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Moving Milwaukee County *FORWARD* Together



THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends:

I hope you are enjoying your summer and have had the opportunity to attend one of many festivals that are taking place throughout Milwaukee County. The Wisconsin State Fair begins in a few days and I am very much looking forward to it as there is nothing better than eating deep fried food on a stick and traveling down the giant slide.

Road construction continues to be a hot topic, and I wanted to give a quick update on 13th Street in Oak Creek. The contracts have been finalized and the improvements should be made starting the third week of August. This is meant to provide a temporary fix that bridges us to the full reconstruction beginning in 2016.

I look forward to the Sprecher Traveling Beer Garden visit to Falk Park in Oak Creek on August 13th. Please join me at 4:00PM as we tap the first keg and handout some free beer and root beer.

In the coming months, I will schedule listening sessions to get your input on matters facing Milwaukee County. Your feedback is very valuable and I use these sessions to carry your message back to the courthouse. As always, please feel free to contact me with any issues or concerns. It is an honor to serve you, and, together with your help, I am certain we can continue to *Move Milwaukee County Forward*.

All My Best,

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## HONORING JACK BENNETT

At the June 26, 2014 meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Taylor presented Mr. John "Jack" Bennett with a resolution honoring his four-and-a-half decades of service as the Franklin City Engineer.

Mr. Bennett - or Jack as he preferred to be called by his friends - was hired as Franklin City Engineer in July of 1969 after working for the City of Milwaukee as a Civil Engineer, as well as the Assistant City Engineer in West Bend. His expertise allowed him to also serve as the City Engineer for other communities in addition to Franklin.



Jack Bennett and Supervisor Taylor at his County Board Office at the Milwaukee County Courthouse.



Jack Bennett speaking before the County Board prior to accepting his honorary citation.

During his tenure as Franklin City Engineer, Jack demonstrated unprecedented level of skill in work performance and attitude that has earned him the admiration and respect of his co-workers, elected officials and the public.

As further testament to his excellence, Jack received the prestigious Norman N. Gill Award for Individual Excellence from the Public Policy Forum in 2007.

Congratulations on your retirement Jack and we hope you enjoy every moment of it!

## 2014 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out will once again take place the first week of August. All three District 9 communities – Franklin, Hales Corners and Oak Creek – have celebrations planned for the evening.

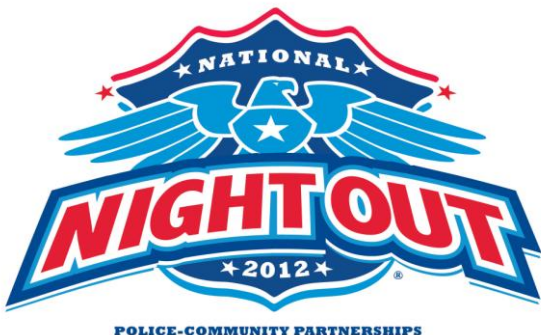
The main purpose of the National Night Out is to heighten awareness of crime and related issues affecting every community across the nation, generate support for – and participation in – longtime anticrime programs, and most importantly, strengthen the neighborhood spirit.

Click on the respective communities below to view specific details and plans to celebrate the National Night Out:

[FRANKLIN](#)

[OAK CREEK](#)

[HALES CORNERS](#)



## FARM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Hunger Task Force farm in Franklin welcomes volunteers to help with this year's harvest. It invites residents to help harvest tomatoes, sweet corn, peppers, apples, cauliflower, cabbage and melons.

Located on 68th St. just north of Ryan Road, the Farm is part of the Milwaukee County Parks system. It has been operated by Hunger Task Force since 2004 and each year it harvests over 350,000 pounds of fresh produce and delivers it to struggling families who normally only receive non-perishable items.



Please [click here](#) to learn more about this worthwhile volunteer opportunity.

## TRAVELING BEER GARDEN AT FALK PARK

The Milwaukee County Parks Department introduced the mobile beer garden this year at six locations throughout the County, including Falk Park. The mobile beer garden revives the old tradition with a 21st century twist to offer County residents the opportunity to experience a nearby beer garden.

Join Supervisor Taylor on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Falk Park pavilion as the beer garden makes its final stop of the year. The event features live music by Vern and The Originals.

The beer garden will be on site until August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7 p.m., 5-8 p.m. on weekends.



## LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 31, 2014. Below please find the highlights of most pertinent legislation considered at the June 26, 2014 meeting:

- A 13-4 vote to override a veto by the County Executive on a resolution providing policy guidance on the future operation and management of the Milwaukee County Transit/Paratransit System (MCTS). Supervisor Taylor voted to sustain the veto since issuing competitive search for a private transit operator is more likely to produce cost savings as opposed to running the transit service in-house.
- A 13-4 A resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the November 4, 2014, election ballot on whether Milwaukee County voters support increasing the State minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour. Supervisor Taylor voted in opposition to this measure as increasing the minimum wage could potentially have detrimental consequences on already struggling economic development in Milwaukee County as well as the fact that the taxpayers will be stuck paying the difference – something they cannot afford in this economy.
- 13-4 vote in favor of the resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the November 4, 2014, election ballot on whether Milwaukee County voters support the State Legislature accepting monies from the Federal government to expand BadgerCare. Supervisor Taylor voted against this resolution as this is a matter that ought to be taken up on the State level and having Milwaukee County hold a referendum on it is a waste of taxpayer's money.

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

## WEHR NATURE CENTER

### Sky Viewing With Wehr Astronomical Society

Sat, August 9th  
8PM – 10Pm

Join the experts from the Wehr Astronomical Society for exciting night sky viewing session. Telescopes are provided or you may bring your own. Dress for the weather and bring lawn chairs and mosquito repellent. Cloudy skies will cancel the session.

Please [click here](#) for more details.

### Bat Night

Friday, August 22, 8pm – 10pm

\$10 per person  
\$7 for Milwaukee County Residents  
\$5 for members of Friends of Wehr

Meet real live Bats! Discover the fiction, folklore, and facts on Bats. Registration required by August 21<sup>st</sup>, call Wehr Nature Center at (414) 425-8550 to register.

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](http://www.mam.org)  
for additional information.



**FREE Days for 2014:**  
1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 11/1 & 12/6  
**Special Holidays:**  
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day  
& New Year's Day

Visit [www.milwaukeezoo.org](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)



**FREE on Mondays  
from 9:00 a.m. - Noon**  
Excludes major holidays.  
Visit [www.milwaueedomes.org](http://www.milwaueedomes.org)  
for additional information.

## BOERNER CORNER

### Ornamental Grasses

Wednesday, August 6  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
\$5 per person

Boerner Botanical Gardens is an enchanting place – full of history, beauty and valuable information for gardeners of all interest and skill levels. These expert led walks are our way of sharing the Garden's unique wealth of horticultural information with you throughout the gardening season. Meet at the FBBG Gift Shop, rain or shine!

### Concerts in the Garden

Concord Chamber  
Orchestra  
Thursday, August 7  
6:30PM – 8:30PM



Concerts in the Gardens is a series of free summer musical events proudly sponsored by Wimmer Communities. These concerts combine the beauty of Boerner Botanical Gardens with a wide variety of musical genres for the enjoyment of Milwaukee area residents.

For more information and full schedule, please [click here](#).

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY GOLF COURSES

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!

