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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

March 2014



Dear Friends:

Although spring has officially arrived, it sure doesn't feel like it. This time two years ago I was out campaigning in shorts breaking a sweat and today I was bundled up when I arrived at the courthouse.

Last week the County Board barely overrode the County Executive's veto on the living wage ordinance. I fought to sustain that veto knowing the negative effect it will have on the taxpayers of Milwaukee County. The authors to date have yet to explain how they will cover the \$1 million dollar shortfall it causes in 2014 and the \$4 million next year. It is decisions like this that drive me nuts!

I have delayed my redistricting proposal until May in order to garner the necessary support from my colleagues and to get as much input as possible. The plan intends to take the elected officials out of the process and have an independent panel of respected organizations determine supervisory boundaries after the 2020 census.

Reforming Milwaukee County has and will continue to be the hot topic and I encourage you contact me with your thoughts and concerns. It is always very important for me to get your input.

I have said this in the past and I will say it again: 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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CONGRATULATIONS TO OAK CREEK GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING STATE!

The Oak Creek High School Girls Basketball team made history on March 22, 2014 as they defeated Superior in the WIAA Division 1 State Championship at the Resch Center in Green Bay. The Knights were well on their way to a championship, wrapping up a season in which they went undefeated in the Southeast Conference for the second straight year and finished with 17 straight victories! Not only that but the team shot a record 67.7%, making 25 out of 37 shots they took!

The entire team, led by Coach Steve Hluchnik, displayed tremendous fortitude, determination and most importantly team work throughout the entire season. Stephanie Kostowicz, a 6-foot-2 forward who will play at UW-Milwaukee next season, stood out as the leading scorer for the Knights with 19 points.

In honor of this momentous achievement, Supervisor Taylor will be presenting the Oak Creek High School Girls Basketball team with a citation from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Congratulations on your well-earned victory girls!



The Oak Creek High School Girls Basketball Team poses for a celebratory photo following their victory.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2014. The most pertinent resolutions considered were:

- 14-4 vote to override County Executive's veto of the Minimum Wage increase proposal. Supervisor Taylor has been vocal against the wage increase proposal since the matter was initially introduced and is extremely disappointed that two-thirds of his colleagues voted in favor of this destructive measure. It raises the cost to do business with Milwaukee County at the time when it's in desperate need of economic development. Supervisor Taylor also voted against the resolution supporting same type of action on State and Federal level.
- 16-2 vote to table a resolution authorizing and directing the Office of Corporation Counsel to coordinate with outside counsel on filing an action for a declaration of rights in property to obtain a judgment determining the extent of the County's title and rights to the Downtown Transit Center property. Supervisor Taylor voted against this measure as it is yet another attempted roadblock by those who oppose the proposed Downtown Transit Center Redevelopment.
- 15-3 vote on a resolution authorizing and requesting the Director of Audits to initiate an audit of the operations of the Boerner Botanical Gardens. Supervisor Taylor voted in favor of this measure as it can result in useful recommendations to improve operations at the Gardens.

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

HONORING EAGLE SCOUT NICHOLAS MEYER

Supervisor Taylor joined Nicholas Meyer and proud members of his family at the Divine Mercy Parish and School for Nicholas' Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Boy Scout Troup 221 held this special ceremony on March 9th and Supervisor Taylor presented Nicholas with a citation from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in honor of this great achievement.

Nicholas joins an elite group of young men as becoming an Eagle Scout is the highest attainable rank in the Boy Scouts of America and less than five percent of Scouts attain this high level of excellence. He earned his rank by constructing an informational kiosk, a boot brush, and several benches along the trails in South Milwaukee's Rawson Woods.

Nicholas is a Senior at Oak Creek High School and plans on attending Marquette University in the Fall to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Congratulations and good luck with your future endeavors Nicholas!



Supervisor Taylor and Nicholas Meyer at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony at the Divine Mercy Parish in South Milwaukee

2014 MILWAUKEE COUNTY GOLDEN IDOL CONTEST



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.



WEHR NATURE CENTER

Wisconsin Master Naturalist Training Series

Mon, April 7, 5:30pm – 8:30pm

This statewide program is designed to provide a broad introduction to the natural history of Wisconsin and to train volunteers in Citizen Science skills. Topics will include Ecology, Plant Communities, Landscapes, Water, Aquatic Plants & Animals, Interpretation and Human Influences.

The course will include classroom instruction, activities at the two off-site field trip sessions, and a capstone project to practice skills and highlight ecosystem concepts. Participants earn Master Naturalist certification upon completion of their project and course work. Additional information will be available upon registration.

Contact patricia.fojut@ces.uwex.edu for more details.

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.milwaikedomes.org
for additional information.

BOERNER CORNER

Gardening For Birders

Saturday April 5, 2014

10:00am - 11:30am

Learn how to make your backyard more appealing to birds and butterflies with perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees and more. All it takes is a little planning! Stacy Tornio is the editor of **Birds & Blooms** magazine, and she will share some of their best plant suggestions from over the years.

\$10 members/\$15 non-members. For more information or to register call 414-525-5653

Beesentation: the Basics of Beekeeping

Sunday, April 6, 2014

1:00am - 3:00pm

Are you considering beekeeping as a new hobby? Learn about hive equipment and learn the ins and outs of this hobby from an expert.

\$10 members/\$15 non-members

Yoga & Meditation at the Gardens Open House

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

6:30 -7:30pm

Come meet the instructor, see what the room is like, and get a sample of some of the movements you will learn while taking the six-week class. A brief introduction to Raja Yoga will be provided. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of the presentation. Presented by the **Himilayan Yoga and Meditation Center**.

Admission is free. For more information or to register call 414-525-5653

GOLF SEASON IS UPON US

You may not think given the weather we are having but the golf season at the Milwaukee County Parks is set to kick off next week.

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!

