

Handy-NEWS & NOTES

February 2015

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA!!! July 26, 2015

Milwaukee County government is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) through the end of July 2015. Look for details of events and/or opportunities coming soon.

Attached to this issue you'll find the second of seven flyers that are being included in Handy-NEWS & NOTES (one each month). Feel free to post these flyers and/or share them with others. If you'd like a pdf or a jpg of these flyers for your use (newsletters, social media, etc) please contact Tim by email at: Timothy.Ochnikowski@MilwaukeeCountyWI.gov.



SNOWMOBILE FEST!!!

Saturday, February 7
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wil-O-Way
Underwood, 10602
Underwood Pkwy.,
Wauwatosa, WI



Grab a friend and join us for **FREE** Snowmobile Rides with members of the Rolling Dice Snowmobile Club! Sit on the back of a snowmobile or ride behind in a sleigh. You can also warm up inside with hot chocolate, hot dogs and chili, as well as enjoy **FREE** entertainment and music. Members of the Rolling Dice Snowmobile Club will be available to transfer riders from their wheelchair to the sleigh and to ride along with the participant if needed. **REGISTER** by calling Amy Look at (414) 550-2294. **SEE FLYER ATTACHED**

2015 WHEELCHAIR TENNIS CAMP

4 Week Wheelchair Tennis Camp (Saturdays: February 14, 21, 28 & March 7) at Brookfield Elite, 600 N. Barker Rd, Brookfield, WI. Sign up by February 4. Reserve your spot by calling Jackie Egelhoff at 262-242-5634 or email: jegelhoff@msn.com. For more information please see the flyer attached to this issue.

MUSIC UNDER GLASS

Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes)
524 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee
414-257-5611



6:30pm – 9:00pm

Feb 5, Liam Ford Band, *Johnny Cash Tribute Band*
Feb 12, The BriTins, *Beatles Night*
Feb 19, Run Carolina, *Country, Rock, Pop*
Feb 26, Kelli and the Soul Mates, *Soul*

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntyParks/gardensnature/domes/events/2015MUGScheduleWeb.pdf>

ICE FISHING CLINICS FOR CHILDREN Saturday, February. 14, 2015, 9am-3pm

Bring your children, age 15 and under, to a **FREE** ice-fishing clinic in your Milwaukee County Parks. All fishing equipment will be furnished. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is required for individuals--if you have a group of 20 or more, please call in advance. This program is free and open to the public. For details, call the DNR at (414) 263-8614.

Attend a clinic at these locations:

Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Ave.
McCarty Park, 8214 W. Cleveland Ave
McGovern Park, 5400 N. 51st Blvd.
Scout Lake, 5902 W. Loomis Rd. ***
Wilson Park, 1601 W. Howard Ave.
*** **Wheelchair Accessible**

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED!!!

Snow shovelers are needed throughout Milwaukee County for Interfaith's "Good Neighbor Project!" Please sign-up and help if you are able (see the flyer attached to this issue)!

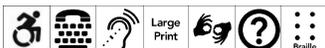


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I'M BORED – IS THERE ANYTHING TO DO? – YES!

Check out the "[Festivals & Events](#)" page for fun and exciting events coming up.

Check out the "[Rec Room Calendar](#)" for fun and exciting things happening every day.

Better yet, visit <http://county.milwaukee.gov/OPD> on your smartphone, download our mobile site and save it to your home screen. That way you'll have all this information available to you 24/7/365.



VISION FORWARD STORE

Is changing vision keeping you or a loved one from seeing what's important? The Vision Forward Store has a variety of products designed to help people of all ages adapt to vision loss. CCTVs (closed circuit televisions) also known as reading machines, offer a high-tech solution for magnification that is sometimes out of reach of customers on a limited income. Thanks to the generosity of people who have donated their used devices, Vision Forward offers for sale previously owned units at a fraction of the price of a new unit. If you or your organization has a previously owned CCTV in working condition that you would like to donate or offer on consignment, please contact the Vision Forward Store at (414) 615-0111.



ENJOY WINTER SPORTS!

Your Milwaukee County Parks are available year round for your enjoyment! Enjoy Cross-Country



Skiing, Dog-Sled Rides, Snowboarding, Snowtubing, Ice Fishing, Ice Hockey, Ice Skating, Sledding & More! Get details here:

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/WinterSports12360.htm>



INDEPENDENCE FIRST STRIDE & GLIDE 5K AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY FITNESS EVENT

IndependenceFirst is hosting the sixth annual Stride & Glide, a family-friendly indoor/outdoor fitness event on **February 28** at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Activities include: outdoor 5K run, wheelchair or walk (5K run and wheelchair races are chip timed), 1-mile family friendly scavenger hunt walk, indoor Zumba and kids' activities. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. with 5K Wheelchair Race at 8:20 a.m., 5K Run & Walk at 8:30 a.m. and other activities throughout the morning. Check www.strideandglide.org for full schedule. Stride & Glide supports the services and advocacy that IndependenceFirst provides for people with disabilities.



You can participate as an individual or with a team. Participants have the option to pay a fee or fundraise the registration fee to support IndependenceFirst. All participants will receive a commemorative long-sleeved t-shirt. Zoo admission and parking are included.



Registration fee: \$30 for adults/youth (ages 12+) before Feb. 13, 2015 (\$35 after Feb. 13) or \$15 for youth (ages 3-11). Kids 2 and under are free, and strollers are welcome except on the 5K course.

Register online by visiting www.StrideAndGlide.org and clicking on "Register." To register by phone or e-mail, please call (414) 226-8386 V/Relay or e-mail mhupfer@independencefirst.org. Please register by February 13, 2015.

REC ON DECK NEWSLETTER!!!

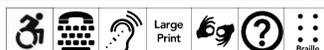
Get access to the latest Rec on Deck newsletter and much more recreation information by clicking on the link: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/RecRoom>

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT ON YOUR SMARTPHONE!!!!!!

Did you know that you get more than just the Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD) when you get the OPD mobile site on your smartphone? That's right, you get access to every Milwaukee County department on your smartphone.



Contact your elected official, see what's going on in the parks, access employment information and/or transportation information, and much more. All of this is available to you by getting the OPD mobile site.



To access every Milwaukee County department **on your smartphone**, download the OPD mobile site (on your smartphone visit <http://county.milwaukee.gov/OPD>, save it to your home screen) and go to "Other Departments" on the drop-down list.

myTEAM TRIUMPH

myTEAM TRIUMPH (or "mTT") is 501(c)(3) non-profit athletic program created for children, teens, adults and veterans with disabilities who would normally not be able to experience endurance events such as triathlons or road races. Bringing the community together, mTT creates opportunities for all athletes (those limited due to a disability and able-bodied) - providing the equipment necessary to experience a race event such as waiting in anticipation for the start, cheers from the crowd to crossing the finish-line.



mTT promotes health, teamwork, and community, and requires the involvement of many people with diverse abilities and disabilities. For my information on myTEAM TRIUMPH visit: <http://onmilwaukee.com/sports/articles/myteamt Triumph.html>

We are a regional chapter of the myTEAM TRIUMPH inc. organization started in 2008.

