



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

Dear Friends,

The holiday season is officially here and I hope it finds you and your family both happy and healthy. After an eventful year I am once again reaching out to you via this newsletter to provide updates and highlights of my work as your representative on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

I am looking forward to closing out 2013 but before we do the County Board must finalize the 2014 budget. The County Executive delivered a budget that at face value is fiscally responsible. However, included were a few items that I philosophically cannot support. Once again the Executive collects suburban tax dollars and spends this money on City of Milwaukee budgetary needs. This is a bad precedent and hopefully there is Board support to reverse any proposals of this nature. Another questionable measure is the reduction in funding for the Sheriff's Office – a move that can compromise public safety, which I view as high priority.

I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to be your elected representative on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and I promise to continue to work hard every day. As always, please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you have. I truly hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season. All of us have unwanted stresses in our lives, and this is the time of year when you realize what is most important to you. For me it is family and after getting married in June I realize this more and more every day.

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.



*Supervisor Taylor with his family at the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation Reception held in the Wisconsin State Capitol Senate Parlor.*

All My Best,

Supervisor Steve F. Taylor, 9th District

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Please contact my office by using the "Contact Supervisor Taylor" form located on my website ([www.county.milwaukee.gov/Taylor](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/Taylor)). Fill out all the provided fields and submit your question – we will receive it immediately. It is quick, easy and saves you the cost of postage or a phone call. Feel free to contact my office and offer comments regarding any matter concerning Milwaukee County. Additionally, you may use this form to sign up for my E-Newsletter "Privileged to Serve." The newsletter contains useful information pertaining to my service on the County Board, including highlights of major events, legislation, and much more. You may also e-mail me directly to sign up for the E-Newsletter.

# In the Community

## Ensuring The Well-Being of Milwaukee County Seniors



Shortly after starting his service as the 9th District representative on the Milwaukee County Board, Supervisor Taylor was appointed to serve on the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging - a governing and policy-making body with the Department on Aging. As part of that service, Supervisor Taylor committed to visiting each one of the Senior Meal Program dining sites that the Department on Aging administers in order to directly familiarize himself with their day to day operations.

Knowing that they serve some of the most vulnerable members

of our community, Supervisor Taylor believes it is imperative to experience the dining sites first hand, ensure their proper operation and identify areas for improvement. Additionally, it is a great opportunity to talk to seniors and learn about the issues and challenges that are relevant and important to them. On September 25th, Supervisor Taylor concluded his tour of the senior meal dining sites with a visit to the United Community Center.

The Senior Meal Program has been working with seniors in community settings since 1973, serving hot, healthy meals and

providing seniors opportunities to socialize and take part in activities like cards, bingo, and exercise classes. Meals are served Monday through Friday to senior citizens at 29 community dining sites. Any person age 60 or older, regardless of income, and a spouse of any age can participate.

Seldom do meal dining sites function solely as locations where meals are served. Many of them are located within community centers and agencies that offer a wide range of services to the elderly and others in need.

## Steve F. Taylor Government Scholarship

This year's winners of the "Steve F. Taylor Future Leaders of Franklin" scholarship were announced in June. They are Maggie Roemer and Sydney Kirkegaard of Franklin High School. They each received \$300 scholarships as winners of the award.

At the time of the award announcement, Sydney was a Franklin High School Senior with intentions to attend Texas Christian University and major in musical theater. Her extracurricular activities included theater, Student Senate, and membership on the State winning poms team.

Maggie was a Franklin High School Junior at the time of the award announcement with plans to pursue a career in psychology or possibly political science. Her extracurricular activities involved theater, golf, and volleyball.

Out of all who applied, these two finalists both demonstrated exceptional qualifications to receive the scholarship and as a result the award selection committee decided to make them co-finalists for the award. All scholarship applicants were asked to write about the qualities of a good public servant and why public service is important to the community. Each applicant also went through a short interview, conducted this year by Franklin resident Tom Gadowski and Supervisor Taylor.

The selection committee had a very tough job as a number of very qualified students applied for the scholarship this year. Supervisor Taylor is pleased with the continued interest in the scholarship and will continue to promote education and development of our younger generations.

Supervisor Taylor personally funds this scholarship. For additional information, including instructions for Franklin residents who wish to apply or contribute next year, e-mail Supervisor Taylor at [steve.taylor@milwcnty.com](mailto:steve.taylor@milwcnty.com).



Supervisor Steve F. Taylor, Maggie Roemer, Sydney Kirkegaard, Principal Michael Nowak, and Tom Gadowski.

# In the Community

## 9th District Events & Updates

### Honoring Oak Creek Hero Lt. Brian Murphy



Supervisor Taylor's Office was privileged to host Lieutenant Brian Murphy of the Oak Creek Police Department at the February 7, 2013 meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, where he received a County Board Citation commending his courageous efforts during the Sikh Temple tragedy.

Lieutenant Murphy displayed extraordinary level of bravery and valor on August 5, 2012, being the sole first responder on the scene of Sikh Temple shooting. He selflessly risked his life in confronting the gunman by himself in order to prevent additional deaths – an act that resulted in severe wounds and life threatening injuries. Despite his injuries, he insisted that his colleagues and paramedics tend to wounded civilians first rather than administer him help.

