

# Handy-NEWS & NOTES

July 2015

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## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 25 YEARS AGO!

On **July 12, 1990** the U.S. House of Representatives agreed to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as reported out of the joint conference committee (377-28).

On **July 13, 1990** the U.S. Senate agreed to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as reported out of the joint conference committee (91-6).

On **July 26, 1990** President George H. W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law!



## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA!!! July 26, 2015

Milwaukee County government is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) through the end of this month.

Attached to this issue you'll find the final of seven flyers that were 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](mailto:Timothy.Ochnikowski@MilwaukeeCountyWI.gov).



## MILWAUKEE AREA CELEBRATION! 25th Anniversary of the ADA

- July 17 **Wheels & Heels Rush on Festa** – Team Obstacle Course at Festa Italiana (NSCIA)
- July 20 **Ex Fabula ADA Stories** – 7pm Skylight Theater (Broadscope Disability Services)
- July 22 **Brewers Game** Miller Park Celebrating the ADA 1:10pm (Easter Seals, Milw County Office for Persons w/ Disabilities, Life Navigators, IF, others)
- July 24 **Gallery Night at IndependenceFirst** – 5-9pm “The Journey,” 7pm Artist Talkback
- July 25 **Adaptive Sports & Rec Expo** at Nathan Hale High School in West Allis (VA Center, Medical College of Wisconsin, 40+ displays)
- July 26 **ADA Celebration** at Wil-O-Way at Grant Park in South Milwaukee



*These events are planned and sponsored by over 50 area individuals, government entities, corporations and organizations that believe in the promise of accessibility and opportunity for people with disabilities to fully participate and contribute through the provisions of the ADA throughout Metro Milwaukee. The group has been convened by IndependenceFirst.*

For more local events & updates  
[www.independencefirst.org/events](http://www.independencefirst.org/events)  
Facebook: ADA25MKE

## ADA AWARENESS DAY IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY!

Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele proclaims July 26, 2015 as ‘Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day.’ See attached proclamation.

## ADA GUIDELINES & STANDARDS 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 the complete ADA Guidelines & Standards on your smartphone.

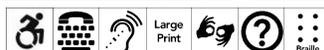
You can conveniently look-up the requirements for parking, ramps, door openings, restrooms, reach ranges, accessible routes, assembly areas, and so much more. All of this is available to you by getting the OPD mobile site.



To access the complete ADA Guidelines & Standards **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 “Accessibility” on the drop-down list.

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## PROJECT TITLE: DESIGNING A SERVICE TO HELP PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN ADAPTIVE SPORTS AND RECREATION

The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at The Medical College of Wisconsin is developing a service to support participation in adaptive sports and recreation among individuals with a disability. To design a service that most closely matches the needs of the community, information about adaptive sports and recreation, preferences, and demographic information from individuals with disabilities is needed. This information will be collected via an online, anonymous survey. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. You can find the survey and more information by visiting this webpage:



If you have a child with a disability aged 3 – 17 years of age please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PMRchild>

If you are an adult with a disability who is 18 years of age or older please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PMRadult>

If you have any questions you can call the study coordinator at (414) 805-7341.

## ITEMS NEEDED – WISH LIST!!!

Do you have items that you no longer use? Would you like to get rid of those items and put them to good use? Adult Day Services of Southeastern Wisconsin is looking for donations of the following items for use within their programming at Wil-O-Way Grant (South Milwaukee).

Lawn Chairs (any type)  
Yard Games  
Wind Socks and Wind Chimes

If you have any of the above items that you'd like to donate, please contact Harry at 920-207-9969.

## JULY FESTIVALS & EVENTS!!!

Get all these festivals and more on your smartphone by getting the **OPD Mobile Site** and going to "Recreation, Festivals & Events." On your smartphone visit [www.county.milwaukee.gov/OPD](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/OPD) & save to your home screen.



### SUMMERFEST @Summerfest

June 30- July 5 at Maier Festival Pk

Closed Monday, June 29. For more information on specials and **FREE** admission opportunities call 414-273-2680 or visit [www.summerfest.com](http://www.summerfest.com)

### BASTILLE DAYS @EastTown

July 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Cathedral Sq. Park & Surrounding Streets

**FREE** French festival. Festival hours are Thursday and Friday 11am-midnight and Saturday 10am to midnight, Sunday 11am to 9pm. For more info call (414) 271-1416 or visit [www.easttown.com](http://www.easttown.com)

### FESTA ITALIANA @FestaMKE

July 17-19 at Henry W. Maier Festival Park

Friday from 11am – 2pm is VIP Day for persons with physical disabilities along with their caregivers. For more information regarding VIP day and more, call 414-223-2808 or visit <http://www.festaitaliana.com>

### GERMAN FEST @MilwGermanFest

July 24-26 at Henry W. Maier Festival Park

**FREE** admission for everyone ALL DAY FRIDAY. For discount ticket info and more call (414) 464-9444 or visit [www.germanfest.com](http://www.germanfest.com) e-mail [info@germanfest.com](mailto:info@germanfest.com)

### MILW AIR & WATER SHOW @MKEAirandWater

July 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> at Bradford - McKinley Beach

For more info regarding this great show visit [www.milwaukeeairshow.com/](http://www.milwaukeeairshow.com/)

### WISCONSIN STATE FAIR @WISStateFair

July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 9<sup>th</sup>

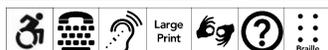
The Wisconsin State Fair, presented by U.S. Cellular. For ticket promotion info and more visit <http://wistatefair.com> or call (800) 884-3247.

