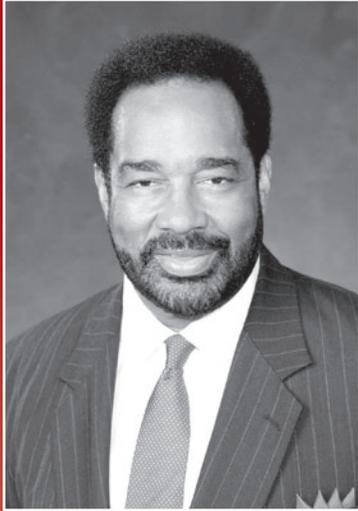


THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Dear neighbors,

It is with mixed feelings that I say farewell to the County Board. It has been my distinct honor to serve as your County Supervisor for these last 20 years. I will never forget the trust you placed in me to represent the interests of the 5th District.



There's no way I could have served for 20 years without the support of my wife of more than 38 years, Lynda, and my four sons, David, Jason, Adam and Randall.

Thanks to the support I have received from my colleagues, I have had the distinction of serving as the first African-American Board Chairman and, for a short time last year, first African-American County Executive in Wisconsin history.

In these roles, I have had the opportunity to help shape the future of this great County. I fought the power structure to protect taxpayers, promote economic growth, improve our infrastructure and provide help to the most vulnerable in our society.

My broad experience at Milwaukee County has left an indelible mark on me. Although many individuals and organizations tried to prevent me from reaching my goals, I persevered with your support, and I did it my way.

While I am closing this chapter of my life, I am keeping the door open for future opportunities to serve you.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you. It has been a blast to serve as a County Supervisor, Chairman of the Board, and County Executive.

Sincerely,

Lee Holloway, Chairman



Chairman Holloway helps launch MetroEXpress routes

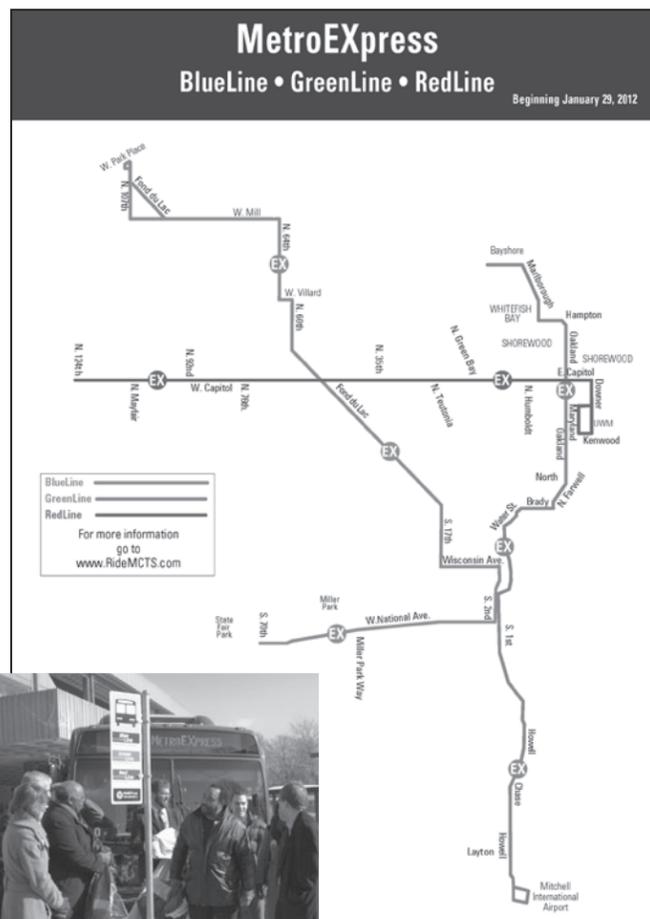
Board Chairman Lee Holloway, Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., and County Executive Chris Abele helped launch the Milwaukee County Transit System's new MetroEXpress service on January 28.