Visit <http://myteamt Triumph-wi.org/events/> to see the 2015 race schedule, register for races and/or to see all the events across Wisconsin.

LIFE NAVIGATORS Winter Celebration

Join us for the Life Navigators Winter Celebration featuring the Men's Basketball Team at Cardinal Stritch University!



Date and Time: Saturday, February 7, 2015

- 1:00pm Pep Rally and Raffle in the Cardinal Stritch Campus Center
- 2:00pm Afternoon Snack of Sandwiches and Chips
- 3:00pm Basketball Game in the Cardinal Stritch Field House
- 4:30pm Transit Pick Up Begins

Location: Cardinal Stritch University, 6801 N Yates Rd Milwaukee, WI 53217 (Cardinal Stritch is east of I-43, south of Good Hope Road exit. Enter from Port Washington Road and follow the signs for the Campus Center and Field House (the buildings are connected))

Parking: There are several lots on campus, including one that is adjacent to the Field House

RSVP by January 30 to Amanda at 414-774-6255 or amanda@lif navigators.org.

More Information: Visit www.lifnavigators.org

SECOND TRAVELING BEER GARDEN TOUR ADDED FOR 2015

The additional Beer Garden truck means that two parks will have stops each week of the eight-week tour.



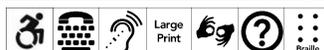
Each stop will feature beer and other refreshments from Sprecher Brewing and there will also be authentic German food available from Sprecher's Restaurant and Pub. Read more about [Beer garden in the parks.](#)

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SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE

By Bob Trotter
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YOUR WINNING RETIREMENT GAME PLAN

This month, a driver will take the checkered flag at the Daytona 500, skiers will stand atop the podium at the World Alpine Ski Championships in Vail, Colo., and a football team will win Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale, Ariz. The sports are different, but the winners share a common trait—years of commitment to their plans.

To win the retirement game, you also need commitment and a plan. For years, you've worked hard and paid into Social Security. Whether you're new to the workforce or getting ready to cross your own career finish line, you'll want to open a *my Social Security* account to see how your hard work is paying off. You can create or access your account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. You can use it to verify your earnings history, get estimates of your future Social Security benefits, and more. It's the place to get the information you need to put together your own winning game plan.

A good NASCAR pit crew keeps its driver on the track, and our *Retirement Estimator* can do the same for your retirement plan. The *Estimator* offers an instant and tailored estimate of your future Social Security benefits based on your earnings record. You can plug in different anticipated yearly earnings to discover different retirement options and learn how your benefits could increase if you work longer. Give the *Retirement Estimator* a test drive today at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Once you've come of age to retire—or if you're just in the planning phase—our quick and convenient online services are in place at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline. In as little as 15 minutes, you can speed through our online application. In most cases, once your application is submitted electronically, you're done. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation is required.

Fine-tune your game plan. Take advantage of our services and resources at www.socialsecurity.gov to optimize your retirement.

WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

February is the month when we celebrate love and friendship. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has also declared February as American Heart Month to bring

awareness to the leading cause of death for both women and men in the United States: heart disease.

We encourage you to wear red all month to promote cardiovascular disease prevention.

Just as the heart is vital to our emotional and physical well-being, Social Security disability benefits are often a vital lifeline for people who are unable to work due to severe disabilities—whether heart-related or not.

There are numerous ways to protect our hearts, including eating well, exercising, and not smoking. We get checkups, and make sure to keep our cholesterol down.

However, sometimes these measures aren't enough. In fact, disability will affect one in four of today's 20 year-olds before reaching retirement age. The Social Security disability program excels in providing financial help to people when they need it most—help they earned by paying Social Security taxes on their earnings or as dependents of someone who paid Social Security taxes.

Social Security pays benefits to covered people who can't work and whose medical condition meets the strict definition of disability under the Social Security Act. A person is considered disabled under this definition if he or she cannot work due to a severe medical condition that has lasted or is expected to last at least one year or result in death. The person's medical condition must prevent him or her from doing work that he or she did in the past, and it must prevent the person from adjusting to other work based on their age, education, and experience. You can find all the information you need about eligibility and benefits available to you by reading our publication, *Disability Benefits*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

If you are disabled, and think you are eligible to receive disability benefits, you will need to complete an application for Social Security benefits. It's easy to apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

We also invite you to visit our *Faces and Facts of Disability* website to watch and read stories about people who have truly benefited from Social Security's disability program and to get the facts about this very important program. Helping people is at the heart of what we do. You can learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts.

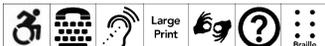
During American Heart Month, go ahead and wear your heart on your sleeve. Go red, and go to www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts.

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WHO'S MY COUNTY SUPERVISOR?

If you're unsure of whom your Milwaukee County Supervisor is simply [click here](#) to look up your district and get your supervisors contact information.



EASTER SEALS SOUTHEAST WI - "BATTLE OF THE BADGES" and THE MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS

Please join us on **Sunday, March 8th** at the BMO Harris Bradley Center, for a day of hockey fun and support a great cause! During the Battle of the Badges, local police officers and firefighters battle it out on the ice to support autism awareness and services for local veterans. Tickets also include entrance to the Milwaukee Admirals vs. Oklahoma City Barons later that afternoon. All proceeds support Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin.



The Battle of the Badges game begins at 11:30am (doors open at 11am) and the Milwaukee Admirals game starts at 4pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$14 for children (ages 14 and under) and includes admission to both games. Please visit <http://es.easterseals.com/site/Calendar?id=44965&view=Detail> or call 414-227-0550 for tickets. Please make sure to mention the promotion code: BATTLE OF THE BADGES.

SUMMER SAILING 2015!

I know it doesn't look like it right now but Summer Sailing 2015 will be here before you know it. Look for dates and reservation deadlines in future issues of Handy-NEWS & NOTES.



2015 WIL-O-WAY KEY CARD!!!

Don't forget to renew your Wil-O-Way Key Card membership. The 2015 application is attached.

MILW COUNTY ON TWITTER



Follow your Milwaukee County government on Twitter.

County Executive Abele @ChrisAbeleMKE
County Executive Press Office @MkeCoExecPress
County Board @MKECountyBoard
County Board Chair Dimitrijevic @BoardChairwoman
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County Supervisor Bowen @DavidFBowen
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County Supervisor Taylor @SteveFTaylor
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Bradford Beach @BradfordBeach
Domes Gift Shop @DomesGiftShop
Economic Development @MilwcntyED
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) @MilwCntyEMS
Fiscal Affairs, Perfor., Strat. & Budget @MilCoPSB
Government Affairs @MKE_GovAffairs
Health & Human Services @MkeCoDHHS
Human Resources @MilwCo_HRDept
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Sheriff @MCSOSheriff
Transit System @RideMCTS
War Memorial Center @WarMemorialCntr
Wehr Nature Center @WehrNature
Zoo @MilwaukeeCoZoo

Please let us know if we missed anyone. Contact Tim at timothy.ochnikowski@milwaukeecountywi.gov

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS!