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## WHITNALL PARK ROTARY CIRCLE Accessible Path in Botanical Gardens

As a reader of *Handy News & Notes*, you're invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Whitnall Park Rotary Circle, the new, accessible pathway and terrace in Boerner Botanical Gardens, Tuesday, July 28 at noon. The Botanical Gardens is located at 9400 Boerner Drive in Whitnall Park. With the coupon below, you'll receive free admission from 11 a.m.–noon, the day of the event.

County Executive Chris Abele, Parks Director John Dargle, Jr., and Jack Williams of the Whitnall Park Rotary Club will speak about the project. Others involved in the project were Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, the Reiman Foundation, Holtz Foundation, and Breckenridge Landscape.



Following the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the new pathway connects the Herb Garden and Bog Walk. The pathway offers equal and independent access for people with temporary or long-term disabilities.

"We continue to work hard to maintain and improve upon the jewel that is our Milwaukee County Park System," Abele said. "When we can do it together with strong community partners, it's even better. We're excited to use universal design to build projects that improve our parks and our community for *all* residents."

Before the project, accessing the Bog Walk meant you had to use a stone staircase from the Herb Garden or the somewhat steep Daylily Walk. Anyone in a wheelchair had to use the Daylily Walk and retrace their path when coming to the end of the Bog Walk bridge.

With the new design, you can loop through the Bog Walk, along the Rock Garden, and follow a more gently sloped path to the Rain Garden.

"The Bog Walk is such a serene and beautiful place," said Dargle. "*Everyone* should have the opportunity to experience this. When you're on the bridge above the moisture-rich garden, you ask yourself 'how could something so lush be so close to the city?' This really is a remarkable place. And we are so pleased with the added value and benefit that the Rotary Circle project brings to our acclaimed gardens and park system."

You'll also have better access to the newly refreshed evergreen collection. You won't have to cross the grass to get a closer look at the junipers and dwarf conifers.

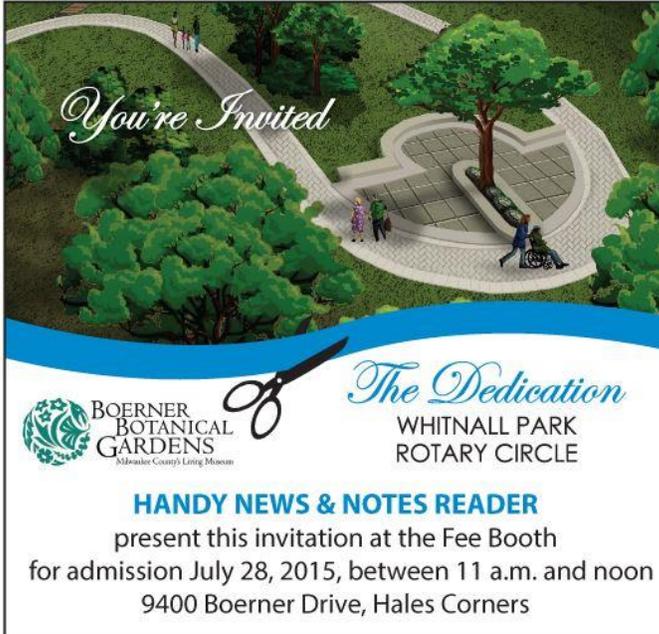
"That's the beauty of universal design," said Tim Ochnikowski, Director of the Office for Persons with Disabilities. "We consider the diversity of human abilities and in so doing, create something that is more user-friendly for everyone. From kids in strollers and scampering toddlers to weekend warriors with athletic injuries and our elders with walkers, everyone will benefit."

Now, you can use the project's circle or terrace as a rest area or gathering area. You'll have a view of the popular sculpture, Mother and Two Sons, as well as the gardens and arboretum. In the future, you may choose the terrace as your wedding site.

Through the Whitnall Park Rotary Foundation, you can purchase engraved pavers, terrace stones, or terrace benches to honor individuals, families or groups.

The project, website is <http://whitnallparkrotary.org/sitepage/boerner-rotary-path-circle-project/support-the-2013-rotary-circle-community-project/>

For more information, call (414) 525-5601.