Officer Sam Lenda responded to the scene shortly after and, using his extensive training and experience as a marksman, shot the suspect. There is no doubt that actions of these two officers contributed toward saving the lives of many other individuals.

In recognition of Lt. Murphy's courageous actions, the Oak Creek Citizen of the Year Committee presented Oak Creek Police Department Lieutenant Brian Murphy and Oak Creek Police Officer Sam Lenda with the "Citizens of the Year" designation. The award presentation and reception was held at the Oak Creek Community Center

and Supervisor Taylor attended the event to present each one with a Certificate of Recognition from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in honor of this great achievement.

### Honoring Inspector Gaylord Hahn



Supervisor Taylor presented a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Milwaukee County Board to Gaylord Hahn in honor of his 40 years of faithful and distinguished service with the City of Franklin Police Department.

Mr. Hahn was appointed as the City of Franklin Patrolman on March 12, 1973 and currently holds the rank of Inspector. Throughout his 40-year career he has exemplified utmost professionalism as a dedicated member of the law enforcement community and in doing so he greatly contributed to the safety and well-being of Franklin residents and visitors alike.

Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition Gaylord!

### Spotlight on Hunger Task Force Farm

Supervisor Taylor toured the Hunger Task Force Farm at the Milwaukee County House of Correction in Franklin on September 13, 2013.

Located on 68th St. just north of Ryan Road, the Farm is part of the Milwaukee County Parks System. The farm was originally established in 1946 as a work farm to rehabilitate inmates serving

time at the adjacent correctional facility. Inmates farmed daily, raised livestock, and maintained orchards and vegetable gardens. The farm was closed for a decade after a fire in 1980 but by the early 1990s the farm was revived and Hunger Task Force took control in 2004.

Since then he has served as a reliable source of healthy Wisconsin produce, including apples, corn, broccoli, tomatoes, asparagus, bok choy and much more. Each year, Hunger Task Force harvests over 350,000 pounds of fresh produce and delivers it to struggling families who normally only receive non-perishable items.

In addition, the farm's fish hatchery currently holds 40,000 trout, bluegill, perch, and bass used to re-stock fish in ponds and lagoons throughout the county.

On May 1, 2013 the Harley-Davidson Foundation announced partnership with the Hunger Task Force to help this organization continue with its mission of feeding the hungry throughout Milwaukee County and Southeastern Wisconsin by investing in the farm. Furthermore, the partnership established a work program for inner city men and women to provide employment and teach job skills, as well as a nutrition education program attended by Milwaukee Public School children. The partnership announcement was also accompanied by a \$2.5 million donation over three years.



*Supervisor Taylor surveying the farm grounds with Hunger Task Force Staff on September 13, 2013.*

# In the Community

## The Rock Sports Complex

In July, 2012 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a land lease to the Rock Sports Complex LLC, which presented a plan to construct an exciting new development at what used to be known as Crystal Ridge. True to their promise and demonstrating tremendous dedication to the project and community at large, the developer behind the project, Zimmerman Ventures, declared The Rock Sports Complex open for business a year after construction began.

On Saturday, July 20th Supervisor Taylor joined other elected officials and hundreds of residents at the opening ceremony, which featured concerts, home run derbies and an outdoor movie.

The complex features multiple baseball and softball fields as well as a bike and a ski park. It includes many leisure amenities as well, including an umbrella bar and a patio that overlooks the baseball fields. There is also a renovated ski lodge, multiple concession stands and ample parking. Two more youth fields and four softball diamonds are forthcoming.

Attracting the most attention, however, is the new mountain biking course, which traverses the 250-foot ski hill and offers an expansive view of Milwaukee County. There are four trails with varying difficulties and each path takes about 5 minutes to complete. A chairlift brings riders and their bikes back to the top.



Supervisor Borkowski, Supervisor Taylor, County Executive Abele, the Rock Sports Complex President and CEO Mark Zimmerman and other guests cutting the ribbon at the grand opening.

With more than \$9 million invested in this project, The Rock Sports Complex is truly a success story of economic development in the 9th District.

As both the City of Franklin Common Council President and member of the Milwaukee County Board, Supervisor Taylor is proud that this project came to fruition without any substantial delays. He and other elected officials remain hopeful that this development will attract other businesses to the area and help further advance our region's collective economic development efforts.

## 9th District Event Photos



Supervisor Taylor presented the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Citation honoring the Franklin High School's first half century of excellence to Sara Unertl, Franklin High School's Athletic and Activities Director, during the Franklin vs. Oak Creek Varsity Basketball game.



Supervisor Taylor with Members of the Hales Corners Lions Club at the National Night Out Celebration in Hales Corners. All three 9th District communities – Franklin, Oak Creek and Hales Corners – participated in the 2013 National Night Out.



Supervisor Taylor pictured with Barbara Roark who recently retired as Director of Franklin Public Library. During her tenure, Barbara was instrumental in organizing a referendum to build the new library facility that resulted in receiving the "Pride in Premises" Award from the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce.