In the December Bureau of Labor Statistics report, persons with disabilities working was 18.0% and persons with no disabilities working was 64.6%. See the current report here:

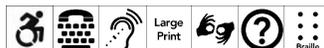
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t06.htm>

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EASTER SEALS SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN – WALK WITH ME

Have as much fun as a barrel of monkeys when you join us on **Wednesday, June 24th** at the Milwaukee County Zoo as we take great "strides" in helping individuals with disabilities at our 9th Annual Walk With Me. Your support of this signature walk event helps us provide children and adults with autism and other disabilities the opportunities to live, learn, work and play in our communities.



Check-in and pre-walk entertainment by the amazing All-Star SUPERband begins at 5 p.m. at the Briggs & Stratton Big Backyard at Zoo Terrace. Walk, roll or stroll with the animals on this family fun route at the Zoo beginning at 6:30 p.m.! After the Walk, continue to enjoy the Zoo or return to the Zoo Terrace for more entertainment. Please visit <http://www.easterseals.com/wi-se/get-involved/walk-with-me/> for more information or to register for our walk.

ADAPTIVE SPORTS & REC EXPO!!!

2015 Adaptive Sports and Recreation Expo, **July 25, 2015**, Nathan Hale High School (West Allis, WI), Celebrating 25 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Contact: Sue Abrahms, sabrahms@mcw.edu . www.twitter.com/EverybodyPlays www.facebook.com/EverybodyPlays01



4th ANNUAL "SPRING FLING" Wil-O-Way Disc Golf!!!

SAVE THE DATE! June 7, 2015
Wil-O-Way Disc Golf, Underwood Course

Enjoy, food, games, disc golf, bingo & more!
FREE for [Wil-O-Way Key Card](#) members!

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/WilOWayDiscGolf>



MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMBRACES A DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Thanks to a generous grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, the Milwaukee County Department on Aging (MCDA) is embarking on a new venture to become a dementia capable organization. Milwaukee County now has one of 16 dementia care specialists that serve 26 counties in Wisconsin. Ultimately, this opportunity will put MCDA in the forefront of creating a dementia friendly community where providers, public health, medical professionals, veterans service organizations, businesses, and the community-at-large can support people to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

Through the leadership and carefully planned collaborations of the new dementia care specialist (DCS), Bashir Easter, M.P.A., B.S., department staff will be trained and a major community awareness and education campaign will be implemented across the county.



Bashir's own mother was diagnosed 11 years ago with early onset dementia. "When we learned about the supportive resources available and were educated on the issue, it truly helped to make sense of some things and ease the burden of caregiving."

According to the *2014 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures*, 100,000 people in Wisconsin are projected to have Alzheimer's and within the next decade, those numbers are expected to rise by 30% increasing the prevalence of Alzheimer's and other dementias to 130,000 individuals. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information as components of the program are developed. For information and resources related to the Dementia Care Specialist Program and older adults 60 years plus, please call the Milwaukee County Department on Aging Resource Center at 414-289-6874.

OPD IS ON FACEBOOK! Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD)



The OPD [Facebook](#) account is dedicated to persons with disabilities as well as those without disabilities who are looking for the latest news that may be impacting their lives. **"Like" us & check in daily!**

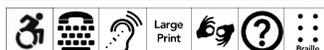
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FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS ANNOUNCES: IN FOCUS APP!

The Foundation Fighting Blindness is introducing a new mobile app for the Foundation's newsletter, *In Focus*. This app, now available for free at [Apple](#), [Amazon](#) and [Google](#) stores, was specially designed to allow you to interact with the newsletter in a way you've never done before. By using the app, you can now click from an electronic version of the newsletter to articles on our website that relate to that article. The app also enables you to view the latest *In Focus* in increased or decreased font sizes, and dig deeply into content you find interesting.



This app is available for free in the [iTunes store](#), [Google Play](#) and [Amazon](#).

ADULT FAMILY HOME HAS 4 VACANCIES!

Personal Services for Life is an Adult Family Home, designed to assist and provide living options for those with disabilities. PSFL is located in a quiet neighborhood of Milwaukee, WI. You are welcomed into a modern, warm, cozy living room where television, movies, indoor activities and socializing are welcomed. The home has an easy floor plan where all rooms are accessible on the main level. Wireless Internet service is available for those who desire to explore new avenues or continue with their computer skills. The home is designed to allow for 2 private rooms and 1 semi-private occupancy. Each bedroom has a large closet, and room for personal belongings to make it their own special place. Cable television is included and available in each bedroom. Bathrooms are equipped with grab bars for safety. Furnishings can be brought from home or the facility will provide. Onsite laundry is provided for or assistance provided for our residents who need this service. Storage of small personal items is available in the lower level. There is a beautiful yard area for spending time outside relaxing or involved in activities. Bus lines, shopping, church and entertainment are close by.

Please call Mrs. Ford at 414-517-7633 for more details!
www.ps4life.org

LOOKING FOR A HALL?

Are you looking for a hall for your next function? Would you like to rent a beautiful hall in a woody setting near you? If you answered yes, please use the link below (or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities @ 414-278-3932) to check out the [Wil-O-Way Grant](#) and [Wil-O-Way Underwood](#) facilities. They may be just what you're looking for. **You can check the Rental Calendar, get directions to the facilities and more on your smartphone by downloading our mobile website at county.milwaukee.gov/OPD.**



[Wil-O-Way Grant](#) (South Milwaukee)



[Wil-O-Way Underwood](#) (Wauwatosa)



FYI – Optional Catering Services are available! Contact [LilyWorks Catering](#).



<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/FacilityRentals>

OTHER RENTAL FACILITIES – COUNTY PARKS

For your special family gathering, community-group event, or business function, you'll find a Milwaukee County Parks site to complement your event.

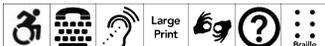
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COURSE ON ALZHEIMER'S BASICS PLANNED FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS

Insight on the impact of memory loss

The Alzheimer's Association will present a program called "Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: The Basics" on **Tuesday, February 10 from 1:00 to 2:30pm at the Alzheimer's Association, 620 S. 76th Street, Suite 160, in Milwaukee.**

This program will provide information that everyone should know about memory loss and how it impacts an individual's life and family. Participants will learn about memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, as well as risk factors, research, treatments and steps to a proper diagnosis.

This program is being offered at no charge and is open to members of the community. Registration is required, please contact Deborah Klement at 414-479-8800 or dklement@alz.org

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research whose mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. For more information about Alzheimer's disease and local services visit www.alz.org/sewi or call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

TEXT ALERTS!!! Recreation!!!

To get the latest recreation news, opportunities and reminders right on your phone by signing up to receive Text Alerts from the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD). Please visit: bit.ly/OPDTextAlerts OR:



Text **RECONDECK** to **84483**

Text **HELP** for help. Text **STOP** to cancel alerts at any time. For customer support contact info@rainedout.com
Message & data rates may apply.