*You're Invited*

*The Dedication*  
WHITNALL PARK  
ROTARY CIRCLE

**HANDY NEWS & NOTES READER**  
present this invitation at the Fee Booth  
for admission July 28, 2015, between 11 a.m. and noon  
9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners

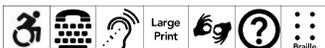


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## EMPLOYMENT STATS!

The May Bureau of Labor Statistics report:

- \* Persons with disabilities working was **17.8%**
- \* Persons with no disabilities working was **65.3%**

See the current report here:

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



## SAIL AWAY 2015!

**Sign Up TODAY! - Space is Limited!**

The Summer Sailing 2015 reservation period is open. There are a few sailing dates left. Included in this issue of Handy-NEWS & NOTES is the reservation form. Read it, complete it, and send it in along with a self-addressed *STAMPED* envelope. You will receive a confirmation via the US Mail. For questions contact Tim at 414-278-3930 or [timothy.ochnikowski@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:timothy.ochnikowski@milwaukeecountywi.gov).



## FREE CONCERTS IN THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS!!!

@CountyParks

The Milwaukee County Parks offers numerous FREE concerts in the parks. To see the schedule and/or get more details please visit:

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/ConcertsintheParks11320.htm>

You can also get the concert information and many more recreation opportunities, including 'festivals & events,' by visiting the **Rec Room Calendar** here:

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

You can also get all the concert information, the Rec Room Calendar, and much more right on your smartphone by getting our **Mobile Website**. Simply visit the following link on your smartphone and save the site to your home screen. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/OPD>



## WANT TO THROW OUT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PITCH AT A BREWERS GAME?

At the **July 22, 1:10pm** game, the Milwaukee Brewers with be honoring the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act by having the Wil-O-Way Color Guard present the colors, a sign language interpreter will interpret the National Anthem AND one person with a disability will throw out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch!



If you'd like a chance to be the person throwing out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch at the July 22 Brewers game, please see below.

1. Be a person with a disability, **AND**
2. "Follow" Handy-NEWS & NOTES on Twitter <https://twitter.com/HandyNewsNotes> and re-tweet the 'offer' tweet, **OR**
3. 'Like' OPD on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MilwaukeeCountyOPD> and share the 'offer' post.

*Drawing of the winner will take place on July 10.*

## FREE DAYS!

**Milwaukee Art Museum** @MilwaukeeArt

July 2, 10am-8pm

**Milwaukee Public Museum** @MKEPublicMuseum

July 2, 9am-8pm

**Mitchell Park Domes** @CountyParks

July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 9am-12pm

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

## ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA CARE GRANT PROGRAM

@LINKaCOMMUNITY

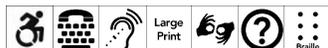
The Home Instead Senior Care network and Hilarity for Charity are proud to partner together to provide a much-needed grant program to provide in-home care services for families living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. If selected, you could receive up to 148 hours of in-home assistance. For more information and to apply, visit [HelpForAlzheimersFamilies.com](http://HelpForAlzheimersFamilies.com) or call Interfaith's Family Caregiver Support Network (FCSN) 414-220-8600.

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## MILW COUNTY ON TWITTER



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Supervisor Alexander @CntySupDeanna  
Supervisor Dimitrijevic @supervisormd  
Supervisor Haas @TheFighting14th  
Supervisor Lipscomb @SupLipscomb  
Supervisor Moore Omokunde @PremeMO414  
Supervisor Rainey @Khalif\_Rainey  
Supervisor Romo West @sup\_dist12  
Supervisor Taylor @SteveFTaylor  
Supervisor Weddle @MartinWeddle  
Supervisor Weishan @johnweishan  
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Airport @mitchellairport  
Bradford Beach @BradfordBeach  
Domes Gift Shop @DomesGiftShop  
Economic Development @MilwcntyED  
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) @MilwCntyEMS  
Family Care @MilwCntyDFC  
Fiscal Affairs, Perfor., Strat. & Budget @MilCoPSB  
Government Affairs @MKE\_GovAffairs  
Health & Human Services @MkeCoDHHS  
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Parks Department @CountyParks  
Public Museum @MKEPublicMuseum  
Sheriff @MCSOSheriff  
Sustainability @MKECoSustain  
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](mailto:timothy.ochnikowski@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

## 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>

## LIFE NAVIGATORS @LifeNavOrg

### Summer Picnic

Join Life Navigators and volunteers from Johnson Controls for our 2015 Summer Picnic! Enjoy an evening of bingo, food, water and prizes.



**LIFE NAVIGATORS**  
Your Disability Partner EST. 1949

A huge thank you to CannedWater4Kids and Milwaukee's Midtown Culver's for providing water and custard coins for our guests.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.)

