

Memo from Mayo

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Milwaukee County Senior Hall of Fame



Viola "Vi" Hawkins' was inducted into the 2010 Senior Hall of Fame for her spirited leadership, courageous efforts, and many contributions to improve the quality of life for the elderly within Milwaukee County.

Vi is an avid dancer with the YWCA Steppers, the Washington Park Silver Steppers, the Jazzy Jewels (2009 Milwaukee County "Golden Idols") and Milwaukee Bucks' Seniors. Supervisor Mayo thanked her for her contributions to renovations at Dineen Park.

Dear Neighbor,

It's a pleasure to represent your interests on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. I'm proud that the 7th District is one of the most diverse in Milwaukee County, including Hmong, Hispanic, Caucasian, Jewish, Asian, and African-American populations.

It's not business as usual at the County these days. Milwaukee County is facing a number of challenges, including the lack of dedicated funding for the Milwaukee County Transit System, likely cuts in State aid, and difficulties in providing care for those with mental illness. We have a new County Executive, Chris Abele, and I look forward to working with him and my colleagues on the County Board to address these issues.

I am on the Finance & Audit Committee, and we will work on the 2012 County Budget this fall. We will be realistic in preserving as much as we can while dealing with the expected reduction in State aid. You can help shape next year's budget by returning the survey in this newsletter. Please share your thoughts with me.

Lastly, I invite you to get out and enjoy our parks, golf courses, zoo and museums. We have many great events happening in the 7th District this year, so check out the schedule on the back side of this newsletter. I am also available to attend and speak at your neighborhood events, so please invite me.

Enjoy the summer!



Supervisor Mayo is congratulating his daughter, Monet, who recently graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis with a degree in Media Studies. She is pursuing a career in Television or Radio Broadcasting.

The County Budget

The County Board adopted a 2011 Budget that preserved core services while keeping any property tax increase to a minimum. Throughout the budget process, Supervisor Mayo voted against a number of initiatives that required more taxes.

Highlights from the 2011 budget include:

- Employees pay 4% of their wages to the County as a pension contribution
 - Pension benefit reduced by 20% in 2010 for non-represented employees and elected officials
 - Up to 26 unpaid furlough days for union-represented employees
- Preserved funding for the Community Justice Resource Center, as an alternative to more expensive incarceration
- Reversed the County Executive's proposed late night and early morning transit cuts, which would have resulted in 424,000 fewer rides
- Provide \$7 million in funds for a plan to repair the O'Donnell Park parking garage

Looking ahead to the 2012 Budget, there will be additional belt tightening. Supervisor Mayo is warning residents that the County won't be able to provide the same level of service that it has been able to do in the past. While our property taxes have increased at a lower pace than some other surrounding counties, I will not support raising your property taxes in 2012. We will have to be creative in funding the services important to you.

Supervisor Mayo Acknowledges County Employees



Supervisor Mayo would like to recognize all Milwaukee County employees for their hard work and perseverance in providing services to constituents despite the addition of up to 26 unpaid furlough days in 2010 and 2011. Milwaukee County has a great team, and Supervisor Mayo salutes all employees for their professionalism and teamwork during these difficult times.



State Budget impact on Milwaukee County highways

The Governor's proposed 2011-2012 budget brings mixed news for Milwaukee County's highway infrastructure needs. General Transportation Aid is reduced by 15%, which will impact the maintenance of roads such as Mill Road and Silver Spring Drive. These funds are necessary to provide winter road and bridge maintenance including snow removal, pothole repairs, mowing, graffiti removal, trash pick-up, street sweeping, etc. One piece of good news is the State is proposing a 2% increase in maintenance funds for the Interstate system within Milwaukee County.

Crisis Ahead for MCTS

Without major funding changes, our transit system is headed toward a crisis in 2012. Unfortunately, the Governor's proposed 2011-2013 budget plan includes a \$7 million cut for the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) in 2012. To make matters even worse, the Governor's plan bars Milwaukee County from raising property taxes to make up the difference AND he wants to shift funds out of public transit to build more roads instead.

Many transit riders, businesses and schools will be negatively impacted. We have been working with our Senators and Representatives to try to reverse this negative impact, but difficult decisions will need to be made to preserve transit services in 2012. Unfortunately, the choices are all bad: longer wait times; shorter hours of service; fare increases; no freeway flyer service to festivals; shortened bus routes, and discontinuation of entire bus routes to name a few. The rising cost of fuel is also complicating matters. This will be very hard on our community.

