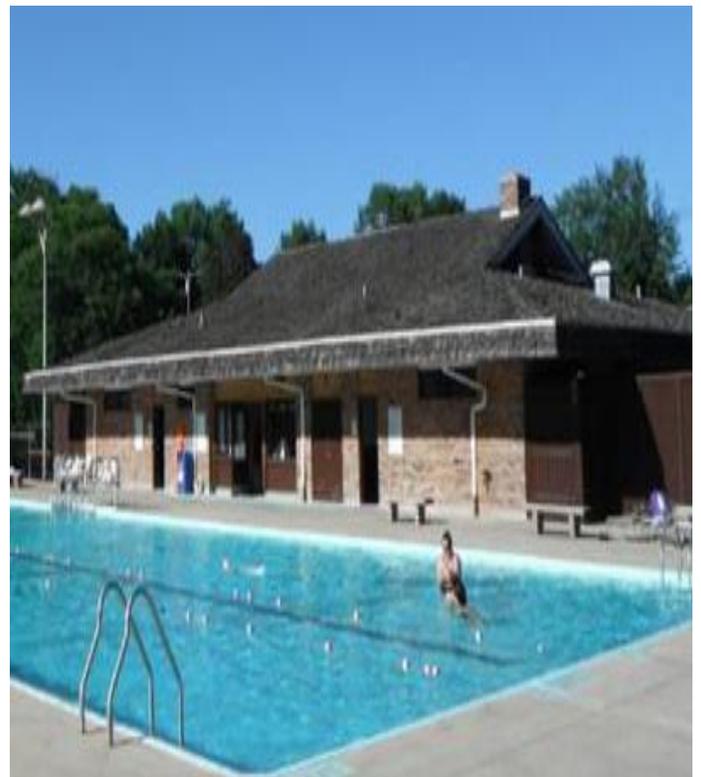
Franklin's St. Martins Fair will kick off its 2015 season on Monday, May 4 from 6am-2pm. A variety of merchandise is available for purchase, including clothing, pet supplies, sporting goods, flowers, food and vegetables, and prepared food. During the Fair's Labor Day event, held the Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend, music groups will perform.

St. Martin's Fair is held on St. Martin's Road between W. Forest Home Ave. and W. Church Street. The event will take place on the first Monday of each month from 6am-2pm through October, with the exception of the extended Labor Day weekend event. If you are interested in selling or entertaining at this event, contact the Franklin City Clerk at 414-425-7500 or [click here](#) for more information.

HALES CORNERS WADING POOL UPDATE

During its April 23 meeting, the County Board voted 16-2 to allocate \$15,000 for the operation and maintenance of wading pools at both Hales Corners and Wedgewood Parks for the 2015 pool season. Supervisors Taylor and Borkowski introduced the resolution for the April cycle, as the wading pools would have otherwise been closed this summer due to issues with deferred maintenance. The County Parks Department anticipated a surplus in its budget this fiscal year, which freed up additional funds to open and maintain these pools this summer.

The pool's opening day for the 2015 season has yet to be announced.



SUP. TAYLOR APPOINTED TO CHILD WELFARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

On March 26, Governor Scott Walker appointed Supervisor Taylor to the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council. The Council serves as an advisory body to the State of Wisconsin regarding child welfare services in Milwaukee County. It consists of an assortment of interested stakeholders: three Milwaukee County supervisors, two state senators, two state assemblypersons, nine state residents (six of whom reside in the County), a Children's Court judge, and the Milwaukee County District Attorney or a designee. The Council is responsible for recommending policies and plans for child welfare initiatives in the County, as well as recommending funding priorities and innovative public and private mechanisms for designated child welfare programs.

In his letter to Supervisor Taylor, the Governor said, "Your experience, knowledge, and dedication will be a true asset to my administration and a great benefit to the people of Wisconsin. I look forward to working with you to find innovative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change for the citizens of our state."

The next public meeting of the Council will be held at the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare Office (635 N. 26th St., Milwaukee) from 12-2 pm on Friday, May 29.



LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met for its regularly scheduled meetings on March 26 and April 23. The most pertinent legislation considered was:

- Supervisor Taylor voted against the April 1, 2015 implementation of the Milwaukee County Transit System GO Pass initiative. This allows eligible senior citizens and persons with disabilities to ride County buses free of charge. Supervisor Taylor believes the program will be costly to County taxpayers. (March 26 meeting)
- During the April 23 meeting, Supervisors Taylor and Staskunas proposed an amended resolution that would provide the Art Museum a 90 day exclusive negotiating period to purchase O'Donnell Park. Under the amendment, if a deal could not be reached between the County and the Art Museum within the exclusive period, the County could then accept proposals from developers. This amendment was defeated 12-5. Instead, the Board voted to give the Art Museum an exclusive negotiating period without the provision of a request for proposal if the negotiations did not yield a deal. Supervisor Taylor opposes the approved resolution because it does not include a "Plan B" and the status quo is unacceptable.
- Supervisor Taylor voted against providing a minor, or floating, holiday to County employees on March 31 annually to commemorate the birthday of Cesar Chavez. Supervisor Taylor opposes this resolution because it will have a negative fiscal impact on County taxpayers and County employees are already provided 11 paid holidays each year. (April 23 meeting)