**Location:** Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W Vliet St, Milwaukee, WI 53208

**Event:** Enjoy an evening of bingo, food, water & prizes.

**RSVP:** by July 9 to Amanda at 414-774-6255 or [amanda@lifnavigators.org](mailto:amanda@lif navigators.org).

**More Information:** Visit [www.LifeNavigators.org](http://www.LifeNavigators.org)

## 28TH ANNUAL WHEELS AND HEELS RUSH ON FESTA

@SpinalCordWI @WheelsnHeelsSCI

**When:** Friday, July 17th, 2015

### Times & Events

5 - 6:30pm - Registration and race packet pickup  
6:55pm - 5k wheelchair / handcycling race  
7:00pm - 5k run  
7:05pm - Fun walk/casual wheelchair

**Where:** Just outside the Henry W. Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront.

All participants receive a free Wheels and Heels tee-shirt as well as free admission into Festa Italiana after the race!

Should you have any questions, please contact our office at 414-384-4022 or email our office at [office@spinalcordwi.org](mailto:office@spinalcordwi.org)

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the race!

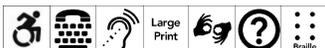


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## SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATES

@SocialSecurity

By Bob Trotter

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Milw



### REPORT FOR DUTY BY REPORTING FRAUD

In July, with American flags flying, we celebrate our nation's birthday and the freedoms and protections we hold dear. Although love for your country can take many forms, Social Security takes preventing and combatting fraud as seriously as we take our other vital missions.

Social Security has a zero-tolerance policy for fraud. In tandem with local law enforcement, we pursue criminals who cheat the system by collecting benefits that they're not owed. This might be as subtle as someone intentionally failing to report income and resources or that they live with their spouse which can result in incorrect payments. Fraud might take the form of someone claiming to be disabled when, in reality, they continue to work. These examples are why we also rely on you — the American public — to report fraud when you see it.

While we can't prevent every instance of fraud any more than the most effective law enforcement agency can prevent all crime, we aggressively investigate and pursue prosecution of those who try to cheat and steal from the system. Our message to those who would defraud Social Security is clear: We will find you; we will prosecute you; we will seek the maximum punishment allowable under the law; and we will fight to restore the money you've stolen from the American people.

We impose stiff penalties to discourage people from committing fraud. We monitor cases closely, and we have sophisticated tools to help us predict where and when fraud may occur so we can catch it early — often before it happens.

Social Security employs innovative weapons in the fight against fraud. Our Office of Anti-Fraud Programs (OAFP) is the newest member of Social Security's anti-fraud team. Established in November 2014, the mission of OAFP is to coordinate all the agency's efforts to efficiently and effectively detect, deter, and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse of our programs.

OAFP works closely with our Office of the Inspector General to ensure that there are consequences for those who commit fraud — even if the act isn't prosecuted.

Social Security takes fraud seriously, and so should you. In the same way that you might keep a keen eye out for suspicious activity that might harm our nation, we encourage you to keep an eye out for potential Social

Security fraud. Some of our most vulnerable citizens — the elderly, disabled children and war veterans, as well as the chronically ill — are counting on you. If you suspect someone is committing Social Security fraud, report it online at <http://oig.ssa.gov/report> or call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271.

### HELP YOUR PARENTS PLAN THEIR "SOMEDAY"

Since your parents have done a lot for you over your lifetime, this is the perfect time of year to return the favor by helping them find their "Someday" at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

In May, we honored mothers on Mother's Day and, in June, we thanked our fathers on Father's Day. In July, we get to show our appreciation for both. Parents' Day, celebrated on July 27, is a great time to make sure your parents take the necessary steps to have a bright and comfortable "Someday" in retirement.

Even if they're still young, it's never too early to help your parents start planning for their retirement or help them imagine what their "Someday" might look like. When you ask them about their retirement plans, encourage each of them to open their own secure *my Social Security* accounts at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). It's quick, easy, and free to do! They can even do it from the comfort of home.

*my Social Security* features several tools available to guide your parents through the retirement process, whether they're just starting to think about it or they're already retired. Before retiring, your parents can view their *Social Security Statement* to verify the accuracy of their earnings records and find out what benefits they can expect to receive at age 62, full retirement age, and at age 70. They can also get personalized benefit estimates using the *Retirement Estimator* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator). The *Estimator* shows different scenarios, like how future wage changes or alternate retirement dates will affect their future benefits.

Once your parents have retired and are receiving Social Security benefits, they can use their accounts to: check benefit information; get an instant letter with proof of their benefits; change their address and phone number; get a replacement SSA-1099; get a replacement Medicare card; and start or change their direct deposit or electronic payment method.

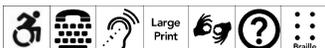
Retirement is a big life change, so let your parents know you'll be there for them just as they've been there for you! When you help them sign up for *my Social Security* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount), you're showing that their "Someday" means something to you.

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## BARRIER BUSTER

Summer has finally arrived and the Barrier Buster has already been hard at work. Little by little the barrier buster with the help of Transit Plus's New Freedom staff is working to eliminate barriers to riding the bus and lower the number of non-compliant bus stops! With the help of the New Freedom staff and the County Highway Department, over a dozen bus stops have been addressed so far in 2015.