# In the Community

## Honoring 9th District Businesses

### 2013 Business of the Year



The South Suburban Chamber of Commerce held its "Annual Awards Dinner," on January 30, 2013 celebrating another successful year with its members and guests. As part of the ceremonies, the Chamber awarded the prestigious "Business of the Year" award to NUCOR Cold Finish Wisconsin.

In addition to their facility in Oak Creek, NUCOR consists of approximately 200 operating facilities throughout North America. With production capacity that exceeds 26 million tons, NUCOR is the largest producer of steel in the United States. But more than just a steel maker, they are the world's foremost steel recycler, and one of the largest recyclers of any kind.

To recognize this great honor bestowed upon this outstanding local business, and support Chamber's work, Supervisor Taylor presented NUCOR with a Certificate of Recognition from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

### Carma Labs Celebrates 75 Years in Business



Franklin's own Carma Laboratories celebrated 75 years of being in business – manufacturing the world-famous Carmex

lip balm. To honor this occasion, Supervisor Taylor presented its management and employees with a Citation from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

The story of Carma Laboratories began in 1937 when inventor Alfred Woelbing and his wife mixed the very first batch of Carmex on their kitchen stove, hand-poured it into the trunk of their car to retailers throughout the Midwest. With growth in demand, its current facility in Franklin was built in 1976.

Since then, this third-generation family owned and operated business has been one of the most prominent businesses in Milwaukee County that has put Franklin on the global map as "Carmex is on the lips of everyone around the world."

### Precision Color Graphics Get Recognition from the State



Precision Color Graphics (PCG) has proudly called Franklin its home since 1992. This pre-press, printing and packaging company employs approximately 40 people and is one of many crucial businesses that operate in our community.

On June 10, 2013 Precision Color Graphics was formally welcomed into the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Green Tier program. Wisconsin's Green Tier program encourages businesses to voluntarily move beyond regulatory compliance in order to promote superior environmental performance.

The designation was presented by Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp.

Mrs. Taylor presented John Goeden, Precision Color Graphics President, with a Certificate of Recognition from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

### Superior Die Set Celebrates 90th Anniversary



On September 12, 2013, Superior Die Set commemorated 90 years of manufacturing excellence with a grand celebration that included dignitaries, customers, suppliers and the media.

President Frank Janiszewski provided personal plant tours for Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and other dignitaries from around the state, followed by a media event and birthday celebration for Superior's Chairman of the Board, Casimir Janiszewski who turned 90 years young on the same day.

Superior Die Set Corporation is a manufacturer of die sets, mold bases, pins/bushings, three platen presses, cut-and-ground machined plates, fabrications and forging products.

They have several manufacturing facilities, warehouses and distribution facilities, with the capability to serve a global market.

On behalf of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Taylor presented an honorary citation to Executive Vice President Frank J. Janiszewski.



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## 2013 Wisconsin State Fair



Once again Supervisor Taylor joined Governor Scott Walker and other elected officials at the Wisconsin State Fair Park opening ceremonies. 2013 was an exceptional year for the State Fair as a total of 1,012,552 fairgoers went through the entrance gates – a 10% increase from year prior. This is the largest reported attendance since 1969. Over 3,200 exhibitors participated in 2013 Fair Competitions, some in multiple classes.

## 9th District Capital Improvements and the 2014 Budget

On September 26th County Executive Abele introduced his 2014 Milwaukee County Recommended Budget to the Milwaukee County Board. The 2014 Recommended Budget called for total expenditures of \$1,305,328,707, a decrease of \$50,779,044, or 3.7 percent, compared to the 2013 Adopted County Budget. The recommended property tax levy remained at \$279,321,196, the same as the 2013 levy.

As of this writing, the Milwaukee County Board Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee is analyzing and amending the 2014 Recommended Budget. Supervisor Taylor held public hearings on October 23, 2013 in Franklin and Oak Creek to collect input from 9th District residents on what they perceive as priorities in the 2014 Budget.

One of the most significant aspects of the 2014 Recommended Budget, aside from not raising the property tax levy, is that the plan Supervisor Taylor put in place for major infrastructure improvements throughout the 9th District remains on track. You may review the schedule of these improvements in the table provided. Please note that a total of five of the improvement projects are scheduled for 2014.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MAJOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE 9TH DISTRICT:

- 2014 – South 68th Street: Ryan Rd. to House of Correction
- 2014 – South North Cape Road: Hi-View Dr. to Carroll Cir.
- 2014 – Ryan Road Culvert East of South 112th
- 2014 – South 76th Street: Imperial Dr. to Puetz Rd.
- 2015 – West St. Martins Road: North Cape Rd. to Lovers Lane Rd.
- 2015 – Old Loomis Road: Warwick Way to Rawson Ave.
- 2015 – Old Loomis Road: Rawson Ave. to 76th St.
- 2015 – Whitnall Park Bridges Over Root River
- 2015 – Hales Corners Pool and Bathhouse Roof Rehabilitation
- 2016 – South 13th Street: Rawson Ave. to Drexel Ave.
- 2017 – South 13th Street: Drexel Ave. to Puetz Rd.
- 2019 – South 13th Street: Puetz Rd. to Ryan Rd.