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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends,

On September 27th, the County Executive delivered to the County Board his 2013 recommended \$1.3 billion budget. The month of October has been extremely busy so far because the County Board is in the process of deliberating the 2013 Budget. Our research staff and analyst have been combing through the Budget so Supervisors can best tackle this complex document. You can find it [here](#).

Accordingly, I have scheduled three Town Hall Meetings, one in each municipality, in order to get your feedback on the critical services Milwaukee County provides. It is important for me to get your input as I will be casting votes on dozens of amendments and, ultimately, the final Budget on November 5th.

For the first time in a while, 9th District residents will begin to see capital improvement projects occurring in their neighborhoods – a real return on their investment to Milwaukee County. Although there is a long way to go for us to properly repair our failing infrastructure, the plan that I have helped shape will result in roads like 13th Street in Oak Creek, North Cape and St. Martins Road in Franklin and the Hales Corners Pool finally getting the attention they deserve.

Please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you have, especially if you will be unable to make one of my three Town Hall Meetings. As I have stated in the past, it is an honor to serve you and together with your help I am certain we can *Move Milwaukee County Forward*.

All My Best,

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 2013 RECOMMENDED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

On September 27th, County Executive Chris Abele presented his [Milwaukee County 2013 Recommended Budget](#). The Recommended Budget will be analyzed and amended as necessary by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and adopted on November 5th. Any potential vetoes will be addressed by the County Board on November 14th.

It is nice to see that the County Executive's 2013 Recommended Budget does not raise Milwaukee County's tax levy. Milwaukee County residents are already overtaxed and increasing taxes during one of the worst recessions in recent history does not make fiscal sense. Another positive element of the 2013 Proposed Budget is that it includes engineering, repairs and improvements to infrastructure in the 9th District. The repairs include:

- **South 76th Street**, from West Puetz Road to West Imperial Drive; widening from a two-lane rural section to a four lane urban section with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations;
- **South 68th Street** from Ryan Road to the Milwaukee County House of Correction;
- **North Cape Road**, from Hi-View Drive to South Carroll Circle;
- Replacement of **Ryan Road culvert** east of South 112th Street;
- Removal of asbestos at the **Root River riverbank**;
- Replacement of the **Franklin Landfill Infrastructure**;
- **Hales Corners Pool** main drain replacement.

Some of the discouraging elements of the 2013 Proposed Budget include the fact that, despite its terrible condition, South 13th Street will not be reconstructed until 2016. Supervisor Taylor has strongly communicated to County Executive Abele the need to reconstruct South 13th Street as soon as possible. It is also discouraging that the County Executive allocated only \$1.5 million toward the County-wide Emergency Medical Services, especially knowing that past allocations of \$3 million haven't been enough.

As of this writing, the County's Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee is reviewing and amending the proposed budget the Board and will vote on its approval on November 5th.

LEGISLATIVE ROUND-UP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors convened on September 27, 2012 and officially received the County Executive's 2013 Recommended Budget. It also took up regularly scheduled business, and the most notable actions include:

- After much deliberation and [controversy over the issue](#), Supervisor Taylor voted against the resolution concerning the Milwaukee County land sale procedure that aims to establish a more burdensome protocol for Milwaukee County to sell its excess land.
- Supervisor Taylor voted against appointing Paula Lucey as the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division Administrator, based on her unsatisfactory performance in implementing reforms previously mandated by the County Board.

To view the voting records of all Milwaukee County Supervisors, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

2013 MILWAUKEE COUNTY BUDGET LISTENING SESSIONS

In order to receive direct input from Ninth District residents on the 2013 Proposed Budget and have an open and honest discussion about Milwaukee County government, Supervisor Taylor is holding three listening sessions. The events will be held in all three municipalities represented by Supervisor Taylor and the schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 17 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Franklin City Hall
9229 W. Loomis Road
Franklin, WI 53132

Thursday, October 18 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Oak Creek City Hall
8640 South Howell Avenue
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Wednesday, October 24 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Hales Corners Village Hall
5635 S. New Berlin Road
Hales Corners, WI 53130

Please attend if you can and provide your valuable input regarding the Milwaukee County's 2013 Operating Budget.

WHEATON FRANCISCAN FAMILY HEALTH NIGHT

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare in Franklin hosted a Family Health Night on Thursday, October 4th. More than 700 individuals attended the event which featured fire truck display, "Flight for Life" helicopter, kid-friendly teddy bear clinic, and a chili cook-off between area firehouses. Supervisor Taylor attended the event and was one of the judges of the chili contest.

As one of the largest integrated regional health care delivery systems in Wisconsin, Wheaton Franciscan organizations provide one-fourth of the total health care delivered in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Racine, and Ozaukee counties.



Supervisor Taylor carefully assessing one of the chili entries.

AIDS WALK WISCONSIN

Supervisor Taylor participated in the AIDS Walk Wisconsin this year. The event raises funds as well as awareness about HIV/AIDS in Wisconsin and worldwide. According to the AIDS resource center of Wisconsin, HIV is once again on the rise in Milwaukee County. The organization reports that while Milwaukee County includes 17% of Wisconsin's population, it accounts for approximately 50% of both new HIV diagnoses and total people living with HIV.



Additionally, the HIV case rate in Milwaukee increased 19% between 2007 and 2011. Including people who do not know their HIV status, Milwaukee County has approximately 4,100 HIV-positive individuals. We must do everything we can as a community to address these alarming statistics.

A VISIT WITH THE OAK CREEK CUB SCOUT TROOP 218

Supervisor Taylor had the privilege of being a special guest at the Cub Scout Pack 218 event on October 9th and speaking about the importance of citizen participation in government.

The organization helps kids on their road to becoming honest and productive citizens of our nation. Boys from first grade through fifth grade can join Cub Scouts in which they progress through Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos. Many Cub Scouts go on to a Boy Scout Troop and some continue all the way to earn their Eagle Scout Rank, the highest rank in Boy Scouts.



Oak Creek Cub Scout Pack 218 with Supervisor Taylor, showcasing their flag.

SWEET MUSIC OPENING

The Oak Creek community welcomed the opening of a new music store – Sweet Music! Supervisor Taylor joined Oak Creek Mayor Scaffidi in welcoming this new business to Oak Creek.



Supervisor Taylor, Mayor Scaffidi and "Sweet Music" Owners Michelle and Dana Clark at the official string cutting ceremony.

The official "string cutting" ceremony was held on September 22nd, and the store is open for business. It is encouraging to see a new business open in our community in light of the less than favorable economic conditions our country is facing.

The store is located in the Market Place Village, at the corner of East Puetz Road and South Chicago Road. Its hours of operation are Tuesday – Friday from 10 a.m until 6 p.m.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY DOMES' "GHOSTS UNDER GLASS" EVENT!

Milwaukee County Parks is pleased to announce that [Ghosts Under Glass Halloween](#) will return to the Mitchell Park Domes (524 South Layton Boulevard) on **Thursday, 25th and Friday, October 26th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** This Halloween extravaganza is perfect for families with kids ages 10 and under, providing a safe and fun-filled environment with a variety of activities for the entire family, including trick or treating, a costume contest and the Domes LED light show will take place during the event at 7 p.m., 8 p.m., and before closing at 9 p.m.

Admission is \$5 (free for children under 3 years old). For more information, please contact the Domes at 414-257-5600.