The expert crews from the Milwaukee County Highway Department have completed new stops along the Routes 55, 80 and the Green Line near the Mitchell International Airport. Due to the close proximity to the airport, it was essential that the New Freedom Team addressed the barriers at the intersection of W Layton Ave and S Howell Ave and surrounding areas to increase accessibility.



Soon a project will begin on Port Washington Rd between Silver Spring and Capitol Drive in both the City of Glendale and the City of Milwaukee. This stretch of road services the route 15 which has continually seen high ridership. The Route 15 services South Milwaukee North through Glendale. Fourteen bus stops will be improved on Port Washington south of Bayshore Towne Center.

Wauwatosa is currently experiencing a boom in development with a new shopping district North of Burleigh Rd, and additional developments directly south. The developments include road expansion and improvements by the DOT. Along with the road improvements the DOT will be upgrading and improving bus stops along Burleigh on Route 60. Approximately 15 bus stops will be upgraded on Burleigh between Mayfair Rd and N 116th St.

As always, the New Freedom team highly encourages riders to let us know of any non-accessible stops on any routes; we appreciate comments from riders. Please call Kayla Reithmeyer at 414-344-4550 ext. 3500 or email [kreithmeyer@mcts.org](mailto:kreithmeyer@mcts.org).

## EXPRESS LIFE TRAVEL

@MCFISocial



**The Sound of Music  
Bix Biederbecke Jazz Festival  
Quad Cities**

**July 24 to 26, 2015** (1 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday)  
Fee: \$450

Get ready for a music-filled weekend! Attend the renowned Bix Biederbecke Jazz Festival along the banks of the Mississippi, cheer on runners at the world class BIX 7 road race, and enjoy an evening at our favorite dinner theater – Circa 21 – for a performance of the timeless classic, Sound of Music. Top it all off with a paddlewheel boat tour on the big river! [Register online now.](#)

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

Check out the "[Festivals & Events](#)" page for fun and exciting events in the Milwaukee area.

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.



## 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. **"Follow" us & check in daily!**

Please use the link below and "follow" us on Twitter.  
<https://twitter.com/HandyNewsNotes>

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# Handy-NEWS & NOTES

July 2015

 @HandyNewsNotes

## 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](http://county.milwaukee.gov/OPD).**



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



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

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

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/Rentals9013.htm>

## EveryBODY PLAYS!

2015 Adaptive Sports and Recreation Expo is just around the corner.



The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Medical College of Wisconsin, along with the Froedert and Medical College of Wisconsin, Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter, Curative Care Network, Nathan Hale High School, West Allis/ West Milwaukee School District, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Badgerland Veterans Adaptive Sports Club and The Abilities Center will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Adaptive Sports and Recreation Expo on **July 25, 2015** at Nathan Hale High School. This year we are celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In collaboration with community partners, such as Independence First, the Expo will be a participant in the county wide 25<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the ADA, commemorating this important disability rights milestone through a special ceremony at the Expo.

The Expo provides an exciting opportunity for individuals with a physical impairment and their family, friends, and caregivers to experience and learn about adaptive sports and recreation opportunities available in Wisconsin. Last year's



event was a huge success and was attended by over 300 people and featured 38 organizations offering adaptive sports and recreation opportunities. We expect to increase the number and diversity of participants at this year's Expo, feature more community organizations offering adaptive sports and recreational resources, and partner with community organizations to raise awareness of the Expo. Expo attendees will have a chance to participate in many adaptive activities including wheelchair basketball, adaptive cycling, wheelchair rugby, adaptive water activities, and much more!

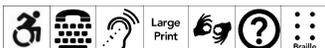
For more information & to pre-register for the event go to <http://www1.mcw.edu/physicalmedicine/everybodyplays.htm> or contact us at [everybodyplays@mcw.edu](mailto:everybodyplays@mcw.edu)

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- 17 - Roll Out the Barrel T-Shirt Friday, 7:10 - Pittsburgh Pirates
- 19 - Khris Davis Bobblehead Sunday, 1:10 - Pittsburgh Pirates
- 31 - Brewers Baseball T-Shirt, Friday, 7:10 - Chicago Cubs



**August Giveaways**

- 2 - Matt Garza Gnome Sunday, 1:10 - Chicago Cubs
- 7 - 1970's M Logo T-Shirt Friday, 7:10 - St. Louis Cardinals
- 9 - Bob Uecker Statue Bobble Sunday, 1:10 - St. Louis Cardinals
- 14 - Ball & Glove Logo T-Shirt Friday, 7:10 - Philadelphia Phillies
- 16 - Jonathan Lucroy Bobble Sunday, 1:10 - Philadelphia Phillies
- 28 - Milwaukee Brewers Retro T-Shirt Friday, 7:10 - Cincinnati Reds
- 30 - Vintage Brewer Bobblehead Sunday, 1:10 - Cincinnati Reds

