



# Mayo's View



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Dear neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to another four-year term on the County Board. On your behalf, I am working hard on a number of initiatives.

Funding for mass transit remains at the top of my list. We need more relief from the State of Wisconsin, which has still not allowed Milwaukee County to establish a dedicated funding source for transit, parks and paramedics.

We are also trying to improve the local economy by focusing on small and disadvantaged businesses, which create family-supporting jobs. We need to start small to make big things happen.

Services for the elderly and people with disabilities are also important. The Family Care enrollment cap is being lifted, and Milwaukee County provides safety net services to help people who have nowhere else to turn.

Please contact my office if you would like a Milwaukee County map or other information on the services the County provides. I am also available to attend your neighborhood association and block watch meetings.



April 16th Swearing-in Ceremony at the County Board.



Supervisor Mayo helps launch the new MCTS MetroExpress routes.



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

# Family Care enrollment cap lifted

Family Care provides long-term care benefits for senior citizens as well as adults with physical or developmental disabilities. Family Care integrates home and community-based services, institutional care services like nursing homes, Medicaid personal care, home health, and other services. The Milwaukee County Department of Family Care contracts with the State to operate one of the two managed care organizations in Milwaukee County.

The 2011-2013 State Budget imposed an enrollment cap on Family Care and the other long-term care programs offered in Milwaukee County (PACE, Partnership and IRIS). As a result, Milwaukee County

was prohibited from enrolling new members unless other members disenrolled. A new waitlist for older adults had to be established, which was as large as 600 people in February 2012. The 1,500 younger adults with disabilities who were already waiting had to extend their time on that waitlist.

In December 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) notified the State that the enrollment cap was not in compliance with federal guidelines, and directed the State to immediately enroll any individuals who were not enrolled due to the cap. In March 2012, Governor Walker signed Act 127 into law, removing the

cap. Both the Aging and Disability Resource Centers are currently working to enroll members from the waitlists into Family Care, PACE, Partnership and IRIS as quickly as they can. The Disability Resource Center anticipates that Family Care will be an entitlement for younger adults with disabilities by the previously established November, 2012 timeline.

*Please do not hesitate to contact the resource centers for more information on program options that could help you or your family.*



### **Aging Resource Center**

(for adults 60 and older) is run by the Department on Aging (414-289-6874).

### **Disability Resource Center**

(for adults with disabilities, age 18-59), is run by the Disabilities Services Division within the Department of Health and Human Services (414-289-6660).

# Small businesses are the key to future success



Helping to create, sustain, and grow small businesses are among Supervisor Mayo's top priorities. For several years, he served as Chairman of the County Board's Economic & Community Development Committee and has either sponsored or co-sponsored more than a dozen resolutions to support

small business and create jobs within Milwaukee County.

Supervisor Mayo has helped make County grant funding available to a number of businesses and organizations, including the African-American Chamber of Commerce, the Wisconsin Good Samaritan Project youth employment program, and WRTP/BIG STEP. The Burleigh Street Community Development Corporation received 2012

Community Development Block Grant funding from Milwaukee County to help businesses create jobs and opportunities in the 7th Supervisory District.

Milwaukee County also operates the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program through the Office of Community Business Development Partners. (CBDP). CBDP hosts an annual Business EXPO trade fair every year. This is a great way for disadvantaged business enterprises to make connections with County department heads and learn more about County contract opportunities.

The Milwaukee County Research Park is a national leader in creating new businesses. The Technology Innovation Center on the County Grounds houses one of largest small business incubators in the United States. Forty-two emerging businesses currently employ more than 300 employees in one building. The majority of these companies are in information technologies, medical research and biotechnology.

# Milwaukee County launches express bus routes

Supervisor Mayo joined Chairman Lee Holloway and County Executive Chris Abele in launching the Milwaukee County Transit System's new MetroExpress service in January.

**One-time federal funds are allowing Milwaukee County to create three new express bus routes.**

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

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).

are safe and clean, and our drivers are professional and courteous. This express service will attract more riders and make the transit system even more user-friendly."

MCTS is continuing to take delivery of new clean diesel buses. 55 new vehicles will be put in service this year, on top of the 125 buses purchased in 2010 and 2011. By 2014, more than half of our 420-bus fleet will have near zero emissions, emitting 80% less particulate matter than the older buses they are replacing.