MCTS is working hard to find ways to reduce operating costs and minimize the impact on transit riders. Transit is an important part of our transportation infrastructure. It is an essential element for an economically healthy community.

Many are also wondering what will happen with our paratransit service, Transit Plus. Federal law requires us to provide paratransit service within 3/4 of a mile of fixed-route service during the same times buses are in operation. We currently go beyond this to cover the entire County, but unfortunately, we may have to consider shrinking this service area.

Why does public transit matter?

- 44% of riders use the bus to get to and from work and to search for jobs.
- 11% use the bus for mobility to get to schools and institutional of higher education.
- MCTS provides over 100,000 rides every weekday.
- Over 1,000,000 rides are taken on Transit Plus annually.
- 11% of transit trips are related to medical care and doctor visits.

Our community depends on public transit for mobility. Transit lessens our dependence on foreign oil, reduces auto congestion and reduces air pollution.

What can you do?

Call or write your state legislator and every member of the State Joint Committee on Finance. Ask them to oppose any cut in state aid for public transit. Ask them to increase aid to public transit at least 5%. Ask them to oppose shifting the state source of transit funding from the segregated transportation fund to the general purpose fund. Tell them why transit is important to our community, economic development, jobs and you.



Supervisor Mayo pictured with Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director of MCTS when the first new bus was delivered.

New Clean Diesel Buses Arrive in Milwaukee

You might have seen the new environmentally-friendly buses that were recently added to the Milwaukee County Transit System fleet. The first of the 90 new Clean Diesel vehicles arrived last year. 55 of these buses were purchased through stimulus funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Milwaukee County is using County funds to purchase an additional 35 buses this year. The buses are equipped with a new after-treatment system to provide near-zero emissions and excellent fuel economy.

The Milwaukee County Department on Aging

There are over 153,000 people aged 60 and over living in Milwaukee County. The Department on Aging helps older people to remain active in their communities. Programs are open to all persons aged 60 and over and have no fees attached to them, although voluntary donations are greatly appreciated. These services/programs include:

- The Senior Meal Program open daily at 30 locations provide great socialization
- Home delivered meals for those who cannot attend meal sites
- Transportation to medical appointments, meal sites, and shopping trips for residents of senior housing
- Neighborhood volunteer opportunities, late life counseling, and recreational activities at neighborhood senior centers

Two other important services available are legal assistance through the SeniorLaw program and family caregiver assistance through Interfaith's family Caregiver Support Program.

Milwaukee County owns and operates five state-of-the-art Senior Centers with fitness centers, computer labs, and enrichment activities.

Aging Resource Center

- Call center offering information on services for older adults
- Options counseling about long-term care, wellness and prevention services
- Elder abuse and protective services for vulnerable older adults
- Aging Resource Center available free of charge to all residents 60 and over and their families
- Outreach staff available to make community presentations

The Department on Aging advocates for the needs of all citizens age 60 and over. A 16-member Commission on Aging, mostly made up of volunteer citizens over the age of 60, provides guidance for the Department. Through the Senior Ambassador Program, seniors are trained in what is available in Milwaukee County and then they are placed in neighborhood locations on a regular basis to help others determine what is available to meet their needs. In May, the second class of fifteen Senior Ambassadors began training.

If you have any questions about the Department on Aging, contact the Aging Resource Center at 414-289-6874 or the Department's Director at 414-289-6876.

Interfaith Older Adult Program

"Linking Older Adults with a Caring Community" has been the core mission of Interfaith Older Adult Programs since 1975. Interfaith serves more than 16,000 older adults and caregivers each year. This assistance is provided by volunteers and staff who understand that the personal linkages they make are as important as the actual services they provide.

On any given day, Interfaith offers:

- Friendly calls from dedicated volunteers to frail older adults to let them know that they are not forgotten and to confirm their safety.
- Senior centers with fitness opportunities and other activities
- Employment assistance for mature job seekers
- Homemaking, personal care and other in-home services for homebound elders

- Dining sites that provide a welcoming social environment for older adults.
- Neighborhood Outreach programs to connect older adult issues with services like transportation, lawn mowing and snow shoveling.
- Volunteer opportunities throughout the community, including tutoring children at Milwaukee Public Schools.

Interfaith Older Adult Programs is a mission-driven organization that makes one connection at a time. People of all ages are treated with respect and dignity.

Volunteers are critical to both the number and quality of services Interfaith is able to provide. Persons wanting further information on services or volunteer opportunities may call 414-291-7500 or visit www.interfaithmilw.org.