**September Giveaways**

- 20 - Scooter Gennett Gnome Sunday, 1:10 - Cincinnati Reds

**October Giveaways**

- 3 - Fan Appreciation Night Saturday, 6:10 - Chicago Cubs
- 4 - Fan Vote Item Sunday, 1:10 - Chicago Cubs



*For more information, visit [brewers.com](http://brewers.com) or call 414-902-4000.*

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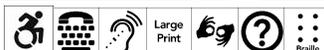


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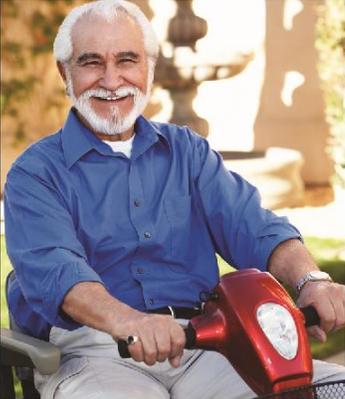


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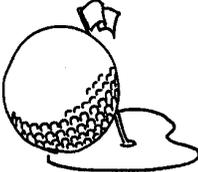


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## Executive Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 2015, we will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the ADA; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and

**WHEREAS**, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed to continue our efforts to fully implement the ADA; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 1999, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Olmstead v. L.C.* that segregating individuals with disabilities in institutions constitutes discrimination under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

**WHEREAS**, this ruling affirmed the rights of individuals with disabilities to receive publicly funded services in the most integrated setting; and

**WHEREAS**, Milwaukee County has a proud history and a strong commitment of providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity of full inclusion within Milwaukee County government, including but not limited to: employment, programs, services and policy making; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with values and principles set forth in the Olmstead Decision, in December 2014 Milwaukee County discontinued operation of the last institution for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in this community; and

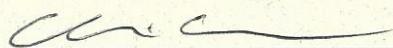
**WHEREAS**, Milwaukee County is committed to continue to support person centered, independent living for all citizens with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, On the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we the citizens of Milwaukee County celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, I Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive do hereby reaffirm that Milwaukee County will continue our commitment to work toward full ADA compliance, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in accordance with our commitment to ADA principles and values do hereby proclaim July 26, 2015 as *Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day* throughout Milwaukee County.

In official recognition thereof, I affix my signature on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2015.

  
Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

# Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

## RECOGNIZING 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the world's first civil rights law for people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the ADA, an event was held on July 26, 2015 at Wil-O-Way Grant Park in Cudahy, Wisconsin in conjunction with Ability Fest to acknowledge the continued progress made by society as well as the exemplary accomplishments of individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, ADA was a clear mandate, ending discrimination against individuals with disabilities and opening opportunities for full inclusion into society and participation in our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Milwaukee County has a strong commitment and a long history of affording individuals with disabilities the opportunity to fully participate in Milwaukee County government by removing obstacles and increasing access to our programs, services, facilities and employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff and leadership at IndependenceFirst have convened disability rights leaders and organizations in promoting the Americans with Disabilities Act's programmatic and public accessibility provisions in commemoration of this anniversary, and advocates tirelessly to assist Milwaukee County to be an accessible place to work, play and live for citizens with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2010 Census 19% of people have disabilities and 50 % of people over the age of 65 live with disabilities, and the ADA ensured that the impediments that otherwise would have limited their opportunities to function in mainstream society were removed; and

**WHEREAS**, ADA after 25 years, recommits to reducing barriers, changing perceptions and empowering individuals with disabilities so that everyone can fully participate in all facets of life by continuing our commitment to full compliance with the ADA; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, on the motion of Supervisor's Patricia Jursik, Deanna Alexander, Mark A. Borkowski, Gerry Broderick, Eddie Cullen, Jason Haas, Willie Johnson, Jr., Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Michael Mayo, Sr., Supreme Moore Omokunde, Khalif J. Rainey, Peggy A. Romo West, Jim "Luigi" Schmitt, Tony Staskunas, Steve F. Taylor, Martin Weddle, John F. Weishan, Jr., and Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, do herewith proclaim July 26, 2015 as **Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day** in Milwaukee County.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marina Dimitrijevic", written over a horizontal line.

Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman  
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
June 25, 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patricia Jursik", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Jursik, Supervisor, Dist. 8

I HAVE A *dis*ABILITY - BIG DEAL!