OPD (& MORE) ON THE GO!!! New & Improved!

Get the Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD), Milwaukee County government & more on your smartphone TODAY!



Get access to: **Accessibility** (Building Accessibility Guides, Sign Language Interpreting, ADA Standards & Guidelines), **Employment** (DECA Program, Job Accommodation, Job Opportunities), **Facility Rentals** (Wil-O-Way's), **Handy-NEWS & NOTES**, **Recreation** (Festivals & Events, Rec Room, Rec Room Calendar, Rec on Deck Newsletter, Tap the Potential, WOW Disc Golf, WOW Recreation Programs, WOW Summer Camp), **Transportation** (Milw County Transit System, Transit Plus, WI DOT, Airport, Dept. on Aging), and **Other Milwaukee County Departments** (Aging, County Board, County Executive, Family Care, Human Resources, Human Services, Parks, Etc.)

Share all this information via Email, Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn and Twitter.

In order to get OPD & Milwaukee County on the go, simply visit county.milwaukee.gov/OPD on your mobile device or scan the QR code.



HNN IS ON TWITTER Handy-NEWS & NOTES (HNN)

The HNN [Twitter](#) account is dedicated to persons with disabilities as well as those without disabilities who are looking for the latest news that may be impacting their lives.
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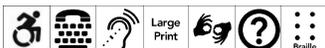


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February 2015

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(Visual Impairment)

Montel Williams, Talk Show Host
(Multiple Sclerosis)

Dan Aykroyd, Actor, Comedian, Screen
Writer (Asperger's, Tourette's)

Harrison Ford, Award Winning Actor
(Mood Disorder)

Whoopi Goldberg, Academy Award
Winning Actress (Dyslexia)

Thomas Edison, Inventor
(Learning Disability, Hearing Impairment)

James Brady, U.S. Press Secretary,
Activist (Brain Injury)

Aristotle, Philosopher
(Speech Differences)

Tim Howard, USA & Premier League
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Saturday, February 7th
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wil-O-Way Underwood
10602 Underwood Pkwy., Wauwatosa



Snowmobile Festival

Sit on the back of a snowmobile or ride behind in a sleigh. You can also warm up inside with hot chocolate, hot dogs and chili, as well as enjoy **FREE** entertainment and music. Members of the Rolling Dice Snowmobile Club will be available to transfer riders from their wheelchair to the sleigh and to ride along with the participant if needed.

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News Release

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security to Expand Field Office Hours Nationwide

Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 Allows Agency to Restore Some Service Hours

Social Security announces as a result of Congress' approval of the fiscal year 2015 budget, the agency will expand its hours nationwide and offices will be open to the public for an additional hour on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, effective March 16, 2015. A field office that is usually open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. will remain open until 4:00 p.m. Offices will continue to close to the public at noon every Wednesday so employees have time to complete current work and reduce backlogs.

“This expansion of office hours reaffirms our commitment to providing the people we serve the option of top-notch, face-to-face assistance in field offices even as we work to expand online services for those who prefer that flexibility,” said Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. “The public expects and deserves world-class customer service and thanks to approved funding, I am pleased we will continue our tradition of exceptional service.”

In recent years, Social Security reduced public office hours due to congressional budget cuts, growing backlogs and staffing losses. The agency began recovery in fiscal year 2014 by replacing some field office staffing losses and providing overtime support to process critical work. With the commitment of resources in fiscal year 2015, the agency is able to restore some service hours to the public.

Most Social Security business does not require a visit to a local field office. Many services, including applying for retirement, disability and Medicare benefits, creating a *my Social Security* account, replacing a Medicare card, or reporting a change of address or telephone number are conveniently available anytime at www.socialsecurity.gov. Social Security also offers assistance via a toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (Voice) and 1-800-325-0778 (TTY). Representatives are available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS!

****Schedule Subject to Change**



Sun Feb 1, 2015

9am - 4pm Collectible All-Scale Train Exhibits

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** An event of area model train clubs From tiny z-scale trains to those big enough for children and adults to ride, train layouts fill the lobby!

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/MitchellParkConserva10116.htm>

Mon Feb 2, 2015

9:30am - 10:30am Little Wonders: Nighttime Wonders

Where: Wehr Nature Center - **Description:** Little Wonders: Nighttime Wonders A program for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. We will learn about creatures of the night at this daytime program for tots and their grown-ups. After reading Wake-up Kisses by Pamela Edwards and Henry Cole, we will turn off the lights and pretend to explore the nighttime world. Children should bring a flashlight. \$10per child; \$7 for Milwaukee County residents;\$5 for members of Friends of Wehr Registration Required For details, go to <http://www.friendsofwehr.org/childrens-programs/early-childhood/>

10am - 10:20am Story Time at The Domes

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** For children age 3-8 Listen to two stories on a seasonal nature subject. Ideal for homeschoolers. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver during the program.

11am - 12pm Little Wonders: Nighttime Wonders

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Thu Feb 5, 2015

6:30pm - 9pm Music Under Glass

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** Enjoy live music and spectacular light shows at The Domes! Performing: Johnny Cash Night with Liam Ford Band. Band Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Liam-Ford-Band/178031518297> or <http://county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm>

Fri Feb 6, 2015 thru Sun Feb 8, 2015

3pm - 8pm Bob and Rocco Gun Show

Where: Milwaukee County Sports Complex - **Description:** An event of Bob & Rocco's Gun Shows of Wisconsin.

<http://www.bobandrocco.com>

Sun Feb 8, 2015

9am - 4pm Milwaukee Bonsai Society Silhouette Exhibit

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** An event of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society For details, visit

<http://milwaukeebonsai.org/>

1pm - 2pm NatureNauts: Rascally Raccoons

Where: Wehr Nature Center - **Description:** NatureNauts: Rascally Raccoons A program for children ages 4-6 and their caregiver Children will don a mask and a striped tail as we pretend to be rascally raccoons. We will learn how these backyard critters survive and hunt for raccoon dens and paw prints on a walk.\$10 per child; \$7 for Milwaukee County residents;\$5 for members of Friends of Wehr. Registration Required.

<http://www.friendsofwehr.org/childrensprogram/early-childhood/>

Mon Feb 9, 2015

9:30am - 10:30am NatureNauts: Rascally Raccoons

Where: Wehr Nature Center - **Description:** NatureNauts: Rascally Raccoons A program for children ages 4-6 and their caregiver Children will don a mask and a striped tail as we pretend to be rascally raccoons. We will learn how these backyard critters survive and hunt for raccoon dens and paw prints on a walk.\$10 per child; \$7 for Milwaukee County residents;\$5 for members of Friends of Wehr. Registration Required.