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- 1. Should Milwaukee County provide:
- State mandated services only like Courts, Sheriff patrols, Jail, mental health, public assistance, etc.
- Mandated services plus quality of life services like transit, parks, pools, golf courses, museums, zoo, etc.
2. Do you support removing the ability for public employee unions to collectively bargain?
3. Do you believe County employees are effective and provide value for you as a taxpayer?

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MASS TRANSIT

- 1. Do you support a 25-cent transit fare increase (to \$2.50) to preserve routes within the Milwaukee County Transit System?
2. Do you support eliminating Freeway Flyers to help stabilize the Milwaukee County Transit System?
3. How should transit improvements be funded?
- Sales tax
- Wheel tax (\$20 vehicle registration fee)
- Other:
4. Would you support a \$6 all-day unlimited ride pass for the bus system?

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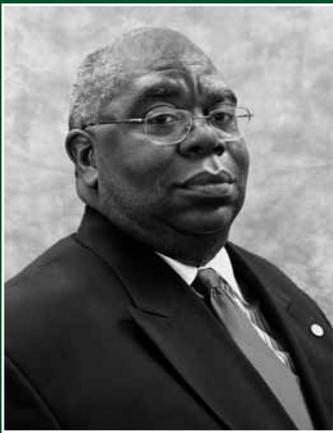
MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

- 1. Should Milwaukee County sell or lease parkland to private firms for redevelopment?
2. Do you support closing neighborhood pools that don't generate a profit for Milwaukee County?
3. Do you favor selling golf courses owned by Milwaukee County?

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MENTAL HEALTH CARE

- 1. Should Milwaukee County build a new, state-of-the-art mental health complex on the County Grounds?
2. Do you support the privatization of mental health care services in Milwaukee County?
If so, where should patients be placed?



Mail your response to:

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You may also e-mail
your response to:
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Dear Constituent,

It's a pleasure to serve as your County Supervisor for the 7th District. In addition to serving as 1st Vice Chairman of the County Board, I also serve as Chairman of the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee. This committee oversees a number of important areas, including the Milwaukee County Transit System, Mitchell and Timmerman Airports, Highway Maintenance, Fleet Management, Facilities Management, and Architecture/Engineering. I also serve on the Finance & Audit Committee, which works through the annual County Budget proposal every year. I am also a member of the Health & Human Needs Committee, which handles safety net services for individuals who need public assistance or have disabilities.

Tough decisions are in store as the County Board works through the 2012 County Budget. As your County Supervisor, I am asking for your input. Please answer the questions on the reverse side and mail your response to me within the next two weeks. I am asking for your input on an annual basis.

Thank you,

Michael Mayo, Sr.
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 7 ♦ 1st Vice Chair



SPEAK OUT ♦ YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please provide your contact information and mail this sheet in an envelope to Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____



Check
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like to receive.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County At a Glance | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitchell Park Domes Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> War Memorial Visitor's Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Hidden Treasures | <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs in the Parks Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Hall of Fame |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks Summer Concert Schedule | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Statesman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Public Museum Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Government Day |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Information |
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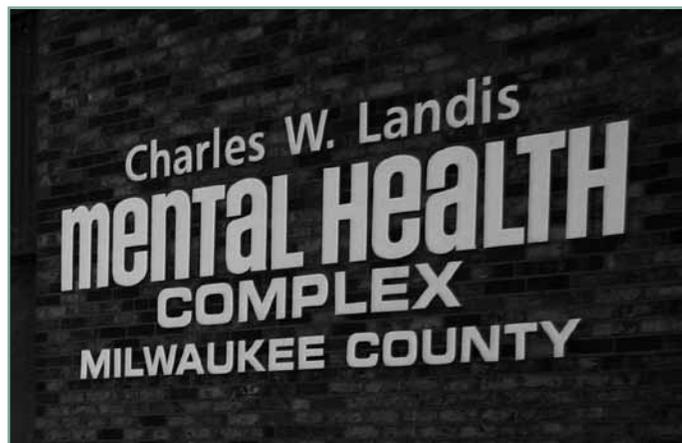
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Progress in providing mental health services

In recent years, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (BHD) has experienced some challenges. I serve on the Health and Human Needs Committee, which has been receiving regular briefings on patient care, site security, staffing issues, and building maintenance. The County Board has brought together patient care staff, law enforcement, patient advocates, peer support specialists, crisis intervention team officers, and experts on sexual assault and violence to look into issues surrounding mental health treatment and patient safety at the county's Behavioral Health Complex. The Board also set aside funding to help fix deficiencies at the facility.

