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Dear Friends and neighbors,

We are a little over a month away from spring and if you are like me it can't come soon enough. Although we have less snow and it hasn't been as cold as recent winters and I am very much looking forward to those warm March days.

The year started off a little rocky with two issues that drew a great deal of attention. The appointment of Jim Sullivan as Parks Director and County Executive Chris Abele's pay-to-park proposal. I will address the latter in next month's newsletter but I wanted to explain why I voted not to confirm Mr. Sullivan.

While Jim Sullivan is a fine man, he took two positions that the residents of my district vehemently oppose. He supported the Chris Abele \$60-wheel tax as well as his pay-to-park proposal. Mr. Sullivan stated on the record that these two sources of revenue were our only options. I disagree and could not support a Parks Director who feels the only way to run a department is to ask for the taxpayers for more money.

I encourage your input on this topic along with any others that you have interest in. As I have said 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.



Supervisor Taylor speaking at the February 1st meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

All My Best,

SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In keeping with his annual tradition, Supervisor Taylor attended the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce's annual awards dinner on February 2nd. The proud winner of the 2017 Business of the Year was the City of Oak Creek while the Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc. won the 2017 Pride in Premises award.

Since its foundation in 1955, the City of Oak Creek has been one of the fastest growing cities in Milwaukee County as evidenced by its population growth from 28,456 to more than 34,000 people between 2000 and 2010.

Oak Creek has always focused on serving its growing population in an efficient and effective manner. The city has achieved this by operating as a well-run business in every aspect, from human resources and public health all the way down to simple permit regulation and revenue collection. Oak Creek has given its unwavering support to new and expanding businesses in the city, with the most notable examples being the much-anticipated IKEA store (set to open in Spring of 2018) and the establishment of Drexel Town Square. Congratulations to the City of Oak Creek for its success as a well-run business and its support and development of business within the city.



Supervisor Taylor presents City of Oak Creek officials with an honorary citation at the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner.



Supervisor Taylor with an honorary citation for the Polish Center, presented to Polish Heritage Alliance president and Wisconsin State Representative Ken Skowronski.

The Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc. promotes understanding and appreciation of the Polish heritage and culture as embodied in traditions, history, language, arts, and current affairs. The Alliance, along with countless selfless volunteers, put forth hours upon hours of time and energy to help maintain the Polish Center of Wisconsin and its beautiful surroundings. The Polish Center is located in a picturesque park-like setting.

The facility itself is cultural treasure where community members can come to share in tradition, culture, food, and fun. The ornate and picturesque landscape provide a natural breathtaking environment and perfect background for events such as weddings, showers, banquets, and even meetings. Designed in the style of a traditional Polish manor house, the Polish Center is a fitting symbol of Poland's national heritage and tradition of gracious hospitality. What makes the facility even more unique is that every banquet room has a scenic view of either the lake or the patio and its many colorful plants and flowers. Congratulations to the Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc. for winning the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Pride in Premises Award in recognition of the efforts and energy put forth to maintain the beauty of the Polish Center.

ALEXANDER GEBHARD, EAGLE SCOUT

Nothing is better than recognizing the hard work and efforts of the citizens from your own community, especially our youth. Supervisor Taylor did exactly that in February by presenting Franklin's very own Alexander Gebhard with a citation in honor of earning the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, Alexander took it upon himself to design and install new flower beds at the Basilica of St. Josaphat's Parish. Congratulations Alexander, thank you for all your hard work, and good luck in all your future endeavors!



BALLPARK COMMONS



Supervisor Taylor speaking at the February 27th Ballpark Commons press conference at Franklin's City Hall.

On Tuesday February 27th, Supervisor Taylor was one of several individuals in attendance at a press conference regarding the Ballpark Commons project in Franklin. The conference formally announced the arrival of professional baseball to the City of Franklin in addition to the overall mixed-use development known as "Ballpark Commons". The highlight of the development is a 4,000-seat stadium which will play host to the aforementioned baseball team that will join the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball and the UW-Milwaukee Panthers men's baseball team. Ground has been broken on the development and the \$15-million stadium will open in Spring 2019.

TEAM REHABILITATION PHYSICAL THERAPY RIBBON-CUTTING

On February 12, Supervisor Taylor attended the ribbon-cutting of the Team Rehabilitation Physical Therapy facility in Oak Creek. With its opening, Team Rehabilitation now has 4 locations in Wisconsin included the one in District 9. The facility is locally owned and operated by therapists dedicated to providing the best outpatient therapy services possible. Supervisor Taylor wishes Team Rehab nothing but success as they can now begin to call Oak Creek home.



LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The County Board last met on Thursday, February 22nd when they voted not to confirm Interim Parks Director Jim Sullivan to the position of fulltime Parks Director. The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, March 22nd in Courthouse Room 200. To view the votes on all actions taken by the County Board and its committees, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

WEHR NATURE CENTER

Maple Sugar Days for Families

Saturday & Sunday, March 24th-25th
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the spring thaw and our Wisconsin heritage at Maple Sugar Days March. The program includes a short walk to the sugarbush, a visit to an old-time sugarin' camp, a boil-down demonstration and hands-on activities for children. A pancake with real maple syrup will top off your day. The guided hikes begin at 1:00 p.m. and will continue every 15 minutes until 4:00 p.m. Maple sugar treats and tapping equipment will be available for purchase.

\$6 per person, payable at door.
Children ages 2 & under are free,
\$3.50 regular parking fee; parking FREE
for Friends of Wehr members.



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.



2016 Free Days:
Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Oct. 8, Nov. 5,
Dec. 3

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

Spring Family Event at the Gardens

Sunday, April 1st
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

FREE EVENT! Come hang out with the Easter bunny and join the Friends of Boerner for a morning of make-and-take kid's crafts, an egg hunt, and other fun seasonal activities. For more information, call 414-525-5653 or [click here!](#)

Daytime Senior Yoga: Gentle Yoga for Gardeners

Wednesdays: April 11th, 18th, and 25th
9:30-10:30 a.m.

We all love the beautiful sights and lovely smells of our garden but don't like the aches and pains that sometimes come along with our labor of love. This class will teach simple yet powerful techniques that you can use every day to keep your body happy while in the garden. \$15 general public; \$10 friends of Boerner. Interested or want to register? [Click here!](#)

Southeastern Wisconsin Master Gardener Series

Wednesdays: April 11th, 18th, and 25th
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Get ready for spring planning and planting with this series of useful gardening topics presented by the Southeastern Wisconsin Master Gardeners (SEWMG)! Open to all and appropriate for both beginners and experience gardeners alike. Each session is \$5 per person; proceeds support the Friends of Boerner and SEWMG. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.