<http://www.friendsofwehr.org/childrensprogram/early-childhood/>

10am - 10:20am Story Time at The Domes

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Tue Feb 10, 2015

7pm - 9pm Wehr Astronomical Society

Where: Wehr Nature Center - **Description:** A program of the Wehr Astronomical Society For details, go to the main site at <http://www.wehrastro.org/>

Thu Feb 12, 2015

6:30pm - 9pm Music Under Glass

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** Enjoy live music and spectacular light shows at The Domes! Performing: Beatles Night with The BriTins. Band website: <http://thebritins.com/> For more information, visit: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm>

Sat Feb 14, 2015

8am - 3pm Special Olympics Polar Plunge

Where: McKinley Marina - **Description:** An event of Special Olympics Wisconsin You'll be freezin' for a reason! Support Special Olympics. For more information, visit: <http://sowi.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1123038>

9am - 3pm Ice Fishing Clinics for Kids

Where: Multiple Locations - **Description:** An event of the Wisconsin Council of Sport Fishing Organizations, Hunger Task Force Fish Hatchery, Milwaukee County Parks, and the Wisconsin DNR Take your children, age 15 and under, to a FREE ice-fishing clinic in your Milwaukee County Parks. Members of local fishing clubs will teach ice-fishing basics to ensure safe and fun winter fishing. The indoor instructional component of the program will go on no matter what the weather; the ice-fishing component is dependent upon the weather and ice conditions. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/IceFishing10254.htm#fishingclinic>

9am - 11:30am Wehr Camera Club Competition

Where: Wehr Nature Center - **Description:** A program of the Wehr Camera Club. <http://wnccameraclub.com/>

10am - 1pm Steve Cullen Healthy Heart Club Run & Walk

Where: Underwood Creek Parkway - **Description:** An event of Badgerland Striders. <http://www.badgerlandstriders.org/home/RaceCalendar.htm?>

1:30pm - 3:30pm Wild Ones

Where: Wehr Nature Center - **Description:** A program of the Wehr Chapter of the Wilds Ones For details, go to the main site at <http://wildones.org/chapters/milswest/>

3pm - 5pm I "Heart" Winter Nature Hangout

Where: Wehr Nature Center - **Description:** Experience Wehr's Winter Wonderland on Valentine's Day and see why we are so in love with nature! Explore the trails on snow shoes and test your sleuthing skills with animal tracking. Don't miss the ultimate team challenge, the 1st Annual Winter Wehrympics including; fort-building, sled racing, snow painting, and a snow ball fight! Hot spiked cider and cocoa will be on hand as we warm up by the fire and watch the winter sun set. For 21 & up. \$20 per person; \$15 for Friends of Wehr Members. <http://www.friendsofwehr.org/nature-hangouts/>

6:30pm - 9:30pm Hearts Under Glass

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** An event of the Friends of The Domes Enjoy a stroll through The Domes with your sweetheart! SPECIAL EVENT ADMISSION APPLIES For details visit <http://www.milwaukeehomes.org/>

8pm - 11:59pm Valentine's Day Beatles Hop at Boerner

Where: Boerner Botanical Gardens - **Description:** A fundraising event of the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens Celebrate Valentine's Day at Boerner with Beatles tribute band, Liverpool '64! Also enjoy food, drink, chocolate, door prizes, and more! For more information, visit: <http://boernerbotanicalgardens.org/event/valentines-day-beatles-hop/>

Sun Feb 15, 2015

12pm - 4pm Winter Blast

Where: South Shore Park - **Description:** An event of Bay View Neighborhood Association For more information, visit: <http://www.bayviewneighborhood.org/event-428413>

Mon Feb 16, 2015

10am - 10:20am Story Time at The Domes

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** For children age 3-8 Listen to two stories on a seasonal nature subject. Ideal for homeschoolers. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver during the program.

Wed Feb 18, 2015

7pm - 9pm Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society

Where: Wehr Nature Center - **Description:** "Off Shore Lake Michigan Waterfowl & Water birds: What We're Learning" A Program of the Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society Presenter: Bill Mueller, Avian Ecologist Bill Mueller provides an update on what the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory's offshore aerial surveys along the western shore of Lake Michigan are discovering. Learn the results of ongoing research surveys of Lake Michigan birds.

<http://www.wimetroaudubon.org/>

Thu Feb 19, 2015

6:30pm - 9pm Music Under Glass

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** Enjoy live music and spectacular light shows at The Domes! Performing: Run Carolina - High-energy country, rock & pop. Band website: <http://www.runcarolinaband.com/> or visit:

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm>

Sat Feb 21, 2015

9am - 4pm Turkey Under Glass

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** An event of Learn about Turkish culture through dance, music, interactive displays, and food! For details visit <http://county.milwaukee.gov/MitchellParkConserva10116.htm>

Sun Feb 22, 2015

9am - 4pm Steam Engine & Gardens & Gears Steampunk Day

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** Enjoy the eclectic mix! From the lost age of steam trains to the alternate past, this gadget-filled garden party brings together model railroad enthusiasts, creative artists, entertainers, fashion designers, blacksmiths, jewelry designers, and other steam punkers! For more information, visit

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Mon Feb 23, 2015

10am - 10:20am Story Time at The Domes

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** For children age 3-8 Listen to two stories on a seasonal nature subject. Ideal for homeschoolers. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver during the program.

Thu Feb 26, 2015

6:30pm - 9pm Music Under Glass

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** Enjoy live music and spectacular light shows at The Domes! Performing: Kelli and the Soul Mates - Classic & contemporary soul. Band website: <http://kelliandthesoulmates.com/> or visit:

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm>

Fri Feb 27, 2015

6:30pm - 9pm Restaurants Under Glass

Where: Mitchell Park Domes - **Description:** An event of the Friends of The Domes Enjoy food samples from 20 of Milwaukee's best restaurants! SPECIAL EVENT ADMISSION APPLIES For details visit <http://www.milwaukeedomes.org/>