## Supervisor Mayo renews call for dedicated transit funding

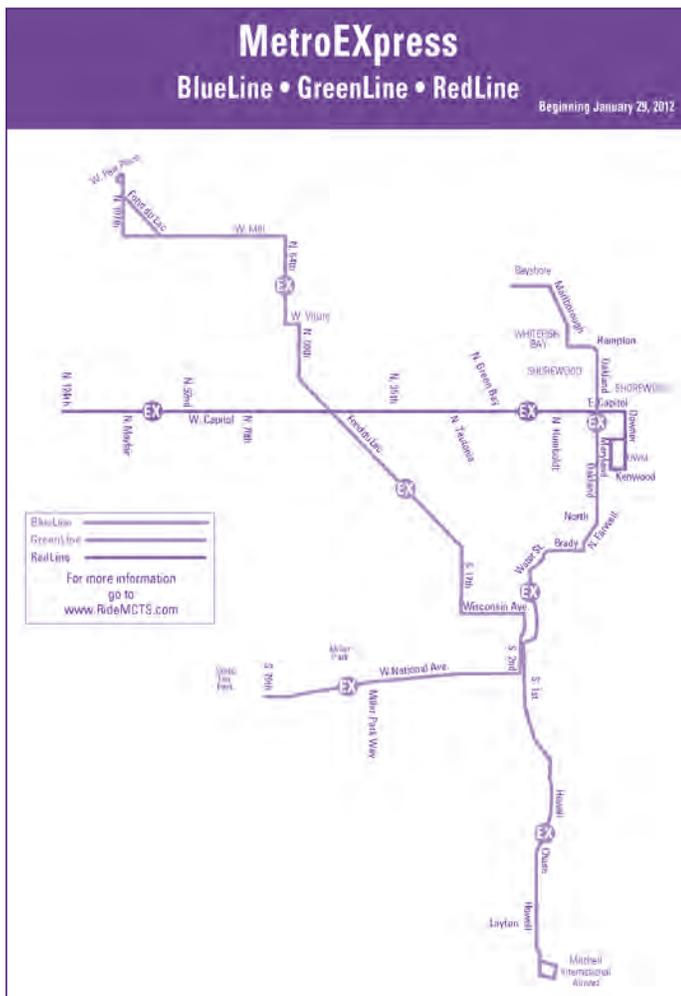
Supervisor Mayo testified before the Wisconsin Transportation Finance and Policy Commission in March to communicate with State leaders on the need to prioritize mass transit funding.

"It's exciting to launch this enhanced service throughout Milwaukee County," Supervisor Mayo said. "Our buses

*"Our transit system is on life support, and we need creative solutions to establish dedicated funding and preserve transit over the long-term. County voters have approved a dedicated sales tax for this purpose and to reduce their property tax burden.*

*"There are also funding challenges affecting the Transit Plus paratransit service as well. Although the County Board was able to preserve border-to-border service in the 2012 budget, there was a small fare increase that took effect in January.*

*"The cumulative effects of key State budget decisions have a disproportionate impact on low-income and minority populations who have greater use of and greater dependence on mass transit. It's fair to question whether these budget actions, at the State level, are consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I am asking the State to do the right thing for Milwaukee County by supporting long-term funding for MCTS and reversing the 10% cut in operating assistance for mass transit."*





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 to another term on the  
 County Board.*

*It is my pleasure to represent  
 you and work on your behalf.*

*If there is ANYTHING you  
 need, please call or e-mail me.*

*I am here as a service  
 to YOU!*

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## Parks Safety Hotline

Milwaukee County provides a safe and enjoyable environment for its residents, and the Parks Department strives to keep its parks pristine and secure for everyone. To help maintain security and accessibility, the County Board is looking to establish a safety hotline/tip line for residents to report strange or suspicious activity within the parks. This phone number would be linked directly to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department to quickly address any people or activities that may make the parks a potentially unsafe or uncomfortable place.

This centralized resource can help maintain safety and encourage more people to feel at ease while spending time in the parks. This hotline would not be used as a replacement form of contact for municipal police, but rather as an additional resource to keep all law enforcement agencies and parks parties informed of potentially dangerous encounters. We are working together to make our beautiful Milwaukee County Parks even safer and more desirable for many years to come.

## Concerts in the Parks

Enjoy **FREE** entertainment in the 7th District this summer!

**Columbus Park**  
 Entertainment TBA  
 Wednesday, July 11  
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Dineen Park**  
 Christopher's Project  
 Wednesday, August 1  
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.