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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends:

It seems that I have been saying that spring is right around the corner for a while now and yet winter just wouldn't let up its grip. However, with what appears to be a week of rain means spring is officially here.

The County Board is a very frustrating body to be a part of because the majority of its members' priorities are out of line with those of the 9th District. We believe in fiscal responsibility but the Board just doesn't seem to grasp what fiscal responsibility is. The County is struggling to pay its bills just like many of our residents but unlike our residents who have learned to tighten their belts, the County continues to rack up debt with poor decisions.

For example, the taxpayers survived a nearly \$2 million hit over three years last month when bringing the custodial contract in-house failed. However, this month, the Finance Committee rejected a custodial contract with Clean Power which would have resulted in \$2 million savings over three years.

It is decisions like this that don't bode well for the long term financial viability of Milwaukee County. We need to start making tough decisions now instead of kicking them down the road. If you have any good ideas on how to cut cost or increase savings please feel free to contact me. It is an honor to serve you, and, together with your help, I am certain we can *Move Milwaukee County Forward*.

All My Best,

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NEW OAK CREEK CITY HALL, LIBRARY AND FIRE STATION COMING ALONG

The plan to construct the new Oak Creek City Hall, Library and Fire Station is progressing nicely. The Oak Creek Common Council unanimously authorized city staff to seek bids for \$20.5 million in bonds to help pay for the new City Hall, Library, Fire Station and communications tower in the Drexel Town Square mixed-use development on March 4, 2014. The new buildings will be a part of Drexel Town Square, Oak Creek's newest retail, commercial, residential and civic development, soon to be built on the corner of Drexel and Howell Avenues.

Reminiscent of a traditional downtown, the new development will include a real Main Street – Oak Creek's first – with a new City Hall and Library on a town square, surrounded by retail stores, restaurants, shops, businesses and apartments.

Additionally, the site will feature lots of open spaces, walkways and quality of life amenities like a splash pool, ice rink and a farmer's market.



Architect Rendering of the New Drexel Town Square

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on April 24, 2014. The most pertinent legislation considered was:

- 14-4 vote on a resolution requesting authorization to transfer \$78,374 from the Contingency Fund to provide funding for three positions and computer equipment necessary to comply with enforcement duties relative to the living wage ordinance. Supervisor Taylor voted against this resolution as he expressed his outrage that the public was deceived about the true cost of the living wage ordinance.
- 13-5 vote on a resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the November 4, 2014 election ballot on whether the United States Constitution should be amended to establish that only human beings, not corporations, are entitled to constitutional rights. Supervisor Taylor voted against this resolution.
- 12-6 vote to refer back to committee a resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the November 4, 2014 election ballot on whether tax revenue should be used to help pay for the renovation or construction of a new sports and entertainment arena. Supervisor Taylor voted in favor of returning the resolution to the committee as it requires additional clarification and changes.
- 12-6 vote on a resolution/ordinance expanding and defining Milwaukee County's non-discrimination policy to ensure equal opportunity for transgender individuals. Supervisor Taylor voted in opposition to this measure as the discrimination issues concerning this matter are already addressed on State and Federal level.

To view the votes on all actions taken by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

SUPERVISOR TAYLOR HONORS FORMER MAYOR TAYLOR

Supervisor Taylor recently presented former Franklin Mayor Tom Taylor with a Certificate of Recognition from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in honor of his outstanding service to the City of Franklin, first as an alderman from April 1999 until September 2002 and subsequently as the Mayor from April 2005 until April 2014.

In addition to being an effective mayor, former Mayor Taylor's career is characterized by the fact that he was very active and made sure to attend all of the community events whether they were sports games, local business related events, or community socials.

Former Mayor Taylor was also elected five times in a row the Chairman of the Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council, a body which consists of all Mayors and Village Presidents of nineteen municipalities located within Milwaukee County.

We wish you all the best and hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement Tom!



Supervisor Taylor presenting the Certificate of Recognition to Former Mayor Tom Taylor at the Milwaukee County Board offices.

2014 MILWAUKEE COUNTY GOLDEN IDOL CONTEST

7th Annual!
Golden Idol

2014 Milwaukee County Golden Idol Talent Contest
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
2:00-4:00 pm at American Serb Hall

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!
PICK UP AT ANY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY.
Senior Center Locations and online applications available at:
www.county.milwaukee.gov/SeniorCenters

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 28, 2014 - 4:00 PM

If you are 50+ and have a musical, dancing, or performing arts talent to share, pick up your application now!

OPEN TO MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS.
INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WELCOME!

Milwaukee County Department on Aging, together with our Senior Centers, presents the 7th Annual Golden Idol talent competition.

2013 Winner: Sharon Spencer
2012 Winner: The Philharmonics
2011 Winner: Cheryl Smith



WEHR NATURE CENTER

Feast Among the Flowers

Saturday, May 3, 6pm – 8pm

Join Friends of Wehr Nature Center (9701 W College Avenue) to help celebrate spring and raise funds for accessibility renovations. It is important that beauty and wonder of the Wehr Nature Center are available for all Milwaukee County residents to enjoy. Enjoy a delicious dinner, taste wine, browse the silent auction and vote for your favorite wildflower.

\$30.00 per person
Space is limited! Pre-registration is required by May 1.

For details, visit www.friendsofwehr.org

*Schedule is subject to change

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:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM
FREE the first Thursday of every month

Free for all visitors. Visit www.mam.org for additional information.



FREE Days for 2013:
1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 11/2 & 12/7

Special Holidays:
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org



MITCHELL PARK DOMES
FREE on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Excludes major holidays.
Visit www.milwaueedomes.org for additional information.

BOERNER CORNER

Art at the Gardens Craft Fair

May 4 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens' sixth annual craft fair: an eclectic collection of unique and handmade local arts and crafts. Rain or shine!

Open 10am-3pm with free admission to the fair which is located in and outside of the Education and Visitor Center at Boerner Botanical Gardens.

Featuring 40+ local artists and DIY crafters – everything from children's clothes and accessories to jewelry, purses, pottery and candles.

Proceeds support the children's plant science programs for the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens.

Mother's Day Family Event

May 11 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$6 per child (FBBG members are free)

Join the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens for a day of Mother's Day family fun! Activities will include: Stories with beloved children's author Lois Ehlert, fun crafts and activities
Ikebana demonstration from 11am – 1pm (the art of Japanese flower arrangement) /Brunch will also be served by Zilli Hospitality Group.

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

GOLF SEASON HAS BEGUN

The golf season at the Milwaukee County Parks is in full swing.

Head on over to the Milwaukee County Parks Golf Courses [website](#) to check on the course conditions and book your tee time.

You do not have to travel far to enjoy a great golfing experience!