There are three new express bus routes:

- **Redline** – N. 124th Street to/from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee along Capitol Drive
- **Greenline** – Bayshore Town Center Mall to/from Mitchell International Airport
- **Blueline** – Fond du lac/National Avenues to/from downtown

The routes are being funded through federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funds. Some of these funds were previously awarded for the KRM (Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee) commuter rail project before the State dissolved the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SERTA).

"It's exciting to launch this enhanced service throughout Milwaukee County," Chairman Lee Holloway said. "This express service will attract more riders and make the transit system more user-friendly."



Comparing compensation for public and private sector employees

The Department of Audit compared County employee compensation with other public and private sector employers, focusing on the County's ability to attract and retain the workforce necessary to provide key services.

The study analyzed how total compensation for Milwaukee County employees compares to other public and private sector employers in the Milwaukee metropolitan region.

- While Milwaukee County is second, after the State, in total compensation for higher-paid positions, the County is the lowest for lower paid positions.

- The pay ranges at the County and the City of Milwaukee tend to be narrower than pay ranges at the State and in the private sector.
- The County's benefits package is the lowest of the public sector entities, but is more generous than the private sector.

"This report shows that Milwaukee County's compensation is in line with other public and private sector employers," Chairman Holloway said. "In fact, despite what is reported in the local media, our benefits package is actually the least generous compared to other large public sector employers."

Holloway plan saves millions in transit funding

A plan advanced by County Board Chairman Lee Holloway is saving funds within the Milwaukee County Transit System. The proposal, which was adopted by the County Board, calls for Milwaukee County to administer the health care contract for employees of the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS). MCTS is operated by a private firm under contract with Milwaukee County, but transit workers are not County employees.

"This is a way for Milwaukee County to leverage its existing relationship with United Health Care and lower costs for transit workers," Chairman Holloway said. "We are saving tax dollars by placing health benefits for these workers and their dependents in the County's contract. Nothing has changed for transit employees; they still have the same network, plan design and benefit levels."

Compared to the transit system's existing fully-insured arrangement, the shift to the County's self-

funded medical plan through United Health Care is expected to save \$2 million in expenditures annually.

"I intend to redirect as much of those savings as possible into the transit system," Chairman Holloway added. "The State has cut transit funding by nearly \$7 million. We need all the help we can get."

The change means Milwaukee County will coordinate health benefits for approximately 2,000 transit employees and retirees, plus their dependents.

When Chairman Holloway served as County Executive in early 2011, he directed the Employee Benefits Division to work with the transit system and other employee groups to lower health care costs and save taxpayer dollars. In 2006, he created the Employee Benefits Division and launched a private-sector model to lower employee and retiree health care costs, which has saved taxpayers more than \$130 million during the last five years.

UWM Innovation Park

In August 2011, UWM broke ground on its new engineering campus, Innovation Park, located on the County Grounds just north of the County Medical Center on Watertown Plank Road. Chairman Holloway was a key player in the negotiations that led to the sale of County-owned land to make this project possible.

The first new structure scheduled for construction at Innovation Park is the Business Accelerator Building. The 25,000-square-foot facility should be ready for occupancy in 2012. The project is being funded by a \$5.4 million grant from the Economic Development Administration, which is within the U.S. Department of Commerce. UWM and the City of Wauwatosa jointly applied for the grant funds.

The UWM Real Estate Foundation is also



considering plans to develop new housing on the land around the Eschweiler Buildings. These plans would preserve these historic buildings and not disturb the most sensitive habitat used by the butterfly migration.



Chairman Holloway pictured with Governor Scott Walker.