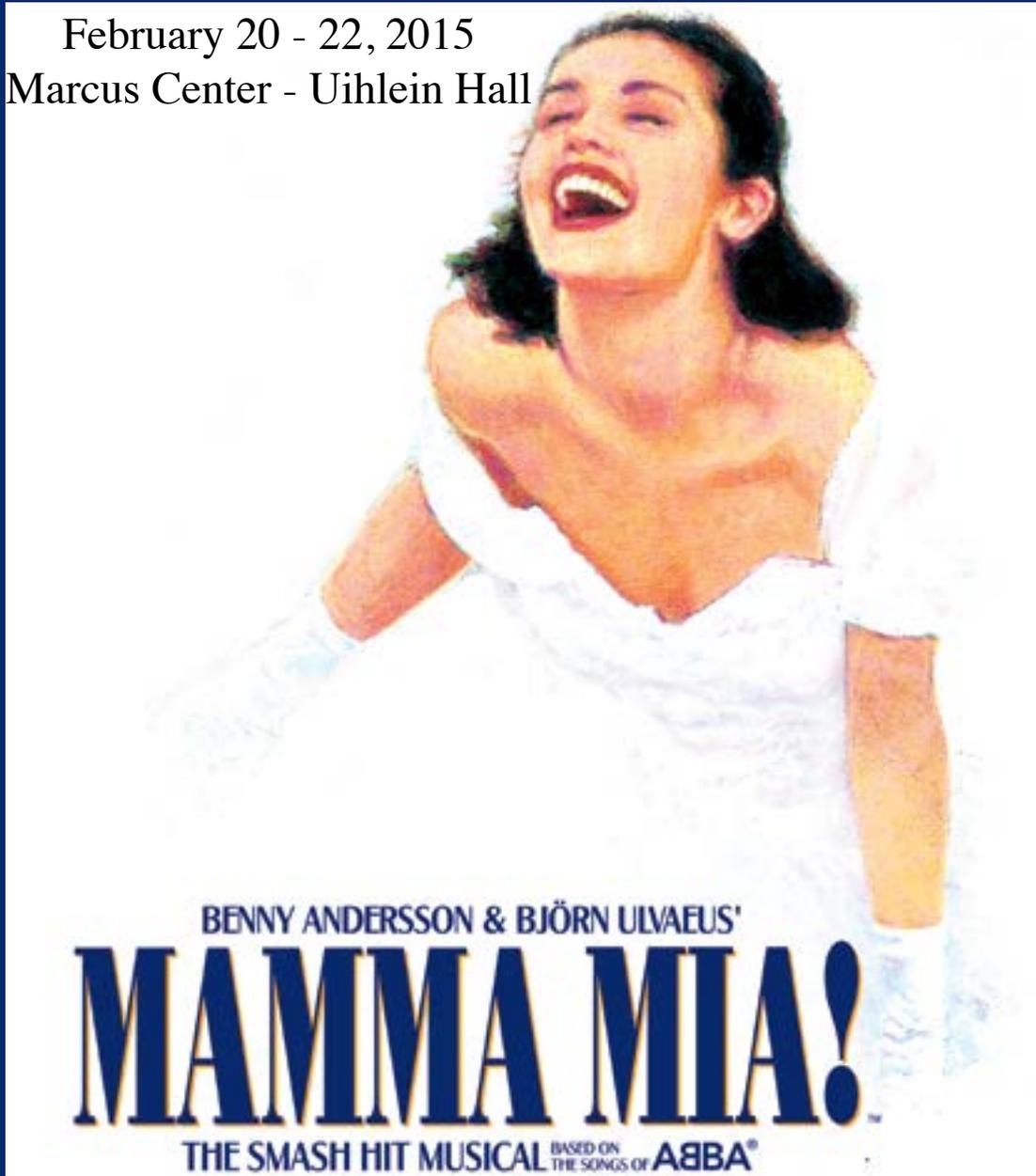
Sat Feb 28, 2015

9am - 12pm Wehr Camera Club

Where: Wehr Nature Center - **Description:** A program of the Wehr Camera Club. <http://wnccameraclub.com/>

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Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain Tonight

April 20, 2015
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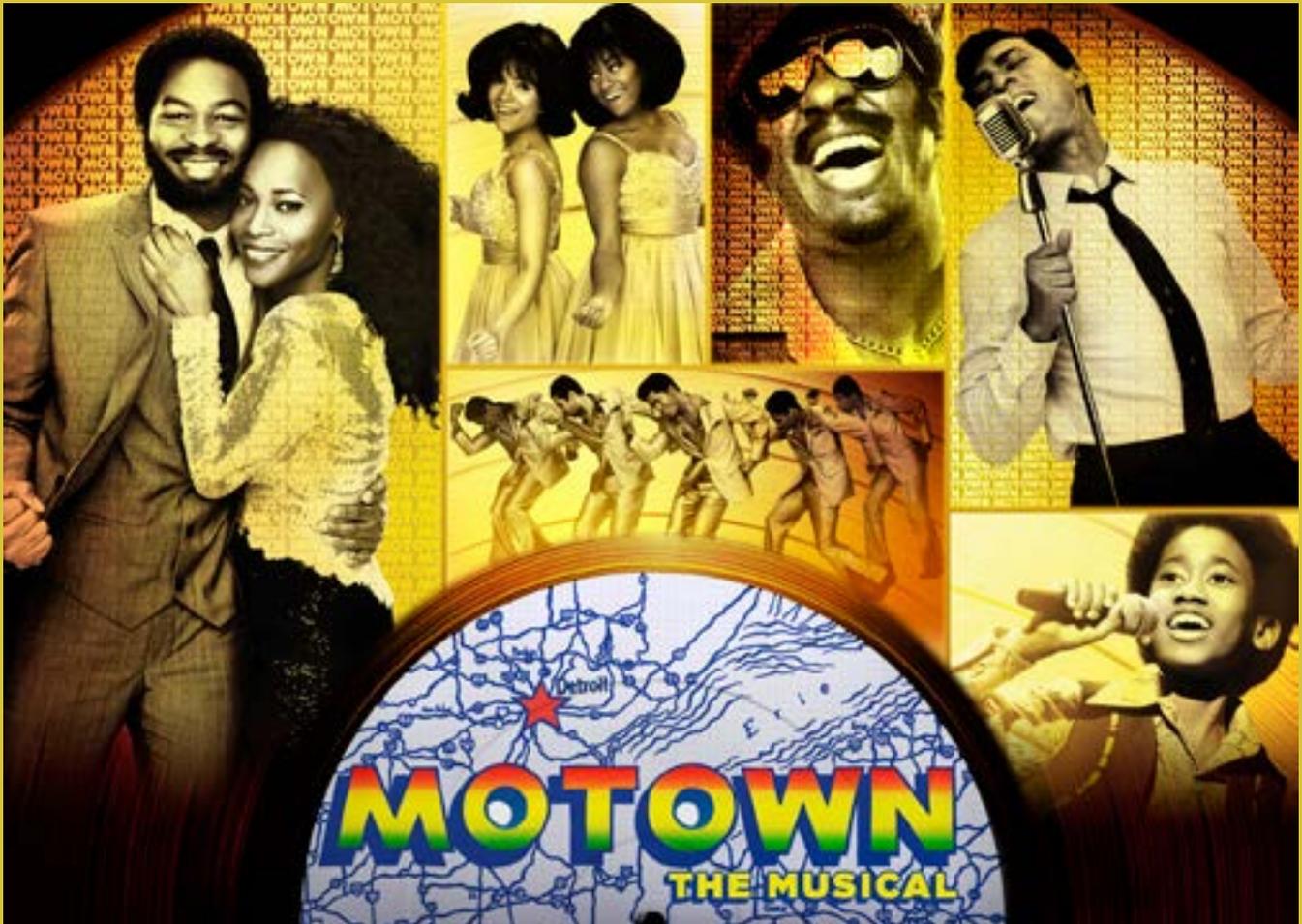


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July 7 - 12, 2015
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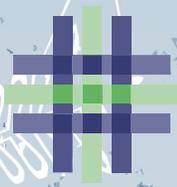
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This assistance is often an essential factor in helping an older adult remain living in his or her home.

Groups & Individuals Are Needed Today!

Commercial Residential Snow Removers Are Also Needed for Our Resource Directory.



