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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends,

The fall has officially arrived. I truly hope that each of you had an enjoyable summer spent with family and friends. Kids have returned to school and that means Friday nights are for football.

County Executive Chris Abele will present his proposed 2016 budget to the County Board on October 1st. I, along with the rest of my colleagues, will spend the month of October analyzing the budget and ensuring that taxpayers are getting a return on their investment in Milwaukee County.



Supervisor Taylor speaks at the County Board meeting.

Hopefully, the residents who drive 13th Street in Oak Creek are happy with the work that has been done between Drexel and Ryan Roads. Since I was elected, I have been committed to improving the failing infrastructure in the 9th District. This is a perfect example of how that work is paying off.

I encourage you to reach out to my office if I can be of any assistance or if you wish to share your thoughts on any matter involving Milwaukee County. This input is particularly important during the budget adoption process, as we set our priorities on what projects are most deserving to be funded. I am committed to making sure that the greatest share of your hard-earned tax dollars end up right back in our communities.

All My Best,

BENDER PARK SURVEY

The Milwaukee County Parks Department and the City of Oak Creek are seeking feedback to better understand the thoughts and experiences of visitors to Bender Park. Located on Milwaukee County's southeastern shore, Bender Park is a destination for boaters, dog walkers and hikers. Even if you have not visited Bender Park recently, please take a moment to complete this brief survey. Your honest feedback will help guide the Parks Department to make improvements at Bender Park. Please [click here](#) to access the survey.



HALES CORNERS PUMPKIN FEST

The Hales Corners Lions fest will once again present its annual Pumpkin Fest at Hales Corners Park. This event will take place Friday, Oct. 23rd and Saturday, Oct. 24th from 2-10 pm. Free pumpkins will be available for children and adults to carve and display for all to enjoy. Jack-o-lanterns will be judged and prizes will be awarded for first through third place in five different age categories. Don't miss food, beverages and hundreds of lighted, carved pumpkins after dusk. Admission and pre-cleaned pumpkins to carve are free! Proceeds will benefit Hales Corners Lions Club charities.



LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on September 24th. Among the most pertinent legislation considered for adoption included:

- Supervisor Taylor voted against a resolution opposing the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program. This program turns over up to five underperforming MPS schools annually to operators of successful charter schools and allows County Executive Chris Abele to name a commissioner to oversee these schools. Although he has concerns about the Executive's power, Supervisor Taylor believes this resolution is merely symbolic. The resolution passed, 14-2.
- Supervisor Taylor voted against a resolution that would require the inclusion of certain employment standards tied to development agreements and land sales of County property. He believes this will be a costly requirement that may discourage or drive up the cost of development in Milwaukee County. The resolution passed, 13-3.

County Executive Chris Abele will present his proposed 2016 County budget to the County Board on Thursday, October 1st. The Board will host its annual County-wide public budget hearing on Monday, November 2nd at a location to be determined. The next regular Board meeting will be held Thursday, November 5th. To view the votes on all actions taken by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, please visit the [County Legislative Information Center](#).

OAK LEAF TRAIL CHAIN CUTTING

On September 2nd, Supervisor Taylor joined County Executive Chris Abele, County Parks Director John Dargle, WISPARK President Jerry Franke and Oak Creek City Administrator Jerry Peterson for a ceremonial “bike chain cutting” of a mile-long extension to the Oak Leaf Trail in Oak Creek. This mile-long walking and biking path connects gaps in trail along South Howell Avenue near the Oakview Business Park in southern Oak Creek. It will connect the existing trail along Howell Avenue to Elm and Oakwood Roads. The extension will provide increased recreational and commuter access to residential and commercial properties in the nearby area. Federal grants will pay for about 80 percent of the \$3 million project.



DREXEL TOWN SQUARE UPDATES

Drexel Town Square, the \$162 million mixed-use development project at the southwest corner of Howell Ave. and Drexel Ave. in Oak Creek, has seen a great deal of progress during the past several months. WISPARK, the project’s developer, has announced that Chick-fil-a, Petsmart and the Four Points Sheraton Hotel will begin construction during the fall. Construction on the Froedtert Health primary and specialty health care center is scheduled to begin prior to the end of the year. The trendy Milwaukee Mexican restaurant, BelAir Cantina, also announced that it plans to open its fourth area location at Drexel Town Square in Summer 2016. Gigi’s Cupcakes is also planning on opening a location at the Square during Spring 2016.

In late August, Oak Creek city leaders buried a time capsule underneath the new city hall, which will be located within Drexel Town Square. This time capsule, which will be opened in 2065, commemorates not only the new city hall building, but also Oak Creek’s 60th anniversary as an incorporated city. The new city hall and library building are scheduled to open at noon on Monday, October 19th. Please note that the existing library building will be closed from October 10th through the 19th as staff moves existing workplaces and inventory to the new facility. City Hall will be closed at noon on October 9th and 16th to prepare for the transition.



A birds-eye rendering of the completed Drexel Town Square. Courtesy: Rinka Chung Architecture

Join Supervisor Taylor as he helps to ring in the new city hall by holding a County Budget Listening Session in the Common Council chambers on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00 pm.