20 Years of Progress



- April 7, 1992**
Lee Holloway first elected to the County Board
- January 1994**
Community-based General Assistance Medical Program, developed by Supervisor Holloway, begins providing health care to indigent residents
- February 7, 2001**
Grand opening of Metcalfe Neighborhood School, which started the rebuilding of the North Ave. corridor in the heart of the 5th District
- April 2, 1996 & April 4, 2000**
Supervisor Holloway re-elected to County Board
- Fall 2003**
Chairman Holloway leads downsizing of County Board from 25 to 19 members
- September 5, 2002**
County Board elects Lee Holloway as first African-American Board Chairman in Wisconsin history
- April 6, 2004**
Supervisor Holloway re-elected to the County Board
- April 26, 2004**
County Board re-elects Lee Holloway to serve as Chairman of the Board for 2004-2008 term
- May 2005**
Chairman Holloway and County Executive Walker announce reform plan to save the Milwaukee Public Museum from closing its doors
- April 1, 2008**
Supervisor Holloway re-elected to County Board
- April 21, 2008**
County Board re-elects Lee Holloway to serve as Chairman of the Board for 2008-2012 term
- May 19, 2009**
Chairman Holloway and County Executive Walker recover \$45 million in damages from Mercer Inc., which provided false pension information to the County Board in 2000
- November 4, 2008**
County voters approve sales tax to reduce property taxes and create dedicated funding for transit, parks and paramedics. (Plan was later vetoed by Governor Doyle.)
- February 4, 2011**
Chairman Holloway appoints Marvin Pratt to serve as Interim County Executive
- December 28, 2010**
Chairman Holloway sworn in as Wisconsin's first African-American County Executive
- August 9, 2011**
Chairman Holloway helps break ground for UWM Innovation Park adjacent to the Medical Center
- April 15, 2012**
Chairman Holloway wraps up his tenure as Board Chairman and Supervisor
- April 16, 2012**
New County Board will be reduced from 19 to 18 members and maintain minority representation due to leadership from Chairman Holloway

Government Reform Must Include Municipal Consolidation

By Chairman Lee Holloway

Considerable attention has been given to the important role Milwaukee County government plays in our community. We need to closely examine all options, and this report has stimulated my interest in going further. It's time for all elected officials to find the courage to step up and consider consolidating functions at the local level. This is the only route to achieve true economies of scale. For example, a number of municipal health departments within Milwaukee County are actually operated by individual municipalities, while the 71 other counties in Wisconsin save taxpayer dollars by having one central health department to serve all municipalities in the County. This unique duplication within Milwaukee County could easily be eliminated.

A number of successful metropolitan governments, including Indianapolis and Louisville, have eliminated smaller municipalities in favor of one metropolitan umbrella. Currently, Milwaukee County is the largest overlying government in southeast Wisconsin. If communities are interested in saving tax dollars, they may want to consider the delicate process of consolidating service at the local municipal level and combining their operations under the larger County umbrella. It just makes good sense if the objective is to achieve true reform and real savings.

County Executive Holloway



Chairman Holloway served as County Executive from December 28, 2010 through February 3, 2011.

Prescription discount program saves residents \$1.3 million



A record number of Milwaukee County residents are taking advantage of a discount drug card offered by Milwaukee County and the National Association of Counties (NACo). The free prescription drug discount cards offer an average savings of more than 20% off common retail prescription prices. Through the end of 2011, Milwaukee County residents have saved more than \$1.3 million on prescription drugs since the program was launched in 2006. Even bigger savings can be realized through the mail order service, which offers three month supplies of certain medications for up to 50% off the retail price.

No enrollment forms or membership fees are required. Regardless of age or income, any Milwaukee County resident without prescription drug coverage can receive the discount by simply showing the card at any participating pharmacy or by calling a toll-free number. Milwaukee County residents can visit www.caremark.com/naco to print out a card instantly.