Bus Stop Barrier Busters to Advance Efforts in 2015

Based on his outstanding work, MCTS Barrier Buster, Christopher Fox, has "transferred" to a new position within our organization. As reported last month, his dedicated and diligent efforts resulted in more than 100 MCTS bus stops being added to the more than 5,500 bus stops that were already accessible. This total more than doubled the number of stops improved in any previous year. Now working in our Transportation Department, Chris will carry forward his commitment to accessible transportation in performing his new responsibilities.

As we interview new applicants for the position of Barrier Buster, please help us identify stops which would benefit by accessibility improvements. Call Don at 414-937-3256, or email dnatzke@mcts.org with any bus stops of concern to you.

While we work to create accessible bus stops for all seasons, we know that unshoveled walks, crosswalks, and bus stops create unnecessary barriers for many of our passengers. Please encourage your neighbors, area businesses, and your family or friends to "Move It" - the snow that is. It's truly the neighborly thing to do!

As reported in last month's article, beginning on January 18, MCTS is introducing enhanced service as follows:

The new routes are the (See Map):

- Gold-Line (Wisconsin – UWM MetroEXpress)
 - Limited stop service that operates between University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Brookfield Square Mall
 - Route travels via Downer Avenue, Prospect/Farwell Avenues, Wisconsin Avenue and Bluemound Road.

- Purple-Line (27th Street MetroEXpress)
 - Limited stop service that operates between Green Bay & Hampton Avenues and 27th and Sycamore Streets.
 - Route 27 local bus service will remain.

- Route 61 (Appleton – Keefe)
 - New full service route operates between 35th Street & Capitol Drive & Appleton Avenue & County Line Road.
 - Travels on Capitol Drive, Sherman Boulevard, Keefe Avenue, Appleton Avenue, County Line Road.
 - Travels to Germantown industrial park during weekday shift times only.



-Route 14 (Forest Home – Humboldt)

-Replaces Route 10 service between Downtown and Bayshore Town Center, running on Astor Street, Humboldt Boulevard, Wilson Street, Santa Monica Boulevard, Silver Spring Drive and Port Washington Road.

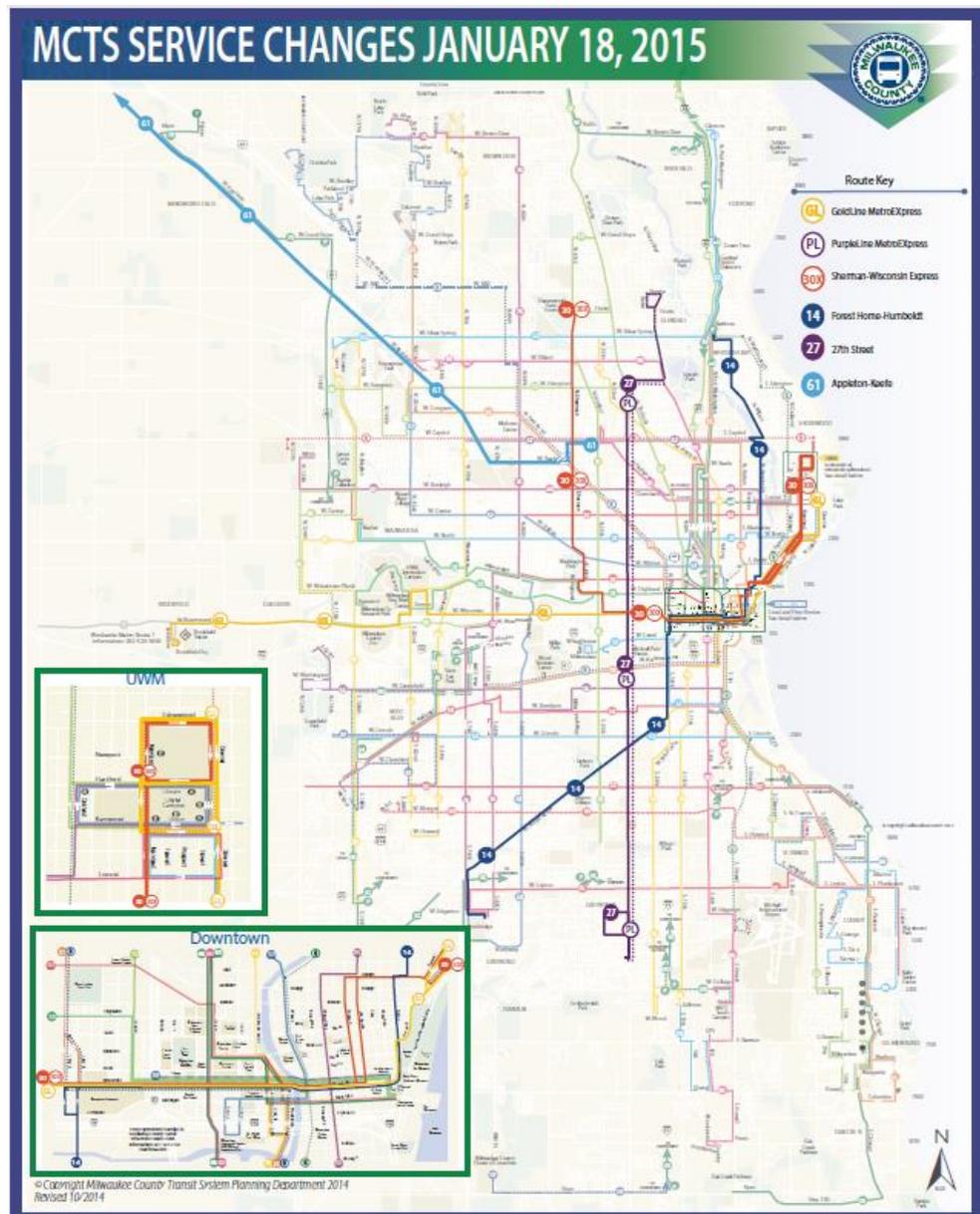
-Route 30 and 30X (Sherman - Wisconsin) Local and Express

-Limited stop service that operates between Sherman Boulevard & Florist Avenue to UWM.

-The route travels via Sherman Boulevard, Wisconsin Avenue, Prospect/Farwell and Maryland Avenues.

-Route 30 will operate along the same segments as it does now with the exception of Keefe Avenue. (will be served by Route 61) and Downer Avenue - (will be served by the GoldLine)

For those of you who have tried these routes, we hope that they have served you well. And for riders who have not yet ridden them, we hope you will include these routes in your future travels. We're pleased to bring you more options for safe, convenient, and affordable transportation. When it comes to accessible and affordable transportation, your MCTS bus is on its way!