25<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT - JULY 26, 1990

**Jack Nicklaus**, Hall of Fame PGA Golfer  
(Polio)

**Michael Jackson**, Award Winning  
Musician (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder)

**Jim Abbott**, Pro Baseball Player  
(Born with one hand)

**Helen Keller**, Author & Political Activist  
(Deaf & Blind)

**Julia Roberts**, Academy Award Winning  
Actress (Speech Differences)

**Walt Disney**, Entrepreneur  
(Learning Disability)

**Ray Charles**, Award Winning Musician  
(Visual Impairment)

**Abraham Lincoln**, 16th President of the  
United States (Depression)

**Alan Shepard**, Apollo 14 Astronaut  
(Meniere's Disease)

**Alexander Graham Bell**, Inventor  
(Learning Disability)



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#ADA25

#ADA25MKE





## Join the Milwaukee Area Celebration! 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

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### #ADA25MKE Upcoming Events

- June 22- **"The Journey" national touring art exhibit** from the Kennedy Center/VSA
- July 24 featuring the work of artists with disabilities at IndependenceFirst
- June 26 **National ADA Legacy Bus Tour**  
10-11 am Harley-Davidson Museum Lot with dignitaries  
12-4 pm Curative Care Network at Milwaukee Regional Medical Center campus
- July 17 **Wheels & Heels Rush on Festa** Team Obstacle Course at Festa Italiana (NSCIA)
- July 20 **Ex Fabula ADA Stories** 7 pm Skylight Theater (Broadscope Disability Services)
- July 22 **Brewers Game** Miller Park Celebrating the ADA 1:10 pm (Easter Seals, Milwaukee County Office For Persons with Disabilities, Life Navigators, IndependenceFirst, others)
- July 24 **Gallery Night at IndependenceFirst** 5-9 pm "The Journey," 7 pm Artist Talkback
- July 25 **Adaptive Sports & Rec Expo** 9 am-2 pm at Nathan Hale High School in West Allis (VA Center, Medical College of Wisconsin, 40+ displays)
- July 26 **ADA Celebration** 1-4 pm at Wil-O-Way at Grant Park in South Milwaukee

*These events are planned and sponsored by over 50 area individuals, government entities, corporations & organizations who believe in the promise of accessibility and opportunity for people with disabilities to fully participate and contribute through the provisions of the ADA throughout Metro Milwaukee. The group has been convened by IndependenceFirst.*

For more local events & updates  
[www.independencefirst.org/events](http://www.independencefirst.org/events)  
Facebook: ADA25MKE

If you have an accommodation request, please contact 414-226-8323 V/Relay & you will be put in contact with the proper event organizer.

ADA25  
[www.ada25.com](http://www.ada25.com)  
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The ADA Legacy Tour  
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# CELEBRATE THE 25<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT - JULY 26, 1990

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VS

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JULY 22ND

*MILWAUKEE*

1:10PM

ADA Celebrations include:

Sign Language Interpreter  
for the National Anthem

Easter Seals Color Guard  
Presentation of the Colors for  
the National Anthem

1st Pitch thrown out by a  
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# SAIL AWAY RESERVATION FORM

11 Dates Available – **Hoyer Lift is UNAVAILABLE**



Any person with a disability, their family and friends are invited to join us for a refreshing sail on Lake Michigan. The Sail Away launches from the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, 1450 N Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee, WI.

Please complete this form and return it *along with a self-addressed STAMPED envelope* to: **Sail Away, Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities, 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 307-B, Milwaukee WI 53233.** Reservation requests will be limited as follows: Individuals with Disabilities = 4 people, Organizations = 8 people \*\* You may request additional dates and will be put on the waiting list in case of cancellations or if we receive additional dates.

X = Confirmed (office use only)		Times (Use an "X")		People Sailing (Use numbers please)		
		9:30am – 12:00pm	1:00pm – 3:30pm	Wheelchair ***	Non-wheelchair	Total
	Friday, June 5	----	----	----	----	----
	Friday, June 12	----	----	----	----	----
	Friday, June 19	----	----	----	----	----
	Friday, June 26	----	----	----	----	----
	Wednesday, July 1	----	----	----	----	----
	Thursday, July 2	----	----	----	----	----
	Friday, July 10	FULL	FULL			
	Friday, July 24	FULL				
	Friday, July 31	FULL				
	Friday, August 14	FULL				
	Friday, August 21	FULL				

**PROCEDURE**

Please mark [X1, X2, X3, etc.] in the appropriate box for the date and time desired in priority order.

Please use numbers (1,2,3 ...) to indicate the number of people wanting to sail in the appropriate column and total column.

Please complete the contact and accommodation information needed below.

The boat we will be using is an Ensign (see picture) and can accommodate up to four sailors. There is no charge for the sail.

**Reservations are required and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.** If you have any questions please call Tim at 414-278-3930 or email [Timothy.Ochnikowski@MilwaukeeCountyWI.gov](mailto:Timothy.Ochnikowski@MilwaukeeCountyWI.gov)

**Other Recreation** - If you are interested in other recreation available, call a recreation specialist from **Easter Seals SEWI** at 414-963-5952.

**\*\*\* HOYER LIFT IS UNAVAILABLE** and there **IS NO SPECIALIZED SEAT** for persons with limited upper body mobility. All participants need to be able to get into & out of the boats without assistance and be able to support their upper body!