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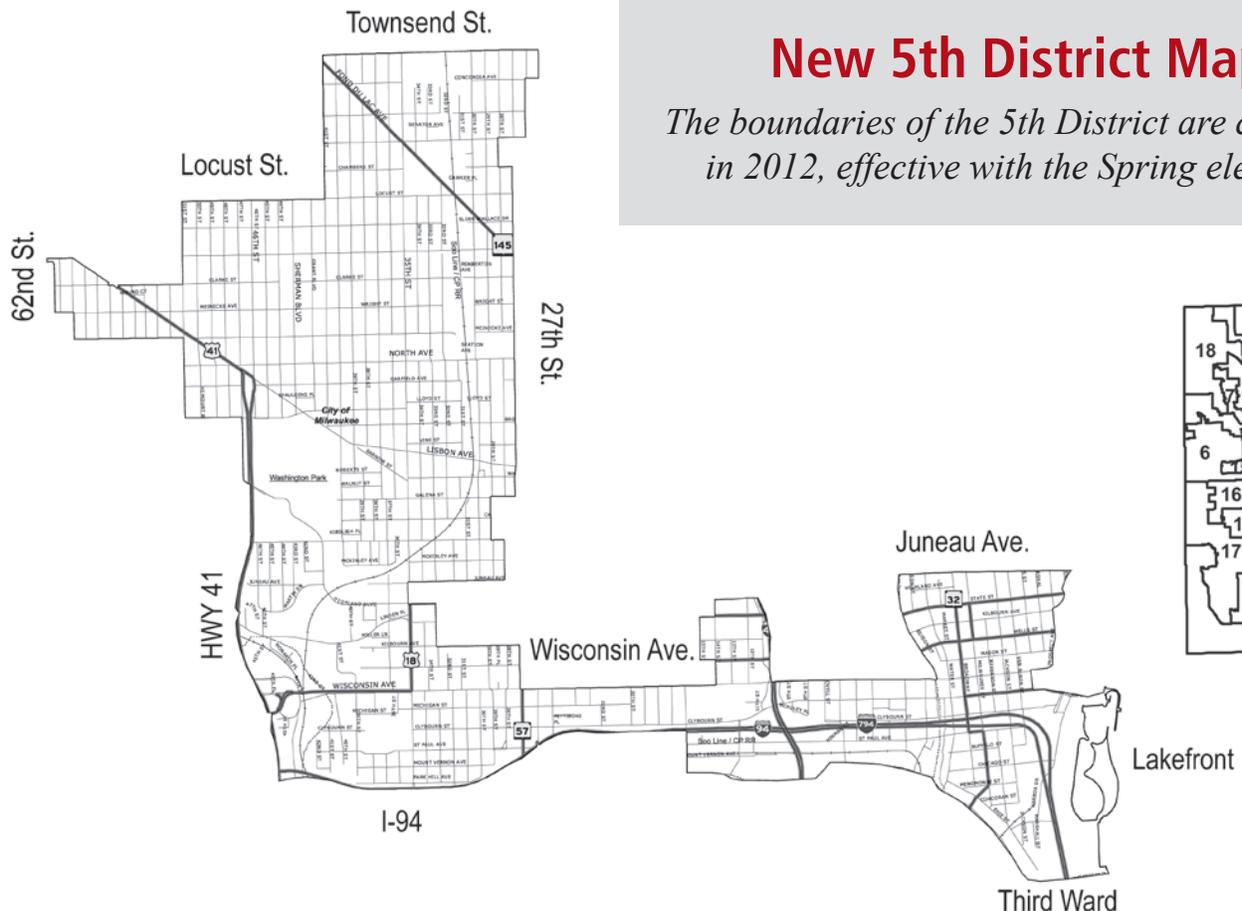
Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County Residents **only** with valid photo ID on the following days:

Milwaukee Art Museum:
FREE the first Thursday of every month!
 Free for all visitors

Milwaukee Public Museum: FREE Every Monday!
 (Additional charges apply for Humphrey IMAX Dome, Daniel M. Soref Planetarium & special exhibitions)

Mitchell Park DOMES: FREE Every Monday!
 from 9:00AM - Noon (Except major holidays)

Milwaukee County Zoo: 2012 FREE Days
 April 14, November 3, December 1,
 Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day
 & 2013 New Year's Day



New 5th District Map

The boundaries of the 5th District are changing in 2012, effective with the Spring election.