That said, I don't want coverage of the recent incidents at BHD to overshadow the great work that is being done at the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Facility every day. Wraparound Milwaukee, a cost-effective managed care program operated by BHD, which provides comprehensive individualized treatment to children with complex mental health and emotional needs, was awarded the prestigious Innovations in Government Award from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. This program has served as a model for other communities looking to implement effective programming for at-risk youth.

Since 2007, Milwaukee County has worked to provide more than 260 units of quality, affordable, supportive housing to individuals with behavioral health needs. The Community Services Branch, which provides numerous mental health and substance abuse services in the least



restrictive and most therapeutically appropriate, cost-effective setting, has applied for and received 5 grants totaling over \$6 million. This funding has helped the Branch focus on a number of projects to advance the care of individuals with behavioral health needs in the community. BHD has also increased partnership with other area health care systems to improve and coordinate care, including the transfer of patients between facilities.

While recent events have highlighted the need for further review, there is a lot of good work being done at BHD every day. As we look to the future, we will continue to focus on how to provide the best care for patients in Milwaukee County.

Diversified Insurance Clean-Up at Sherman Park

Supervisor Mayo and County Executive Chris Abele joined more than 100 volunteers who participated in the 5th annual Diversified Insurance Clean-Up Event in Sherman Park on June 4. The volunteers included residents of the 7th District neighborhood, representatives from Diversified Insurance, the Boys and Girls Club, the newly formed Sherman Park friends group, and a wide variety of community organizations. The volunteer work included painting picnic tables, installing screens on the tennis courts, a major garden planting and beautification, playground maintenance, litter pick up, mulching around trees, and general spring cleaning of the park.

These public/private partnerships really make our Park System great. David J. Frank Landscaping, Lowes, and Diversified Insurance provided tools, plants, supplies, and equipment to help get the job done. Milwaukee County Parks Staff and the Milwaukee Fire Department worked



in collaboration with the volunteers, and a great deal of work was completed in just a few short hours. Thanks to Diversified Insurance for leading the charge in giving back to the 7th District community!



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Family Fun with Milwaukee County **FREE** Days!

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

Milwaukee Public Museum:
FREE on Mondays

Mitchell Park Domes:
FREE on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon
(Excludes major holidays)

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

Milwaukee County Zoo: 2011 FREE Days
November 5, December 3,
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day
& 2012 New Year's Day

Summer 2011 7th District Neighborhood & County Events

PLEASE SAVE - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

JUNE

- Thursdays until 9/22** Jazz in the Park
Cathedral Square Park
- 19** Juneteenth Day Celebration
M.L.K. Drive between Center and Burleigh
- 17-19** Lakefront Festival of the Arts
Milwaukee Art Museum
- 17-19** Polish Fest
Henry Maier Festival Park
- 22** **Sherman Park Concert**
- 29-Jul 10 (Exc. 7/4)** Summerfest
Henry Maier Festival Park

JULY

- 4** Humboldt Park
4th of July Parade
- 13** **Columbus Park Concert**
- 14-17** Bastille Days
Cathedral Square Park
- 15-17** South Shore Frolic
South Shore Park
- 21-24** Festa Italiana
Henry Maier Festival Park
- 28-31** German Fest
Henry Maier Festival Park

AUGUST

- 3** **Dineen Park Concert**
- 6** African World Festival
Henry Maier Festival Park
- 4-14** Wisconsin State Fair
State Fair Park, West Allis
- 18-21** Irish Fest
Henry Maier Festival Park
- 18-21** Zoo a la Carte
Milwaukee County Zoo
- 26-28** Mexican Fiesta Internacional
Henry Maier Festival Park

Music in the Parks **FREE** Entertainment in the 7th District!

Bring your blanket & picnic basket. Meet your neighbors & enjoy music in our beautiful Milwaukee County Parks!

Wednesday, June 22 · 6:30-8:30 p.m. · Sherman Park · Keep'n It Clean (KIC) R&B Soul & Jazz Group

Wednesday, July 13 · 6:30-8:30 p.m. · Columbus Park · Smooth Jazz from Collage & Company

Wednesday, August 3 · 6:30-8:30 p.m. · Dineen Park · Eddie Butts Band - Blend of Jazz, Funk, R&B and Pop

Supervisor Mayo thanks the Parks Department & all the sponsors that support the Concerts in the Parks!

SEPTEMBER

- 5** Labor Fest
Henry Maier Festival Park
- 9-11** Indian Summer Festival
Henry Maier Festival Park