The next meeting of the County Board will be held on Thursday, May 21 in Courthouse Room 200. To view the votes on all actions taken by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

The Traveling

BEER GARDEN

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The Traveling Beer Garden is run by Milwaukee County Parks staff. All the revenue collected goes back into improving the parks across Milwaukee County. It features craft beer, specialty sodas, hard root beer, hard ginger ale, and other refreshments from Sprechter Brewing, Co., Inc. In addition, authentic German food is also available from Sprechter's Restaurant and Pub.

BEER GARDEN HOURS
Mon-Fri: 4 pm - 10 pm
Sat, Sun & Holidays: 11 am-10 pm
Last call at 9 pm

The Traveling BEER GARDEN Tour

DATES

May 20 - May 31

June 3 - June 14

June 17 - June 28

July 1 - July 12

July 15 - July 26

July 29 - August 9

August 12 - August 23

August 26 - September 7

LOCATION #1

Root River Pkwy South/Whitnall
92nd St. & College Ave. by Picnic Area #1

Froemming Park

8801 S. 51st St.

Grant Park

100 E. Hawthorne Ave. by Picnic Area #5

Falk Park

2013 W. Rawson Ave.

Greenfield Park

2028 S. 124th St. by Picnic Area #3A

Holler Park

5151 S. 6th St.

Greene Park

4235 S. Lipton Ave.

Root River Pkwy South/Whitnall

92nd St. & College Ave. by Picnic Area #1

LOCATION #2

Dretzka Park

12020 W. Bradley Rd. by the Chalet

Gordon Park

2828 N. Humboldt Blvd.

Doctors Park

1870 E. Fox Ln. by Picnic Area #3

Sheridan Park

4800 S. Lake Dr.

Mitchell Park Domes

524 S. Layton Blvd.

Brown Deer Park

7625 N. Range Line Rd.

Red Arrow Park

920 N. Water St.

Juneau Park

801 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr.



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WEHR NATURE CENTER

Adult Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, May 2

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

\$15 for Friends of Wehr members/\$20 non-members

Who said scavenger hunts are just for kids? Choose your own adventure and then hit the trails with a GPS and a set of clues. Answer riddles, collect items, and solve a puzzle to earn points redeemable for great prizes.

Price of admission includes activities, gear, and two alcoholic beverages. 21+ only. Reserve your spot by calling (414) 425-8550 or [click here](#).



**Still looking for more to do?
Please click [here](#) for the entire
Milwaukee County Parks
Event Calendar**

Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents
ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



FREE the first Thursday of each month!

Free for all visitors. Visit mam.org for additional details.



"Thank You Thursdays" from 9 am-8 pm!

Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of each month. Visit mpm.edu for additional details.



2015 FREE Days!
Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

Special Holiday Free Days:
Thanksgiving, Christmas Day &
New Year's Day

Visit milwaukeezoo.org for additional details.



FREE on Mondays from 9 am-Noon!

Excludes major holidays. Visit milwaueedomes.org for additional details.

BOERNER CORNER

Wine & Vines

Thursday, April 30, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

\$10 members/\$15 non-members

Discover how wine is made and what types of grapes are used in the process. Enjoy snacks and sample locally made wines at the Gardens. To register, call 414-525-5659.

For reservations and information, please call 414-525-5619.

Free Day at the Gardens!

Tuesday, May 5, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

New this season! Admission to Boerner Botanical Gardens will be free the first Tuesday of each month, from May thru September.

Mother's Day Family Event

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$6 per child (FBBG members and accompanying adults are free)

Join the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens for a day of Mother's Day family fun! Activities include storytelling with beloved children's author Lois Ehlert, fun make-and-take crafting, and a performance by local musician and pianist Julie Ruka. Zilli Hospitality Group will feature brunch throughout the event. Spots are filling up, so act quickly!

For more information, please call Jennifer at 414-525-5656 or [click here](#).

FRANKLIN ARBOR DAY EVENTS

Clean-Up & Tree Distribution

Saturday, May 2, 10:00am-12:00pm

- Help clean up winter trash! Trash bags will be available for pickup at the Franklin Public Library. Filled bags will be picked up from residences on May 4. Pre-register by calling Franklin DPW at 414-425-2592. [Click here](#) for more information.
- The Franklin Environmental Commission will distribute tree saplings at the Franklin Public Library. Trees will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.