MUSIC UNDER GLASS

THE MITCHELL PARK DOMES

JANUARY 8 - MARCH 19 • THURSDAY NIGHTS • 6:30 - 9:00 PM

JANUARY 8 - LOBBY PERFORMANCE

Neil Diamond & Nostalgia Show

Have a ball at this interactive Neil Diamond tribute show. Local great, Eric "Diamond" Ebert, will deliver an evening filled with good music and great times.
ericdiamondproductions.com

JANUARY 15 - BREWCITY BRUISERS NIGHT



Reverend Raven & The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys

This Milwaukee favorite features original songs peppered with nods to blues legends. The traditional blues highlights strong vocals, incredible guitar, hot harmonica, and a rhythm section that grooves.
reverendraven.com

JANUARY 22

Sir Pinkerton and the Magnificents

Experience the uncommonly engaging mix of jazz, ragtime, R&B, and boogie from the house band of local Circus show, *The Dead Man's Carnival*.
deadmascarnival.com

JANUARY 29

Jonny T-Bird and the MPs

Enjoy a fantastic show filled with a soulful mix of blues and originality. Each and every note comes magically alive with this blues group.
jonnytbird.com

FEBRUARY 5 - JOHNNY CASH NIGHT

Liam Ford Band

Have a wonderfully entertaining evening while paying tribute to Country Music Legend, Johnny Cash. This charismatic and hard-rockin' band will have you singing along with the Man in Black's greatest hits and other tunes.
liamfordband.com

FEBRUARY 12 - BEATLES NIGHT

The BritTins

Relive the phenomenon that was The Beatles! Authentic costumes and gear make this tribute to the Fab Four fantastic!
thebrittins.com

FEBRUARY 19

Run Carolina

This high-energy band will bring you to your feet! A fun and exciting mix of modern country, rock and pop that will keep you moving all night long.
runcarolinaband.com

FEBRUARY 26

Kelli and the Soul Mates

Milwaukee's favorite classic and contemporary soul band has something for everyone! Their captivating vocals, grooving rhythm section, and warm horns will create an evening to remember!
kelliandthesoulmates.com

MARCH 5

Groove Therapy

This intoxicating rock and horn band is sure to get you on the dance floor. The talented group blends soul, funk, and R&B in the style of the classic horn bands that is fun for all!
groovetherapytheband.com

MARCH 12 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Tallymoore

Come celebrate everything that is Irish with this modern folk and Celtic music group. Their melding of different techniques has given a fresh sound to some of the Irish folk standards.
tallymoore.com

MARCH 19 - BEACH PARTY

Michael Drake & the No Tan Lines Band

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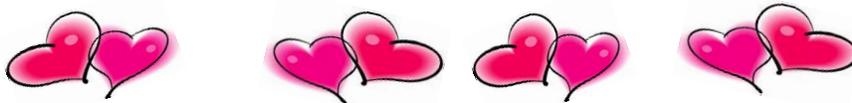
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MILWAUKEE COUNTY SENIOR DINING CONGREGATE



February 2015



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Groundhog Day ²</p> <p>BBQ GROUND Beef Sandwich on Wh Wheat Hamburger Bun American Potato Salad Carrot Raisin Salad <i>Rice Krispie Treat-- "Peanut Butter"</i> ♥ Canned Pears</p>	<p>³</p> <p>Peachy Pork Roast Cheesy Diced Potato Casserole Maui Vegetable Blend Potato Dinner Roll Fruited Yogurt</p>	<p>⁴</p> <p>Chicken Noodle Soup w/Crackers Swiss Mushroom Burger on Rye Hamburger Bun w/Ketchup & Mustard Baby Baker Potatoes Sugar Snap Beans Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>⁵</p> <p>Chicken Cordon Bleu Wild Rice Blend Whole Carrots Spinach Salad w/Raspberry Dressing Seven Grain Bread Cinnamon Apple Slices</p>	<p>⁶</p> <p>Pineapple Juice Swedish Meatballs Buttered Noodles Country Vegetable Blend Whole Wheat Bread Tapioca Pudding ♥ Lo-Cal Pudding</p>
<p>⁹</p> <p>Grape Juice Italian Sausage w/Marinara Sauce Parmesan Cheese Bow Tie Pasta Italian Vegetable Blend Crusty Roll Peaches</p>	<p>¹⁰</p> <p>Swiss Steak w/Tomatoes and Onions Mashed Potatoes Cream Style Corn Mixed Green Salad w/Ranch Dressing Sourdough Bread Iced Brownie ♥ Banana</p>	<p>¹¹</p> <p>Orange Juice BBQ Chicken Leg/Thigh Creamed Spinach Tri-Colored Pasta Salad Corn Bread Muffin Assorted Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>¹²</p> <p><i>Valentine's Lunch</i> Roast Beef w/Gravy Baked Potato w/Sour Cream Winter Vegetable Blend Rye Dinner Roll Cherry Cheesecake ♥ Heart Healthy Red Apple</p>	<p>¹³</p> <p>Pork Chop Suey with Vegetables Brown Rice Baby Peas Wheat Dinner Roll Ambrosia Fruit Fluff ♥ Fruit Cocktail</p>
<p>¹⁶</p> <p><i>President's Day</i> Hungarian Goulash Garlic Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Marble Rye Bread Molasses Cookie ♥ Pears</p>	<p>¹⁷</p> <p>Mardi-Gras Hurricane Punch Chicken Creole Red Beans & Rice Seasoned Green Beans Southern Style Biscuit Paczki (<i>Jelly-Filled Doughnut</i>) ♥ Fresh Apple</p>	<p>¹⁸</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY Grape Juice Vegetarian Lasagna Italian Vegetable Blend Italian Bread Warm Fruit Crisp ♥ Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>¹⁹</p> <p><i>Chinese New Year</i> Teriyaki Chicken Chinese Fried Rice Oriental Vegetables Parker House Roll Mandarin Oranges Chinese Almond Cookie ♥ Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>²⁰</p> <p>Tomato Bisque with Crackers Stuffed Salmon Boat w/Dill Sauce Red Skinned Potatoes Crinkle Cut Carrots Rye Bread Pineapple Chunks</p>
<p>²³</p> <p>BBQ Riblet Sandwich on Coney Bun German Potato Salad (<i>Warm</i>) Bean Medley (<i>Green & Wax</i>) Ice Cream Sundae Cup ♥ Fresh Orange</p>	<p>²⁴</p> <p>Chicken Parmesan Penne Pasta with Garlic Butter Sauce Sicilian Vegetables Mixed Greens with Italian Dressing Italian Bread Tropical Fruit Cup</p>	<p>²⁵</p> <p>Meatloaf w/Mushroom Gravy Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes Sweet Sour Red Cabbage Garlic Bread Chocolate Chip Cookie ♥ Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>²⁶</p> <p>Orange Juice Turkey à la King Seasoned Rice Sugar Snap Peas Baking Powder Biscuit Lemon Meringue Pie ♥ Lo-Cal Pudding</p>	<p>²⁷</p> <p>A. Baked Fish B. Baked Chicken with Lemon Butter Sauce Tartar Sauce Baby Red Potatoes California Vegetable Blend Rye Bread Peaches</p>

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Child Age _____

Address: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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From 1:00-3:30pm

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NAME: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAY PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

DISABILITY: _____

FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS (i.e., limited walking, scared of heights, etc.): _____

MOBILITY DEVICES USED: _____ Wheelchair _____ Scooter _____ Walker _____ Cane

_____ Crutches _____ Long Leg Braces _____ Other _____

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DOCTOR'S ADDRESS: _____

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