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For more information, call 414-349-1729.**



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - June 8, 2015

Contact: Lee Schulz, IndependenceFirst  
414-226-8301 or [lschulz@independencefirst.org](mailto:lschulz@independencefirst.org)  
[www.independencefirst.org/events](http://www.independencefirst.org/events)

**“The Journey” John F. Kennedy Center/VSA art exhibition showing at IndependenceFirst**

Milwaukee, WI – IndependenceFirst will host “The Journey,” a traveling art exhibit curated by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts/VSA that features the work of emerging artists with disabilities as part of the Milwaukee celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 2015. The exhibition will show at IndependenceFirst, 540 S.1st St. in Milwaukee, June 22 through July 24 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a Gallery Night reception featuring an artist talk on July 24 from 5 to 9 p.m.



*“Never Stopping” by  
Gianna Paniagua*

“The Journey” is a juried exhibition featuring the work of artists with disabilities ages 16-25 exploring a wide range of themes, including identity, relationships, disability, social issues and more. From handcut paper to photography to burnt canvas, the diverse media reflects the diverse subjects and voices of the artists. Artists considered the representation of a journey and created compositions highlighting the ways in which people’s journeys shape their experiences as individuals and members of communities.

“We are pleased to show the work of these talented young artists,” said Lee Schulz, IndependenceFirst President and CEO. “This exhibition is a wonderful addition to the Milwaukee celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA.”

The July 24 Gallery Night reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. artist talk with Jason Wellington, one of the artists featured in the exhibition. Wellington will be visiting Milwaukee for the reception, as well as to teach a youth art class earlier in the day.

“The Journey” is the 13th exhibition presented by VSA through the VSA Emerging Young Artists Program. VSA is a Jean Kennedy Smith Arts and Disability Program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, with sponsorship from Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. Local sponsorship generously provided by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

About IndependenceFirst: Metro Milwaukee's FIRST nonprofit resource when people have questions regarding access and disability. 20+ Programs & Services for people with disabilities of all kinds, in all age groups. Over 50% of internal staff, management & Board have disabilities themselves. [www.independencefirst.org](http://www.independencefirst.org)

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Grant Heffelfinger 414-226-8367 V/TTY or [gheffelfinger@independencefirst.org](mailto:gheffelfinger@independencefirst.org)

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# Youth Sports Camp

**For youth with vision loss**

**who are entering, or completing, grades 6 through 12, in 2015.**

**Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16, 2015**

**Marquette University Campus**

Youth will have the opportunity to participate in swimming, track and field, goalball and much more! All sports will be adapted specifically for youth with vision loss.

Please check our website **[www.vision-forward.org](http://www.vision-forward.org)** for upcoming details and registration information.

**Registration Deadline: July 1, 2015**

\*Youth must have a medically diagnosed visual impairment and be independent in areas of walking, dressing, toileting and eating to participate in this sports camp.



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# 2015 Wil-O-Way Key Card

The Wil-O-Way Key Card is a product of the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Wil-O-Way Recreation Program. Membership in the Wil-O-Way Key Card program expands recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities at a reduced or no cost. *Benefits:* \* Access to the Milwaukee County ticket distribution program. \* Invitation to Milwaukee County recreation and culture special events. \* Information about other low or no cost community recreation events. \* Access to Wil-O-Way programming (Individual members only!). **ALL communication by EMAIL ONLY!!!**

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$25)      \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (\$125) – Up to 5 Cards - \_\_\_\_\_ Number Requested

**\*\*\* AFTER August 1, 2015 \*\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$12)      \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (\$62) – Up to 5 Cards - \_\_\_\_\_ Number Requested

## NON-MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$35)      \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (\$175) – Up to 5 Cards - \_\_\_\_\_ Number Requested

**\*\*\* AFTER August 1, 2015 \*\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$17)      \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (\$87) – Up to 5 Cards - \_\_\_\_\_ Number Requested

*Please Type or Print*

**EMAIL ADDRESS NEEDED!!!**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment

**Checks:** Should be made payable to: **Milwaukee County Treasurer**

**Credit Cards:** (Please circle appropriate card)

**MasterCard**

**VISA**

**Name on Card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acct. #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Charge Authorized:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sec. Code (3 digits):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail:** Office for Persons with Disabilities, Wil-O-Way Key Card, 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 307-B, Milwaukee, WI 53233

**Fax:** 414-278-3939

**Email:** [timothy.ochnikowski@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:timothy.ochnikowski@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

**Questions:** Call 414-278-3930





# Milwaukee County



## DAS - Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD)



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- \* Health / Wellness News
- \* Upcoming Activities / Events
- \* Rec Room Calendar
- \* Community News
- \* Photos
- \* And Much More!!!



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### OPD Mobile Website

- \* Accessibility
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- \* Facility Rentals
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- \* Rec Room Calendar
- \* Transportation
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