YOU'RE INVITED

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 9TH DISTRICT
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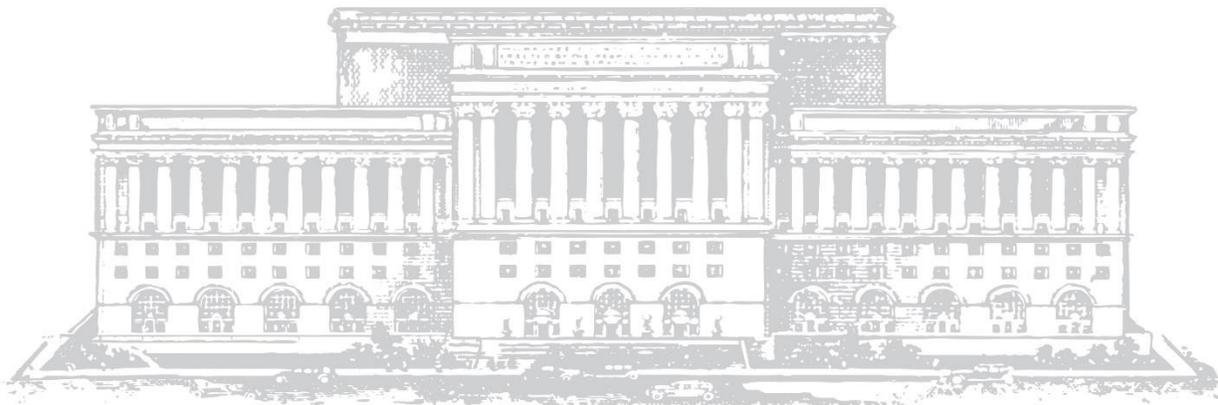
TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 14 at 5 PM
Boerner Botanical Gardens - Garden House
9400 Boerner Dr., Hales Corners

Wednesday, October 14 at 7 PM
The Rock
7900 Crystal Ridge Rd., Franklin

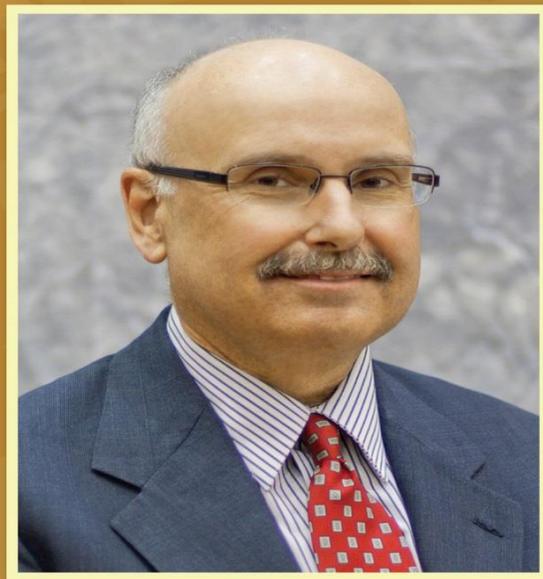
Wednesday, October 21 at 6 PM
New Oak Creek City Hall
Drexel Town Square - Drexel Ave. & Howell Ave., Oak Creek

Residents are invited to provide their valuable input and identify priorities in the Milwaukee County 2016 Recommended Budget.



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WEHR NATURE CENTER

27th Annual Halloween Haunts

Thurs., October 15th-Sat., October 17th
6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Halloween Haunts combines the make-believe, spooky fun of Halloween with the beauty of nighttime nature to create an event that is fun for the entire family. This event, designed for children ages 4-10, will feature tours of an enchanted forest led by spooky characters that will discuss the connection between humans and nature's misunderstood Halloween characters. Following the walk, enjoy cider, popcorn, crafts, face painting, fortune telling and even a magic show.

Tickets are \$7 for County residents and \$10 for non-residents. Please note that advance purchase is required. [Click here](#) for more information.



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.



2015 FREE Days!
Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
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 milweeedomes.org for additional details.

BOERNER CORNER

Boerner Plants & History

Saturday, October 10th
10:00 am-11:30 am

Join horticulturists Mike and Laurie Yanny as they lead a walking tour of Boerner at the peak of autumn. Explore fall plants while learning about Boerner's rich history.

Tickets are \$15 for non-members, \$10 for FBBG members. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Art in the Garden

Saturday, October 17th
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Become inspired by Boerner's beauty as you experiment with ways to apply paint to canvas. As you reference well-known artists who have also used gardens as their inspiration, you will soon create your own unique piece of art. This is a perfect class for novice art-lovers who are looking to create their own artwork.

Tickets are \$35 for non-members, \$30 for FBBG members. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Sunday Brunch

Don't forget about Sunday Brunch at Boerner - 10 am to 1 pm every Sunday! [Click here](#) for more information and reserve your space.

HALLOWEEN AT THE ROCK

"The Hill Has Eyes", Milwaukee's premier Halloween attraction, has returned to the Rock Sports Complex in Franklin. You'll be scared witless by the four haunted trails, a zombie-infested thrill ride, CARNIVORE, a macabre carnival, and much more. A lucky few will escape this haunted adventure to unwind with a nightly bonfire, live music and refreshments.

"The Hill Has Eyes" will be open Oct. 2 & 3, and then Thursday through Sundays through Oct. 31. Special Sunday hours have been added Oct. 18, 25 and Nov. 1. General admission prices range from \$25-44. [Click here](#) for more information about Milwaukee's spookiest haunted house.